



# Emaan on Allah's Malaik


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# General Misconceptions

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## General Misconceptions

- Malaik are some supernatural creation of Allah
- Allah carry out all the tasks through these angels who have wings
- We can not see them or seek knowledge about them
- We just have to have blind faith on whatever we have been told
- We can not ask questions or seek knowledge about these angels
- It's like Emaan on Ghaib that we can not see or discuss, simply have to blindly follow



# What is Emaan as per Quran?

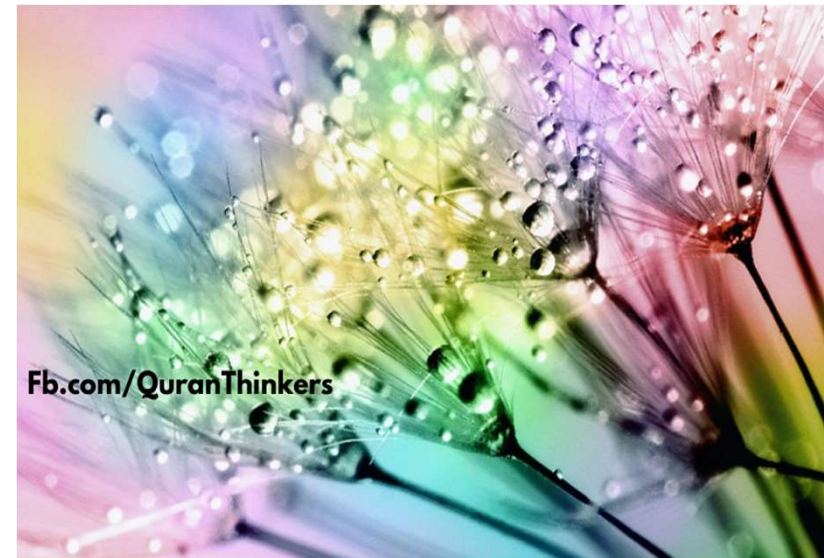
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## Emaan as per Quran

- Unlike what most Muslims believe, Emaan does not mean blind faith which is devoid of reasoning and knowledge.
- Emaan as per Quran stems out from the word Aman and it means to accept truthfully with peace & tranquility in one's heart and mind, to be convinced with strong conviction and verification that comes after something has been verified through reasoning, logic and seeking of information.
- Emaan is not blind faith but is a conviction based on reasoning and knowledge; a conviction that results from full mental acceptance and intellectual satisfaction; the kind of conviction which gives inner peace, contentment and satisfaction (Aman) of heart and mind.



## Emaan as per Quran

- The word A'emanihim also stems from Ai'man with the same meanings as strong conviction and verification but with additional aspects of being committed, being in oath, promises, vows, pledges or undertakings.

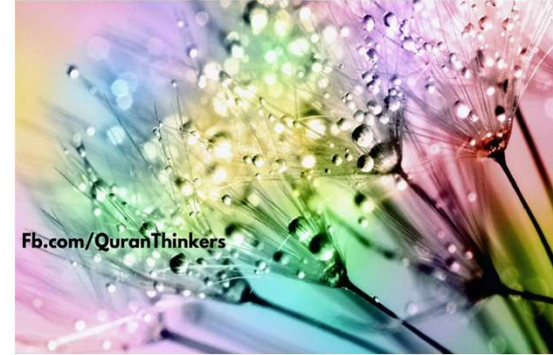
وَلَا تَجْعَلُوا اللَّهَ عُرْضَةً لِأَيْمَانِكُمْ أَنْ تَبَرُّوا وَتَتَّقُوا وَتُصَلِّحُوا بَيْنَ النَّاسِ

- Ayahs 2:224-225, the word Aimanekum- means pledges, oaths or promises.  وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ

وَأَوْفُوا بِعَهْدِ اللَّهِ إِذَا عَاهَدْتُمْ وَلَا تَنْقُضُوا الْأَيْمَانَ بَعْدَ تَوْكِيدِهَا وَقَدْ

*[Quran ayah 16:91] "And fulfill your covenant with Allah when you have taken it, and do not break the 'Aimaan' after their confirmation..."*

