

THE CREATION OF ANGELS

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DEDICATION

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This

beautiful

treatise is dedicated

to the Beloved Mother of

Sayyiduna wa Habeebuna

Muhammadur-Rasoolullah e

Ummul-Mustafa Sayyidah Tayyibah

Taahira Aamina

Radi-Allahu-anha

who was visited and saluted by all the Angels after the sacred birth of her distinguished son e on 12th of ***Rabbi-un-Noor***

in Makkah Mukarrama to celebrate and rejoice the dignified ***Mouloodun-Nabi*** e with the Gracious

Allah I and His entire creation. We salute

all those Angels that were present

and celebrated the ***Mouloodun-Nabi*** e

at the time the Glorious ***Habeeb*** e was born.

We also salute the batches of 70,000 fortunate Angels that are commissioned daily in 12 hour shifts to surround

and cover the striking Green Dome

(Qubbatul-Khadra) and Sacred

Roda Shareef and send

Salaams and Salutations

on the Beloved ***Habeeb*** e

May the Merciful Lord I sanctify their Souls

***Ameen Wal Hamdulillahi Rabbil Alameen was-Salaatu-
was-Salaamu ala Sayyidil-Mursaleen wa ala Malaikatil-***

Muqarribeen Wa Aalihi wa Ashaabih wa

Ahle-Baitehi ajmaeen

PREFACE

نحمده ونصلى على رسوله الكريم

*Ala'Hadrat Imam Ahmad Raza Al-Qaadiri Barkaati Muhaddith
Bareillwi's t treatise, Al Hidayatul Mubarakah fi-Khalaqil Malaa'ikah, on the*

creation and death of *Malaa'ikah* (Angels) provides an extremely useful insight into the purpose of existence of Angels and of their fate towards the Final Hour.

The very creation and existence of *Malaa'ikah* have always intrigued and captivated the minds and thoughts of the young and the old. We have read about the army of Angels assisting the *Holy Prophet* in the Battle of *Badr*, and we know about the Angels recording our every deed daily and we have also heard about the Angels that tear through the earth to question the deceased. But do we know what Angels are they created from, what do they look like, how do they spend their existence, or will they all die and perish, etc.? Does their existence affect us or not?

The Fountain of Knowledge, *Ala'Hadrat Imam Ahmad Raza Al-Qaadiri Barkaati* has not only answered these questions concisely, but has revealed some extremely astounding and remarkable details about Angels that will certainly amaze the *Muslims*. It will also help man to come to terms with himself in relationship to such a glorious creation of *Allah*. It will also help him understand his role as a creation of *Allah* and assist him to tread the path of *Islam* with more consciousness and true spirituality.

With this in mind, therefore, we felt it necessary to translate this document written by the great *Imam* into the English language due to the scarcity of authentic information on this subject and to clear any misconceptions. We hope that this treatise will fill the gap on this very important aspect of *Islam*. We also felt it important to provide our readers with a brief introduction of the beliefs that one should possess concerning Angels.

May Almighty *Allah* grant us the understanding of His *Deen* and keep us amongst the pious. *Aameen*.

Durwesh Abu-Muhammad Abdul-Haadi

Al-Qaadiri



INTRODUCTION

BELIEFS CONCERNING ANGELS

Muslims are ordered to testify on every Angel of *Allah* I. It is necessary too have *Imaan* on all the Angels of *Allah* I.

Angels are made of light and hence they can change themselves into any shape they like. They also have the power to transmute themselves into any form but they never do any such things knowingly or unknowingly, against the Command of Almighty *Allah* I. They are impeccable servants of *Allah* I, and are free from sins.

Every Angel has a separate assignment to accomplish. Some bring *Wahi* (Revelation) to *Allah* I to His Prophets. Some of them are responsible for rain while others are responsible for supplying provisions to worldly creatures. Some Angels shape faces inside the mothers' wombs while some take care of the changes in human bodies. Some provide protection to living human beings from their enemies. Some Angels move about to attend gatherings and meetings held in the remembrance of Almighty *Allah* I and His Prophets. Some are charged with maintaining the accounts of deeds of humans. Some Angels forward the Salutations and Greetings of *Muslims* to *Sayyiduna Rasoolullah* e while some assigned the job of blowing the decisive *Soor* (Trumpet) just before the Day of Judgment. There are many more things that the Angels do as their routine work. But in spite of their important assignments, Angels are mere creatures. It is blasphemy to regard them as eternal of creators. Angels have no gender and they are, therefore, neither male nor female.

