

Islamic Eschatology

“The Realms of Posthumous Becoming” All material below is directly taken from the Realm of Posthumous Becoming

God himself takes the soul at death

After 1st night in grave questioned about it's God, it's prophet, and its scripture

Correct Answers – taken to presence of God* Time passes quickly & Pleasurably

Incorrect Answers – can not go to higher realms** Slowly & painfully

Either way – foretastes of its situation after resurrection*

Last Day is near – terrible events occur end of heaven and earth as we know them. Angel Israfil blows trumpet and all are suspended for 40 years. After 40-year period, trumpet blown again, all are gathered in vast plain under the burning sun (humans, animals, and demons alike). All stand naked and sweat to serious heights; time for believers would be like a day and for others could seem like centuries.

Day of resurrection – Scales weigh good against evil

God descends to carry out the final interrogation

Judgement not on the “what” one did but on the “why” of the deeds

Bridge over hell – for good bridge is short and broad
for evil, bridge can be hairline narrow and long
good make it across / evil fall to hell

Intercession to God- by prophets for communities
safe bridge crossers can intercede
“Most Merciful of the merciful” (God) removes a
handful of “had never done any good
whatsoever” who are burnt to cinders, casts
them into paradise who start anew in beauty

Hell is a purgatory- for most who go there

Hell is graphic – Tar clothing, organ & skin melting, hot iron
piercing, beast and demon pulling and tearing
bodies, and worse.

Paradise equally graphic – rivers of water, milk, honey, and wine; all
heart’s desire: food, drinks, companions (family
& friends), perfect spouses; flowers, birds,
clothing, jewelry, human intimacy, and even sex.

Beatific Vision is the ultimate goal of good and paradise.

Information below is directly from “**Major Themes of the Qur’an**”

The goal of man-in-society is to build an ethically-base order but as
noted in the Qur’an man has not achieved this state

The Earth is not destroyed (totally) it is transformed as is man recreated
in it’s newest form

NO dualism of body and soul

Only ONE life – don’t screw it up.