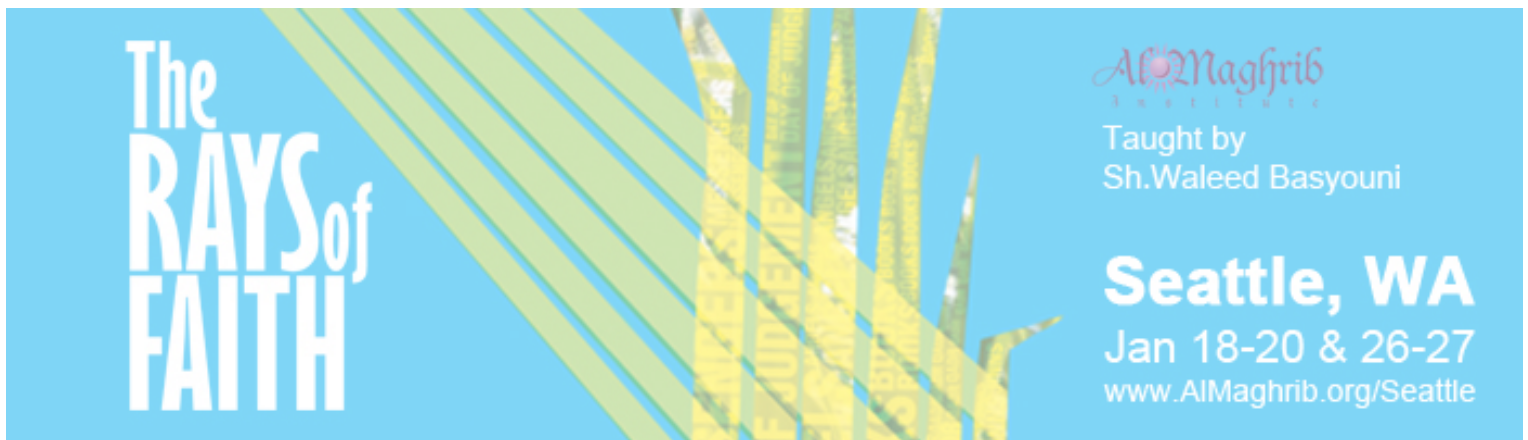


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Introduction

Rays of Faith is the first class Sh. Waleed Basyouni taught in 2006 when he joined the Al.Maghrib Institute team. Every time this class comes, it boosts his iman [faith] even as the instructor, primarily because we discuss believing in al.qadar [destiny] and the hereafter. Rays of Faith is the third in a series of 'aqueedah [theology] courses taught through Al.Maghrib by Sh. Yasir Qadhi and Sh. Waleed Basyouni. First is Light of Guidance which focuses on believing in Allah [at.Tawheed], then is Light upon Light which focuses on Allah's names and attributes, third is this one [Rays of Faith] which follows up on the first two with the remaining pillars of faith [i.e. belief in the angels, the books, the prophets, al.qadar, and the Day of Judgment].

What Will We Gain Through This Course?

This class will teach us about tawakul [full reliance on Allah]:

Sh. Waleed went on to tell us a story of an Emirate man who had it all [houses, riches, etc.] One day this man went to the masjid and noticed another man praying to Allah in a manner he himself had never experienced. The Emirate man never thought this was possible. Later, he went to this man and asked if he needed anything. This traveler told him that his wife was in the hospital and that they were short 500 dirham to cover their medical costs. The Emirate man responded asking if that was it he'd give it to him. This man took it and made sujood al.shukr [prostration of thankfulness] and then responded with a thank you. This man seemed trustworthy to the Emirate and gave him his business card saying, "If you ever need anything don't hesitate in calling." The man responded saying, "But I don't need your business card, if I ever need anything I know who to call. I will call the one who brought you to me tonight."

Being this close to Allah swt is not impossible in our time; all it takes is to know Allah.

It is all about how much we know and how much yaqeen [certainty] we have in our hearts and about gaining knowledge about that which we can't see and how to deal with the world of the unseen. How to see it and picture it in a better way.

Why do people hate death? Who would like to move from a place they invested in so much to a place they invest nothing in. For example if you have a beautiful home in Seattle and you invest everything into that home [beautiful decor, furnishings, cars, etc.], you would be terrified if you were told to move to some place in Mississippi that you put no investment in and have no idea what it's like. Unfortunately, we are so attached to these houses made of bricks that are temporary, and invest little in the eternal houses of gold that await us in the hereafter.

'Aisha [ra] narrated that Allah [swt] didn't first command us to not drink alcohol and not fornicate or commit adultery, but first He [swt] focused on what would establish

the love of Allah so the people would do what is recommended and commanded later [Bukhari]. When the faith is in the heart, you can go on from there.

Forgiveness is not a one time event; it is a continuous process. Allah is willing to forgive us for our sins; not only in the dunya but in the akhira as well.

We will also learn about believing in the jinn, the world of the unseen, and the Day of Judgment:

How will the family look on the Day of Judgment? What will happen to the family if they enter jannah? Will you go through with them all the way or will you be separated?

We will also cover prophethood:

Proving the prophethood of rasulAllah [saws] because you can only logically prove the existence of god but you cannot prove to someone that you should only be worshipping Allah unless you first prove that rasulAllah [saws] is his messenger.

Class Rules:

- One person speaks at a time; [Omar abdulAziz said: people who have sanity only one person speaks at one time, insane people all talk at one time.]
- No kids in the class if less than 13 years old; except for exceptional cases
- We will have 50 minute sessions and then a break for 6-8 minutes
- Break managers can call a break at any given time to relax/stretch for a few seconds
- Anytime I say class, you say 'yes' matching my tone
- No sharing food in class because it sparks too much talking
- Make sure your phone is silenced; no texting or phone calls during class [the only exception is you can tweet and be sure to tag #AlMaghribGems and #WaleedKBasyouni]
- TAKE THE EXAM!

