

The angels — who they are

Not symbols and not winged people: created servants with names, work, and a presence in your day.



★ Made of light

“The angels were created from light, the jinn from fire, and Adam from what has been described to you.”

Sahih Muslim 2996

★ They never disobey

لَا يَعْصُونَ اللَّهَ مَا أَمَرَهُمْ وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ

“They do not disobey Allah in what He commands them, but do what they are commanded.” No will set against His.

Qur'an 66:6

★ They do not tire

Those near Him are not too proud to worship Him; they exalt Him night and day and do not slacken.

Qur'an 21:19-20

★ Wings — and numbers we don't know

Allah made the angels messengers “having wings, two or three or four,” and He adds to creation what He wills.

Qur'an 35:1

★ Jibril

He brought the Qur'an down upon the Prophet's heart ﷺ by the permission of Allah. Named in the Qur'an alongside Mikal.

Qur'an 2:97-98

★ The two who write

مَا يَلْفِظُ مِنْ قَوْلٍ إِلَّا لَدَيْهِ رَقِيبٌ عَتِيدٌ

“Man does not utter any word except that with him is an observer prepared to record.” Two receivers, right and left.

Qur'an 50:17-18 · 82:10-12

★ The angel of death

“The angel of death will take you, who has been entrusted with you. Then to your Lord you will be returned.”

Qur'an 32:11

★ They ask forgiveness for you

Those who carry the Throne pray for the believers: “our Lord, forgive those who have repented and followed Your way.”

Qur'an 40:7

★ They come down on the best night

On Laylat al-Qadr the angels descend by their Lord's permission. And to the steadfast at death they say: do not fear.

Qur'an 97:4 · 41:30