

Partial Translation of Sahih Muslim, Book 32: Destiny (Kitab-Ul-Qadr)

Book 32, Number 6392:

Narrated Hudhayfah ibn Usayd:

Allah's Apostle (peace_be_upon_him) said: When the drop of (semen) remains in the womb for forty or fifty (days) or forty nights, the angel comes and says: My Lord, will he be good or evil? And both these things would be written. Then the angel says: My Lord, would he be male or female? And both these things are written. And his deeds and actions, his death, his livelihood; these are also recorded. Then his document of destiny is rolled and there is no addition to and subtraction from it.

Book 32, Number 6402:

Narrated Jabir ibn Abdullah:

Suraqah ibn Malik ibn Ju'shum came and said: Allah's Apostle (peace_be_upon_him), explain our religion to us (in a way) as if we have been created just now. Whatever deeds we do today, is it because of the fact that the pens have dried (after recording them) and the destinies have begun to operate or these have effects in future? Thereupon he said: The pens have dried and destinies have begun to operate (Suraqah b. Malik) said: If it is so, then what is the use of doing good deeds?

Zuhayr said: Then AbuzZubayr said something but I could not understand that and I said: What did he say? Thereupon he said: Act for everyone is facilitated what he intends to do.

Book 32, Number 6406:

Narrated Imran ibn Husayn:

AbulAswad reported that Imran asked me: What is your view what the people do today in the world, and strive for, is it something decreed for them or preordained for them or will their fate in the Hereafter be determined by the fact that their Prophets brought them teaching which they did not act upon? I said: Of course, it is something which is predetermined for them and preordained for them.

He (further) said: Then, would it not be an injustice (to punish them)? I felt greatly disturbed about that, and said: Everything is created by Allah and lies in His Power. He will not be questioned as to what He does, but they will be questioned. Thereupon he said to me: May Allah have mercy upon you, I only meant to ask you in order to test your intelligence.

Two men of the tribe of Muzaynah came to Allah's Apostle (peace_be_upon_him) and said: Allah's Apostle, what is your opinion? That which the people do in the world and strive for, is something decreed for them, something preordained for them? And will their fate in the Hereafter be determined by the fact that their Prophets brought them teachings which they did not act upon and thus they deserve of punishment?

Thereupon, he said: Of course, it happens as it is decreed by Destiny and preordained for them, and this view is confirmed by this verse of the Book of Allah, the Exalted and Glorious: "Consider the soul and Him Who made it perfect, then breathed into it its sin and its piety." (91:8).

Book 32, Number 6407:

Narrated AbuHurayrah:

Allah's Apostle (peace_be_upon_him) said: Verily, a person performs deeds for a long time like the deeds of the people of Paradise. Then his deeds are terminated like the deeds of the people of Hell

and, verily, a person performs deeds like the denizens of Fire for a long time, then this deed of his is ultimately followed by the deeds of the people of Paradise.

Book 32, Number 6416:

Narrated Abdullah ibn Amr ibn al-'As:

I heard Allah's Apostle (peace_be_upon_him) as saying: Allah ordained the measures (of quality) of the creation fifty thousand years before He created the heavens and the earth, as His Throne was upon water.

Book 32, Number 6418:

Narrated Abdullah ibn Amr ibn al-'As:

Abdullah heard Allah's Apostle (peace_be_upon_him) as saying: Verily, the hearts of all the sons of Adam are between the two fingers out of the fingers of the Compassionate Lord as one heart. He turns that to any (direction) He likes. Then Allah's Apostle (peace_be_upon_him) said: O Allah, the Turner of the hearts, turn our hearts to Thine obedience.

Book 32, Number 6419:

Narrated Abdullah ibn Umar:

The Prophet (peace_be_upon_him) said: There is a measure for everything - even for incapacity and capability.

Book 32, Number 6420:

Narrated AbuHurayrah:

The polytheists of the Quraysh came to have an argument with Allah's Apostle (peace_be_upon_him) in regard to Destiny and then this verse was revealed: "On the day when they are dragged into the Fire upon their faces; taste the touch of Fire. Surely, We have created everything according to a measure"

Book 32, Number 6434:

Narrated Ubayy ibn Ka'b:

Allah's Apostle (peace_be_upon_him) said: The young man whom Khadir killed was a non-believer by his very nature and had he survived he would have involved his parents in defiance and unbelief.

Book 32, Number 6435:

Narrated Aisha:

A child died and I said: There is happiness for this child who is a bird from amongst the birds of Paradise. Thereupon Allah's Apostle (peace_be_upon_him) said: Don't you know that Allah created the Paradise and He created the Hell and He created the dwellers for this (Paradise) and the denizens for this (Hell)?

Book 32, Number 6438:

Narrated Abdullah:

Umm Habibah, the wife of Allah's Apostle (peace_be_upon_him) said: O Allah, enable me to derive benefit from my husband, the Messenger of Allah (May peace be upon him), and from my father, AbuSufyan, and from my brother, Mu'awiyah. Allah's Apostle (peace_be_upon_him) said: You have asked from Allah about durations of life already set, the length of days already allotted, and the sustenances, the share of which has been fixed. Allah will not do anything before its due time, nor will He delay anything beyond its due time. And if you were to ask Allah to provide you with refuge from the torment of the Hell-Fire, or from the torment of the grave, it would have good in store for you and better things for you also.

He (the narrator) added: Mention was made before him of monkeys, and Mis'ar (one of the narrators) said: I think that (the narrator) also (mentioned) swine which had suffered metamorphosis. Thereupon he (the Holy Prophet) said: Verily, Allah did not cause the race of those which suffered metamorphosis to grow, or they were not survived by young ones. Monkeys and swine have been in existence even before (the metamorphosis of the human beings).

Book 32, Number 6441:

Narrated AbuHurayrah:

Allah's Apostle (peace_be_upon_him) said: A strong believer is better and is more lovable to Allah than a weak believer, and there is good in everyone, (but) cherish that which gives you benefit (in the Hereafter) and seek help from Allah and do not lose heart, and if anything (in the form of trouble) comes to you, don't say: If I had not done that, it would not have happened so and so, but say: Allah did that what He had ordained to do and your "if" opens the (gate for the Satan).

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