Objectives:

- Looking for at least 75% of the course material to be shared with your community
- Achieve at least a minimum of understanding of pillars even though we will exceed the minimum
- State main evidence for each topic
- Realize that the right logic will never contradict Qur'an and hadeeth
- Gain the ability to refute some of the doubts of others

Chapter 1

Belief in Angels

Hadeeth Jibreel:

He said, "Tell me about iman." He [the prophet] replied, "It is to believe in Allah, His angels, His books, His messengers, and the last day, and to believe in divine destiny [al.qadar], both the good and the evil of it." He said, "you have spoken rightly."

A man came [a stranger] that didn't look like a traveler [he was clean and well kept but no body knew him; typically travelers were noticeably disheveled from their journeys] and went straight to the home of rasulAllah [saws] and sat with him. This man sat right in front of him [saws] and put his hands on his knees [opinions: 1) this man put his hands on the knees of rasulAllah; 2) this traveler put his own hands on his own knees]; and asked rasulAllah a question. RasulAllah [saws] answered and this man responded saying, "yes, you have said the truth."

There are many narrations of this hadeeth [more details in some: ex. in one rasulAllah answered iman was to believe in the resurrection, the bridge above hell, the scale, etc.]

This unknown man was angel Jibreel in the form of a man.

What/Who are the Mala'ikah?

Linguistic Definition of of Mala'ikah:

Here Sh. Waleed mentioned the importance to not only know the meaning of words in Arabic but what it meant in the time of rasulAllah [saws]. Why? Because the language can change over time. Words and meanings can change from one generation to another, from one time to another. If you bring someone who knows English but doesn't know American terms and you say, "this is sick", they may think to suggest to go to the hospital. Sh. Waleed then related a story when he went to a store in Egypt and heard some people say "this is so trash" in Arabic. Trash in this sense was meant to mean it was good. Sh. Waleed gave another examples; the word sa' means 60 minutes however when Allah and rasulAllah mention sa' they understand it differently because they use time differently.

Thus, it's important to study the understanding and explanation of the scholars/early generations who lives during that time because that's how we'll know what these words meant to them.

Angels [mala'ikah] is the plural word 'malak' which derives from 'malk' [taking something with great strength] or 'malik' [owner]; other scholars claim the word mala'ikah comes from 'al.alooka = message

All these come to one, something that you have ownership over; ibn al.Qayyim stated that everything happens in this universe maintained by the angels to keep things the way they are.

A holistic definition would be: angels are benevolent beings created from light who do not possess free will

Free will? What does this mean? [as students we need to define ambiguous terms such as free will] Free will here means they [angels] do not have the interest to disobey Allah; but to say they don't have the will to disobey is incorrect; while they do possess the ability they do not have the interest.

A man killed 99 people. He went to an ignorant man and asked if he could still be saved if he repented; this ignorant man responded saying no, so he killed him. He then went to a knowledgeable man who advised he go worship Allah. Upon dying the angels of death and mercy came for his soul and they debated who'd take him [the fact that they can debate, shows they have will]

Firawn upon his death tried to say 'la illaha ilAllah.' Jibreel came and stuck mud in the mouth of Firawn because he was worried that Firawn would say something for which Allah would bring his mercy. Note: Jibreel knows there are things that will bring Allah's mercy and had the free will to do this.

A Common Misconception: Angels Have No Physical Features

Many times in the books of aqeedah the angels are described to not possess any physical attributes, however this is not true. Why? If they don't that means they don't exist, they need to have attributes.

Allah says:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ فَاطِرِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ جَاعِلِ الْمَلَائِكَةِ رُسُلًا أُولَى أَجْنَحَةٍ
مَّثْنَى وَثُلثَ وَرُبْعٍ يَزِيدُ فِي الْخَلْقِ مَا يَشَاءُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿١﴾

[All] praise is [due] to Allah, Creator of the heavens and the earth, [who] made the angels messengers having wings, two or three or four. He increases in creation what He wills. Indeed, Allah is over all things competent. [Yusuf: 1]

Allah also says:

وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنِ افْتَرَى عَلَى اللَّهِ كَذِبًا أَوْ قَالَ أُوحِيَ إِلَيَّ وَلَمْ يُوحَ إِلَيْهِ شَيْءٌ
وَمَنْ قَالَ سَأُنْزِلُ مِثْلَ مَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ وَلَوْ تَرَى إِذِ الظَّالِمُونَ فِي غَمَرَاتِ
الْمَوْتِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ بَاسِطُوا أَيْدِيهِمْ أَخْرِجُوا أَنْفُسَكُمُ الْيَوْمَ
تُجْزَوْنَ عَذَابَ الْهُونِ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَقُولُونَ عَلَى اللَّهِ غَيْرَ الْحَقِّ وَكُنْتُمْ
عَنْ آيَاتِهِ تَسْتَكْبِرُونَ ﴿٩٣﴾

And who is more unjust than one who invents a lie about Allah or says, "It has been inspired to me," while nothing has been inspired to him, and one who says, "I will reveal [something] like what Allah revealed." And if you could but see when the wrongdoers are in the overwhelming pangs of death while the angels extend their hands, [saying], "Discharge your souls! Today you will be awarded the punishment of [extreme] humiliation for what you used to say against Allah other than the truth and [that] you were, toward His verses, being arrogant." [An'Am: 93]

'Aisha [ra] narrated that rasulAllah [saws] said that angels are created from light, and jinn from fire and Adam from what has been described to you in the Qur'an. [Muslim]

Angels move up and down, they prostrate, they take, they have wings, hands, etc. thus they must have physical attributes and features.