- Aimaan/Emaan means oath, promise, pledge, or undertaking.
- When we enter into the ambit of Islam, we enter & are indebted by this covenant with Allah- referred time and again in Quran- as Ahad/Mees'aq with Allah.
- Taqwa is being extra careful of one's Emaan ( w.r.t both Aman & Ahad/Mees'aq)



# The Five Fundamentals of Emaan

We have clear ayahs in Quran, telling us about the five fundamentals of Emaan. As per Quran, the five Fundamentals of Emaan are;

- 1- Emaan on Allah
- 2- Emaan on Allah's Rusul (Messengers) & Nabiyeen
- 3- Emaan on Mala'ik
- 4- Emaan on Book of Revelation- the Kitaab
- 5- Emaan on the Day of Judgment/Akhira




*[Quran 04:136] O you who have Emaan, have Emaan in Allah and Allah's Rusul (plural) and the Kitaab- the Book of Revelations that Allah has sent down upon Allah's Rasool and the Kitaab which Allah has sent down before. And whoever does Kufar in Allah, Allah's Malaik, Allah's Kitaab, Allah's Rusul/ messengers, and the Day of Akhira/ Judgement has certainly gone far astray.*





# What are Malaik

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## Who are Malaik as per Quran- Important & Some Misconceptions

- The concept of Malaik and Emaan on Malaik is one of the 5 fundamentals of Emaan as per Quran. Therefore it is very important to understand the actual concept of the term Malaik as per Quran.
- **General Misconceptions-** Malaik are some sort of Angels with wings, who we can not see as humans, who are invisible, unknown, unable to be witnessed or understood by humanity as we can not comprehend them, therefore we simply have blind faith!!
- **As per Quran-** If Malaik are angels with wings that we cannot even understand and since the concept of Emaan has to be based on knowledge and due verification; how are we supposed to have Emaan on Malaik, if we can not understand them and we can not seek knowledge about them?



# Who are Malaik as per Quran

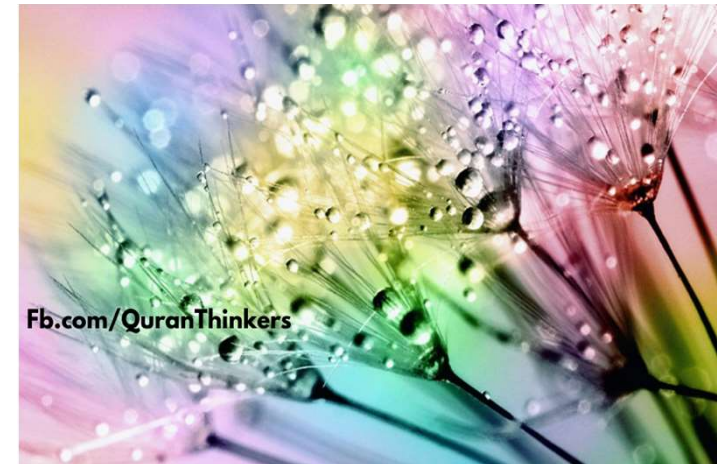
## Two Broad Meanings- Malak & Alak

- Malaik shares the same characteristics as from the “Malak” or “Maalik”- means the one who has the power, the authority. Malaik means the powers, processes and forces of nature on the basis of which Allah's whole universe is kept running.
- Malaik share the characteristics from the word “Alak” which means messengers or communicators- at the heart of each matter, whether living or non-living- is the process of communications

اللَّهُ يُصْطَفِي مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ رُسُلًا وَمِنَ النَّاسِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ بَصِيرٌ ﴿٧٥﴾

