

BELIEF IN ANGELS: ITS BENEFITS

The unseen universe is far and wide. Allah alone knows, what creatures, He has made in it. Undoubtedly, it is a grace of Allah, that, He has informed of certain of his creatures so we believe in them and this is the first requirement of steady belief. Allah proclaims:

﴿الْم ١﴾ ذَلِكَ الْكِتَابُ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٢﴾ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْغَيْبِ وَيُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنفِقُونَ ﴿٣﴾

البقرة: ١ - ٣

(Translation of meaning) *Alif. Lam. Mim - This is the Scripture whereof there is no doubt, a guidance unto those who ward off (evil). Who believe in the unseen, and establish worship, and spend of that We have bestowed upon them.*” (Al-Baqarah: 3)].

The first benefit of belief in the angels is that by believing in the word of Allah about them, we are freed from the rubbish about them, which are prevalent among the non-believers. No amount of gratitude is more for this. The second benefit is that a believer becomes steadfast in his obedience to Allah because he knows that angels are with him all the time accounting all his actions and presenting them before Allah the Almighty. Thus, a believer thinks that whether in public or in private nothing of what, he does is hidden from the Creator thus he shies away from committing disobedience to Allah or indulging in wrong actions. The third benefit is that because a believer is assured of divine support, he is also sure of the help of the angels. Thus, he remains confident that all his plans will succeed. The angels of Allah keep on guarding him from the evils and mischiefs of men, jinn and the devils. Allah proclaims:

﴿لَهُ مُعَقِّبَاتٌ مِّن بَيْنِ يَدَيْهِ وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِ يَحْفَظُونَهُ مِّن أَمْرِ اللَّهِ ١١﴾ الرعد: ١١

(Translation of meaning) [“For him are angels ranged before him and behind him, who guard him bay Allah’s command.” (Ar-Ra’d: 11)].

Thus devotion to Allah becomes firmly rooted in the heart and mind of a believer because he feels that, He has created the whole set up of the angels for his good and welfare. Thus, he becomes grateful that unseen forces are at work to guard him.

When a believer struggles, to preach and spread the message of Allah in the world and diverts the people from the path of polytheism and idolatry all the forces of evil come out to obstruct his way and when he tries to root out the regime of evil and enforce the revolutionary message of Islam all the evil forces get up to attack him, to tease and torture him and to put him out. They leave no stone unturned to put out the lantern of Islam. However, under these conditions the believer remains steadfast, because of his belief that the angels are always ready to help and defend him. Thus he becomes anchored in forbearance and perseveres in the way of Allah in full confidence and contentment. A poet depicts condition of a believer saying:

Why should I fear even if the whole world becomes an enemy to me

It is enough for me that I have One and only God.

The belief in angels also inculcates a feeling that if Allah the Almighty has created such magnificent, majestic and powerful creatures, who are busy all the time in carrying out his commands obediently and are all the time busy in praising, sanctifying and glorifying him then, he becomes conscious of the glory and majesty of the Creator and also follows their example to stick to obedience to the commands of Allah and immerse himself in devotion to Him.

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