

4 Stages of our Existence

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Four Stages of Mankind and Our Relationships in Each Stage As Mentioned in Al-Quran

First Stage-Before arriving in the Worldly Life

Duration - Unknown

All our Souls were created at one time having no relationship to each other

AlAaraf 7:172 Then an Oath is taken. Then we are in the Waiting Room to receive a Physical body and a visa to take a journey to the Physical World

And when your Lord brought forth from the Children of Adam, from their loins, their descendants, and made them testify as to themselves, (saying): “Am I not your Lord.” They said: “Yes, we do testify.” lest you should say on the Day of Resurrection: “Indeed, we were unaware of this.”

وَإِذْ أَخَذَ رَبُّكَ مِنْ بَنِي آدَمَ مِنْ ظُهُورِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ وَأَشْهَدَهُمْ عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ أَلَسْتُ بِرَبِّكُمْ قَالُوا بَلَىٰ شَهِدْنَا أَن تَقُولُوا إِنَّا كُنَّا عَنْ هَذَا غَافِلِينَ

Second Stage - Worldly Life

Duration - Zero to Few hundred years

We arrive on Earth in the Worldly Life, one at a time

AnNisa 4:1 Our Earthly beginning is from one single being

O mankind, fear your Lord who created you from a single soul, and He created from it its mate. And He has spread from them both men in multitude and women.

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً

AlHujrat 49:13 We are sent in the world as one of the two kinds, male or female

O mankind, indeed We created you from male and female, and We made you into nations and tribes so that you may recognize one another. Indeed, the most noble among you with Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is All knowing, All Aware.

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا ۗ إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَىٰ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ

Luqman 31:14 We are born through a female who receives the title as mother. Another person is included with her as father of the child. Both are made responsible and the Creator calls them as parents

And We have enjoined upon man about his parents. His mother carried him in weakness upon weakness, and his weaning is in two years, so give thanks to Me and to your parents. Unto Me is the journeying.

وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ ۖ حَمَلَتْهُ أُمُّهُ وَهْنًا عَلَىٰ وَهْنٍ وَفِصْلُ فِي عَامَيْنِ أَنِ اشْكُرْ لِي ۖ وَ لِوَالِدَيْكَ ۖ إِلَىٰ الْمَصِيرِ

AnNisa 4:1 Born through the same womb (mother), We enter into a new relationship as kinship - Sister and Brother

And have consciousness (of your duty) toward Allah, Him, through whom you ask your mutual (rights), and (fulfill your duty) toward the wombs (kinship-sisters/brothers). Indeed, Allah is All Watcher over you.

وَ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا

ArRoom 30:21 As we grow up, a new relationship is designed. Husband and Wife

And among His signs is that He created for you mates from yourselves that you may find tranquility in them, and He placed between you love and mercy. Indeed, in that are signs for a people who reflect.

وَ مِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً ۗ إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ

AlBaqarah 2:3 Another branch of relationship is defined as near relatives Aunts, Uncles and Grandparents

Do not worship (any) except Allah, and be good to parents, and the near relatives.

لَا تَعْبُدُونَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ ۗ وَ بِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا وَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ

Third Stage-Between Death and Resurrection

Duration - Unknown

Duration between Physical Death and Physical Resurrection is Burzukh

It is waiting time - Its duration is unknown

There are no relationships

Those who came to worldly life earlier will be waiting longer

Based on the performance in the earthly life, the waiting will be one of the three kinds

1: Those who sacrifice their life in Allah's cause are given provision

2: Those who were utmost disobedient are shown fire

3: Rest may be just in the state of deep sleep

Angels are permitted to inform a dying person, his next destination

AlMonimoon 23:99-100 After death, until resurrection, there is a waiting
A Barrier or Burzukh

Until, when death comes to one of them, he says: "My Lord, send me back."

حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءَ أَحَدَهُمُ الْمَوْتُ قَالَ رَبِّ ارْجِعُونِ ۙ

"That I might do righteousness in that which I have left behind." No, it is merely a word that he speaks. And behind them is a barrier until the day when they will be raised.

لَعَلِّي أَعْمَلُ صَالِحًا فِيمَا تَرَكْتُ كَلَّا إِنَّهَا كَلِمَةٌ هُوَ قَائِلُهَا وَمِنْ وَرَائِهِمْ بَرْزَخٌ إِلَىٰ يَوْمِ يُبْعَثُونَ

AlBaqarah 2:154 Those who die for the sake of Allah are actually alive

And do not say of those who are killed in the way of Allah: "They are dead." Nay, they are living, but you do not perceive.