There is no fixed number of Angels. It is the same as testifying on all the Revealed Books and Prophets of *Allah* I. We know of four Prophets and their four Books, but this does not mean that we must only testify on the known. *Imaan* is to testify in all of them, be they known or unknown. The same applies to the Angels. It is stated in the *Hadith Shareef* that there is not even a four finger spot in the skies in which the Angels are not in *Sajdah*. Now, you think how many Angels are there? *Allah* I states:

و ما يعلم جنود ربك إلا هو *

And no knows the army of your Lord, besides Him.

Almighty *Allah* I and His Beloved *Habeeb* e only know the exact numbers of Angels.

The four famous Angels are *Sayyiduna Jibra'eel* u, *Sayyiduna Meeka'eel* u, *Sayyiduna Israfeel* u and *Sayyiduna Izra'eel* u. Greetings of Allah I and blessing be unto all those Angels. These four Angels are superior to all other Angels. To show even the slightest contempt for them is strictly prohibited. Some people, out of joke, derision or sarcasm compare their enemies or the persons they hate to the Angels contemptuously and such words as "*The Angel of Death has appeared*" or "*Izra'eel has appeared*". They do not know that the use of such words is tantamount to blasphemy.

Though great precautions have been taken in translating this book from the original *Urdu* text, which is generally a very difficult task, it is hoped that the present translation is free of errors. If there are any, then it is certainly not the errors of the original works of the *Great Mujaddid* t as his research is flawless. Please inform us of any errors.

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Al-Qaadiri



بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ
نَحْمَدُهٗ وَنُصَلِّیْ عَلٰی رَسُوْلِهِ الْكَرِیْمِ
وَ عَلٰی اٰلِهٖ وَاصْحَابِهٖ وَ اَهْلِ بَيْتِهٖ اَجْمَعِیْنَ

1.1 In the treatise *Sha'bul Imam*, Imam Bahiqi reports a *Hadith* from Sayyiduna Jaabir t, in which Sayyiduna Rasoolullah e has stated: “**When Almighty Allah I created Sayyiduna Nabi Adam u and his progeny, the Angels remarked. “O Allah I! You have created such beings that eat and drink, cohabit and travel. Make the world a**

place for their dwelling and let us be the inmates of the Hereafter.” The Most Revered **Allah** I Replied:

لا اجعل من خلقته بيدي و نفخت فيه من روعي كمن قلت له كن فكان *

I shall not make him who has been fashioned by My Power, and in whom I have bequeathed the spirit and then commanded, “Be!” and he became.

From this *Hadith*, one important fact emerges. While the creation of man was effected through a gradual and systematic process, namely, the stage of dust, which was then shaped into a human form, and finally, the bequeathing of the soul in him. Looking at it from another angle, first the stage of sperm, then a speck of blood which changed to a piece of meat, then the formation of limbs, which then took human shape, and finally, the soul been bequeathed.

Angels, on the other hand, are created by the Supreme Command “**Be**” and they become, or they come into existence.

1.2 Sayyiduna Rasoolullah e has stated:

خلقت الملائكة من نور و خلق الجان من نار و خلق آدم مما وصف لكم *

كما عند ابن سعد عن ابي ذر رضى الله تعالى عنه عن النبي صلى الله تعالى عليه وسلم

و هذا رواه امام احمد و مسلم عن ام المؤمنين رضى الله تعالى عنها

Angels are created from light. The Jinn’s from fire containing smoke, and Sayyiduna Nabi Adamu from that already mentioned to you.

