

Core Curriculum

2 Foundations of Islam - Theology

2.4 **Adala: Divine Justice in Islam**

Question: What is the Good?

Answer: The Good is that which leads human beings to salvation in the Afterlife.

Question: What is 'Adāla?

Answer: 'Adāla is a balance in the form of Divine Justice which God makes obligatory upon Himself and on His creation

Question: What is Evil?

Answer: Evil is the absence of Good, it corrupts the heart, corrupts one's beliefs and actions, and ultimately leads people to damnation.

Question: Why does transgression of the balance lead to corruption?

Answer: The world is carefully designed, and there are special boundaries put so that people are led to salvation in the Afterlife. Transgression from these bounds means that one deviates and goes the wrong way. The wrong way leads to corruption.

Question: Why does Allah make justice obligatory upon Himself?

Answer: Because Allah, in His nature, is good, and justice is the result of God's good nature.

Question: Why does God allow evil?

Answer: Because He allows free will, without free will, there is no real good or evil.