This task will help you answer the following Learning objective:

**Describe** the importance of Angels

Do Now!

# Key Words for today's lesson – can you match them?

Angels Arabic name for Gabriel, the archangel who brought God's message to the prophets

including Muhammad

Day of Judgement Spiritual beings believed to act as

messengers of God

Jibril Arabic name for Michael, the archangel of

Mercy who rewards good deeds and

provides nourishment to people

Mika'il A time when the world will end and every

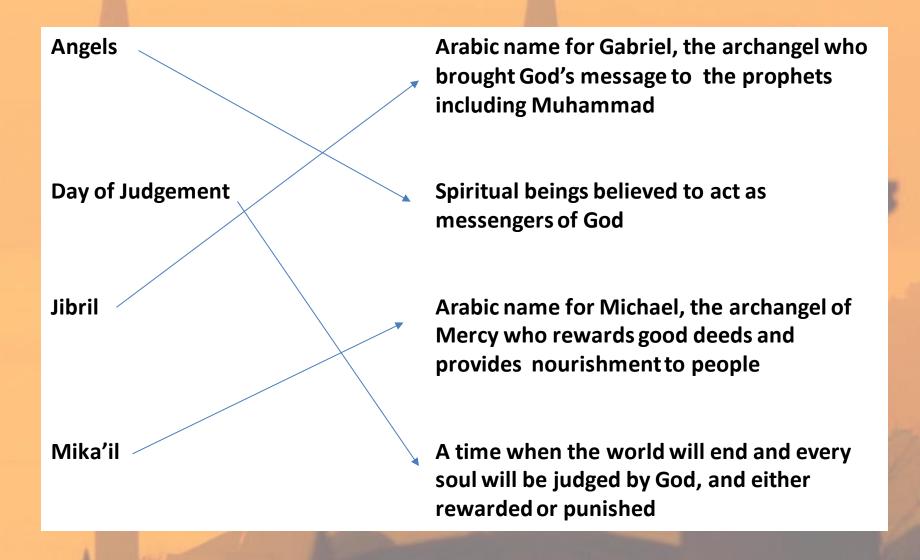
soul will be judged by God, and either

rewarded or punished

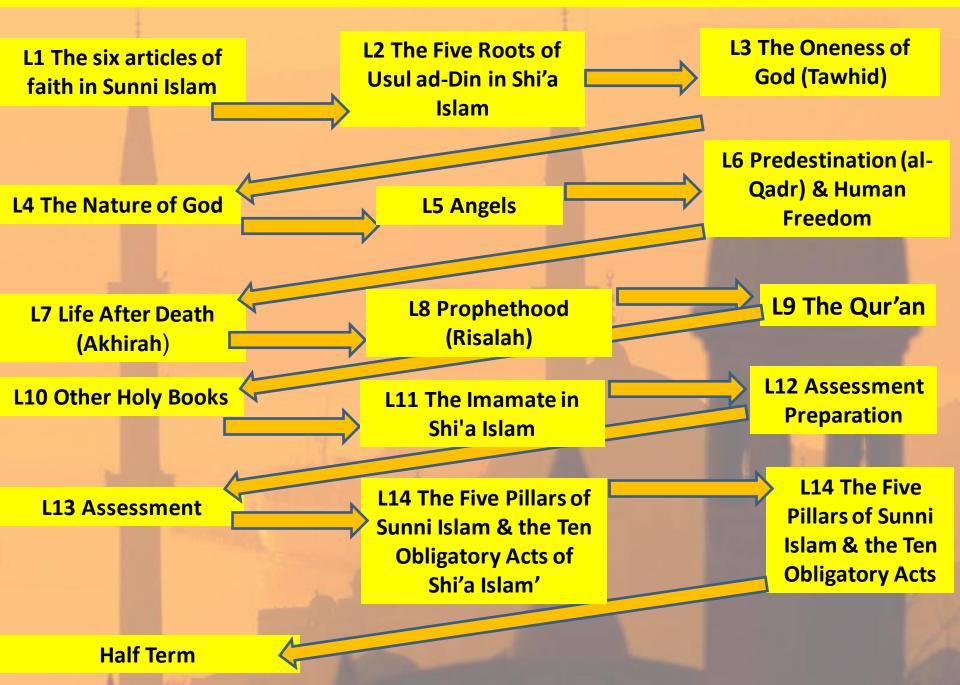
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## Begin Islam - Term 3, 2017





# **Angels in Islam**

Aim: To explore the Muslim concept of Malaikah (angels).





