MAALIK

Maalik is an angel mentioned in the Islamic scriptures. He is the one who is in charge or keeper of Hell.

One must believe that the angels are from the creation of Allah; no one knows their exact number except Him. They are from the unseen world. Allah created them to worship and obey Him. They carry out all of Allah's orders, from administration, observation, guarding and protecting the universe as well its creatures, all according to Allah's Will and Order.
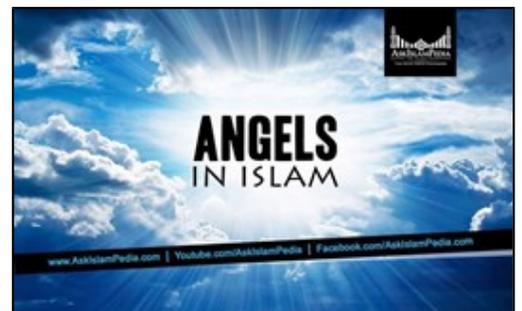
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Quran

And they will cry: "O Maalik (Keeper of Hell)! Let your Lord make an end of us." He will say: "Verily you shall abide forever." (**Quran Surah**43:77)

Allah has charged the angels with specific duties, and they do what they are commanded. Allah says: "They fear their Lord above them, and they do what they are commanded." (**Quran Surah16:50**)

The angels are not partners, associates, or rivals with Allah, nor are they His children; but one must still respect and love them. Allah says: "And they say: 'The

Most Beneficent (Allah) has begotten a child [from the angels].' Far removed is He from every imperfection! They (the angels) are but honored slaves. They speak not until He has spoken, and [then] they act on His Command." (**Quran Surah**21:26-27)

They spend their time worshipping and obeying Allah, glorifying Him and praising Him. Allah says: "They (i.e. the angels) glorify His praises night and day, (and) without slackening (to do so)." (**Quran Surah**21:20)

Hadith

said: 'The angels were created ☐The angels were created from light. The Prophet from light, the Jinn were created from a smokeless flame of fire, and Adam was [created from what was described to you (black dry clay).' **Sahih Muslim 2996** [1]

And Prophet Muhammad (May Allah honor Him and grant Him Peace) was shown Maalik, the keeper of Hell, and the Dajjal (one-eyed, Non-believer), with the signs that Allah revealed to him on this night. **Sahih Al Bukhari Vol 4:462** and**Sahih Al Muslim Vol 1: 316.**

Names of few angels and their responsibility

A Muslim must believe specifically in all the angels named and/or described in the Qur'an and the ahadith:

- Jibreel: in charge of delivering revelation.

- Mika'il: in charge of bringing the rain.

- Israfil: the blower of the horn on Qiyama.

- Malak-ul-Maut: the Angel of Death who takes people's souls at death.

- Harut and Marut: Sent as test for the people of Children of Israel.

- Kirameen and Katibeen: those who record people's actions.

- The Protectors (Al-Mu'aqqibat): who keep people from death until its decreed time.

- Ridhwan: in charge of Paradise.

- Munkar and Nakir: the questioners in the grave.

- The Carriers of the Throne.

- Those who record the future of the fetus.

- Those who enter Kaba (In Heavens): 70,000 every day.

- Those who move about, descending upon gatherings at which Allah and His Book are mentioned and studied. [2]

Merits of Belief in the Angels

1. One would understand the greatness of Allah His power and ability, and His All-Encompassing Knowledge, from the greatness of His creation which is a proof confirming the greatness of the Creator.

2. When a Muslim knows that there are Angels who record all that he says and does, and that everything he does is either for him or held against him, he would be keen to perform righteous deeds and abstain from sins, whether he is alone or in public.

3. One would safeguard himself from believing in superstitions and fables.

4. One would recognize the mercy Allah shows to His slaves; for Allah assigned to every individual angels who guard him and take care of his affairs. [3]

See also

Allah; Angels in Islam; Pillars of Eeman;

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