

According to Ostovar (2017),  
a jihadi fighter aims to elicit notions of bravery, strength,  
and religious devotion (93).

In his vision of Islam,  
**“there is no greater spiritual act than martyrdom for one’s faith”**  
(Brachman et al. 2006, 86).

Therefore, a martyr is believed to be raised above other  
believers in the eyes of Allah (Cook 2017, 152), and is rewarded  
with the direct access to paradise (Cook 2017, 153).