Do you believe angels exist? What are your reasons?

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4-6 Grade: to explain Muslim beliefs about angels

## To start: Information Hunt

Use the information complete your notes sheet.

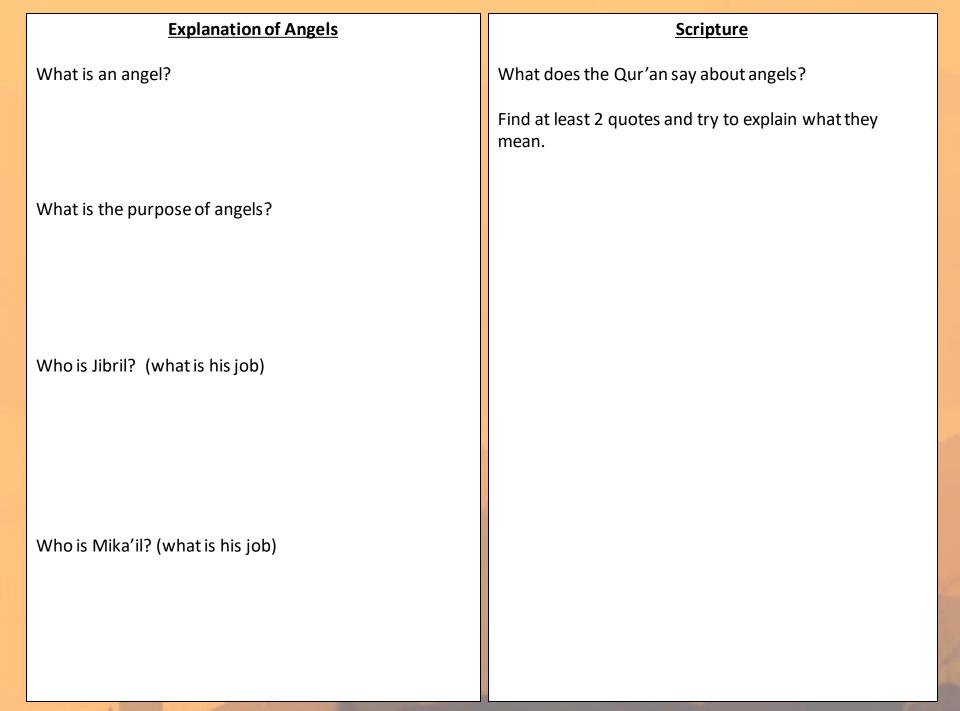
You must include as much detail as possible.



Do you think the belief in angels is important? What difference does it make?

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#### **Explanation of Angels**

What is an angel?

Created out of light- no free will they must do what God asks of them, They can not disobey God.

No Gender- no sleep food or drink needed

What is the purpose of angels?

To assist and help- carry out Allah's commands

Who is Jibril? (what is his job)

Responsible to communicate the words of Godbrought down the Qur'an to Muhammad.

Muhammad saw Jibril as having 600 wings that cover the sky and earth to the horizon

Who is Mika'il? (what is his job)

In charge of the weather- natural forces and provision for human needs

#### **Scripture**

What does the Qur'an say about angels?

Find at least 2 quotes and try to explain what they mean.

They do not disobey Allah's commands that they receive; they do precisely what they are commanded" (Quran 66:6

"Everything in the heavens and every creature on the earth prostrates to Allah, as do the angels. They are not puffed up with pride. They fear their Lord above them and do everything they are ordered to do" (Quran 16:49-50)

Visual Task

Watch the clip and write down at least 5 key points about Muslim beliefs in Angels.

# **Quick Quiz: True/False**

Copy the true statements

True/False?

