

Belief in the Angels

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A. Why Is It Not Appropriate for Allah ﷻ To Do All Tasks By Himself?

- There are some tasks that Allah ﷻ does not do by Himself, because they are not compatible with His greatness and dignity. For example, Allah ﷻ does not write down the deeds of humans in a book, but He delegates this task to the angels who follow them in all their actions, even in the secret and personal ones. These are places and situations that are not suitable for Allah to be in them or to see them, such as the restroom, the lavatory, inside the lavatory, ...etc. A human may end up in a sewer or a drain. These are filthy places where his majesty is not fitting.
- The Royal way of getting something done is for the king ordering his servants to carry on the task.
- The angels, or Malaikah, were created before humans with the purpose of following the orders of Allah ﷻ and perform tasks.

B. Angelic Nature and Obedience.



- Believing in angels is an essential part in Islam. The Quran states the following about believers “The Messenger has believed in what was revealed to him from his Lord, and [so have] the believers. All of them have believed in Allah ﷻ and His angels and His books and His messengers, [saying], ‘We make no distinctions between any of His messengers.’ And they say, ‘We hear and obey. [We seek] your forgiveness, our Lord, and to You is the [final] destination.” (Bqara 2:285)
- Angels are pure spiritual beings who do not have any physical matter or substance. They are created by Allah ﷻ from light, as the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: “The angels were created from light, the jinn were created from smokeless fire, and Adam was created from what has been described to you.” (Sahih Muslim).
- It is believed that angels and Jinn are a body of energy vibrating in a frequency outside the visible spectrum. They can also change their shape and

appearance according to the will of Allah ﷻ. One possible way is to lower their frequency to fall into the visible range or convert themselves into a mass according to the equation Energy=Mass times the square of the speed of light. $E=MC^2$

- Angels don't ever disobey Allah ﷻ because they don't have any evil temptations, evil desires, or any evil motives. Angels are obedient, created purely from light, and lack free will or desires. Their obedience is absolute, following Allah's commands without hesitation. According to Quran 66:6 is a verse that has warning to the believers to protect themselves and their families from the Hellfire, which is fueled by people and stones. The verse also describes the angels who guard the Hellfire as fierce and powerful, who never disobey Allah and do what they are commanded.
- Angels do not go to hell or heaven based on their deeds, but they remain in the presence of Allah and enjoy His glory and blessings. They do not need any reward or punishment, as they are not tested or judged like humans or jinn. However, some angels may enter heaven or hell for specific purposes, such as delivering messages, recording deeds, or executing punishments. For example, the angel Jibril (Gabriel) is the one who brought the revelation of the Quran to the Prophet Muhammad, and he also showed him the heaven and hell during the night journey (Isra and Mi'raj). The angels Raqib and Atid are the ones who write down the good and bad deeds of humans in a book. The angels Munkar and Nakir are the ones who question the dead in their graves about their faith. The angels Malik and Zabaniya are the ones who guard and torment the dwellers of hell.
- Therefore, angels do not go to hell or heaven as a final destination, but they may visit them as part of their service to Allah. They are different from humans and jinn, who have free will and are accountable for their actions, and who will be rewarded or punished in the hereafter.

- The wandering angels are very sensitive. They don't enter a house that has a dog or a picture. Don't attend a lecture or a talk where a woman is unveiled or immodest. Exceptions are made for hunting, guarding and service dogs. This is based on the hadith that state that angels do not enter a house where there is a dog or a picture of a living being, and that they avoid places where there is mixing of genders or violation of Islamic dress code.
- Guardian angels guard humans from the physical harm of the Shaytan and Jinn. They do their job with both good and bad people, as they are obedient to Allah's commands and do not discriminate among His creation. However, they may have different attitudes and feelings towards the people they guard, depending on their actions and faith. For example, some hadiths suggest that the guardian angels are pleased when the people they guard do good deeds, pray, and recite the Quran, and they are displeased when they do evil deeds, sin, and neglect their duties.

