

Belief in angels

13. Explain Belief in angels

Belief in angel is one of the six pillars of Iman. One cannot be called a Muslim, if he does not belief in any of these pillars.

14. State Characteristics of Angels

- i. Angels are sinless
- ii. Angels are invisible
- iii. Angels are neither male nor female.
- iv. Angels are created from *Nur*.
- v. Angels have the ability to change their form.
- vi. Angels glorify Allah's name all the time and never disobey Allah.
- vii. Angels don't poses human qualities and hence don't require necessities of human life e.g. drinking, eating etc
- viii. Angels are created without a free will they obey Allah without choice.

15. Discuss the names of Angels and their specific duties

- i. *Jibreel*: He brings it down the revelation from Allah to whoever Allah wishes among his Prophet and Messengers.
- ii. *Mikail*: Is the head of angel in charge of rain
- iii. *Israfil*: Is the one responsible for blowing the trumpet the day of judgment.
- iv. *Ar-rad*: He is responsible for the clouds.
- v. *Israel*: Is the angel responsible for taking people's souls.
- vi. *Malik*: He is the guardian of the Hell fire.
- vii. *Munkar and Nakeer*: are the angels who question people in their graves.
- viii. *Raqib and Atid*: These are angel which record good deeds and bad deeds.
- ix. *Ridhwan*: keeper of paradise.

16. Explain Differences between angels, jinns and human being

- i. Angels They have been created from light.while Jinns They have been created from fire.Human being They have been created from clay.

- ii. Angels They can change & take any form, but the shapes do not govern them
- iii. While Jinns They can change and take any form, but the shapes govern them. Human being They cannot change.
- iv. Angels Have been created much earlier than mankind. While the jinns Have been created much earlier than mankind. Human being Have been created much later than angels & jinns.
- v. Angels They are neither male nor female. Jinns They are male and females. Human being They are male & female.
- vi. Angels They do not disobey Allah. Jinns They are believers and disbelievers. Human being They are believers.

17. Mention The Duties of Angels in general

- i. Bringing Allah's Revelation to mankind
- ii. Strengthening and supporting prophets and messengers whenever the need arose
- iii. Strengthening and helping the believers against their enemies
- iv. Punishing the disbelievers at the time of death
- v. Invoking Allah's blessings and forgiveness for believers
- vi. Encouraging human beings to do good deeds
- vii. They give glad tidings of paradise to believers and bad tidings to disbelievers
- viii. Recording of human actions

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