Why is this such a common understanding? One of the people who understood angels to not have any physical features was Kuliyyat al.Fawasun. He viewed angels as something that exist but in reality they don't. They are imaginary creatures.

How Do Others View Angels?

The Philosophers View: many Roman and Greek philosophers believed angels don't exist, that they were merely figments of prophets imaginations; among these were ibn Sina and al.Farabi.

The Arab Pagans View: the Arab pagans believed angels to be the daughters of Allah however Allah doesn't have sons or daughters or wives or anything; [Yusuf: 19; 86:149]

The Jewish View: see the angels as beings that carry out Allah's commands; some modern Jews take the position of the philosophers; and even some Jews hated angel Jibreel

Allah says:

قُلْ مَنْ كَانَ عَدُوًّا لِجِبْرِيلَ فَإِنَّهُ نَزَّلَهُ، عَلَى قَلْبِكَ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ
مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَهُدًى وَبُشْرَى لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٩٧﴾

Say, "Whoever is an enemy to Gabriel - it is [none but] he who has brought the Qur'an down upon your heart, [O Muhammad], by permission of Allah, confirming that which was before it and as guidance and good tidings for the believers." [Baqarah: 97]

The Christian View: many Christians believe angels are a creation of god; they believe in a hierarchy of angels; they distinguish between the good and bad angels [i.e. fallen angels; Iblis and demons are known as fallen angels]; angels appear frequently in human form and have wings; angels respond instantly to gods will; angels are intermediary for others, they can intercede between humans and god

The Rulings Regarding Belief in the Angels

Belief in the Angels is the 2nd pillar of faith in Islam. A person is not a believer without this pillar.

By ijma' [consensus] all sects believe angels exist

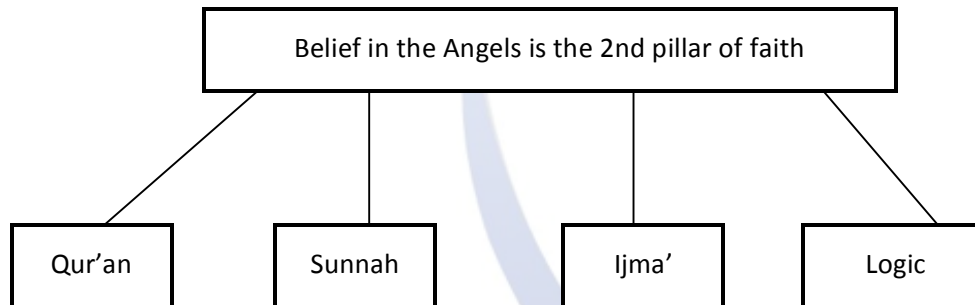
ءَامَنَ الرَّسُولُ بِمَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ رَبِّهِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ كُلُّ ءَامَنَ بِاللَّهِ
وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ، وَكُتُبِهِ، وَرُسُلِهِ، لَا تَفْرِقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِنْ رُسُلِهِ، وَقَالُوا
سَمِعْنَا وَأَطَعْنَا غُفْرَانَكَ رَبَّنَا وَإِلَيْكَ الْمَصِيرُ ﴿٢٨٥﴾

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 and His angels and His books and His messengers, [saying], "We make no distinction between any of His messengers." And they say, "We hear and we obey. [We seek] Your forgiveness, our Lord, and to You is the [final] destination." [Baqarah: 285]

Belief in the angels comes just after belief in Allah [swt] and just before the belief of the books and the messengers, because angels are the ones who deliver the books to the messengers.

Evidence for the Obligation to Believe in the Angels

That the belief in the angels is the 2nd pillar of faith and can be proven using all the sources [adillah] of Islamic legislation [Fiqh]



- Al.Qur'an:

مَنْ كَانَ عَدُوًّا لِلَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَجِبْرِيلَ وَمِيكَائِيلَ
فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَدُوٌّ لِلْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٩٨﴾

Whoever is an enemy to Allah and His angels and His messengers and Gabriel and Michael - then indeed, Allah is an enemy to the disbelievers.
[Baqarah: 98]

- As.Sunnah: RasulAllah [saws] said, "Iman is to believe in Allah, and His angels, and His books..." [Al.Bukhari and Muslim]
- Ijma': Ibn Hazm mentioned the consensus in his book Maratib al.Ijma. Ibn Taymiyyah and others also reported this consensus.
- Logic: If you believe in the Qur'an and in rasulAllah [saws] then that necessitates you believe in the angels. Why? Because the Qur'an and the sunnah speaks of the angels. Both are filled with descriptions and the characteristics of the angels.

Characteristics of the Angels

- Angels were created to worship Allah and carry out his command. They don't disobey Allah and do what they are commanded to do.

