

Angels

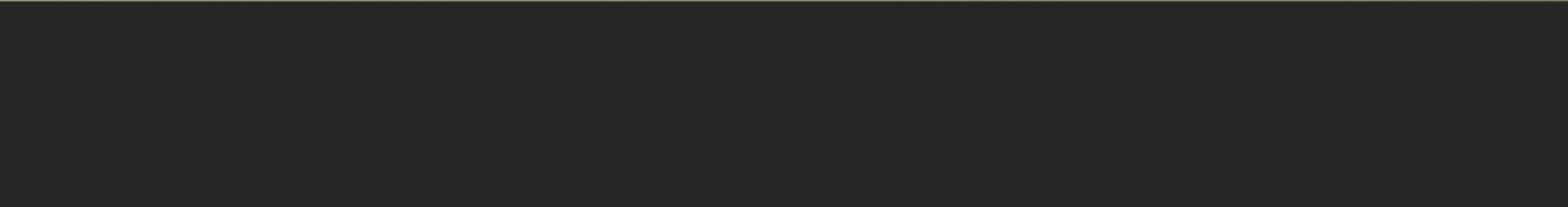
Importance of Angel Jibrael (AS)

Islamic faith

- Belief in the existence of angels is an article of Islamic faith.
- The non-believers considered angels to be deities or Allah's daughters. This article of faith purifies the belief in the unity of Allah.
- The Prophet Muhammad said that angels have no share in Allah's divinity. On the very first day of Adam's creation, Allah told the angels to prostrate before Adam and granted him greater knowledge that they possessed.

Characteristics

- Angels are made of light and have wings as Allah said in Quran;
“Praise belongs to Allah, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, Who made the angels messengers with two, three, or four wings.”
- Unlike men and Jinns, angels do not have free will. They are absolutely obedient to Allah’s commands.
- Angels are heavenly beings not visible to ordinary mortals, unless they appear in human form. Angels brought messages from Allah to Hazrat Zakria and Hazrat Maryam in human form. They also appeared in human form before Hazrat Ibrahim to give him glad tiding of the birth of a son.

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- They have no knowledge except what Allah has taught them; they obey and act on His commands.
 - They never get tired. They do not sleep, nor do they require the things needed by human beings.

Functions and Duties

- Angels have various duties and functions.
- They strengthen the heart of believers and are their protectors.
- They ask for the forgiveness for the believers, but they can offer no intercession for them.
- Malik: He is the in charge of the Hell.
- Rizwan: He is the in charge of Heaven.
- Respected Recorders: The two angels who record the all deeds of human till their death are called respected recorders. This record is presented to him on the Day of Judgemnet.

Ref: “But verily, over you (are appointed angels) to protect you-kind and honorable, writing down (your deeds) ”

- Munkar and Nakir: They are the two angels who will question dead in their graves.
- Angel Jibrail: He is the chief of the angels and is responsible to bring messages to prophets.

Ref: “ Say, the Holy spirit [Jibrael] has brought the revelation from your Lord in truth...”

- Angel Izrael: also called the angel of death. He is responsible for taking our soul upon death.

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- Hazrat Israfil: He will blow the trumpet on the Day of Judgement.
 - Hazrat Mikail: He is charged to look after the universe, movement of the stars, planets and galaxies and the forces of nature. He is responsible for rain and provides provision to the people at Allah's command.

- Q: Explain Muslim belief in angels. [10 marks]
- First paragraph (Introduction)
- Second paragraph (Characteristics)
- Third (Duties)