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## **The Testimony of Time, Places and Organs of the Body for or Against People**

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, Who says in His Ever Glorious Book, “...**The Day when their own tongues, hands, and feet will testify against them about what they have done.**” I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger. May Allah’s Peace and Blessings be upon him, his Household, Companions and upon those who follow their path to the Day of Judgment.

The Day of Judgement is the day of truth, on which Allah (Glory be to Him) judges among His creation with fairness, and brings witnesses who testify in truth. The Almighty Allah said, “**That is the Day of Truth. So whoever wishes to do so should take the path that leads to his Lord.**” Allah (Glory be to him) also said, “**We support Our messengers and the believers, in the present life and on the Day when witnesses arise.**” In another Qur’anic verse, Allah said, “**The prophets and witnesses will be brought in. Fair judgement will be given between them: they will not be wronged.**”

Time will testify for or against people whether they utilized time in making good deeds and developing the universe, or wasted it in making corruption. When contemplating the Glorious Qur'an, one finds that the Almighty Allah referred to the testimony of days for or against people, as He, the Almighty, said, **“By the promised Day; By the Witness and that which is witnessed.”** The Prophet (PBUH) said, “The promised day is the day of resurrection. The day which is witnessed is the day of *'Arafah*, and the witness is Friday.” Al-Hasan al-Basri said, “Upon every daybreak, the day calls: “O son of Adam, I'm a new day that witness your deeds. So, utilize me, for I will not return till the Day of Judgement.”

Days and time bear witness to the acts of creatures on the Day of Resurrection, and they are responsible for them before Allah, the Almighty. Our Prophet (PBUH) said, “The feet of a slave of Allah shall not move [on the Day of Judgement] until he is asked about four things: about his life and what he did with it; about his youth and how he spent it; about his wealth and how he earned it and where he spent it on; and about his knowledge, what did he do with it.”

Such as time testifies for people, places also testify to them. The Glorious Qur'an told us that the earth will testify on the Day of Resurrection for the deeds people performed on it. The Almighty Allah said, **“When the earth is shaken violently in its [last] quaking; when the earth throws out its burdens; when man cries, ‘What is happening to it?’**

**on that Day, it will tell everything; because your Lord will inspire it [to do so].”** The Prophet (PBUH) said, “It testifies about what every male or female slave (of Allah) did upon its surface. It says: ‘He did this and that on this day.’ This is the meaning of “its telling of evrything.” The Prophet (PBUH) said, “Your homes will record your traces.” Thus, the earth will testify for the people who made good deeds and helped others, and will also testify against those who did evil deeds. The Almighty Allah said in the Qur’an, **“We shall certainly bring the dead back to life, and We record what they send ahead of them as well as what they leave behind: We keep an account of everything in a clear Record.”**

When commenting on the Qur’anic verse, **“Neither heavens nor earth shed a tear for them,”** Ibn Kathir said: they had no good deeds that ascended to Allah, so the heavens and the earth did not weep for them, and they have no places in the earth in which they worshiped Allah so that these places would not miss them. This indicates that if a Muslim dies, the places where he used to worship Allah will weep for his loss, and the people of the earth whom he did them good, will weep for him. Regarding the *Adhan* for Prayer, the Prophet (PBUH) said, “All jinn, men, or any other creatures who hear the voice of the *mu’adhdhin* as far away as it is possible to hear it will testify on his behalf on the day of resurrection.” Also, the Prophet (PBUH) said about the Black Stone in Mecca, “I swear that Allah will certainly raise it up on the day of resurrection with eyes with which it

will see and a tongue with which it will speak, and it will give testimony about those who touched it in a proper manner.”

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All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the Worlds; may Allah’s Peace and Blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), his companions and followers:

There is no doubt that organs of the body will testify for or against people, and whether they used them for good or evil deeds. The Almighty Allah said, “Their ears, eyes, and skins will testify against them for their misdeeds.” Allah (Glory be to Him) also said, **“On that Day We shall seal up their mouths, but their hands will speak to Us, and their feet bear witness to everything they have done.”** Anas reported that: Once we were in the company of Allah’s Messenger (PBUH) when he smiled, and said: Do you know why I laughed? We said: Allah and His Messenger, know best. Thereupon he said: It was because (there came to my mind) the talk which the servant would have with his Lord (on the Day of judgement). He would say: My Lord, have you not guaranteed me protection against injustice? Allah would say: Yes. Then the servant would say: I do not deem valid any witness against me but my own self, and He (the Almighty) would say: Well, enough would be the witness of your self against you and that of the two angels who had been appointed to record

your deeds. Then the seal would be set upon his mouth and it would be said to his hands and feet to speak and they would speak of his deeds. Then the mouth would be made free to talk, he would say (to the hands and feet): Be away, let there be curse of Allah upon you. It was for your safety that I contended. There is no doubt that it is a blessing from Allah for righteous people that their times, places and organs of the body will testify for their good deeds they did in their lives.

It is a beautiful thing that such testimony will be like certificates of appreciation on the Day of Judgment for people who did good deeds for themselves, their nation and their society, and thus those people will feel happy on that Day as they will be informed **“Enter Paradise, you and your spouses: you will be filled with joy.”**

May Allah make us among the people of Paradise!

And may Allah Protect our country Egypt and all other countries of the world!