- 1. Muslims believe angels are made of pure light.
- 2. Muslims worship angels and pray to them.
- Angel Jibril will signal the end of the world on Judgement Day.
- 4. Muslims believe angels are servants of Allah; they have no free will to disobey his orders.
- 5. Angel Mika'il is in charge of the weather.
- 6. Messages from Allah are delivered by the Angel Jibril.

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The answers- Have you copied down the true statements

True/False?

- 1. Muslims believe angels are made of pure light.
- 2. Muslims worship angels and pray to them. False
- 3. Angel Jibril will signal the end of the world on Judgement Day. False. .it is Raphael who will do this
- 4. Muslims believe angels are servants of Allah; they have no free will to disobey his orders.
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Explain Muslim teachings about angels. [5 marks]

You must refer to scripture (quote in your answer)

Red

- Four separate points
- Keywords
- Clear description
   of what angels
   are; and what
   they do.

**Amber** 

- Four points
- Keywords
- Description AND reasons
- Link to the Qur'an
- You must use a quote

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**Amber criteria PLUS** 

- Examples of Jibril and Mika'il: what are their duties.

You must use a quote

4-6 Grade: to explain Muslim beliefs about angels

Explain Muslim teachings about angels. [5 marks] You must refer to scripture (quote in your essay)

- -Muslims believe angels are...
- -The reason they believe this is...

There is a quote in the Quran "......" this suggests that.....

-Angels are created to...

Angels cannot... because...

- -An example of an angel is... Their job is to
- Another example of an angel is...
  Their job is to...

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## To finish:

Now swap your books and use your **GREEN PEN** to mark your partner's work.



#### What went well...

- Four separate points
- Keywords (with meanings)
- Clear description of what angels are; and what they do.
- Examples of Jibril and Mika'il
- Quotes from the Qur'an

### Even better if...

- Include more keywords
- More detailed examples
- Mention angels by name [esp. Jibril and Mika'il]
- Include quotes from the Qur'an
- Check spelling and grammar

Prep: Revision

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'All Muslims should believe in angels.'
Do you agree? Why might someone
disagree? (12 Marks)

## Nature of Angels

In Islam, it is believed that angels have been created out of light, before the creation of humans from clay/earth. They are naturally obedient creatures, worshipping Allah and carrying out His commands. Angels have no free choice, so it is simply not in their nature to disobey. The Quran says, "They do not disobey Allah's commands that they receive; they do precisely what they are commanded" (Quran 66:6). Angels are genderless and do not require sleep, food, or drink.

## Role of Angels

In Arabic, angels are called mala'ikah, which means "to assist and help." The Quran describes that angels have been created to worship Allah and carry out His commands: "Everything in the heavens and every creature on the earth prostrates to Allah, as do the angels. They are not puffed up with pride. They fear their Lord above them and do everything they are ordered to do" (Quran 16:49-50). Angels are involved in carrying out duties in both the unseen/spiritual world and the physical world.

## **Angels Mentioned by Name**

Several angels are mentioned by name in the Quran, with a description of their responsibilities:

**Jibril** (Gabriel) - in charge of communicating Allah's words to His prophets **Israfeel** (Raphael) - in charge of blowing the trumpet to mark the Day of Judgment

**Mika'il** (Michael) - in charge of weather, natural forces and provision for human needs

**Munkar and Nakir** - after death, these angels will question souls in the grave about their faith and deeds

Malak Am-Maut (Angel of Death) - in charge of taking souls after death Malik - guardian of hell

Ridwan - guardian of heaven

Other angels are mentioned, but not specifically by name. There are angels who carry Allah's throne, angels who act as guardians and protectors of believers, and angels who record a person's good and bad deeds, among other tasks.

## What do angels look like?

As unseen creatures made from light, angels have no specific bodily shape but can rather take on a variety of forms. The Quran does mention that angels have wings (Quran 35:1), but Muslims don't speculate on what exactly they look like. Muslims find it blasphemous, for example, to engage in making images of angels. It is believed that angels can take the form of human beings when required to communicate with the human world. For example, the Angel Jibril appeared in human form to Mary the mother of Jesus, and to the Prophet Muhammad when questioning him about his faith and message.

