

# Beliefs about Angels



- Angels are a creation of Allāh.
- Angels are made from nur (light) and are not visible to us.
- Angels glorify, worship, and serve Allāh.
- Angels never disobey Allāh—never sin—and always do what Allāh commands them to do.
- Angels do not have any human needs or wants. They do not eat, drink, or sleep.
- Angels do not have parents, children, or relatives.
- Angels have no gender.
- Allāh’s angels are countless in number and their exact number is only known to Allāh.
- Muslims believe in all Allāh’s angels. All Prophets (AS) taught their followers about angels.
- Some angels have two wings, and others have more. Angel Jibril has 600 wings. If one of his wings was spread open, it would cover the distance between the east and west.

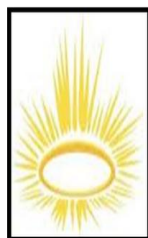
- Angels may take different forms in order to carry out their work. Angels may appear in human form.
- Allāh created angels to do special jobs. Among the angels some only glorify Allāh, some are continuously prostrating before Allāh, some deliver our salutations (salawat) on the Prophet (SAW), some carry the 'arsh (throne) of Allāh, some protect the weak, and some roam the earth and present themselves in gatherings where sacred knowledge is being taught or Allāh is being remembered. Different angels have different responsibilities. The following are the names of a few angels and the jobs they do:

<u>Angel's Name</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
Jibril	Jibril brought Allāh's books, orders, laws, and messages to all the Prophets. He was also sometimes sent to help the Prophets against their enemies.
Mika'il	Mikail is in charge of managing food provisions and the weather. Other angels work under him, who manage the clouds, the seas, the rivers and the winds. They all work according to the command of Allāh.
Malak-ul-Mawt	Malak-ul-Mawt is the Angel of Death. He is responsible from removing the souls of all living beings at the time of death. Other angels work under his supervision. Some take the souls of righteous people, while others are responsible for taking the souls of those

	who are evil and disobedient to Allāh.
Israfil	Israfil will blow the Sur twice. The Sur will make a piercing, loud both times. The first time it is blown, everything will be destroyed and all living beings will die. The second time it is blown everyone will come to life and will be gathered for Judgment.
Kiraman Katibin (Raqib and 'Atid)	Each Muslim is accompanied by two angels, one who records his good deeds and one who records his bad deeds. These deeds are written in a person's book of deeds, which will be handed to him on the Day of Judgment. The recording angels are known as Kiraman Katibin.
Munkar and Nakir	Munkar and Nakir are the angels who will question a person in the grave.
Ridwan	Ridwan is the gatekeeper and guardian of Paradise.
Malik	Malik is the gatekeeper and guardian of Hell-fire.

Beliefs About Angels (Summarized Version):

# Angels



Made of Noor  
[heavenly light]



We cannot  
see them



Have no  
gender



Do not sin or  
make mistakes



Only Allah  
knows their  
number



Do not have  
human desires



Have wings,  
take different  
forms