وَلَا تَقُولُوا لِمَنْ يُقْتَلُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَمْوَاتٌ بَلْ أَحْيَاءٌ وَلَكِنْ لَا تَشْعُرُونَ

AlMomin 40:46 Those who die being extremely disobedient are shown fire while waiting

The Fire, they are exposed to it morning and evening. And on the day when the Hour is established (it will be said): "Make the people of Pharaoh enter the severest punishment."

النَّارِ يُعْرَضُونَ عَلَيْهَا غُدُوًّا وَعَشِيًّا وَيَوْمَ تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ أَدْخِلُوا آلَ فِرْعَوْنَ أَشَدَّ الْعَذَابِ

AnNahal 16:32 Righteous people are given salam and good news of paradise by the angels when leaving this worldly life and entering the burzukh

Those whom the angels take in death, (while) in a state of purity. They say: "Peace be upon you. Enter the Garden because of what you used to do."

الَّذِينَ تَتَوَفَّيهِمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ طَيِّبِينَ يَقُولُونَ سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ ادْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ

AnNahal 16:28-29 Wrongdoing people are given news of Hell by the angels when leaving this worldly life and entering the burzukh

Those whom the angels take in death, (while) they are doing wrong to themselves. Then, they will make full submission: "We were not doing any evil." Yes, indeed, Allah is Knower of what you used to do.

الَّذِينَ تَتَوَفَّيهِمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ ظَالِمِي أَنفُسِهِمْ فَأَلْقَوْا السَّلَامَ مَا كُنَّا نَعْمَلُ مِنْ سُوءٍ بَلَىٰ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ

So enter the gates of Hell, to abide for ever therein. Then evil indeed is the lodging of the arrogant.

فَادْخُلُوا أَبْوَابَ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا فَلَيْسَ مَثْوًى
الْمُتَكَبِّرِينَ

Fourth Stage-Day of Judgment-Hereafter

Duration - Never Ending

When all mankind are raised on the Day of Judgment for Accountability
All worldly relationships will be terminated
People will recognize each other but will not be able to do anything for each other
That person was my father, my mother, my wife, my sister, my brother, my child
That is all – Today we can't help each other

AlMonimoon 23:101

No Relationship on the day of Judgment

Then when the trumpet is blown (souls are blown in the bodies), then there will be no kinship among them that day, nor will they ask of one another.

فَإِذَا نُفِخَ فِي الصُّورِ فَلَا أَنْسَابَ بَيْنَهُمْ يَوْمَئِذٍ وَلَا
يَتَسَاءَلُونَ

Lugman 31:33

Father will not help son - Son will not help father

O mankind: "Fear your Lord and fear a Day when no father shall avail for his son, nor a son, he shall avail for his father anything. Indeed, Allah's promise is the truth. So let not deceive you the life of the world, nor let deceive you about Allah the deceiver (Satan)."

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ وَأَخْشَوْا يَوْمًا لَا يَجْزِي
وَالِدٌ عَنْ وَاَلِدِهِ وَلَا مَوْلُودٌ هُوَ جَازٍ عَنْ وَالِدِهِ
شَيْئًا إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ فَلَا تَغُرَّنَّكُمُ الْحَيَاةُ
الدُّنْيَا ۖ وَلَا يَغُرَّنَّكُم بِاللَّهِ الْغُرُورُ

Abasa 80:33-37 Running away from Brother, Father, Mother, Wife, Children

Then when comes the deafening blast. That Day man shall flee from his brother. And his mother and his father. And his wife and his children. For every man of them, on that Day, shall have enough to make him heedless of others.

فَإِذَا جَاءَتِ الصَّاحَّةُ يَوْمَ يَفِرُّ الْمَرْءُ مِنْ أَخِيهِ وَ
أُمِّهِ وَأَبِيهِ ۖ وَصَاحِبَتِهِ وَبَنِيهِ ۖ لِكُلِّ امْرِئٍ مِّنْهُمْ
يَوْمَئِذٍ شَأْنٌ يُغْنِيهِ ۖ

AtToor 52:21

In Paradise, Children will be joined with their Parents

And those who believed and whose offspring followed them in faith, We shall join with them their offspring, and We shall not deprive them of anything of their deeds. Every person is a pledge for what he has earned.

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَاتَّبَعَتْهُمْ ذُرِّيَّتُهُمْ بِإِيمَانٍ أَلْحَقْنَا بِهِمْ
ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ وَمَا أَلَتْنَاهُمْ مِّنْ عَمَلِهِمْ مِّنْ شَيْءٍ ۖ كُلُّ
امْرِئٍ بِمَا كَسَبَ رَهِينٌ

