

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# A brief view to the life of grave in patients died from COVID-19

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Tens of thousands of patients have died from COVID-19 in the world, and they have been put to a grave. In many cultures, most people are curious about the condition of their deceased relatives and friends in the grave. Here, we evaluated the life of grave, which affects the spiritual health of most people, from the Islamic perspective to emphasize the spiritual dimension of death.

The grave is there, and no one can deny it. Whether they want to or not, everyone must enter it. And apart from the following three 'Ways', there is no other way it can be approached: First Way: For those who believe, the grave is the door to a world far better than this world. Second Way: For those who believe in the hereafter, but who approach it on the path of dissipation and misguidance, it is the door to a prison of solitary confinement, an eternal dungeon, where they will be separated from all their loved ones. Third Way: For the unbelievers and the misguided who do not believe in the hereafter, it is the door to eternal extinction. That is to say, it is the gallows on which both themselves and all those they love will be executed. Since they think it is thus, that is exactly how they shall experience it: as punishment (1).

"The grave is either a garden of the gardens of Paradise, or a pit of the pits of Hell" (Tirmidhi, Qiyamah, 26). The Prophet Mohammad (SAW) said "The grave is the first stage of the next world; if one escapes from it what follows is easier than it, but if one does not escape from it what follows is more severe than it" and he also said "I have never seen a sight as horrible as the grave" (Mishkat al-Masabih 132). "When the deceased - or he said when one of you - is buried, two angels, black and blue (eyed) come to him. One of them is called Al-Munkar, and the other An-Nakir. They say: 'What did you use to say about this man?' So he says what he was saying (before death) 'He is Allah's slave and

His Messenger. I testify that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah and that Muhammad is His slave and His Messenger.' So they say: 'We knew that you would say this.' Then his grave is expanded to seventy-by-seventy cubits, then it is illuminated for him. Then it is said to him: 'Sleep.' So, he said: 'Can I return to my family to inform them?' They say: 'Sleep as a newlywed, whom none awakens but the dearest of his family.' Until Allah resurrects him from his resting place." "If he was a hypocrite he would say: 'I heard people saying something, so I said the same; I do not know.' So, they said: 'We knew you would say that.' So, the earth is told: 'Constrict him.' So it constricts around him, squeezing his ribs together. He continues being punished like that until Allah resurrects him from his resting place" (Jami` at-Tirmidhi 1071).

In conclusion, every soul shall have the taste of death (Holy Qur'an. Surah Al-Imran; Ayat 185). So, all people will die from any reason such as COVID-19 disease and go to paradise or hell after grave life. The prophets, saints and scholars have all unanimously declared it to be a 99% certain probability, saying: "The only way to be saved from extinction and eternal imprisonment, and be directed towards eternal happiness, is through belief in Allah and bedience to Him" (1).

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