

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Ma'ād: The Resurrection

Second Session Handout

I. Summary of views on Change (From 1st Session)

1. Types of Change: a)- In Essence; b)- In Attributes
2. Types of Change: a) Gradual; b) Sudden
3. Elements of the Gradual Change: 1- Beginning, 2-End, 3-Distance, 4-Time, 5- Mover, 6- the Moving Entity. This type of changed is in the realm of matter.
4. Sudden Change: a) From Nothingness to Being; b) From the Concealed to the Apparent. The first kind is not Plausible but the second type is accepted by many scholars who have Irfani views.

II. On Soul (Continued from session 1)

1. What is Soul?
The First Perfection (Form) for a Natural Body which Works through Means.
2. Proofs of the Existence of Soul: Diversity of Actions; Ibn Sina's Experiential Proof; Our Abstract or Non- Corporal Aspects; Continuity of our Identity; All Organs and Limbs Can be Attributed to the Self;....
3. Soul as a Non- Corporal Being. (See 45:25)
4. What is Matter? Sensual, Divisible, Changeable?
5. The Corporal and Material Beginning of the Soul. (See 11:61; 23:11; 6:95; 30:19; 10:31; 27:82)
6. Oneness of the Soul and Diversity of its Faculties
7. Soul and Uniqueness or the Individuality of the Person

III. Introductory Notes for Reading "A Dialogue on Personal Identity and Immortality"

1. Argument against Resurrection: Mortality of the Self...Return of that which is nothing is Impossible.
2. The Question of Identity: Similarity is not Identity
3. On Unity: Organic Unity vs. Mechanical Unity
4. Soul vs. Body: Which one Constitute One's Identity?
5. On Being: Reality as Being vs. Social and Cultural Conventions
6. Distinction as the Property of Being
7. The Fallacy of the Eater and the Eaten

IV. Holy Quran Responds

1. Responding to Those Who Think Resurrection is Impossible. (75:3-4; 36:78-83)
2. Responding to Those Who Think Resurrection is Reviving of Nothing. (32:10-11; 6:61; 39:42).
3. Responding to Those Who Equate Change with Rotting Away. (34:7; 50:15; 56:60-61).

قال أمير المؤمنين (ع): كل وعاء يضيق بما جعل فيه إلا وعاء العلم فإنه يتسع

قال أمير المؤمنين (ع): كونوا أبناء الآخرة و لا تكونوا من أبناء الدنيا (خ 42)

قال امام حسين (ع): أما فكأن الدنيا لم تكن و كأن الآخرة لم تنزل