

The Meezan and the Information Age

Imagine you meet the soul of a man who lived during 300-400AD. He asks you about the objects and the lifestyle of 21st Century. How would you explain him about an airplane, a car, a computer or even a bulb?

You will have no other option except to use parables and allegories to express yourself. You will tell that man that we use iron birds, horseless carts, artificial brains and fuel-less lamps. If the guy belongs to some later century, you can use some other parables. If a man living in 2500 wants to express the objects of his age, he would have to put himself in our shoes in order to make us understand such objects.

In the Divine Scriptures like the Bible or the Quran, some objects of the Hereafter are mentioned. As the man living 300AD cannot perceive the objects of the 21st century, we are also unable to comprehend such items of the Hereafter.

The Quran describes that God has established a mechanism to record and evaluate our deeds that will be manifested on the Day of Judgment. The direct recipients of the Quranic Message were the nomads living in 7th century. In order to make them comprehend that system, God has used two metaphors: a book and a scale.

وَكُلَّ شَيْءٍ أَحْصَيْنَاهُ كِتَابًا.

We have counted everything in a "book". (Quran 78:29)

فَأَمَّا مَنْ ثَقُلَتْ مَوَازِينُهُ، فَهُوَ فِي عِيشَةٍ رَاضِيَةٍ. وَأَمَّا مَنْ خَفَّتْ مَوَازِينُهُ، فَأُمُّهُ هَاوِيَةٌ.

Then whose scales are heavy shall dwell in bliss and whose scales are light, the abyss shall be his abode. (Quran 101:6-9)

From agricultural age, the caravan of humankind entered into the industrial age which transmuted into the information age. Now we are living in the 21st century.

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When I look at the invention of a computer, it reminds me the God's system of recording and evaluating our virtues and vices. Had this information age started in the 7th century, we might have found the parable of a computer to depict the God's system.

I see in my mind's eye that the "Meezan" of God would be a magnificent supreeeeeeeeeme computer. The God who granted tiny particles of silicon the capacity to store terabytes of data, would have created huge hard disks to store the record of our good and bad deeds.

The Meezan would have an enormously hefty database containing such records. In our worldly life, we are continuously doing good and bad deeds which are being posted to the databases of virtues and vices. The bank accounts of both types of deeds are updating on real time basis.

The database does not only contain the plain data about our deeds but it also contains the qualitative aspects of our good or bad actions. At the time of performing a deed, our psychological condition, intensity of temptation, our capacity of resisting to the temptation, our own intention, level of Satanic enticement, our harmonic balance, and external environment, all these factors are also recorded along with our deeds.

When God will command the Meezan to evaluate the deeds of a person, it will take less than a nanosecond to generate the report of that person by taking all the above-mentioned factors into consideration. All the debits and credits to our accounts will be adjusted and a final bottom-line performance indicator will determine our position.

يَا أَيُّهَا الْإِنْسَانُ! إِنَّكَ كَادِحٌ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ كَدْحًا فَمُلَاقِيهِ. فَأَمَّا مَنْ أُوْتِيَ كِتَابَهُ بِيَمِينِهِ، فَسَوْفَ يُحَاسَبُ حِسَابًا يَسِيرًا،
وَيَنْقَلِبُ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهِ مَسْرُورًا. وَأَمَّا مَنْ أُوْتِيَ كِتَابَهُ وَّرَاءَ ظَهْرِهِ، فَسَوْفَ يَدْعُو ثُبُورًا، وَيَصْلَىٰ سَعِيرًا.

O man! You also are toiling on towards your Lord and are going to meet Him. Then he whose record is given to him [there] in his right hand will receive an easy reckoning, and he will go back rejoicing to his family. And he whose record is handed out to him from behind his back [into his tied up hands] will call for death and shall enter the blazing fire of Hell. (Quran 84:6-12)

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It is the time to update our account. It is upon us to fill our database with righteousness or sinfulness. Remember that repentance can delete the records of our wrongdoings. We are as blind as a bat to see the remaining time in our life, so get your skates on.

*Good habits, which bring our lower passions and appetites under automatic control, leave our natures free to explore the larger experiences of life. **Ralph W. Sockman***

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Think about it!

- Make an evaluation of your record with the Almighty Allah. Is it positive or negative?
- If you think that your record with Allah is negative, make a strategy to convert it into positive.

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