

reason. Of the four archangels, Gabriel reveals truth, Michael is the patron of the Jews, Israfil will sound the last trump, and Israil is the angel of death. There are two recording angels for each person, who write down his good and his ill. Therefore Mohammed enjoined his people not to spit in front, nor on the right, but on the left, as on that side stands the recording angel of evil. Munkar and Nakir are two black angels, with blue eyes, who interrogate men after burial in the grave, and mete out terrible blows to those whose replies prove them not Moslems. Therefore, at a funeral, parting instructions are given the deceased in the grave. The Koran seems to teach that angels intercede for men.

Jinn, or genii, are either good or evil. They were created from fire, and are of diverse shapes. The Koran and orthodox Moslem theology are full of teaching about their origin, office, power, and destiny. One can read all about it, however, in the *Arabian Nights*, and get an idea of the effect of this belief on life and morals. No pious Moslem to-day doubts that they exist, nor that Solomon sealed some of them up in brass bottles! In Arabia, Persia, and Morocco they tell stories of every-day Moslem life and encounters with jinn that rival the tales of Scheherezade to the King. The chief abode of jinn is in the mountains which encompass the

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