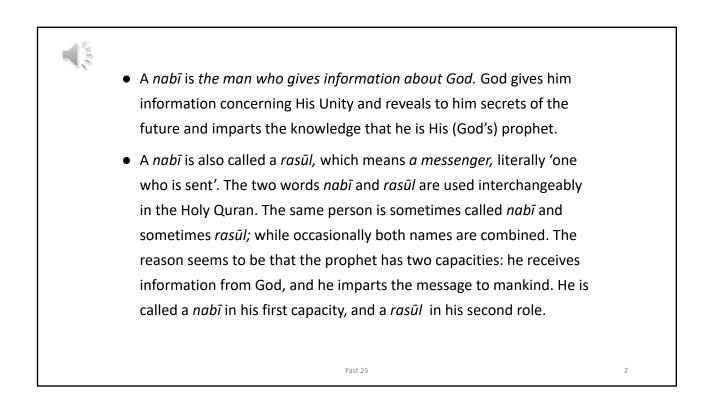
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• The next article of faith in Islam is belief in the prophets. The Arabic word for prophet is *nabī*. It comes from a word which means *an announcement of great utility imparting knowledge of a thing,* and it is applied to information which is absolutely true.

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- Note: There is a common notion that only some prophets (*nabī*) were messengers, because a messenger (*rasūl*) was a special kind of prophet who received a new law, while all the other prophets came with no new law. This is not correct. The Quran does not make any such distinction between one who is a prophet only and one who is in addition a messenger.
- It may be added here that the word *rasūl* is also applied in the Quran and Hadith to others who are not at all prophets but are messengers in a literal sense. Angels are called messengers in the Quran (35:1, 7:37, etc.), and a man sent by a king with a message is called *rasūl* (12:50). In Hadith, there are examples when a man sent by the Holy Prophet Muhammad to people is called "a *rasūl* of the *rasūl* of Allah", meaning "a messenger of the Messenger of Allah".

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