

# Fruits for the Week

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## WHY TO LIVE?

To answer the above question, Allah said : “*I have only created jinns and men that they may serve Me.*” (Qur’an 51:56).

Since we have to die, why do we have to live then? It is no fun at all to live a short period of life and then a person has to die! There is no value to this life when we strive very hard to earn knowledge, education, property and wealth, and then all of sudden we are to die! Whenever we die, we are to leave every thing behind! It is really too awful if life is to end at the same time!

Allah created us with love and compassion. He brought us here with His blessings and mercy. He brought us to this world in order to help us go back to our roots and our origins, namely, Heaven or Jannah. He brought us to this planet for a short period of time to prepare us to go to Heaven. He brought us here to this earth through a special system of birth to test us who will be rewarded better than others.

Therefore, the best amongst us, is the one who does good, and prepares himself for the other life to come. Allah informs us in the Qur’an in many places that this life is short. It is a life of responsibilities and duties. Our responsibilities are to represent Allah on this planet as His vicegerents. We are to assume our duties as representatives and as ambassadors of Allah.

We are to live and utilize the facilities of this planet and subjugate its components and utilities for the love of Allah. Therefore, our aim on this planet is to promote the concepts of being:

1. Representatives of Allah and His vicegerents.
2. Obedient to the Creator, as mentioned in the Qur’an, surah Al-Dhariyat:56 : “*I have only*

*created jinns and men that they may serve Me.*”

3. Good examples to others including to non-human creatures too.
4. Able to utilize our good faculties by assuming our responsibilities.
5. Responsible to establish the Laws of Allah, otherwise, we are to be condemned after being cursed.
6. Capable to utilize the facilities and the other creatures that God created for us in the proper way.
7. Able to inherit this planet directly through us, and indirectly through our progenies and the new generations to come.
8. Willfully ready to leave this world and depart to the other world. It should be stated here that while we are to inherit this planet, and we are to depart willfully without our permissions, it is Allah and Allah alone Who is to inherit this planet. After this planet and all other planets are His creation and they are His domain and His property.

All these aims are excellent to be achieved; however one has to have good intention. He should be sincere, honest, and should try to please Allah. For those who try to please Allah, He in turn will make them happy and He definitely please them. “*Allah well-pleased with them, and they with Him. All this for such as fear of their Lord and Cherisher.*”(98:8).

Finally, we have to live on this planet for a short period of time before we go to our final destination, namely Heaven. We are travelers and we are passing by this life before reaching our other life. Wallahu A’lam.

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