

What is fate, Qadar or pre destiny?

Question: If all the things that happen to us are pre-destined, then how come we are accountable for our deeds? Then why reward or punishment for our acts? Then why Heaven and Hell?

Answer: The truth is that these questions disturb and grieve lot of us. And we use to think that if it really Allah (GOD) has already written everything for us that on such and such time I will give a Lecture here, will give this speech, will offer Salah (prayers) at so and so time, will call names to so and so person, will slap so and so person. If all these things are pre-schedule or pre-programmed or pre-printed by Allah in my fate than why I am to blame? The blame goes to who have written my Fate. This point is pernicious. Let's get to it, what is Taqdeer (fate, pre destiny, or Qadar). The Arabic word used of Fate is "ILMULLAHI SABIQ", which means pre-attained knowledge of Allah.

Allah knows that today, I will at such and such time by my own free will or my own accord, with my own free- thinking and my independent actions will do so and so deed. I am doing this deed freely by myself and by my own intention, but the point is that we have to accept that Allah truly is All-knower of the things which are hidden and of that which are secrets in our hearts.

"Truly, You, only You (ALLAH) are the All-Knower of all that is hidden" Surah AL-MAIDA, AYA 116, AL-QURAN.

"Allah is All-Knower of that which is in (secrets of your) hearts" Surah Aal-e-Imran. AYA 119 and 154, AL-QURAN.

I do not know about myself what I will do tomorrow at 10:10 am but Allah knows. I do not know where I will be after 10 years and what I will be doing at such and such time, but Allah knows. Allah knows about all my deeds which I will do in the future independently and freely. Allah knows about what I will do such and such deeds with free will at such and such time. Allah has kept all these things written by Himself because He has to run all the systems of universe.

Allah's knowledge is perfect, but His knowledge does not coincide with my intentions. This fact is revealed by an Islamic Scholar that an event happened to him which really revealed him to what Fate really is. He said while he was working in his office, there was a famous Astrologer and one day he came to his office and

offered him his services. He wanted to tell him about his future etc, the scholar refused that he is not interested and do not believe in these frivolous things. The Astrologer then requested him that he takes just one minute of his time. On this the Scholar agreed. The Astrologer then opened a chart of paper on which there were 40 cells containing names of 40 different random things, as books, pen, notebook, chair, Mosque, Temple etc. He then asked him to select one of these things and write down its name on some paper secretly. At the same time he picks a piece of paper from his desk and wrote down something on it and put upside down on his table. He asked him about his action, he answered, he has already written down the name of the thing which the scholar will choose and write. Now this made him really worried, this became a droll show. The word which he will write after a while with his own will, his own choice, he has already written it down in that paper in front of him. Then he started thinking to write that word from the chart, which he has not written on that paper already. He thought to choose this or that word and after too much thinking and going back and forth, he finally wrote a word on a paper from the chart and showed him what he had written. Then the Astrologer overturned the paper which he had written the name of that thing, which at that time he had not even decided to think to write and it was exact match of the thing which he wrote. Now the scholar said he cannot tell how that Astrologer had done that, through knowledge of contrivance or chance, Allah knows the best. But on that day he realized and learned a great lesson that whatever I had written, I choose myself without any compulsion and not abiding what he has written, still that person already knew what I will choose and write it down.

Then he thought, that a person of very limited knowledge, can kept written with him, his future deed which he has not committed yet and will do by his own intention without being forced and that thing can be done by a Human then why not Allah. Allah has kept all my future deeds written by Himself. Because He has to find means for my food, for my life, for my death, accommodation in my grave and many more, not only for me but for all His creatures in this universe. Hence Allah has collected all my data for His information that what I will do by my own will in future. These deeds written with Allah do not annul my free will of deeds. My responsibility does not nullify. Hence Allah will hold responsible for the deeds done by us solely.

There are few things though in which Allah will not hold us accountable as that is part of his system..... or due to pressure, but there are lots of deeds in which

Allah have purely given us free will. We will surely be held responsible and accountable for such deeds. We will be rewarded for what deeds we have done in the hereafter. May Allah save us all from His punishment. Ameen! Similarly on accord of our deeds, we will get Heaven or Hell, but we do deeds freely and with our own conscious. That's another thing Allah knows what deeds will be done by us today, tomorrow, the after tomorrow, after a year and ten years and so on. All written with Him in the Mother of the book (Surah Ar-Rad, AYA 39, AL QURAN) .

Bottom Line: The deeds we do, we do it with our intention and free will and will be held responsible and accountable of them.