In Islam, there is no concept of "fallen" angels, as it is in the nature of angels to be faithful servants of Allah. They have no free choice to disobey. Unseen beings who do have free choice are called jinn (spirits). The most famous of the jinn is Iblis, who is also known as Shaytan

(Satan). Muslims believe that Satan is a

disobedient jinn, not a "fallen" angel.

He created man (Adam) from sounding clay like the clay of pottery. And the jinns did He create from a smokeless flame of fire [Noble Quran 55:15]

## Can angels disobey?

## **Angel Jibril**

The Angel Jibril's main responsibility is to communicate the Words of Allah to His prophets. It is Jibril who revealed the Quran to the Prophet Muhammad.

Details about the Angel Jibril come to us through Prophetic traditions (hadith). Jibril would appear to the Prophet Muhammad to reveal verses of the Quran and ask him to repeat them. The Prophet would then listen, repeat, and memorize the words of Allah. On two occasions, The Prophet Muhammad saw Jibril in his natural form. He described Jibril as having six hundred wings, that cover the sky from the earth to the horizon. The Angel Jibril would often take on the shape or form of a man when appearing to the prophets. At other times, he would share revelation by voice only.

There is a story that a man once came to a gathering of the Prophet and his Companions -- nobody knew who he was. He was extremely white with white clothing, and jet black hair. He sat very close to the Prophet and questioned him in detail about Islam. When the Prophet replied, the strange man told the Prophet that he had answered correctly. It was only after he left that the Prophet told his Companions that this was the Angel Jibril who had come to question and teach them about their faith.

# Extension: Use the textbook to make notes on questions you would not be able to do

Question 5: Islam

#### Beliefs

- 0 5 . 1 Which one of the following best describes the meaning of Tawhid?
  - A) Prophethood
- B) Justice
- C) Life after Death
- D) Oneness of God

[1 mark]

0 5 . 2 Name two of the Holy books, other than the Qur'an.

[2 marks]

0 5 . 3 Explain two ways in which a belief in life after death influences Muslims today.

[4 marks]

0 5 . 4 Explain two Muslim teachings about angels.

Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer.

[5 marks]

- 0 5 . 5 'To describe God as 'omnipotent' is the best way to understand God.'
  - Refer to Muslim teaching
  - · give developed arguments to support this statement
  - give developed arguments to support a different point of view
  - reach a justified conclusion.

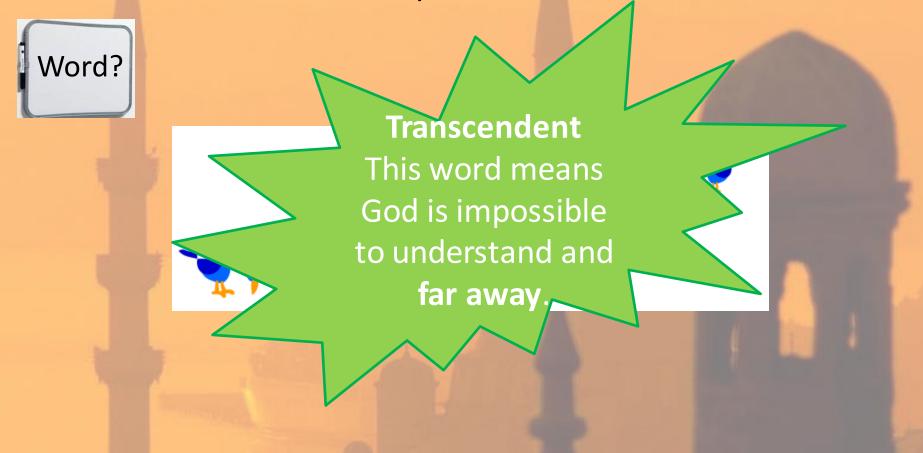
[12 marks]

Plus SPaG 5 Marks

## Aim: To explore beliefs about the character of God in Islam

# **Keywords:**

Use the clues to decode the keywords Muslims use to describe God:



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