Allah says:

يَتَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا فُؤَاأَنفُسِكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ
وَالْحِجَارَةُ عَلَيْهَا مَلَائِكَةٌ غِلَظٌ شِدَادٌ لَا يَعْصُونَ اللَّهَ مَا أَمَرَهُمْ
وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ ﴿٦﴾

O you who have believed, protect yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is people and stones, over which are [appointed] angels, harsh and severe; they do not disobey Allah in what He commands them but do what they are commanded. [Tahrim: 6]

- They commit no sin and never disobey Allah. For the record, there is a scholar among the scholars/tabi'in that says that angels can commit sins [this is not the majority opinion]. They say that Allah will not send an angel to make a mistake on earth in the message, but that they can make mistakes in other ways. They site Iblis as an example. They think Iblis was an angel however this is incorrect, Allah says in surat al.Kahf:

وَإِذْ قُلْنَا لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ كَانَ مِنَ الْجِنِّ
فَفَسَقَ عَنْ أَمْرِ رَبِّهِ ۖ أَفَتَتَّخِذُونَهُ وَذُرِّيَّتَهُ أَوْلِيَاءَ مِنْ دُونِي وَهُمْ
لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ بِئْسَ لِلظَّالِمِينَ بَدَلًا ﴿٥٠﴾

And [mention] when We said to the angels, "Prostrate to Adam," and they prostrated, except for Iblis. He was of the jinn and departed from the command of his Lord. Then will you take him and his descendants as allies other than Me while they are enemies to you? Wretched it is for the wrongdoers as an exchange. [Kahf: 50]

- Angels are in levels. Jibreel asked the Prophet (SAW) who are the best of men. The Prophet said "Those who attended Badr." Jibreel said and so for the Angels.

Narrated Rifaa (who was one of the Badr warriors) Gabriel came to the Prophet and said, "How do you look upon the warriors of Badr among

yourselves?" The Prophet said, "As the best of the Muslims." or said a similar statement. On that, Gabriel said, "And so are the Angels who participated in the Badr [battle]." [Saheeh al-Bukhari]

Many agree the general order or hierarchy is as follows:

- Jibreel: delivers the message of Allah
 - Mikail: in charge of delivering the provision of the humans
 - Israfil: brings life to humans after death
 - Some 'ulema say after Israfil is the angel of death however there is no clear evidence for this
 - Their ranks are based on their mission
- They do not have a gender. They are neither male nor female.
 - They have the ability to change form. They usually come in the form of human to messengers and sometimes others will witness their human form. Jibreel came to Maryam [as] to tell her about 'Isa [as].

Allah says:

فَاتَّخَذَتْ مِنْ دُونِهِمْ حِجَابًا فَأَرْسَلْنَا إِلَيْهَا رُوحَنَا فَتَمَثَّلَ لَهَا
بَشَرًا سَوِيًّا ﴿١٧﴾

*And she took, in seclusion from them, a screen. Then We sent to her Our Angel, and he represented himself to her as a well-proportioned man.
[Maryam: 17]*

Sh. Waleed mentioned the following hadeeth: Once Jabber was with rasulAllah [saws] and he saw a man speaking with him [saws] who spoke for a long time. He wanted to go to him to ask for a break but didn't. When he left Jabber went to rasulAllah to apologize for this man keeping him. RasulAllah asked if he'd seen him for which he responded yes. RasulAllah explained that, that was Jibreel who'd come to talk to him about the importance of taking care of neighbors. [Hadeeth narrated by Jabber].

Question: Can an angel come to someone in the shape of a human? The response to this would be: how would you know this is an angel? Although it is possible for an angel to appear, the 'ulema [scholars] agree that it is impossible for an angel to come with a message, however it's never definitively known whether it was a real angel or nor because we do not exactly how angels look. Allahu 'alim.

- They have the ability to change form however can never appeared in the form of a female.

- They never tire of their worship. They can worship without rest and do not have the need to eat or drink.
- Angels are of an enormous numbers.

Ibn Mas'ud reported that the Messenger of Allah [saws] said, "Jahenum will be brought forth on that day with seventy thousand thongs and each thong will have seventy thousand angels pulling it." [Saheeh Muslim]

In another hadeeth:

The Prophet [saws] said, "...Then I was taken up to the seventh heaven. Gabriel asked the [gate] to be opened. It was said: Who is he? He said: Gabriel It was said: Who is with thee? He replied: Muhammad [may peace be upon him.] It was said: Has he been sent for? He replied: He has indeed been sent for. [The gate] was opened for us and there I found Ibrahim [peace be upon him] reclining against the Bait ul.Ma'mur and there enter into it seventy thousand angels every day, never to visit [this place] again..." [Saheeh Muslim]

- The things that harm humans harm them. Sh. Waleed mentioned that the smell of onion or garlic harms the angels.
- They love the righteous and pray for them. Those who travel for 'ilm knowledge and for students of knowledge Allah asks them [the angels] to make dua' for Allah to forgive them.

Narrated by Abu Huraira, rasulAllah [saws] said: If Allah loves a person, He calls Gabriel, saying, 'Allah loves so and so, O Gabriel love him' So Gabriel would love him and then would make an announcement in the Heavens: 'Allah has loved so and so therefore you should love him also.' So all the dwellers of the Heavens would love him, and then he is granted the pleasure of the people on the earth." [Saheeh al.Bukhari]

In class activity: When do they angels pray for you?

- When you make du'a for your brother in their absence. The angels will say "amin and give him/her the same."
- When you go visit a brother for the sake of Allah
- When you fast. RasulAllah said that upon your breaking of fast and when making suhoor angels pray for you in that moment
- When you give in charity. RasulAllah [saws] said: two angels when you give for the sake of Allah replace with what you gave and give you back reward in the hereafter for what you have spent in His sake.

- When you make wudu' and then go to sleep, Allah will appoint an angel to protect you for the whole night until the morning.
 - When you pray in congregation and you say 'amin.' The angels join them and say 'amin' to the du'a in the Fatiha asking to be guided on the straight path
 - When you seek knowledge
 - When you make salaam and salawat on rasulAllah [saws]
 - When you leave your home and make du'a, angels will pray for your safe return
 - When following a funereal procession
 - When you repent to Allah [swt]
 - When you see a gap in the salaah lines and you fill it then the angels [ibn Maja and Dawood]
 - When you make salaah and as long as you don't move from your spot or break your wudu' angels will make dua' for you
- The pray against the wrongdoers.

