

Appendix 13

Muslim Hell

Seven divisions of hell described:

- (i) *Jaheem*, the Muslim's purgatory. It is the shallowest level of hell, reserved for those who believed in Allah and his messenger, but who ignored his commands.
- (ii) *Jahanam*, a deeper level where idol-worshippers are sent on the day of Judgement.
- (iii) *Sa'ir*, is reserved for the worshippers of fire (*Sabeans?*).
- (iv) *Saqar*, where those who did not believe in Allah will be sent on the Day of Judgement.
- (v) *Ladha*, the home of the Jews.
- (vi) *Hawiya*, the abode of Christians.
- (vii) *Al-hatama*, the deepest level of hellfire, where the religious hypocrites will spend eternity. The worst of Allah's creation are the *munafiqeen* (hypocrites), whether they be mankind or *jinn*, for they outwardly appear to accept, but inwardly reject, Allah and his Messenger.

The time spent in hell depends on the severity of one's evil deeds, though there is some distinct feeling that levels (vi) and (vii) will remain for ever. It is all a matter of some quite considerable debate, but it is stated that the infinite mercy of Allah is seen in the Qur'anic statement that those who have even a mustard seed's weight of belief in Allah will eventually be admitted to heaven.

The signs of the Judgement Day are also elaborate. There are about 70 minor signs of its coming, but about twelve major signs. These include

- a. The appearance of a mighty conqueror (*Al-Mahdi*) who will unite Muslims to become a great nation.
- b. *Al-Dajjal* (the Antichrist) will appear from between Iraq and Syria, roaming the world for forty days, laying it waste, before he is slain by the prophet Jesus.
- c. Jesus himself will return, take a wife, and have children. He will call everyone to accept Islam. During his forty years on earth, there will be peace as never known before, such as described in Isaiah 11:6. Then he will die, and be buried alongside Mohammed.
- d. The sun will rise from the west.
- e. The Ka'aba will be destroyed. At the same time written copies of the Qur'an will be removed, and its words erased from people's memories.
- f. This will be preceded by three blasts of a trumpet. The consequences of this will be: that at the first blast all creatures in heaven and on earth will be struck with terror; at the second blast all creatures in heaven and on earth will die; and at the third blast, forty years later, all will be raised again for judgement.

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