How Creation Began



In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful



THE BEGINNING

THE FIRST CREATION OF THE TANGIBLE WORLD

Since man's knowledge and understanding is limited only to the tangible world in which he lives, there is no need for him to comprehend the unseen world; except in matters that would lead him to knowing the greatness of his Creator and bring him



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closer to His pleasure and reward. For this reason, Allah, the Exalted, sent Messengers to mankind continuously and He gave them knowledge of the unseen world such that the goodness of man could be attained. If the human intellect is unable to realize what occurs in the next room, then by extension, it would not be able to comprehend the unseen world. Allah says:

([And] who created seven heavens in layers. You do not see in the creation of the Most Merciful any inconsistency. So, return your vision [to the sky]; do you see any breaks? Then return your vision twice again. Your vision will return to you humbled while it is fatigued.) [67:3-4]

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THE CREATION

THE CREATION OF THE HEAVENS, EARTH AND WHAT IS IN BETWEEN

Allah says:

(And it is He who created the heavens and earth in truth. And the day He says, 'Be,' and it is, His word is the truth. And His is the dominion on the Day the Horn is blown. [He is the] Knower of the Unseen and the seen, and He is the Wise, the Acquainted.) [6:73]



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The following are examples of some of the creations found within the heavens and earth:

Allah says:

(And We made the sky a protected ceiling, but they turn away from its signs. And it is He who created the night and the day and the sun and the moon; all (heavenly bodies) are swimming in an orbit.) [21:32-33]

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Allah says:

(Are you a more a difficult creation or is the heaven? He constructed it. He raised its ceiling and proportioned it. And He darkened its night and extracted its brightness. And after that He spread the earth. He extracted from it its water and its pasture. And the mountains He set firmly. As enjoyment for you and your grazing livestock.) [79:27-33]

Allah says:

(And We have sent the fertilizing winds and sent down water from the sky and given you drink from it. And it is not you who are the owners of its stores.) [15:22]



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There are different types of winds; some are a mercy from Allah. Allah says:

(And it is He who sends the winds as good tidings before His mercy until, when they have carried heavy rainclouds, We drive them to a dead land and We send down rain therein and bring forth thereby [some] of all the fruits. Thus, will We bring forth the dead; perhaps you may be reminded.) [7:57]

While others are a punishment. Allah says:

(Or do you feel secure that He will not send you back into [the sea] another time and send upon you a hurricane of wind and drown you for what you denied? Then you would not find for yourselves against Us an avenger.) [17:69]



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And He says:

(...and it is hit by a whirlwind containing fire and is burned.) [2:266]

And He says:

(So, We sent upon them a screaming wind during days of misfortune to make them taste the punishment of disgrace in the worldly life; but the punishment of the Hereafter is more disgracing, and they will not be helped.) [41:16]





Allah created seven heavens and seven earths. Allah says:

(It is Allah who has created seven heavens and of the earth, the like of them. [His] command descends among them so you may know that Allah is over all things competent and that Allah has encompassed all things in knowledge.) [65:12]

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In the beginning of creation, the heavens and earth were joined together. Allah says:

(Have those who disbelieved not considered that the heavens and the earth were a joined entity, and We separated them and made from water every living thing? Then will they not believe?) [21:30]





Allah has informed us when the heavens, the earth, and all that is in between was created. He says:

(Say, 'Do you indeed disbelieve in He who created the earth in two days and attribute to Him equals? That is the Lord of all that exists.' And He placed on it firmly set mountains over its surface, and He blessed it and determined therein its [creature's] sustenance in four days without distinction - for those who ask. Then



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He rose to the heaven while it was smoke and said to it and to the earth, 'Come willingly or unwillingly.' They said, 'We have come willingly' And He completed them as seven heavens within two days and inspired in each heaven its command. And We adorned the nearest heaven with lamps and as protection. That is the determination of the Exalted in Might, the Knowing.) [41:9-12]





THE CREATION OF THE ANGELS

The Angels are a creation of Allah which He created from light. The Messenger of Allah said:

"The angels were created from light, the Jinn were created from a smokeless flame of fire, and Adam was created from what was described to you (in the Qur`an: black dry clay)." [Muslim]

Allah created them to do certain tasks; which they execute. Allah says:



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([The angels say], 'There is not among us any except that he has a known position. And indeed, we are those who line up [for prayer]. And indeed, we are those who exalt Allah.') [37:164-166]

Allah has informed us of some of their names, such as Jibreel (Gabriel), Mikaa'eel (Michael), and Israafeel (Rafael). Allah says:

(Whoever is an enemy to Allah and His Angels and His Messengers and Gabriel and Michael - then indeed, Allah is an enemy to the disbelievers.) [2:98]

Jibreel (peace be up him) is the angel who descends with the revelation upon the messengers, who convey it to their nations. Allah says:

(The Trustworthy Spirit has brought it down. Upon your heart, (O Muhammad ﷺ), that you may be of the warners.) [26:193 -194]



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Meekaa'eel (peace be up him) is assigned with the task of distributing rain and vegetation, while Israafeel has been assigned the task of blowing the horn that signals the events of the Last Day. He will blow it for the first time, and all would be struck with terror. Allah says:

(And [mention] the Day the Horn will be blown, and whoever is in the heavens and whoever is on the earth will be terrified except whom Allah wills.) [27:87]

