



Islam - Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead a good life?

Key Vocabulary

Akhirah	Life after death
Allah	The Muslim name for God
Qur'an	Holy book for Muslims
Jihad	struggle (Often a personal struggle to live life in the right way)
Interpretation	the way you understand something – this may be different to another person's view of the same thing
Hadith	words and actions of Muhammad as a person not messenger of Allah.

Useful texts:

- Qur'an 10:56 'He gives life and causes death and to him you will be returned.'
- Qur'an 2:218 'But those who have believed, migrated and striven for God's cause, it is they who can look forward to God's mercy: God is most forgiving and merciful.'
- Qur'an 2:28 - How can you disbelieve in Allah when you were lifeless and He brought you to life; then He will cause you to die, then He will bring you [back] to life, and then to Him you will be returned.
- Qur'an 4:124 - And whoever does righteous deeds, whether male or female, while being a believer - those will enter Paradise and will not be wronged, [even as much as] the speck on a date seed.



Muslims believe that Allah will decide their next life. This is really important as the afterlife is seen as being more important than life on earth which is a test designed by Allah to see how we cope with different situations. Each day is a struggle for Muslims to follow their faith – they put this effort in to please Allah and hopefully achieve a positive afterlife.



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