

DID ANGELS PHYSICALLY FIGHT WITH MUSLIMS AGAINST THE KUFAR (INFIDELS)?

Sheikh "Muhammad Abduh"(1849-1905) the Head of Islamic verdict in Egypt & most Islamic countries in his time wrote on this matter saying

1. [Quran has mentioned that Allah sent his angels to the muslims during their war at the time of Prophet \(saws\)](#) as shown in below verses

8;9 ?????????????????? ?????????? ?????????????????? ?????? ??????? ?????????????? ?????????? ??????

translation "Remember] when you asked help of your Lord, and He answered you, "Indeed, I will reinforce you with a thousand from the angels, following one another."——

8;12 ????? ?????? ?????????? ?????? ?????????????????? ??????? ?????????? ?????????????????? ?????????????

translation "[Remember] when your Lord inspired to the angels, "I am with you, so strengthen those who have believed. I will cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieved,"——

3;126 ?????? ? ??? ?????????????? ?????????????????? ?????????????????? ?????? ?????????????? ??????????

translation "Yes, if you remain patient and conscious of Allah and the enemy come upon you [attacking] in rage, your Lord will reinforce you with five thousand assigned angels And Allah made it not except as [a sign of] good tidings for you and to reassure your hearts thereby "——

2. [The Sheikh says that there has been a disagreement on interpreting whether the angels physically fought or not](#) ; some say that they physically fought , others says that their mission was to encourage the muslims & strengthen their hearts as stated in the verse . Those who are inclined to the second opinion say that just one angel is sufficient to destroy the whole earth as what Jibreel has done to the people of Lut , so there is no need for thousands of angels . Moreover the killers of the believers & disbelievers where known in each war , i.e. it was known which muslim killed which disbeliever & the opposite, thus, if the angels physically fought , then either they were in a visible form or invisible form . If they were in an invisible form , then there should have been flying heads by swords without anyone carrying it & if they were in a visible form, then they would have been described & nothing of this was narrated to have happened in the battle field, which probably means that the angels were more of moral support as emphasized in the verse 3;123 saying that Allah made it only a sign of good tidings & to reassure the hearts of believers