

Crux of the Quran

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If you go through the Quran in quest of its main message — or the crux of the scriptures — you will certainly discover an important point on which the Quran lays great emphasis, that is, its concept of *flah*. *Flah* means success. According to the Quran, the truly successful are those and only those who are destined to find success in the hereafter.

Two well-known terms are very helpful in understanding the Quranic point of view. These terms are “promotion” and “break in service”. According to the Quran, the day one dies is the final day when one receives promotion.

In our present world, we have been given all kinds of natural amenities and the best possible life support system. One who proves by his good behaviour in such an environment that he is fit be admitted to paradise will be selected and promoted to the eternal life of

the next world.

Those who will be selected for this promotion will be allowed to settle in the paradise of the next world, where all the desires they had in this life will be fulfilled.

Then there is a rule in government service that is called a ‘break in service’. Anyone who does his job for up to ten years and more but then absents himself from his office without prior permission shall have to pay a heavy price for this, this being considered a “break in service”. Such is the case of those who have failed to utilise the opportunities that were given to them in the present world. This failure will be treated as a break in service and this ruling will never be overturned. Defaulters will therefore enter the next world without any kind of favour and they will never have another chance to start their life again.

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