*[Quran 22:75] Allah chooses from the Malaik messengers and from the people....*

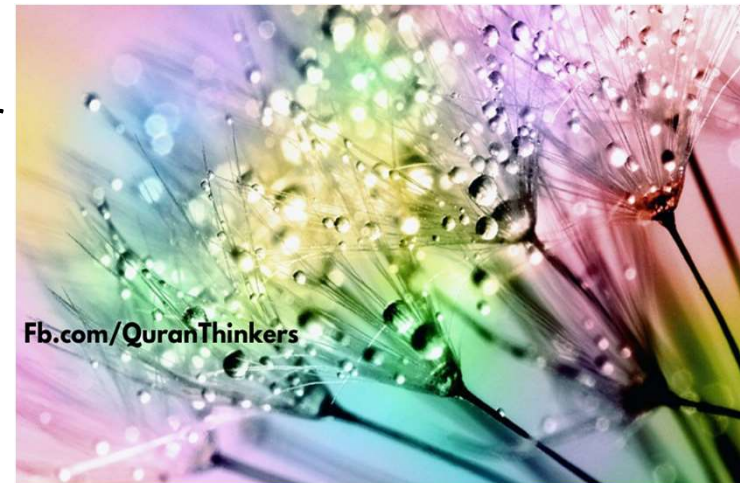
- **Definition of Malaik as per Quran:** Malaik are those forces of nature that carry out all the tasks of the universe, including communicating or as messengers. In order to keep the universe in order and in balance, and to keep the universe and everything running, Allah has assigned specific roles and responsibilities to the Malaik.



## Characteristics of Malaik

- **No creation of Malaik Mentioned in Quran/ No Birth or Death is Mentioned:**  
Nowhere in Quran Allah has mentioned the creation of Malaik, neither is it mentioned anywhere about their deaths. Unlike Jinn and Ins, they were never created nor they will taste death. Since Malaik are Allah's powers, laws and forces of nature, therefore there is no concept of birth or death of Malaik.
- **Can not disobey or refuse Allah-** As Malaik they cannot refuse or disobey Allah. Refer the following ayah;

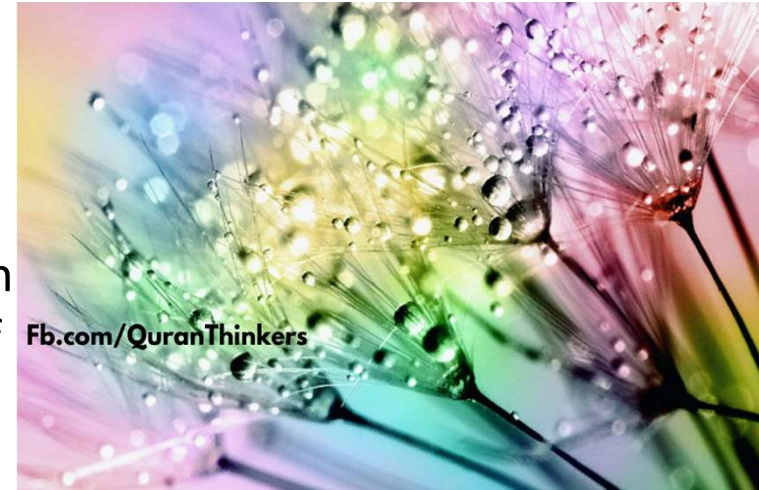
*[Quran 16:49-50] And to Allah everything does Sajda whatever is in the skies and whatever is on the earth of creatures, and the Malaik, and they are not arrogant. They worry their Rabb above them, and they do what they are commanded.*





## Characteristics of Malaik

- **All Malaik have done Sajda to Adam:** Except Iblees- We all know Sajda only belongs to Allah, the Sajda which has been asked to Malaik for Humans was in its linguistic meaning of being helpful and work along with humans once the humanity get to the point of acquiring the knowledge. At that stage of development of humanity, on the basis of knowledge, the humanity would utilize these powers, the Malaik to accommodate humans' efforts and work along with them in order to benefit the mankind and in order to carry out their duties as Khalifa on earth.
- **Example:** Flying of an Aero plane, which uses the knowledge of thermodynamics, metal, air pressure and gravity. Therefore, the Malaik- Allah's powers has done Sajda, i.e., being supportive to mankind as Khalifa on earth, on the basis of being taught Names by Allah, that is on the basis of us acquiring knowledge and understanding of these Malaik. Refer the following ayahs;





# Malaik have done Sajda to Allah and can not refuse Allah

All Malaik cannot deviate from the commandments of Allah

They have to obey Allah's orders and cannot disobey Allah.

وَلِلَّهِ يَسْجُدُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ مِنْ دَابَّةٍ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ وَهُمْ لَا يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ

يَخَافُونَ رَبَّهُمْ مِنْ فَوْقِهِمْ وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ ﴿٥٠﴾

[Quran 16:49-50] And to Allah everything does Sajda whatever is in the skies and whatever is on the earth of creatures, and the Malaik, and they are not arrogant. They are concerned/worried their Rabb above them, and they do what they are commanded.



