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— QUR'AN 29:57


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IN HEARTS AND
BEFORE ALLAH.



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First edition.

*For every soul who has ever wondered
whether their life is worth something.*

It is.

And it is still being written.

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INTRODUCTION

The Day They Gather For You

Close your eyes for a moment.

Imagine a prayer hall. Or a courtyard. Or a garden cemetery with afternoon light slanting through the trees. People are gathering. Some are wiping their eyes. Some are standing quietly with their hands folded, looking at the ground. Others have driven far to be there. Some barely knew you — they came because of what someone else told them about who you were.

They are gathering for your janāzah.

And as they stand there — before the prayer, before the burial, in those quiet minutes when people stand together and remember — someone will speak. And then another. And perhaps a third. And what they say, in those soft and honest moments, is the truest summary of a life.

Not your salary. Not your title. Not your number of followers or the size of your house or the car parked outside. Just the simplest, most human things: what you were like. How you made people feel. Whether you were kind. Whether you were present. Whether, in the

ordinary minutes of your ordinary life, you were someone worth knowing.

This book begins at that moment — but it is not a book about death. It is a book about life. Specifically, your life. The one you are living right now. The one that is being written, line by line, in the memories of everyone who knows you.

Because here is the thing about your janāzah: it will happen. One day — and none of us knows which day — people will gather. They will speak. And what they say will not be invented or rehearsed. It will simply be the truth of who you were, distilled into the memories of the people who were there.

The question this book asks — and keeps asking, gently, from every angle — is this: What would they honestly say about you today?

Not what you hope they would say. Not the version of yourself you perform for the world. What would they honestly say, in the quiet sincerity of a moment when you are no longer there to hear it?

And more importantly: Is there still time to change the answer?

QUR'ĀN

Kullu nafsīn dhā'iqatu l-mawt. Thumma ilaynā turja'ūn.

*"Every soul will taste death. Then to Us you will be
returned."*

— Sūrah al-'Ankabūt 29:57

This verse is not a warning. It is an invitation. It says: you have a return journey, and you already know the destination. The only question is what you carry with you when you arrive.

This book is for the person who wants to carry something worth bringing. Not wealth, not reputation, not the approval of people who will one day also die — but something real. Something that pleases Allah. Something that made the world, in however small a way, better for your having been in it.

You are not here by accident. You were created with purpose, designed with care, and given a life that has always been, at its root, an opportunity. An opportunity to know Allah. To reflect His mercy in the way you treat people. To leave behind something — some trace of goodness — that continues to generate reward long after your body has returned to the earth.

That opportunity is still open. It is open right now, in this moment, as you read these words.

So let us begin. Not at the end of your story, but right here in the middle of it — which is exactly where the most important chapters are written.

PART ONE

The Life You Are Writing Every Day

*You are already building something. The question is
what.*

CHAPTER ONE

One Day They'll Speak About You

Every ordinary day is someone's memory of you

"Indeed, Allah does not allow the reward of the doers of good to be lost."

— Sūrah Yūsuf 12:90

Hassan was a schoolteacher for thirty-one years. He never published a book. He never became famous. He never earned a salary that anyone would call impressive. He drove the same car for fourteen years and wore the same two jackets in rotation every winter.

But when he died, on a Tuesday afternoon in February, something unexpected happened. The funeral announcement was shared by his family on a community group — and within twelve hours, people from five different countries had responded. Former students, now in their thirties and forties, were writing things that made his family weep.

'He was the first adult who ever told me I was intelligent. I was eleven years old. I have never forgotten it.'

'He used to stay after class to help me when I was struggling. He never made me feel stupid. He made me feel like I could do it.'

'I am a doctor now. He is the reason I believed in myself enough to try.'

Hassan had never known any of this. He had gone to work each morning, taught his students, tried to be patient, tried to be kind, and then gone home. He had done this, quietly, for three decades. He had not known that ordinary Tuesday afternoons were becoming someone's most important memories.

This is what no one tells you about the life you are living: every ordinary moment is already becoming someone's memory of you.

The Life Written in Small Moments

We tend to think of legacy as something grand — a monument, a masterpiece, a dramatic act that will be remembered by history. But the truth, as Islam so clearly understands, is that legacy is built in the smallest of moments. The word you spoke to a child when you were tired. The patience you showed to someone who frustrated you. The prayer you made at three in the morning when no one was watching.

Allah records everything. Not only the grand gestures, not only the visible charity, not only the acts of worship performed in public

— but everything. The atom's weight of good. The atom's weight of harm.

QUR'ĀN

*Fa-man ya'mal mithqāla dharratin khayran yarab. Wa
man ya'mal mithqāla dharratin sharran yarab.*

*"Whoever does an atom's weight of good will see it. And
whoever does an atom's weight of evil will see it."*

— Sūrah al-Zalzalah 99:7–8

An atom's weight. The scholars have reflected on this verse for centuries, and what strikes them most is the smallness of the unit. Not mountains of good. Not sweeping, dramatic acts of virtue. An atom. A moment. A word. A glance. A small and quiet thing that seemed, at the time, to barely register.

This is the economy of the Hereafter: nothing is wasted. Every moment of your life is being recorded, and what is recorded is not the headline version of you — it is the unedited, unfiltered, behind-closed-doors version. The you that appears when you are tired and no one is watching. The you that emerges in how you speak to the people closest to you. The you that exists in the gap between who you present yourself as and who you actually are.

Hassan the schoolteacher did not know he was building a legacy. He was simply trying to be good at what he was doing, one day at a time. And that — that quiet, daily, consistent attempt to do