C. Angels Taking a Form of Humans.

- Angels can take the form of humans if Allah ﷻ permits them to do so, and if it serves a purpose in their mission. For example, some angels appeared to the prophets Ibrahim and Lut in the form of handsome men, as mentioned in the Quran:
 - "And certainly did Our messengers come to Abraham with good tidings; they said, 'Peace.' He said, 'Peace,' and did not delay in bringing [them] a roasted calf. But when he saw their hands not reaching for it, he distrusted them and felt from them apprehension. They said, 'Fear not. We have been sent to the people of Lot.'" (Quran 11:69-70);
 - "And when Our messengers, [the angels], came to Lot, he was anguished for them and felt for them great discomfort and said, 'This is a difficult day.'" (Quran 11:77)

- One of the most famous examples of an angel taking the form of a human is when the angel Jibril came to the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ in the form of a man named Dihyah al-Kalbi, who was one of the companions of the Prophet ﷺ. He came to teach the Prophet ﷺ and his companions the basics of Islam, such as the pillars of faith and the pillars of worship. At the end after the man left, then the Prophet ﷺ said, 'O Umar, do you know who the questioner was?' I said, 'Allah and His Messenger know best.' He said, 'It was [the angel] Jibril who came to you to teach you your religion.'" (Sahih Muslim)
- The man that Jibril took the form of, Dihyah al-Kalbi, was described as a very handsome man, with fair skin, curly hair, and a beautiful face. He was also tall and well-built, and he wore fine clothes and jewelry. He was one of the most attractive men among the Arabs, and he was known for his bravery and generosity. He was a close companion of the Prophet ﷺ, and he participated in many battles with him. He was also the one who carried the letters of the Prophet ﷺ to the kings and rulers of other lands, such as the Byzantine emperor and the Persian king.

D. Some Well-known Angles.

- Jibreel (Gabriel): The angel in charge of communicating Allah's words to His prophets. He is also the one who brought down the Quran to Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).
- Mikail (Michael): The angel in charge of rainfall and sustenance. He is responsible for providing food and water to all living beings.
- Israfil (Raphael): The angel in charge of blowing the trumpet to mark the Day of Judgment. He will blow the trumpet twice: once to announce the end of the world, and once to resurrect the dead.

- Izrail (Azrael): The angel in charge of taking the souls of humans at death. He has helpers who assist him in his task. He is also known as the Angel of Death.
- Munkar and Nakir: The angels in charge of questioning the dead in their graves. They will ask about their faith, their deeds, and their beliefs. They are also known as the Angels of the Grave .
- Malik: The angel in charge of guarding the gates of Hell. He is stern and severe, and he has no mercy for the dwellers of the Fire.
- Ridwan: The angel in charge of guarding the gates of Paradise. He is gentle and friendly, and he welcomes the believers who enter the Garden.
- Harut and Marut: The angels who were sent to the city of Babylon to test the people. They taught them magic, but they also warned them that it was a sin and a trial. Some people learned from them and became corrupted, while others remained faithful.
- Isra'íl: The angel in charge of the souls of the believers. He is the one who takes them to Paradise after their death. He is also the one who will blow the trumpet for the third time to announce the start of the eternal life.
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E. Raqib and Atid on the Right and Left

- The angels in charge of recording the deeds of humans. Raqib records the good deeds, while Atid records the bad deeds. They are also known as the Angels of the Scales. Raqib is on the right and Atid is on the left.
- The angel on the right is in charge of angel on the left, but they are both obedient to Allah, who is the ultimate authority over all things. The angels on the right and left are also called the Kiraman Katibin, which means the honorable recorders or the noble writers. They are responsible for writing

down every action, word, and thought of a human being, whether good or bad. The angel on the right records the good deeds, while the angel on the left records the bad deeds. The Quran mentions them in two places, in 50:16-18 and by name as 'Noble Recorders' in 82:10-12.

- The angels on the right and left are not equal in their status. The angel on the right is more merciful than the angel on the left. The angel on the right may delay the recording of a bad deed, hoping that the person will repent or do a good deed to erase it. The angel on the left, on the other hand, is quick to record a bad deed, without any delay or hesitation. This is based on the following narration from the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him):
"Verily, when the servant commits a sin a black spot appears upon his heart. If he abandons the sin, seeks forgiveness, and repents, then his heart will be polished. If he returns to the sin, the blackness will be increased until it overcomes his heart. It is the covering that Allah has mentioned: No, rather a covering is over their hearts from what they have earned. (83:14)"
- The angels on the right and left are also different in their feelings and reactions towards the human beings they guard. The angel on the right is pleased when the person does good deeds, prays, and recites the Quran, and he may even ask Allah to forgive the person for his minor sins. The angel on the left is displeased when the person does evil deeds, sins, and neglects his duties, and he may even curse the person and ask Allah to punish him. This is based on the following narration from the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him): "The angel on the left does not write anything until six hours have passed after a Muslim does a bad deed. If he regrets it and asks Allah for forgiveness, he casts it aside [does not write it], otherwise he writes it down as one bad deed."
- The angels on the right and left are not enemies or rivals, but they are partners and witnesses in recording the deeds of humans. They are honest and just in their reports, and they do not conceal or alter anything. They will present their books to Allah on the Day of Judgment, and they will testify for

or against the person they guarded. Allah will then judge the person according to his deeds, and reward or punish him accordingly. Allah is the most merciful and the most just, and He knows best what is in the hearts of His servants.