(Namely black, white and red sand according to *Sayyiduna Ibne-Sa’ad* t who narrates from *Sayyiduna Abu-Zar* t who narrates from *Sayyiduna Rasoolullah* e. *Imam Ahmed bin Hambal* t and *Imam Muslim* t narrate from *Ummul-Moh’mineen Sayyadah Ayesha Siddiqah* t)

1.3 Sayyiduna Imam Abdur-Raz'zaaq t (Ustaaz of Imam Bukhari t) in his Musannaf narrates another Hadith Shareef from Sayyiduna Jaabir bin Abdullah t in which Sayyiduna Rasoolullah e is reported to have stated:

يا جابر ان الله تعالى قد خلق قبل الاشياء نور نبيك من نوره (الى قوله) فلما اراد الله ان يخلق الخلق قسم ذلك النور اربعة اجزاء فخلق من الجزء الاول القلم ومن الثانى اللوح و من الثالث العرش ثم قسم رابع اربعة اجزاء فخلق من الاول حملة العرش و من الثانى الكرسي و من الثالث باقى الملائكة الحديث *

O Jaabir! Most certainly Almighty Allah I Created the Noor (Light) of your Nabi before anything else. Then, when He decided to create the world, He divided the Noor (light) of your Nabi e into four portions. From the first portion, He created the Qalam[1] of destiny, from the second, the Lohe-Mahfooz[2], from the third, the Divine portions. From the first portion, He created those Angels who are the bearers of the Arsh[3], from the second, the Divine Chair[4] and from the third, the rest of the Angels.

1.4 Allama Faasi t in his book “Mutaali-ul-Musarrat” under the discussion of Dala'il has recorded the following Hadith from Imam Ash'ari t who narrates,

التقدم من نور ضيائك ناقل قد قال الاشعري انه تعالى نور ليس كلانوار و قال صلى الله تعالى عليه و سلم اول ما خلق الله نوري و من نوري خلق كل شئ *

Verily, the Almighty Allah I is an Incomparable Light, the soul of Sayyiduna Rasoolullah e is the splendid glow of that light. Almighty Allah I first Created my Noor (light) and from this Noor He created everything else.

1.5 Sayyiduna Abu Sheikh t narrates the following Hadith from Sayyiduna Akramah t who reports that Sayyiduna Rasoolullah e has stated:

خلقت الملائكة من نور العزة *

Most certainly, Angels are created from the Divine Noor (Light) of Allah I.

1.6 It is also narrated by *Sayyiduna Yazeed bin Romaan* t that he received the following information:

ان الملائكة خلقت من نور الله *

Indeed the Angels are created from Divinely Blessed Light.

I (*Imam Ahmad Raza*) say that a commentary of *Imam Badrudeen Mahmood Ai'nee* t of a similar *Hadith* is found in his book *Umdatul Qaari Sharah Sahihul Bukhaari* carrying an interesting observation of *Sayyiduna Ali* t wherein he mentions:

There is an Angel named Rooh, who has seventy thousand heads. Each head has seventy thousand faces, each face contains seventy thousand mouths. Each mouth is made up of seventy thousand tongues and each tongue is blessed with seventy thousand languages.

يسبح الله تعالى بتلك اللغات كلها يخلق من كل تسبيحة ملك يطير مع
الملائكة الى يوم القيامة

ذكر الامام البدرالدين محمود العيني في عمدة القاري شرح بخاري من كتاب التفسير
و الامام الرازي في تفسير الكبير

“By means of these languages, this Angel is constantly reciting the Tasbeeh of Almighty Allah I. From each Tasbeeh, one Angel is being created. This Angel soars into the Heavens with the rest of the three Angels until the Day of Judgment”.

(i.e. the number of different languages in which the Angels Glorify Allah I will be 1 680 700 000 000 000 000 000 000) All Praise is due to **Allah** I Who is Infinite and so are His Attributes and Glory!

1.7 Sayyiduna Tha'ab t has reported a Hadith from Sayyiduna Abdullah ibne Mas'ood t, who mentions that the Beloved Habeeb e has stated:

“There is an Angel named Rooh who is of greater magnitude than the Heavens and the Earth, as well as the mountains and the other Angels. Its station is the Fourth Sky.