Allah says:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَمَاتُوا وَهُمْ كُفَّارٌ أُولَٰئِكَ عَلَيْهِمْ لَعْنَةُ اللَّهِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ
وَالنَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿١٦١﴾

Indeed, those who disbelieve and die while they are disbelievers - upon them will be the curse of Allah and of the angels and the people, all together [Baqarah:161]

Class activity: When do angels pray against a person?

- When a woman refuses to answer her husbands call if there is no reason
- For those who are bad to their parents
- When committing shirk. Allah and his angels curse those who commit shirk baqarah:161; kufar
- When a person points a weapon into his brother or sisters face; except in training
- When anyone curses the sahabah [companions] of rasulAllah [saws]
- When someone makes a major innovation/bida'h as well as those who aid and support them

Imam Ahmed: If you want to rest don't rest now, later you can rest all you want with your first step into jennah.

The Wisdom Behind their Creation

Why did Allah Create Angels?

General: All angels were created to worship Allah and glorify Him.



They exalt [Him] night and day [and] do not slacken. [Anbya: 20]

Specific: Every angel has a specific task and are ranked according to their job.

- Jibreel has the main task of carrying messages to prophets but even the sunnah of rasulAllah [saws] was carried through Jibreel. Once rasulAllah was asked a question from a widow who had no relatives about whether she should go and stay with her family or stay in the home of her husband by herself during her waiting period [‘idah]. RasulAllah told her she could go and stay with her family; after she left he called her back because Jibreel had come and told him that she must stay in her husbands home until her waiting period was over.
- Mikail is in charge of vegetation and rain and even has angels assigned under him to carry out specific tasks. For example, there is a special angel assigned to move the clouds and assign exactly to where the rain should come down.
- Israfil is the one who will blow the trumpet to announce the beginning of the Day of Judgment.
- Maalik is the guardian of hell.
- The angel of death is sometimes called Israil but there is no evidence that this is his name. There is only one angel of death that takes the souls but he has two angels with him who care for the after being drawn from the body.
- The guard of paradise is sometimes called Ridwan but there is no authentic proof for this.

Other special angels:

- Angels of Protection: 4 angels of protection are appointed to each person. One angel on all sides [front, back, right, and left].
- Angel of inspiration to inspire us to do good.
- Nightly guardian angel that is responsible to guard a believer at night if he/she makes wudu’ and recites ayat ul.Kursi before going to sleep.

Do the Angels Write Everything You Do?

Opinion 1: Angels record all of your actions. They write everything that you say and do regardless of what it is. It is like having a video camera recording of your actions. This is the opinion of Imam Ahmed and ibn Kathir.

Proofs:

- Hadeeth: 'Aishah [ra] while on umrah scolded some girls who were talking non stop nonsense in a tent next to hers. She asked them to give their angels a break. This implies that angels record everything.

Opinion 2: Other scholars say they are only written if it's something you are accountable for. The question here is, how will the angels know what should and shouldn't be recorded? Their answer: Allah tells them.

Opinion 3: Everything will be written and then these records will be presented before Allah, Mondays and Thursday. Allah will then confirm what He wants and erase what He wants. This is the opinion of ibn Abaas.

Can Angels Write What's in a Person's Heart?

Opinion 1: Only Allah has knowledge of what's in everyone's hearts.

Opinion 2: It's true only Allah has this knowledge, but He gives angels access to this knowledge.

Proofs:

- If you have the intention to do something good, but you never do it, the angels will write the intention down. If someone makes something with wrong intention, the angels will write this down as well. This is proof that angels have access to what's in a person's heart.

The Effects of Belief in the Angels on the Life of the Muslim

- Protects from the false beliefs and heresy.
- Aids the believers in remaining steadfast in their religion. With all of the amazing qualities angels possess, Allah still makes them lower themselves for others. When we look at how dedicated the angels are in their worship we see how we truly don't know and disobey. Even they [the angels] on the Day of Judgment will say, "Ya Allah we have not worshipped you enough the way you deserve." [Hadeeth]
- Helps the believers to be patient.
- Shows the honor of the believing human.
- Demonstrates the greatness of our Lord.
- Helps humble ourselves and take away our arrogance.

Don't ever think that you're alone. Angels are always with you. This thinking will make you think twice about the things that you do.

Question: Will angels still enter your home if you have pictures or dogs?

- Opinion 1: They still come in the house to protect you and write your deeds
- Opinion 2: This only applies to the angel Jibreel
 - Exceptions include seeing dogs, guard dogs, hunting dogs, dolls, toys, and those that are not honored in frames [like on a curtain or pillow]
 - If you have no control of the house, they will come to you in your personal area [i.e. your bedroom] as long as you keep clear of dogs and pictures

How Do We Understand This in Relation to Our Beliefs in the Angels?

وَاتَّبَعُوا مَا تَتْلُوا الشَّيَاطِينُ عَلَىٰ مُلْكِ سُلَيْمَنَ ۖ وَمَا كَفَرَ
سُلَيْمَنُ وَلَكِنَّ الشَّيَاطِينَ كَفَرُوا يُعَلِّمُونَ النَّاسَ
السِّحْرَ وَمَا أُنْزِلَ عَلَى الْمَلَكَيْنِ بِبَابِلَ هَارُوتَ وَمَرْوْتَ وَمَا
يُعَلِّمَانِ مِنْ أَحَدٍ حَتَّى يَقُولَا إِنَّمَا نَحْنُ فِتْنَةٌ فَلَا تَكْفُرْ
فَيَتَعَلَّمُونَ مِنْهُمَا مَا يُفَرِّقُونَ بِهِ بَيْنَ الْمَرْءِ وَزَوْجِهِ ۚ وَمَا
هُم بِضَارِينَ بِهِ مِنْ أَحَدٍ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ وَيَتَعَلَّمُونَ مَا
يَضُرُّهُمْ وَلَا يَنْفَعُهُمْ ۚ وَلَقَدْ عَلِمُوا لَمَنِ اشْتَرَاهُ مَا لَهُ فِي
الْآخِرَةِ مِنْ خَلْقٍ وَلَبِئْسَ مَا شَرَوْا بِهِ أَنْفُسَهُمْ لَوْ
كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾

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.

