

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْمُتَفَرِّدِ بِالْبَقَاءِ، سُبْحَانَهُ كَتَبَ عَلَيَّ خَلْقِهِ الْفَنَاءَ، أَحْمَدُهُ حَمْدًا  
كَثِيرًا طَيِّبًا مُبَارَكًا فِيهِ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ،  
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، وَصَفِيُّهُ مِنْ خَلْقِهِ وَخَلِيلُهُ،  
إِمَامُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ، وَسَيِّدُ الْأَتْقِيَاءِ، فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ  
وَصَحْبِهِ الْبَرَّةِ النَّجْبَاءِ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

**We are surrounded by the beauty, wonder and majesty of life – air, plants, crops, wildlife, environment, children, families. But we are also surrounded by death, a frightening yet inevitable end and return to Allah.**

**DAILY 385,000 BABIES ARE BORN VS. 163,898 DAILY DEATHS**

**As Muslims we live a life of hope and fear; living in the present but preparing for the future and return to Allah.**

**“Wherever you are, death will catch up with you, even if you are in impregnable fortresses.” “No self knows what it will earn tomorrow and no self knows in what land it will die. Allah is All-Knowing, All-Aware.” “Say: ‘Death, from which you are fleeing, will certainly catch up with you. Then you will be returned to the Knower of the Unseen and the Visible and He will inform you about what you did.’”**

**Why does the Allah  mention it over 200X? to remind us:**

- 1. Greater awareness of death can help us live our lives more fully**
- 2. Dying is not the end; it is just a transition**
- 3. Life is a contract with Allah**

**We all know we are going to die, it’s a fact, but having knowledge of something and fully believing and living that reality is something else.**

**Sayyidna Ali ♦ “If man will see how speedily his death is coming toward him he will abhor ambitions & give up admiring the world.”**

**“Every soul will taste death, and you will only be given your compensation on the Day of Resurrection. So he who is drawn away from the Fire and admitted to Paradise has attained. And what is the life of this world except the enjoyment of delusion.” (3:185)**

- 1. What is death like to believers? “The gift to a believer is death.”**
- 2. The mercy of Allah even at the time of death “Allah accepts the repentance of the servant so long as his spirit has not arrived at his throat.” (Tirmidhi)**
- 3. The remembrance of death “The most sagacious one from among you is he who remembers death the most, and the most prudent one from among you is he who is the most prepared for it.”**
- 4. Things that last beyond death “When a man dies, his good deeds come to an end, except three: Ongoing charity, beneficial knowledge, and a righteous son who will pray for him.” – (Sahih Muslim)**
- 5. What can save me from an evil death? “Indeed charity extinguishes the Lord’s anger and protects against the evil death.” – (Tirmidhi)**

**“And when your Lord took from the children of Adam - from their loins - their descendants and made them testify of themselves, "Am I not your Lord?" They said, "Yes, we have testified." - lest you should say on the day of Resurrection, "Indeed, we were of this unaware.” (7:172)**

**“And fulfil (every) covenant. Verily! the covenant, will be questioned about” (17:34) “**

**“Yes, whoever fulfils his pledge and fears Allah much; verily, then Allah loves those who are Al-Muttaqun (the pious)” (3:76)**

**We are all contracted by Allah to fulfil 2 agreements before death!**

### **Contract to Allah & His Rasool**

**Monotheism, Angels, Prophethood, Revealed Book, Life Hereafter, Taqdeer, Shahdah, Salah, Zakah, Sawm, Hajj... Deen of Islaam**

### **Contract of Humanity**

**Parents, Children, Relatives, Neighbours, Muslims, Non-Muslims, Environment, World & Creation... Humanity**