* يسبح كل يوم اثنى عشر الف تسبيحة يخلق من كل تسبيحة ملك

ذكره الامام البغوى في المعالم تحت قوله تعالى يوم يقوم الروح و الملائكة صفا

و الامام العيني في العمدة تحت قوله و يسئلونك عن الروح

Daily, he recites twelve thousand Tasbeehs[5]. From each Tasbeeh, one Angel is created. On the Day of Judgment, this Angel will form one complete row himself, while the rest of the Angels will form another row.

Referring to this Hadith, several Scholars have made interesting comments. Imam Al Baghawi t in his book Al-Mua'allim quotes that the verse, ***“Rooh and the other Angels will stand in rows on the Day of Judgment”***, refers to the above Hadith. Imam Badrudeen Mehmood Ainee t in his book Umdatul Qaari Sharah Sahihul Bukhaari says that the verse, ***“And they shall question you regarding Rooh[6]”*** refers to this Hadith.

In the book Mawaahibul Ladunnia, Imam Ibne Hajr Qastalaani t states: ***“There is a celestial world found in the Heaven (made from water and smoke), wherein are Angels created from water and air. The leader of these Angels is Ra'ad, who is responsible for the clouds and rain.”***

1.8 Sheikh Akbar Muhiyyudeen ibn Arabi t states in his book *Al Futuhaate Makkiyya* that: **“Almighty Allah I first sparked a bright refulgence from light. Then, He created darkness. On the darkness, the image of this light shone, which revealed the Divine Throne. Then from this light, which was not only the light of the morning, but included the darkness of the night, Almighty Allah I Created those Angels which are found within the precincts of the Divine Throne (Arsh) and the Divine Chair (Kursi). These Angels also reflect the material of the Divine Chair.”**

The above is recorded by *Sheikh-e-Akbar* in the thirteenth chapter of *Futahaate-Makkiyah* and also quoted by *Imam Abdul-Wah’haab Sharaani* in his *Al-Yuwaqeet-wal-Jawahir*.

1.9 Sayyiduna Abu Saeed t narrates the following *Hadith* of Sayyiduna Rasoolullah e in which he has stated:

ان في الجنة لنهرا ما يدخله حبرئيل دخلة فخرج فينتقض الا خلق الله من كل قطرة تقطر منه ملكا *

Verily, there is a river in Heaven, in which whenever Jibra’eel u submerges his wings and shakes it, small droplets of water drip from it. From each droplet, an Angel is created.

Indeed, one cannot estimate the droplets of water that drips from the wings of Sayyiduna Jibra’eel u. Why, simply because Sayyiduna Jibra’eel u has six hundred wings and each wing is so huge that when he spreads it, it casts a shadow over the entire sky.

1.10 It has been reported from Sayyiduna ibne Abi Haatim t, Imam Aqueeli t, and Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah t that Sayyiduna Rasoolullah e has stated:

في السماء الرابعة نهر يقال له الحيوان يدخله جبرئيل كل يوم فينغمس فيه انغماسة منه يخرج فينتفض فيه انتفاضة فيخرج عنه سبعون الف قطرة يخلق الله من كل قطرة ملكا هو الذين يؤمرون ان يأتوا البيت المعمور فليصلوا فيفعلون ثم يخرجون فلا يعودون اليه ابدا و لولى عليهم احدهم ثم يؤمر ان يقف بهم في السماء موقفا يسبحون الله الى ان تقوم الساعة *

و روى ابن منذر نحوه بدون ذكر النهر من طريق صحيحه عن ابي هريرة رضى الله تعالى عنه لكن موقوفا قاله الامام الحافظ ابن حجر و معلوم ان الموقوف كالمرفوع اقول الحديث سقط ما نقل الفاسى عن الولى العراقى ان لم يثبت في ذلك شيئى فقد اثبتته الحافظ و فوق كل ذى علم عليم

In the fourth Heaven, there is a river called Haywaan (River of Life). Each day Jibra'eel u dips in it and shakes his wings letting off seventy thousand drops. From each of these droplets Almighty Allah I Creates one Angel. These Angels are Comanded to perform Salaah in the Baitul Ma'moor[7]. As soon as they perform Salaah, they come out from the Baitul Ma'moor never to return. One Angel from this group is appointed their leader and he is delegated the duty of taking these Angels to one spot in the Heaven where they will stand reciting the Tasbeeh of Almighty Allah I till the Day of Judgment.

