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Abstract

Death has multiple concepts and outlooks of various studies of both Science and Metaphysical approaches, and different cultural attitudes along with the diversity of personal and practical approaches towards it. Different civilizations behave and mourn differently towards this Universal phenomenon. That's why; Religion, Philosophy and Science have varied concepts to resolve this mystical phenomenon by religious, logical and factual arguments, interviews, and analyzing surveys. But, still, this topic has remained unsolved. Death's questioning revolves along the basic human instinctive need of curiosity that what happens after the death of our loved-ones, what is afterlife and what kind of the promise of reward by analyzing a moral life? Does death needs a God or gods to bring over the Universe? Or does it alone a powerful grudge over just humanity? These questions needs to be answered by the critical study of two dominant civilizations, Islamic and Western. These civilizations are being studied in the reference of the concept of death by their primary and secondary sources. Western Civilizational concept of death is being analyzed by a renowned phenomenological existentialist Martin Heidegger; while Islam's concept of death is being taken from the Holy Quran and the Sunnah, which is also being examined judgmentally to criticize Heidegger's. Along these civilizations, different ancient, dead, and living religions and varied western philosophical systems are being discussed to open the deepness and importance for the necessity of resolving the concept of death.

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