Thereafter, he would blow the trumpet two more times on the Day of Judgment; the second with which all would die, and the third with which all would be resurrected and brought back to life. Allah says:

(And the Horn will be blown, and whoever is in the heavens and whoever is on the earth will fall dead except





whom Allah wills. Then it will be blown again, and at once they will be standing, looking on.) [39:68]

Among the angels is also the Angel of Death and his helpers. Allah says:

(And He is the subjugator over His slaves, and He sends over you guardianangels until, when death comes to one of you, Our messengers take him, and they do not fail [in their duties]. Then they are returned to Allah, their true Lord. Unquestionably, His is the judgment, and He is the swiftest of accountants.) [6:61-62]

Among them are also those who bear the Throne of Allah and those who are also close to Him. Allah says:

(And the angels are at its edges. And there will bear the Throne of your Lord above them, that Day, eight [of them].) [69:17]



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Some have been assigned tasks in Jannah, while others have been assigned tasks in Hellfire. Allah says:

(O you who have believed, protect yourselves and your families from a Fire, whose fuel is people and stones, over which are angels, harsh and severe; they do not disobey Allah in what He commands them but do what they are commanded.) [66:6]

Among them are those who have been assigned the task to protect humans. Allah says:

(For each [person] there are angels in succession, before and behind him. They guard him by the Command of Allah.) [13:11]

Some of them record man's deeds. Allah says:

(And indeed, (appointed) over you are



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keepers(4), noble and recording; They know whatever you do.) [82:10-12]

Allah created Angels to worship Him. He says:

(To Him belongs whoever is in the heavens and the earth. And those near Him are not prevented by arrogance from His worship, nor do they tire. They exalt [Him] night and day and do not slacken.) [21:19-20]



No one knows their exact number except Allah. Allah says:

(And We have not made the keepers of the Fire except angels. And We have not made their number except as a trial for those who disbelieve.) [74:31]

Whoever desires to learn more on this subject may read books (which are based on the Qur'an and authentic Sunnah) which talk about the angels and their duties.





THE CREATION OF THE JINN

Jinn are an unseen creation of Allah who were created to worship Him. Allah says:

(And I created not the jinn and humans except they should worship Me. I seek not any provision from them nor do I ask that they should feed Me. Indeed, it is Allah who is the [continual] Provider, the firm possessor of strength.) [51:56-58]



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They are charged with the same legislations of the Deen as humanity. Allah says:

(And [mention, O Muhammad], when We directed to you a few of the jinn, listening to the Qur'an. And when they attended it, they said, "Listen quietly." And when it was concluded, they went back to their people as warners. They said, 'O our people, indeed we have heard a [recited] Book revealed after Moses confirming what was before it which guides to the truth and to a straight path.') [46:29-30]

Allah created them from fire. He says:

(He created man from clay like [that of] pottery. And He created the jinn from a smokeless flame of fire.) [55:14-15]

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Allah also says:

(And indeed, We created man from sounding clay of altered black smooth mud. And the jinn, We created before from the smokeless flame of fire.) [15:26-27]





THE CREATION OF ADAM (peace be upon him)

Adam is the father of humanity. Allah says:

(And [mention, O Muhammad], when your Lord said to the angels. 'Indeed, I will make upon the earth a successive authority.' They said, 'Will You place upon it one who causes corruption therein and sheds blood, while we declare Your praise and sanctify You?' He said, 'Indeed, I know that which



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you do not know.' And He taught Adam the names - all of them.

Then He showed them to the angels and said, 'Inform Me of the names of these, if you are truthful.' They said, 'Exalted are You; we have no knowledge except what You have taught us. Indeed, it is You who is the Knowing, the Wise.'He said, 'O Adam, inform them of their names.' And when he had informed them of their names, He said, 'Did I not tell you that I know the unseen [aspects] of the heavens and the earth? And I know what you reveal and what you have concealed.' And [mention] when We said to the angels, 'Prostrate before Adam'; so they prostrated, except for Iblees. He refused and was arrogant and became of the disbelievers. And We said, 'O Adam, dwell, you and your wife, in Paradise and eat therefrom in [ease



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and] abundance from wherever you will. But do not approach this tree, lest you be among the wrongdoers.' But Satan caused them to slip out of it and removed them from that [condition] in which they had been. And We said, 'Go down [all of you] as enemies to one another, and you will have upon the earth a place of settlement and provision for a time.' Then Adam received from his Lord words [of repentance], and He accepted his repentance. Indeed, it is He who is the Accepting of repentance, the Merciful. We said, 'Go down from it, all of you. And when guidance comes to you from Me, whoever follows My guidance there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve. And those who disbelieve and deny Our signs - those will be companions of the Fire; they will abide therein eternally.') [2:30-39]



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Humans are from the progeny of Adam (peace be upon him). Allah says:

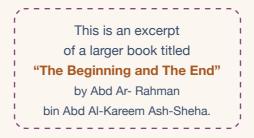
(O mankind, fear your Lord, who created you from one soul.) [4:1]

The Prophet ﷺ said regarding this:

"O people, your Lord is One, and indeed your father is one. All of you were created from Adam, and Adam was created from the earth. There is no excellence of an Arab over a non-Arab, a non-Arab over an Arab, a red person over a white, nor a white person over a red, except in righteousness and piety." [Ahmed]

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