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*Belief in the*  
**Angels**  
**of God**





Belief in the angels is a fundamental belief mentioned in the Quran in multiple places like 2:177, 2:285, and 4:136. It is also one of the six pillars of faith as mentioned by the Messenger Muhammad. This means that in order for us to become true believers in God we must understand and believe in this article of faith. Let us take a brief look at how we do this...





# Belief in the existence of Angels

“The Messenger believes in what has been sent down to him from his Lord, as do the faithful. They all believe in God, His angels, His scriptures, and His messengers.” 2:285. To deny the existence of angels is to oppose a fundamental part of Islam. “Anyone who does not believe in God, His angels, His scriptures, His messengers, and the Last Day has gone far, far astray.” 4:136



# General Belief

As stated, we should believe in the existence of the angels of God. This belief must be in accordance with what God has revealed to us concerning His creation. God informs us that angels were created from light, live in the heavens, possess wings, obey God, and do as He commands. They are many in number and are different from humans. All of this information forms the basis of our belief in this article of faith.



# Belief in Detail

At the same time, there are some aspects regarding angels that we have been given in more detail. It is also part of our faith to accept and believe in these details. We have been informed of the names of some angels such as Gabriel and Michael. We also know some of the specific duties and responsibilities of certain angels. Gabriel being entrusted with revelation and Michael with rainfall.





# Belief in their Characteristics

God and His Messenger Muhammad have informed us about some specific attributes that angels possess. We are told that the angels fear God, and spend their days and nights in His worship and service. They are a creation that is hidden from our eyes and as such, we cannot see them. Some of the Messengers of God have seen some angels in their original form such as when the Messenger Muhammad saw Gabriel.



# Our Relationship with the Angels

The angels bring goodness and blessings with God's permission to the faithful believers in God. As such, their presence is a good sign and to be welcomed. The angels seek forgiveness for the believers, pray for them, and are present during times in which we worship God such as the prescribed ritual devotions and mentioning and remembrance of God. They protect the believers and help them during difficulties, even during battle. They console the believers at the time of death. We should be aware that angels are tasked to record our deeds. This would lead us to be conscious of our statements and actions each and every day. God says, "With two receptors set to record, one on his right side and one on his left. He does not utter a single word without an ever-present watcher." 50:17-18



# What do the Angels Dislike?

The Messenger Muhammad informed us that there are certain things that the angels dislike and which serve to keep them far from us. As such, we should avoid these issues or try to mitigate them to the best of our ability. The Messenger Muhammad told us that angels are uncomfortable with what humans find offensive, filthy, foul, or disgusting. For this reason, we are told not to go to the mosque or to places where people gather whilst our breath smells of raw onions or garlic. Making sure our hygiene is up to par is not only good for our physical surroundings and social dealings but also for our spiritual surroundings, even if we do not see them. The Messenger Muhammad also told us that the angels of mercy do not enter a house in which there are pictures of animate beings on display. Angels of mercy also do not frequent homes where pet dogs live in human dwellings unless these dogs serve a legitimate purpose such as service, guide dogs, shepherd dogs, hunting dogs, or security dogs.



Believers are encouraged to keep the company of the pure and righteous and not to be around the filthy and wicked. For this reason, it would serve us well to ensure that we invite angels to be around us and not invite devils. We are also taught to be kind and grateful to those who treat us well. Angels do so much good in our lives, consequently, we should be appreciative of that and not offend them.

A person in a long, dark coat and hat stands on a mountain peak, holding a staff. The background features a bright sun in a blue sky, with mountains and a valley below. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset.

**May God's protection and  
His angels be with you.**



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