1.11 Imam Ata t, Imam Maqaatil t and Imam Dhahaaq t report a Hadith as narrated by Sayyiduna Abdullah ibne Abbaas t in which Sayyiduna Rasoolullah e has stated:

عن يمين العرش نهر من نور مثل السموات السبع و الارضين السبع و البحار السبع يدخل فيه جبرئيل عليه السلام كل سحر و يغتسل فيه فيزداد نورا الى نوره و جمالا الى جماله ثم ينتفض فيخلق الله تعالى من كل نقطة تقع من ريشه كذا كذا الف ملك تدخل منهم البيت السبعون الفا ثم لا يعودون اليه الى ان تقوم الساعة *

ذكره الامام فخر الدين الرازى في تفسير قوله تعالى و يخلق ما لا تعلمون

On the right-hand side of the Divine Throne[8] is found a River of Light, which in magnitude is equal to the seven Heavens, the seven

crusts of the earth and the seven oceans. In it Jibra'eel u bathes each morning, whereby his brightness and beauty is constantly increased. When Jibra'eel u comes out of this water, he flutters his wings. From each drop that fall from his wings, a thousand Angels are created and from these multitude of Angels seventy thousand are Commanded to enter the Baitul Ma'moor, none of whom will get another chance to enter this illustrious place until the Day of Judgment.

In the above Hadith Shareef, Imam Fakrudeen Raazi has quoted a Hadith in his treatise *Tafseer Kabeer* in support of the commentary of the verse: **“And He creates that which you will not perceive.”**

1.12 Imam Abu-Naeem t, Imam Khateem t, Ibne Asakar t and Imam Bay'haqi t narrate in *Kitaabur-Roh'ya* that Imam ibn Hajr Ali bin Abi Urtahtah t reports a Hadith that has been narrated by several Sahaba, in which Sayyiduna Rasoolullah e has stated:

إن الله الملائكة ترعد فرائقهم من مخلفته ما منهم من ملك يقطر من عينه دمعة إلا وقعت ملكا قائما يسبح الحديث *

There are some Angels of Almighty Allah I whose every limb trembles from the constant fear of Allah I. Whichever of these Angels sheds a tear, it is immediately transformed into an Angel before that tear can even reach the ground.

1.13 It has been reported that Sayyiduna Abush Shiekh t narrates from Sayyiduna Ka'ab Ahbaar t that:

لا تقطر عين ملك منهم الا كانت ملكا يطير من خشية الله *

Whichever of these Angels sheds a tear, it changes into an Angel and flies away with the Fear of Allah I.

1.14 Imam ibn Bashk'waal t reports a Hadith from Sayyiduna Anas t, in which Sayyiduna Rasoolullah e has stated:

من صلى على تعظيما لحقى خلق الله عز و جل من ذلك القول ملكا له جناح بالمشرق و
آخر بالمغرب يقول عز و جل له صل على عبدي كما صل على نب
ي فهو يصلى عليه إلي يوم القيامة *

Whosoever sends a Darood Shareef[9] upon me with the intention of honoring me, Almighty Allah I will transform that Darood Shareef (Salawaat e) into an Angel, whose one wing spreads to the East and one to the West. Allah I commands this Angel: "O My Angel! Send Darood upon my servant as he has sent Darood upon My Beloved Habeeb e.

In response to this Divine Command, the Angel will continue to send *Darood* upon the person till the Day of Judgement. Similarly, my illustrious father, Khaatimul_Muhaqqiqeen Aarife-Billah Moulana Naqi Ali Khan t, in his famous book *Al Kalaamul Awdah fi Tafseer-e-Sura Alam Nash'rah* reports a Hadith from Imam Sakhaawi t, in which Sayyiduna Rasoolullah e has stated: ***"There is one Angel of Almighty Allah I whose one side is in the East and one (side) is in the West. When anyone sends Darood Shareef upon me out of love and devotion, this Angel dives into the Heavenly water and flutters his wing. From each drop that falls from his wing, Almighty Allah I Creates one Angel who will be reciting Istigfaar (seeking pardon) for this person until the Day of Judgment."***

1.15 In the book *Mawaahibul Ladunnia*, it is reported that:

قد روى أن ثم ملائكة يسبحون فيخلق الله بكل تسبيحة ملكا *

There are some Angels who are constantly engaged in reciting the Tasbeeh of Allah I. For every Tasbeeh they recite, Almighty Allah I Creates one Angel.

