

## بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

### **I. Introduction: The Significance of Ma'ad in the Holy Quran**

- 1- The belief in hereafter is one the pillar of the Islamic Faith. Verses: 2:62; 16:38; 78:39; 18:21
- 2- Ikhlas ((purity of faith) is the result of remembering Qiyamat. 38:46
- 3- All movements have a resting place. 7:187; 12:107
- 4- The cosmos, the creation, and all creatures have certain goals. 21:16; 38:27; 3:191; 6:12
- 5- Development and transformation of human beings during their life-time. 16:78; 71:13-14; 23:12-16; 76:1-3.

### **II. Topics Discussed in Relation to the Question of Qiyamat**

- 1- The Possibility of Resurrection vs. the Necessity of Resurrection
- 2- The Continuity of One's Identity
- 3- What Constitutes One's Individuality?
- 4- The Question of Change and Transformation in Human Beings
- 5- Knowledge and the Unity of the Knower and the Known
- 6- What is Soul?

### **III. What Constitutes Human Being?**

- 1- The Individual vs. the Species
- 2- Various Positions: 1- Humans are eternal beings; Humans as temporal (*hadeth*, ephemeral) and 2) Created some time before body, 3) created completely with body, 4) created gradually through body.
- 3- Immortality and Mortality in Light of Each of the Above Position
- 4- The Question of Change and the Identity of Human Beings:
  - a) Is it possible for a human as person with a unique identity to turn into nothingness?
  - b) Turning into nothing implies transformation and change.
  - c) Different Types of Change.

### **IV. More on Soul**

- 1- The Holy Quran and the Gradual Creation of Human Beings. 16:78; 23:14
- 2- The Holy Quran and the Unity of the Subject of Knowledge (Knower) with its Object (Known). 58:11; 46:19; 35:10; 2:269; 6:132; 8:4; 20:75; 3:163.
- 3- Imam Ali's (AS) Saying about the Container of Knowledge.
- 4- What is the Beast Resurrected on the Day of Judgement? 27:82
- 5- The Holy Quran and the Unity of the Subject of the Deed (Doer) with its Object (Deed). 11:7; 3:30; 6:132; 7:180; 11:15; 16:111; 18:49; 28:84; 36:54;....
- 6- Two Factors Shaping One's Soul: Faculty of Knowledge and Faculty of Action
- 7- Some Philosophical Arguments for the above Position.