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A Look at Hell in the Koran

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The Koran depicts Hell as a massive vault-like prison¹ guarded by 19 harsh treating huge and bulky angelic guards². Its climate is a constant temperature of the most severe heat, which is literally a furnace, fueled by the flesh of men, women, and what can be described as molten lava.³ The air is so hot that it makes breathing extremely difficult, and its winds scorch the face when it blows,⁴ and it has a heat so intense that it can perhaps be compared to atomic radiation⁵. The walls of this hellish vault are canopies and layers of fire that prevent any thought of escape if it were at all possible.⁶ No shade is found other than the shade produced by its smoke. But even that provides no relief, since there is no coolness inside it nor is it a pretty sight to look at.⁷

The inhabitants of Hell are burned to the flesh by its fires. Many have their faces, sides, and backs branded with gold and silver that has been heated by the fires of Hell.⁸ And when peoples' skins are thoroughly cooked, Allah gives them new skin in order to make them experience the pain of burning once again.⁹ And in spite of all of these terrible torments that would usually lead to death, Allah does not allow for anyone to die or to live on to experience any form of comfort.¹⁰

As for the guardians and keepers of Hell, they show no mercy to those who are under their supervision, and add insult to injury by dragging them, pushing them, beating them, deriding and mocking them with statements that clearly manifest their apathy for the state of those being punished.¹¹

The inhabitants of Hell continue to experience thirst and hunger. But when they seek out what might be used to quench their thirsts or satiate their hunger, all they can find is boiling hot water that tears apart their intestines¹² and a special drink made up of a mixture of tears, sweat, puss, and the fluid exuding from the wounds of the inhabitants of Hell;¹³ another made of a mixture of water and the blood that exudes from their burning flesh; or another made up of puss.¹⁴ In spite of that, their thirsts are never quenched and their

hunger is never satiated. Rather, every time they have a drink of these pestilential fluids, their thirst is only increased.¹⁵

Of food they eat from a tree and plants whose fruits are poisonous.¹⁶ And some food when they attempt to swallow it is trapped in their throats and cuts off their air.¹⁷ But still they are not allowed to die.

¹ ((But those who reject faith in Our Signs, they are the (unhappy) Companions of the Left Hand. On them will be Fire Vaulted over (all around).” [Koran 90: 20]

((It shall be made into a vault over them, in columns outstretched)) [Koran 104: 8-9]

((Seize him and bind him! And burn him in the Blazing Fire. Further, make him march in a chain, wherein the length is seventy cubits!)) [Koran 69: 30-32]

² ((Soon will I cast him into Hell-Fire! And what will explain to you what Hell-Fire is? It permits none to endure, and it leaves none alone, darkening and changing the color of man! Over it are nineteen. And We have set none but angels over it (as guardians.)) [Koran 74: 26-31]

((O you who believe! Save yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is men and stones, over which are (appointed) angels stern (and) severe, who flinch not (from executing) the commands they receive from Allah, but do (precisely) what they are commanded.)) [Koran 66: 6]

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((And if you are in doubt as to what We have revealed from time to time to Our slave, then produce a Surah like thereunto; And call your witnesses or helpers (if there are any) besides Allah, if your (doubts) are true. But if you cannot – and of a surety you cannot – then fear the Fire whose fuel is men stones – which is prepared for those who reject faith.)) [Koran 2: 23-24]

⁴ ((By no means! For it would be the Fire of Hell Plucking out (his being) right to the skull! Inviting (all) such as turn their backs and turn away their faces (from the right.)) [Koran 70: 15-17]

⁵ ((The Companions of the Left Hand – What will be The Companions of the Left Hand? (They will be) in the midst of a fierce Blast of Fire and a Boiling Water, and in the shades of Black Smoke, not refreshing nor pleasing (in appearance.)) [Koran 56: 41-44]

Allah says while narrating one of the conversations of the people of Paradise, ((They will say: “Aforetime, We were not without fear for the sake of our people. But Allah has been good to us, and has delivered us from the penalty of the scorching wind.)) [Koran 52: 27]

⁶ ((They shall have Layers of Fire above them, and Layers below them: with this Allah warns off His slaves: “O My slaves! Then fear Me!)) [Koran 39: 16]

((On you will be sent a flame of Fire (to burn) and a smoke (to choke): No defence will you have)) [Koran 55: 35]

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⁸ ((And there are those who bury gold and silver and spend it not in the way of Allah: announce unto them a most grievous penalty – on the Day when heat will be produced out of that (wealth) in the fire of Hell, and with it will be

branded their foreheads, their flanks, and their backs – “This is the (treasure) which ye buried for yourselves: taste then the (treasures) you buried!”) [Koran 9: 34-35]

⁹ ((Those who reject Our signs, We shall soon cast into the Fire; As often as their skins are roasted through, We shall change them for fresh skins, that they may taste the Penalty: for Allah is Exalted in Power, Wise.)) [Koran 4: 56]

¹⁰ ((Therefore give admonition in case the admonition profits (the hearer): But it will be avoided by those most unfortunate ones, who will enter the Great Fire, in which they will then neither die nor live.)) [Koran 87: 9-13]

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¹¹ ((Those in the Fire will say to the Keepers of Hell: “Pray to your Lord to lighten us the Penalty for a Day (at least)!” They will say: “Did there not come to you your messengers with Clear Signs?” They will say: “Yes” They will reply: “Then pray (as you like)!” But the prayer of those without faith is nothing but (futile wandering) in (mazes of) error!”

((They will cry: “O Malik! Would that your Lord put an end to us! He will say, “Nay, but you shall abide! Verily, We have brought the truth to you: But most of you have a hatred for Truth!”)) [Koran 43: 77-78]

((If you could but see when the angels take the souls of the unbelievers (at death), (How) they smite their faces and their backs, (saying): “Taste the Penalty of the blazing Fire – Because of (the deeds) which your (own) hands sent forth: For Allah is never unjust to His servants)) [Koran 8: 50-51]

((The Day they will be dragged through the Fire on their faces, (they will hear) “Taste the touch of Hell!”)) [Koran 54: 48]

¹²(((Can those in such Bliss) Be compared to such as shall dwell forever in the Fire, and be given to drink boiling water, so that it cuts up their bowels (to pieces).)) [Koran 47: 15]

¹³ ((Nothing cool shall they taste therein, nor any drink, save a boiling fluid and a fluid, dark, murky, intensely cold – a fitting recompense (for them).)) [Koran 78: 24-26]

¹⁴ ((So he has no friend this Day. Nor does he have any food, except the corruption from the washing of wounds, which none do eat but those in sin.)) [Koran 69: 35-37]

¹⁵ ((Then will you truly – O you that go wrong and treat (Truth) as Falsehood! – You will surely taste of the Tree of *Zaqqum*. Then will you fill your insides therewith, and drink boiling water on top of it: Indeed you shall drink like diseased camels raging with thirst! Such will be their entertainment on the Day of Requit!) [Koran 56: 51-56]

¹⁶ ((Verily the Tree of *Zaqqum* will be the food of the Sinful – like molten brass; It will boil in their insides, like the boiling of scalding water. (A voice will cry out): “Seize him and drag him into the midst of the Blazing Fire! Then pour over his head the Penalty of Boiling Water! Taste! Truly you were Mighty, full of honor!”)) [Koran 44: 49]

((No food will there be for them but a bitter *Dari*, which will neither nourish nor satisfy hunger.)) [Koran 88: 6-7]

¹⁷ ((With Us are fetters (to bind them), and a Fire (to burn them), and a food that chokes, and a Penalty Grievous.)) [Koran 73: 12-13]