[Baqarah: 102]

- Opinion 1: the angels did not teach the magic, but the shayateen did
- Opinion 2: Harut and Marut were not angels, but they were jinn and kings
- Opinion 3 [Strongest]: these 2 angels were sent down to be a test and trial for people.

Why would Allah send these angels teach magic? What is the wisdom behind it? Iblis was with the angels but he was not one of them. He was a very righteous jinn and Allah gave him two things: (1) He gave him the shape of an angel [jinn are very ugly] (2) Allah elevated his level to the level of the angels that were close to Him. He was honored so much because he worshipped Allah by choice but when Adam came into the picture, he felt threatened by him. Adam was competition. Adam was made out of clay. Iblis said he knew something major was going to happen between him and Adam before the soul was blown in him. Thus the envy was born. [Opinion of ibn Taymiyyah]

Question: When entering an empty house, do you say bismillah and give salaam?

You don't have to give salaam to an empty house. It's not sunnah because rasulAllah [SAW] didn't do it. However it's not considered bida'h' because a companion did do it. When there are people in the house you should say bismillah and give salaam.

There is not upon the blind [any] constraint nor upon the lame constraint nor upon the ill constraint nor upon yourselves when you eat from your [own] houses or the houses of your fathers or the houses of your mothers or the houses of your brothers or the houses of your sisters or the houses of your father's brothers or the houses of your father's sisters or the houses of your mother's brothers or the houses of your mother's sisters or [from houses] whose keys you possess or [from the house] of your friend. There is no blame upon you whether you eat together or separately. But when you enter houses, give greetings of peace upon each other - a greeting from Allah, blessed and good. Thus does Allah make clear to you the verses [of ordinance] that you may understand. [Nur: 61]

Question: Do the angels follow us when going to the restroom?

Answer: Only the angels of writing and of protection are there

Debate: Righteous Humans / Angels ... Who is “Better”?

Argument for righteous humans:

- Righteous humans are better because they choose to do good. They struggle and make an effort to worship Allah.
- Angels prostrated themselves to Adam.

Argument for angels:

- They are sinless and never commit sin.
- They never tire of worshipping Allah.

Strongest argument: [opinion of ibn Taymiyyah]

- In this worldly life, angels are better because of the previous arguments.
- In the hereafter, humans are better because they earned their rights in the heavens due to their righteous efforts in the worldly life and insha'Allah will be better than the angels

Chapter Two *Jinn*

What are Jinn?

Linguistic Definition of Jinn:

Comes from the word 'Jannah'. This means something that is concealed, secluded, invisible or remote. This is because they can see us but we can't see them.

يَبْنِيْءَ اٰدَمَ لَا يَفْنِيْكُمْ الشَّيْطٰنُ كَمَا اَخْرَجَ اٰبَوَيْكُمْ مِنَ الْجَنَّةِ
يَنْزِعُ عَنْهُمَا لِبَاسَهُمَا لِيُرِيَهُمَا سَوْءَٰتِهِمَا ۗ اِنَّهٗ يَرٰكُمْ هُوَ وَقَبِيْلُهٗ مِنْ
حَيْثُ لَا تَرَوْنَهُمْ ۗ اِنَّا جَعَلْنَا الشَّيَاطِيْنَ اَوْلِيَاءَ لِلَّذِيْنَ لَا يُؤْمِنُوْنَ ﴿٢٧﴾

O children of Adam, let not Satan tempt you as he removed your parents from Paradise, stripping them of their clothing to show them their private parts. Indeed, he sees you, he and his tribe, from where you do not see them. Indeed, We have made the devils allies to those who do not believe.

[A'raf: 27]

It is out of the mercy of Allah that we can't see the jinn.

Technical Definition of Jinn:

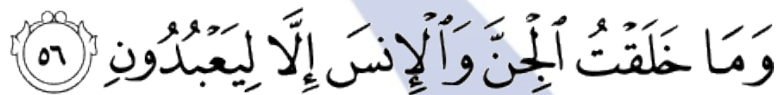
- Accountable beings
- They have free will.
- Are created from fire.
- They are invisible to humans.
- Have special abilities that human beings don't have [they can change form; common forms include: snakes, black dogs, cats, etc.].
- Some can fly, crawl, or walk.
- They come in very dark colors, symbolic to strength.

Jinn have various names including:

- Rooh [spirits]
- 'Amir [jinn who live in houses among humans]
- Shaytaan [usually to the non-Muslim jinn]
- 'Afrit [the talented/skilled jinn]

The Creation of the Jinn

A) Why were the jinn created?



*And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me.
[Dhariyat: 56]*

Generally jinn live in their own world with their own systems and own daily affairs; but sometimes we cross lines, and sometimes we bother them or they bother us. They live very long lives but they also die.

Question: Can humans see jinn in their original form?

- Opinion 1: It's very rare to see jinn in their original form, but sometimes they show themselves just to scare humans or for some other reason.
- Opinion 2: Only prophets can see them in their original form; Suleiman [as] and rasulAllah [saws].

