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AL-ĀKHIRAH (THE LAST DAY)

Abdul Kabir Hussain Solihu

This chapter provides an in-depth analysis of one of the major essentials of the Islamic worldview i.e., the concept of the last day. Belief in *al-Ākhirah* is a basic article of Islamic faith, along with belief in God, His angels, His Books, and His Messengers, Divine Decree and Predestination. After the doctrine of *tawhīd* and Revelation, *al-Ākhirah* is the most repeated theme with all vigour in the Qur'ān. All of the teachings of Islam would crumble if the afterlife or the eternal life were to be denied. It is therefore incomplete and indeed impossible to discuss the teachings of Islam without referring to the great significance that *al-Ākhirah* possesses, not only for man's final end but also for his life in this world. This chapter delineates the place of this belief and the purpose it serves in Islamic worldview.

Al-Ākhirah: Its Meaning and Significance

Al-Ākhirah literally translates into English as 'the last' or "the end." As it deals with the end and ultimate destiny of mankind and the