

PURPOSE OF CREATION

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ABSTRACT: This article discusses the Qur'ānic verses that describe our purpose in life, the objective we should be seeking, and how we should attain it. The verses reveal that the purpose for which we were created is a benefit that accrues to us, and that, without a hereafter, our existence would be vain. Therefore, we are in a journey, destined for eternity, and our goal is to reach everlasting bliss. Obtaining such a goal requires training and self-realisation: These can be achieved by constant servitude toward God as we go through tests and trials in this life.

Whose purpose?

We sometimes ask ourselves, What was God's purpose in creation, and why did He create us and the universe? We ask these questions because of a latent assumption: rational beings seek goals for what they do; their voluntary actions are not without a purpose and objective. This assumption, however, is only applicable to limited beings. We are limited in two ways: 1. We have a limited share of resources, such as health, power, and wealth. 2. We have a shortage many goods, benefits, and pleasures that we desire. A necessary consequence of scarcity of resources is that anything that we do