F. Angels Harut and Marut, and Black Magic



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- These were two angels that were converted to humans and sent to earth. They are mentioned in the Quran in Surah 2:102, where they are said to teach people sorcery in Babylon, but only after warning them that it was a test and a sin that is equivalent to Kufr.
- [Cow \(2:102\)](#) And they followed [instead] what the devils had recited during the reign of Solomon. It was not Solomon who disbelieved, but the devils disbelieved, teaching people magic and that which was revealed to the two angels at Babylon, Harut and Marut. But the two angels do not teach anyone unless they say, "We are a trial, so do not disbelieve [by practicing magic]." And [yet] they learn from them that by which they cause separation between a man and his wife. But they do not harm anyone through it except by permission of Allah. And the people learn what harms them and does not benefit them. But the Children of Israel certainly knew that whoever purchased the magic would not have in the Hereafter any share. And wretched is that for which they sold themselves, if they only knew.

- These angels were astonished at the acts of disobedience committed by the human beings on earth, claiming they would do better than them. Therefore, God challenged the angels to choose two representatives among them, who would descend to earth and be endowed with bodily desires. During their stay on earth, they fell in love with a woman named Zohra (often identified with [Venus](#)). She told them she would become intimate with them if they joined her in idolatry and tell her how to ascend to heaven. The angels refused and remained pious. Later they met her again and the woman this time stated she would become intimate with them if they drank alcohol. The angels thought that alcohol could not cause great harm and therefore, they accepted the condition. After they were drunk, they became intimate with her and after noticing a witness, they killed them. On the next day, Harut and Marut regretted their deeds but could not ascend to heaven anymore due to their sins, as their link to the angels was broken. Thereupon, God asked them, either their punishment shall be in this world or in the hereafter. They chose to be punished on earth and therefore were sent to Babel as a test, teaching humans magic but not without warning them that they were just a temptation.
- This story is meant to show the weakness of human nature and the need for divine guidance and forgiveness. It also illustrates the dangers of sorcery and the importance of avoiding it.
- Harut and Marut taught some people the secrets of magic, but only after warning them that it was a sin and a test. Some people learned from them and became corrupted, while others remained faithful.
- To communicate with Jinn, the sorcerer needs to please them so that they would accept his requests. He does actions of Kufr, such as bowing down to an idol, tear the Moshaf apart and put it in the toilet, ...etc to please the Jinn. The Jinn would over burden the sorcerer and make him look as a person who is suffering due to carrying a heavy load. "And there were men from mankind who sought refuge in men from the jinn, so they [only] increased them in

burden.” Quran (Jinn 72:6). This verse means that some humans used to seek the help and protection of the jinn, thinking that they had some power or knowledge that could benefit them. However, this was a mistake, as the jinn could not do anything for them, except misguide them further and increase their troubles.

- Black magic is haram (forbidden) in Islam, as it involves seeking the help of the Jinn and harming others with evil means. It is also a form of shirk (associating partners with Allah), as it implies that there is another power besides Allah that can influence the fate of people. Black magic is considered a major sin and a crime in Islam, and it is punishable by death in some Islamic countries.
- The sorcerer who practices black magic is a kafir (disbeliever), as he has violated the basic principles of Islam and denied the oneness of Allah. He has also betrayed the trust of Allah and the people, and caused mischief and corruption on earth. The sorcerer has no share in the mercy of Allah, and he will face a severe punishment in the hereafter, unless he repents sincerely and renounces his evil deeds.
- The reason why black magic is so evil and dangerous is that it goes against the natural order of things and the divine will of Allah. It also harms the innocent and the righteous, and spreads fear and confusion among the people. It is a tool of the devils and their allies, who want to mislead people from the straight path and make them forget the purpose of their existence. Therefore, Muslims should avoid black magic and its practitioners, and seek refuge in Allah from their evil.