Sh. Waleed then related a hadeeth when ibn Mas'ood was with rasulAllah who told him to not leave this circle. Ibn Mas'ood asked where rasulAllah was going. He replied that Allah was sending him to do da'wah to the jinn. Upon his return he [saws] told ibn Mas'ood that he'd gone and recited surat ar.Rahman and that every time he'd recited "fabi ayi Allah irabikuma tukathiban," the jinn cried and would say that they'd never denied any of the signs.

Proof that the jinn were around before humans? Shaytaan is of the jinn.

وَإِذْ قُلْنَا لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ كَانَ مِنَ الْجِنِّ
فَفَسَقَ عَنْ أَمْرِ رَبِّهِ أَفَتَتَّخِذُونَهُ وَذُرِّيَّتَهُ أَوْلِيَاءَ مِنْ دُونِي وَهُمْ
لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ بِئْسَ لِلظَّالِمِينَ بَدَلًا

And [mention] when We said to the angels, "Prostrate to Adam," and they prostrated, except for Iblees. He was of the jinn and departed from the command of his Lord. Then will you take him and his descendants as allies other than Me while they are enemies to you? Wretched it is for the wrongdoers as an exchange. [Kahf: 50]

Question: How can the jinn be punished with fire when they themselves are created from it?

Answer: They were made FROM fire, but they are NOT fire. Just like man came from clay, but our body structure is not all made up of clay.

Jinn hate water. It's very effective in ridding a possessed person from the jinn when combined with the recitation of the Qur'an. Also rasulAllah [saws] said anger is from shaytaan so if you are angry make wudu'.

How Do Others View the Jinn?

Pagans Arabs: Some believe there is a connection between Allah and shaytaan. Some believed the jinn were Allah's sons and angels His daughters.

وَجَعَلُوا بَيْنَهُ وَبَيْنَ الْجَنَّةِ نَسَبًا وَلَقَدْ عَلِمَتِ الْجِنَّةُ إِنَّهُمْ لَمُحْضَرُونَ

And they have claimed between Him and the jinn a lineage, but the jinn have already known that they [who made such claims] will be brought to [punishment]. [Saffat: 158]

Jews: Orthodox jews believe in jinn; there is even a statement in the old testament that jinn are created from fire, however modern jews deny their existence

Christians: They believe in demons, also known as fallen angels that were expelled from heaven. They only believe in two things: human beings and angels.

The Ruling Regarding Belief in the Jinn

Belief in the jinn is obligatory. Denying their existence is kufr by consensus of the scholars.

قُلْ أُوحِيَ إِلَيَّ أَنَّهُ اسْتَمَعَ نَفَرٌ مِّنَ الْجِنِّ فَقَالُوا إِنَّا سَمِعْنَا قُرْءَانًا عَجَبًا ﴿١﴾

Say, [O Muhammad], "It has been revealed to me that a group of the jinn listened and said, 'Indeed, we have heard an amazing Qur'an. [Jinn: 1]

Ash.Shaytaan

Who is Shaytaan?

- He is Iblis, the great Taaghoot.
- The enemy of mankind.
- He is one of the jinn [Surat al.Kahf: 50].

Question: Is Iblees the father of the jinn?

Answer: Ibn Taymiyyah said Iblis is the father of the jinn

Allah never created Shaytaan as an evil entity. He was a righteous jinn.

The Wisdom Behind the Creation of Ash.Shaytaan:

- Lessons for the believer to never be arrogant.
- The existence of shaytaan results in people repenting, which in turn is a great act of worship.
- If there is no shaytaan, there is no sin, there is no existence of the last day.
- The struggle between man and shaytaan in itself is an act of worship.
- Allah loves for his message to be sent, the existence of these things are conditional to the creation of the shaytaan.

The Wisdom Behind Iblis' Prolonged Life:

- Shaytaan serves as a fair test for everyone of all humanity; the believer will stay on the path despite the attempts of shaytaan.
- Allah gave him this in return for all the good deeds he did in the past. So on the Day of Judgment he has no good deeds to claim, this includes the deeds from before the time he first disobeyed Allah when he ordered him to prostrate to Adam.
- He deserves more punishment and he will continue do bad forever.
- Ibn al.Qayyim said this is not to honor him but to humiliate him; his name is attached to every evil for even more humiliation.

Shaytaan is our enemy. He will never be our friend or care for our best interest, nor will he ever give us sound advice.

Question: Can Shaytaan become Muslim?

Answer: He could but he wouldn't.

Every Human Has a Qareen From the Jinn

Allah gave us an angel to inspire us to do good and shaytaan appointed one of his followers to help us be bad. When "he" whispers it is not actually him, it his followers.

Jabir [ra] reported that Allah's Messenger [may peace be upon him] said: Iblis places his throne upon water; he then sends detachments [for creating dissension; the nearer to him are those who are most notorious in creating dissension. One of them comes and says: I did so and so. And he says: You have done nothing. Then one amongst them comes and says: I did not spare so and so until I sowed the seed of discord between a husband and a wife. The Satan goes near him and says: 'You have done well. A'mash said: He then embraces him. [Sahih Muslim]

- Every newborn that comes into the world, Shaytaan will prick him in the side out of hate but Allah will not allow him to do any more than that.
- He hates all human beings just for being humans.
- Every nightmare comes from Shaytaan and means nothing. He's just trying to scare you.
- He hates it most when people prostrate to Allah because it is a reminder of his own sin to Allah when he didn't prostrate to Adam.
- Some diseases are spread with the help of the Shaytaan.
- Sometimes Shaytaan harms a person physically.
- Everything Allah does for humans, Shaytaan does the complete opposite.

