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Scales and Accountability

In the Qur'an, the concepts of scales (Al-Mizan) and accountability (Hisab) are a central theme. The weighing of human deeds represents the divine justice and fairness that each individual will be treated with. There will no injustice done to anyone.

Weighing will be Just

The weighing on that Day will be just.

"As for those whose scale will be heavy (with good deeds), they will be successful. But those whose scale is light, they have doomed themselves for wrongfully denying Our signs."
(Surah Al-A'raf - Verses 8 & 9)

"And We place the scales of justice for the Day of Resurrection, so no soul will be treated unjustly. And if there is (even) the weight of a mustard seed, we will bring it. And Sufficient are We in taking account."
(Surah Al-Anbiya, 21:47)

"So whoever does an atom's weight of good will see it, and whoever does an atom's weight of evil will see it."
(Surah Az-Zalzalah, 99:7-8)

"Those whose good deeds outweigh their bad deeds will have a "pleasant life" in Paradise."
(Surah Al-Qari'ah 101 - Verse 6-7)

"Those whose scales are light will have their refuge in a "pit" or "abyss."
(Surah Al-Qari'ah 101 - Verses 8-9)

These verses show the intensity and accuracy of the weighing will be to the minutest detail, the last atom, even to the weight of a mustard seed.

The famous commentator of the Qur'an, Ibn Kathir (Rahimahullah) explains that this weighing will be a miraculous process. Good deeds will appear as light and beauty. Bad deeds will show as darkness and burden. Allah will make their true impact visible in the scale of justice.

Possible Forms of Weighing Deeds

Scholars have studied how deeds might be weighed on the Day of Judgment. They have described three possible forms:

The first form, Allah may create special bodies to represent these deeds and weigh those bodies. Deeds done with pure intent will take a form of light and effulgence and weigh heavy.

A second form is that good deeds may be transformed into beautifully shaped bodies. Bad deeds may turn into deformed bodies. These bodies will then be weighed.

A third form may be that the scale might not weigh the deeds themselves but the records of deeds, the book in which angels write every action. If good deeds are many, the book will be heavy; otherwise, it will be light.

These three forms show us that the weighing of deeds reflects Allah's great power.

(Tafseer Kabeer)

Accountability (Hisab)

The Qur'an emphasises that life is a serious business, and every person is responsible for their actions. Each person bears their own burden and no one shall carry the burden of another person.

“And no person shall carry the burden of the other.” (Surah Fatir 35 – Verse 18)

Every action, whether small or large, is recorded by angels in a ‘Book of Deeds’. On Judgment Day, individuals will read their own books as witnesses against themselves.

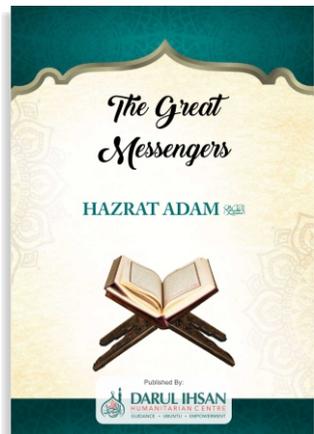
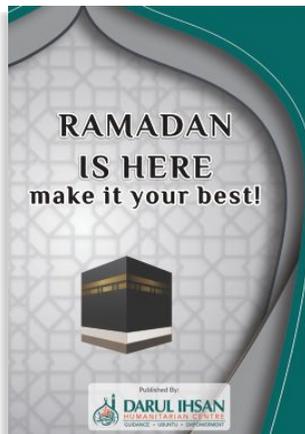
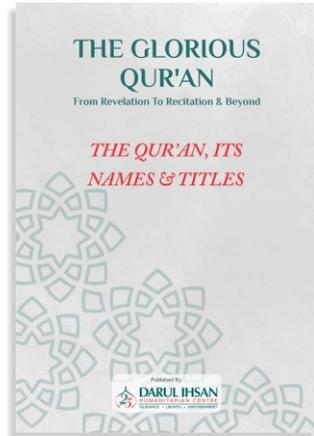
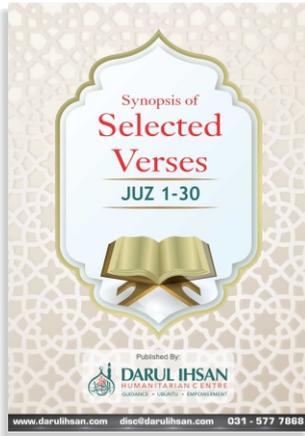
“And every person will be yoked with his deeds around his neck.”
(Surah Al-Isra, 17 – Verse 14)

On that day, not only will the books be opened, but the limbs, ears, eyes and skin, will testify against them regarding what they did in secret. (Surah Fussilat 41 – Verses 20 to 22)

Living with a ‘fear’ and consciousness of punishment is a deeply positive state. It nurtures responsibility and cultivates honesty. Such fear builds a welcome sense of predictability into one’s character and safeguards a person from deviation and moral collapse. A strong sense of accountability urges a person to manage their affairs in the best possible manner. It drives one to make optimal use of time, energy and resources, ensuring that life is lived with purpose.

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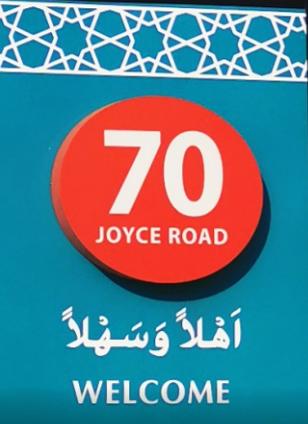
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Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre is a multi-purpose, humanitarian-services providing organisation. 'Ihsan' means compassion towards mankind and to act with excellence. The Centre was established in the year 2000 with the primary objective of serving humanity and alleviating poverty and hardship locally and abroad. Since its inception, it has developed and established many humanitarian projects and provides a variety of free services to the community.

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