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إِتْيَانِ الْآخِرَةِ فِي غَايَةِ الْبَلَاهَةِ

AFTERLIFE PROVED MOST NATURALLY

The Editor,
The Daily Sunday Magazine,
17-17H, Cawasji Patel Street,
BOMBAY - 400 001.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the Western Scholars' gathering in Austria for discussion upon "Is there life beyond the grave?", reported in your paper's issue of February 5, 1984, we find nothing substantial on the subject.

It would be very interesting, however, to note that, although tremendously important, this subject is too simple to understand if logically approached. I shall try to do so herein as briefly as possible.

The story begins with God, the Creator of life and death, of heavens and earth, the Omniscient, Omnipotent, All-wis Maker of everything. He has made man to worship Him wholly and solely, with extreme love for Him and extreme humility.

But man lives in a world of earthly attractions luring him from doing pious deed as demanded by God's sole worship. There is also Satan, his arch enemy, to tempt him against God.

Quite naturally, therefore, God wants to reward His faithful worshipers in another world to come after this world, by giving them Paradise to live in for ever. As also He wants to punish the defaulters by the

throwing them into Hell in that next world.

It is also quite easy to know God's ability to re-create the entire humanity on a fixed Last Day, nothing being impossible for Him to do.

All this goes to prove the coming of the Afterlife, as a sure and legitimate sequence to this life.

There is nothing whatsoever in this simple explanation which may be denied by human reason and instinct, besides being too simple to grasp. Please let me know if otherwise.

It may be said, in the end, that all this is the essence of God's Holy Book, the Qur'an, open to any and every reader in the world.

Also enclosed herewith is a duplicate copy of this to be forwarded, through Mr. Jahar Das, to the sponsors of the above mentioned scholars' gathering committee.

Yours Faithfully,
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Dated 11 February 1984.

P.s. Publication of this article in your paper is sure to benefit your readers.

A VOLUNTARY RESPONSE FROM AN UNACQUAINTED MEDICAL DOCTOR

Bombay, 16 May, 1984

Dear Mr. Abdus-Samad Sharafuddin:

Read your letter dated 2nd may. I thank you very much for having me very much in your mind. I have gone through all the literature you had so kindly sent to me.

If 'Islam' and 'Holy Qur'an' are such rich in thoughts and practices, I may embrace Islam in all its totality. To tell you very frankly, I was an over-enthusiastic scientific-tempered medical man who bordered on 'atheism'. You opened my eyes and

gave a direction to obey Him!

May Islam spread further though such rich thoughts and tenets, via media of men like you! I have nothing to add further, and if in future you want my services in furthering the precepts and practices, I am all at your feet.

Hope you and me are being guided right throughout our lives by Him. He is the 'Ultimate'. A small contribution from a small man. Thanking you for your kind benevolence.

Yours sincerely, S. M. R.