1.16 *Sheikh-e-Akbar Sayyiduna Muhiyyudeen ibn Arabi* t in his famous treatise *Al Futuhaatul Makkia* states: ***“Pious deeds and words take the form of an Angel, which elevates the Heaven.”*** In his esteemed opinion, this is in accordance with the Divine Verse, which means, ***“Unto Him soars good words and pious deeds elevate it.”***

1.17 *Imam Qurtabi* t, in his book *Tazkirah*, narrates on the authority of great Scholars who maintain that, ***“Angels will intercede on behalf of the reciter on the Day of Judgement.”***

1.18 *Imam Aarif Billah Abdul Wahab Sha’raani* t states in his famous treatise *Meezanush Sharee’atul Kubra* that, ***“Angels are created from the breath of pious people. Those that are created from the breath of pious women acquire greater beauty and chastity than those created from the breaths of men.”***

From the above mentioned eighteen *Ahadith* and quotations of great Scholars of *Islam* we can ascertain about the different ways in which Angels are created. These prove beyond a shadow of doubt that Angels are created daily in large numbers. Only their Creator and what He has revealed to His beloved servants who know their true numbers.



THE DEATH OF ANGELS

When *Imam Waliyudden Iraaqi* was questioned regarding the death of Angels, he replied:

لم يثبت في ذلك شئ ولا يجوز الهجوم عليه بمجرد احتمال ولا مجال للنظر فيه ولا
دخل القياس

In my opinion, no concrete proof is on hand regarding this matter. However, mere conjecture in respect of this subject is unwise, as it leaves no room for mere personal opinions and conjectures.

Contrary to this belief, the majority of the *Ulama* of the *Ahle Sunnat* are of the opinion that Angels are created from light delicate bodies. It is categorically proven from authentic sources that Angels will experience death without any doubt. Such a belief is in accordance with the *Quranic* verse, which proclaims:

كل نفس ذائقة الموت *

Every soul shall taste death.

Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn Abbas t states that when the verse, كل من عليها فان “**Everything upon it (earth) shall perish**” was revealed, the Angels proclaimed, “**All dwellers upon the earth will die**” meaning that they (the Angels) are safe from death. Yet, when the verse كل نفس ذائقة الموت “**Every soul shall taste death**” was revealed, they proclaimed, “**Now, we too will die**” (*Imam Raazi* t records this in *Mafaatiul Ghaib* and *Imam Ibne Jareer* t narrates this from him.)

Sayyiduna Imam Ibn Jareer t also reports from *Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn Abbas* t who states:

قال وكل ملك الموت بقبض ارواح المؤمنين و الملائكة *

The Angel of Death is appointed to capture the souls of Muslims and Angels alike.

Imam Ibe Jareer t, *Imam Ibnus-Sheikh* t and others also narrate another lengthy *Hadith Shareef* from *Sayyiduna Abu-Hurayra* t that the Beloved *Prophet of Allah* e said:

و آخرهم موتا ملك الموت *

The last Angel to die will be the Angel of Death.

Imam Bay'haqi t and Imam Faryaabi t record that Sayyiduna Anas t has narrated the following detailed Hadith from Sayyiduna Rasoolullah e, which proves comprehensively that Angels too will also experience death.

Sayyiduna Rasoolullah e stated: "When everything will begin to perish only Jibra'eel, Mika'eel, and the Angel of Death will remain. Then Almighty Allah I will State, 'O Angel of Death! who else is still spared?' The reply will be, 'None but Thy Graceful Self, Who is Eternal, as well as Thy servants Jibra'eel and Mika'eel and the Angel of Death'.