Facts about Shaytaan [we learn about his character in order to avoid them]:

- Eats with his left hand.
- Walks with one shoe on his foot.
- Sits half in the shade and half in the sun.
- Sits with his hands behind him.
- If you curse him, he becomes the size of the mountain. If you say "A'uthubillahi mina shaytaani rajeem" he becomes as small as a fly.

Sh. Waleed's Advise: Every time the shaytaan pushes you, you push him back and then kick him.

Among the Jinn are the Good and Evil

- They have sects like how we have sunni, shiite, sufi, etc.
- They also have different schools of thought: Hanafi, Maliki, etc.
- They have tribes and languages.

- Shaytaan appointed a companion [qareen] to all humans, even rasulAllah [saws]. But the Prophet's qareen became Muslim so he can't inspire him to do bad, however this doesn't mean you can give daw'ah to the jinn.
- The righteous jinn can help you without you asking, like in your dream [Sh. Waleed shared the story of the woman wanting to get pregnant but then would miscarry when she destroyed a flower/fruit in her dream, but remained pregnant when she kept the flower/fruit].

Life of the Jinn

- They eat and drink, but not like us.
- Islamically, human and jinn cannot marry. Logically they can.
- Jinn can marry and procreate. Imam Malik and Hasan al.Basri said it is not Islamically correct and not possible because Allah says:

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا
وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ
يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿٢١﴾

And of His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquility in them; and He placed between you affection and mercy. Indeed in that are signs for a people who give thought. [Room: 21]

- Jinn live very long life but they can also die.
- They can listen to our da'wah they can repent, accept Islam, etc.

Jinn and Animals

- Don't ever kill a snake if you find one in your house; give it a warning three times and turn away because they can't change if you are looking at them [note: jinn cannot ever take the shape of a Cobra, rattlesnake, and/or bald snake within your home]
- Jinn will usually enter your home as a snake
- There are ahadeeth stating that camels were created from shayateen and that behind every camel is a shaytaan. Many 'ulema don't have an opinion about this but have noted that camels were mentioned in the Qur'an and that rasulAllah [saws] rode camels thus they shouldn't be seen as shaytaan. However another group said that the camel was created from the same qualities as the shaytaan thus they share common qualities. For example they both hold grudges, are angry and

envious, jealous and when they get angry they are vicious; all the same qualities as the shaytaan. This group believes that when you eat camel meat you should make wudu.

- “The black dog is a shaytaan.” Two ways to understand this text: “shaytaan” can mean that the dog is very smart or very evil. Again, this doesn’t necessarily mean they are the “father” shaytaan but it may be one of the follower shayateen.

Abilities of the Jinn

- They can fly.
- They can move fast.
- They can change form.
- Shaytaan moves through the blood of humans; they can whisper in your ear; they have the ability to see you.
- Always say bismillah before removing clothes. Sometimes they envy the human body and will give you the evil eye.

Jinn’s Weaknesses

- They fear some believers.
- Their powers are limited.
- Sh. Waleed shared the story of the righteous boy and magician. The magician could not harm the boy with any of the jinn he was able to round up because the boy never missed a prayer. Prayer is protection from the jinn.

The enemy is shaytaan and the castle to protect you from shaytaan is dhikr to Allah

Possession

- Jinn can possess humans however it is very rare because they don’t like being limited by the human body.
- We don’t really know how it works, there’s no real explanation for it.
- Magic is the number way by which jinn will possess a human.
- Magic is something very unusual; something out of the ordinary and completely weird; so bizarre that there is no explanation for it. This is how you know magic is involved.
- Sometimes jinn will get revenge [story of someone getting killed by an arrow because he peed in a hole without saying bismillah]
- Sometimes jinn overreact. They are very ignorant. The jinn are the most ignorant trans aggressive creature.
- If they possess the body out of lust, this means they love the body and are typically homosexual.

Signs That a Person Has Been Possessed

- If you read the Qur'an around a possessed person, they will look away. They can't take it. They immediately react to it.
- After you read Qur'an and blow into water, if the person drinks it, their body will react to it [vomit, diarrhea, etc.].
- There will be weird, unusual, bizarre things happening to their body.

Note: Signs aren't necessarily what they're assigned for [example: signs that it has rained outside, the pavement is wet. However, if the pavement is wet, it doesn't necessarily mean it has rained. There could be other causes for it, but it can be a sign]

The Cure

- Read the Qur'an.
- Surat al-Fatiha [most powerful] then it is ayat ul-Kursi.
- Read the daily morning and evening dhikr [it is a protection for you from the jinn].
- Fasting.
- Consuming the water of Zam Zam.
- Never read Qur'an upon someone possessed if they are alone, especially if they are a woman; this person can die, they might attack you, or they might even possess you.
- It's not allowed to use magic to remove magic.

The Concept of Evil Eye and Envy

- It's not the eye that causes the evil eye, it comes from the soul.
- Evil eye is a form of envy; but not every envy is considered to be evil eye.
- Both can cause physical damage to a person.
- Envy is motivated by hate; evil eye is motivated by fascination.
- You only give evil eye for something that you see; envy can be from the past or for the future or of the unseen.
- You can envy others, but not yourself. You can give yourself and your wealth evil eye.
- Evil eye can come from a good soul.
- To prevent evil eye say, "tabarakAllah."

Evil Eye Can Be Removed in 3 Ways:

1. Take something from the person that has given the evil eye and put it in water then pour that water on the one affected by the evil eye.
2. The person giving the evil eye dies.
3. Read upon yourself – this is a long process.

Word to the Wise: The less you think about jinn, the less you will be affected by them. The more you think about them, the more they will affect you.