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# Are Malaik Angels With Wings?

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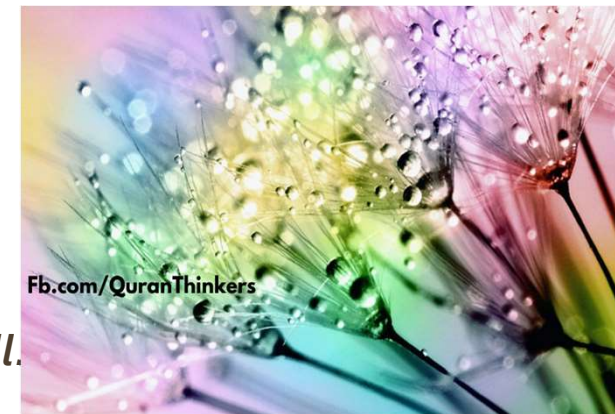
A vast majority of Muslims assume and interpret Malaik as some sort of supernatural creation of Allah, Angels who have wings. For those, our first counter response would be that how are you supposed to have knowledge of these supernatural creatures since without knowledge there is no concept of Emaan.

***[Quran 35:01] ALL Hamd is for Allah , Creator of the Skies (sumawaat) and the earth, made the Malaik as Rasool (Messengers) with Jan'aha أَجْنِحَةً in twos, threes and fours. He increases in creation what He wills. Indeed, Allah is over all things competent.***

The word Jana'ha is used in Quran in many meanings such as hands, powers, wings, to take in protection, to protect Ayah 28:32 , to bow in submission, to take sides or to support- Ayah 15:88. In ayah 17:24, the use of the same word is basically talking about supporting parents with gentleness, humility and humbleness.

***[Quran 15:88] "Strain not your eyes at what We (Allah) have given certain classes of them to enjoy, and grieve not for them, but lower your janâha to the believers."***

***[Quran 17:24] "And lower to them the janâha of humility out of Raham, and say: My Rabb, have Raham on them, as they brought me up when I was small."***



# Are Malaik Angels with Wings?

*[Quran 26:215] "And lower your Jan'aha to the believers who follow you."*

As is clearly mentioned above, the use of the same word- does it mean we have wings too?? Clearly the word Jan'aha " أَجْنِحَةً" in the above verses are used in a metaphoric sense: 'to have أَجْنِحَةً means 'to have more power, bounties, wealth, knowledge, resources or abilities. As a result, we may think that we are better than the next person. But in these ayahs, we are encouraged to lower our " أَجْنِحَةً", and hence our pride. - To be humble, in complete submission with Allah's Rules and guidelines, to be obedient and to be in Submission.

Therefore, the word Jan'aha أَجْنِحَةً in the ayah 35:01 is used in the meanings of powers, resources, abilities which are employed and used in humility, in complete submission to Allah. Thus in this ayahs 35:01 the word أَجْنِحَةً would mean Malaik- forces powers of nature, who communicate/interact having various powers, abilities, working in complete submission to Allah's rules and universe.



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## Emaan on Malaik – The concept- means exactly what?

**Malaik:** As per Quran, Malaik are Allah's powers which perform all the work as ordained by Allah, on the basis of which Allah has created the whole universe and everything in it, and on the basis of which Allah is maintaining and running every matter- Amoor in the universe.

**Emaan on Malaik means Seeking Knowledge of Science & carrying out our duties as Khalifa on Earth:** Science can tell us some of the factors which are holding this universe intact, and all of these forces, powers, processes are actually Malaik/Powers of Allah. To have Emaan on Allah's Malaik means to seek knowledge, to explore and use this knowledge of the Malaik of Allah for the benefit of humanity and in order to carry out our role as Khalifa on earth, to take care of Earth and all of its inhabitants.

**Examples:** like flying an Aeroplane using air power (Malaik), against the forces of gravity (Malaik), through the use of thermo dynamics (Malaik). Taking rockets to the space, sailing ships in the waters, using Earth's natural resources such as water, wind, sun, atom etc. to create power and electricity and so on.

Examples of mankind being able to use Allah's Malaik as Khalifa, but only on the basis of knowledge!





# Questions & Answers

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