"At this a Divine Command will be issued, 'Capture the souls of Mika'eel' at which Mika'eel will fall like a great and mighty Mountain.

"Once again Allah I, the All-Knowing, will Ask, 'Who is spared?' The reply will be, 'None but Thy Graceful Self, Jibra'eel and the Angel of Death.' Again the Command will be given, 'Capture the soul of Jibra'eel', at which Jibra'eel will flutter his wings, fall into prostration and pass away.

"Finally, when the Angel of Death himself will pass away. The All-Wise, and Great Creator I will Proclaim, 'In the beginning, I brought the creations into existence and I will once more bring it to life. Where are those rulers that laid claim to kingship?' There will

be no answer. The Almighty Allah Himself will Reply, ‘Today, kingship belongs to Allah Alone, the Sole Controller’.

From this *Hadith* we learn that even *Allah’s* closest Angels will not live beyond the Day of Judgment. The crux of the matter is that daily numerous Angels are created, who engage themselves in the constant *Tasbeeh* of *Almighty Allah* and who will live only until the Day of Judgement. These include Angels, which are created from the recitation of *Darood Shareef*[10]. In fact, it is not substantiated from any *Hadith* that Angels will not be subjected to death. In fact, *Sayyiduna ibn Abbaas* makes it clear that before the revelation of the verse, ***“Every soul shall taste death”*** Angels were not aware of themselves experiencing death.

With regards to the two Angels, *Kiraamen Kaatibeen*,[11] who accompany every Muslim, *Sayyiduna Rasoolullahe* has stated: ***“After the death of the Muslim, they soar to the Heaven and seek permission to live there, but Almighty Allah turns down their request saying, ‘My Heavens are full of Angels who are constantly engaged in Glorifying Me’.*** Then they will implore to live on the earth to which *Almighty Allah* will Reply, ***‘My creation has filled the earth, constantly glorifying Me.’*** Thereafter, *Almighty Allah* will Command them to stand at the graveside of the Muslims and the servants of *Allah* to recite the *Tasbeeh*[12] of *Allah*, and the *Thawaab*[13] of which is then bestowed upon the deceased person”.

Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn Abbas narrates that *Sayyiduna Rasoolullah* has stated:

و الملائكة يموتون في الصعقة الاولى و ان ملك الموت يقبض ارواحهم ثم يموت *

Angels will die at the time when the first Trumpet will be sounded on the Day of Judgement. The Angel of Death will capture their souls. Thereafter, the Angel of Death himself will succumb to death.

CONCLUSION

After the completion of this work, I came across one *Fatwa* regarding the Angels found in *Allama ibn Hajr Maaki's t Fatawah Hadithiyyah*, in which the learned *Imam* affirms that Angels will experience death when the first Trumpet will be sounded, but the Carriers of the Divine Throne and the four exalted Angels will be the last to pass away. Regarding the birth of Angels too, he states:

* حيث قال ظاهر السنة ان الملائكة لم يخلقوا دفعتا واحدة *

Angels are not created at one time.

Rather, this is an ongoing process.

Thereafter, *Imam ibn Hajr t* has narrated seven *Ahadith*, five of which I have already mentioned, while the other two are now added to the original eighteen.

1.19 *Imam Abush-Sheikh t* narrates from *Imam Wahab bin Mambah t*:

قال الله نهرا في الهواء بسبع الارضين كلها سبع مرات فينزل على ذلك النهر ملك من السماء فيملؤه و يسد ما بين اطرافه ثم يغتسل منه فاذا خرج منه قطر منه قطرات من نور فيخلق الله من كل قطرة منها ملكا يسبح الله بجميع تسبيح الخلائق كلهم *

There is a fountain of Allah I found in space, which is so huge that the seven layers of earth can fit into it seven times. In it, one Angel

from Heaven, whose size completely fills the fountain, descends. He bathes in this fountain and when he emerges from it, drops of light, drip from his wings. From each droplet, Almighty Allah I creates one Angel who, like all Angels, constantly engages in the Tasbeeh of Almighty Allah I.

1.20 He further narrates another *Hadith* from *Sayyiduna Ula bin Haroon* t who mentions that *Sayyiduna Rasoolullah* e stated:

قال جبرئيل كل يوم نغاس في الكوثر ثم ينقض فكل قطرة يخلق منها ملك *
Jibra'eel u *daily dives into the Fountain of Kauther and shakes his wings. From each droplet, Almighty Allah I creates one Angel.*

By the Grace of the *Almighty Allah* I and *His Beloved Habeeb* e, I recall another *Hadith* on this subject, which can be further included in this list.

In the book *Kitaabus Thawaab*, *Sayyiduna ibn Abid Duniya* t and *Sayyiduna Abush Shiekh* t have recorded a *Hadith* of *Sayyiduna Imam Jafar As-Saadiq* t, in which *Sayyiduna Rasoolullah* e has stated:

ما ادخل الرجل على المؤمن سروراً الا خلق الله عز و جل من ذلك السرور ملك بعبد الله عز و جل و يوحد فاذا صار العبد في قبره اتاه ذلك السرور ، الحديث *

Whosoever makes a Muslim happy, Almighty Allah I will create one Angel out of this happiness who immediately engages himself in the worship of Almighty Allah I and in exalting His Oneness. When this person passes away and enters the grave, this Angel will appear in front of him and ask, “Do you remember me? I am the same happiness with which you gladden the heart of a certain Muslim. Today, I will comfort you in your hour of fear, teach you

the answers to the questions that will prove you a Believer and will show you your place in Heaven”.

N.B. The above *Hadith Shareef* is translated with full explanation for the reader to understand the concept and meaning of the context.

We humbly supplicate in the Court of the Almighty *Allah I* that this explanation will have taught you about the life and existence of the Angels. *Aameen*.

In conclusion, Most Exalted is the King of the Mighty Throne, Lord of the Angels, who has distinguished *Sayyiduna Muhammadur-Rasoolullah e* from the entire creation. May the Almighty *Allah I* in His Infinite Mercy bestow the strength upon those who are misled on the straight path and bestow upon those who are on the Straight Path to remain on this path. *Ameen Allahuma Ameen*.

و صلى الله تعالى عليه و آله و صحبه و بارك و كرم و الله سبحانه و تعالى اعلم و علمه

جل مجده اتم و احكم*

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Written and Signed by;

The humble servant of Allah I

Ahmed Raza Barellwi

(May the Merciful Lord forgive him)

The ink of a Scholar is more Holier than the blood of a Martyr

(Hadith Shareef)

DUROOD SHAREEF FROM DALAA'ILUL KHAIRAAT SHAREEF

اللهم صل على
سيدنا جبريل
وسيدنا ميكائيل
وسيدنا اسرافيل
وسيدنا عزرائيل
وجملة العرش
وعلى الملائكة
والمقربين
وعلى جميع الابداء
والمرسلين
صلوات الله وسلامه
عليهم اجمعين

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Promoting the cause of the Ahle Sunnah

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locally and in the world - a world in which, we pray,
that *Sunni Islam* dominates. *Insha-Allah!*

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مَوْلَى الْعَالَمِينَ
رَبِّ لَيْسَ وَلَا تَعْسَرَ رَبِّ الْحَيْرُونَ



[1] The Divine Pen that records on the Lohe-Mahfooz

[2] Lohe-Mahfooz, the sacred Tablet of Records where every happening from the time of creation till the Day of Judgment is recorded.

[3] The Divine Throne of Allah I

[4] The Kursi, which is mentioned in the famous Ayatul-Kursi.

[5] Glorification of Almighty Allah I

[6] The Soul

[7] The Qibla and place of worship of the Angels in the skies. The Hadith Shareef states that it is situated directly above the Holy Kaaba. Sayyiduna Rasoolullah e led the Salaah with the Angels here in the Night of Meh'raaj.

[8] The sacred Arsh of Allah I

[9] Salaams and Salutations upon the Beloved Rasool e

[10] Salaams and Salutation upon the beloved Prophet of Allah

[11] Angels commissioned to ask the deceased questions in the grave

[12] To glorify Allah

[13] Rewards