

Truth and Myths about Angels

Revelation 12:7-9

⁷ Then there was a war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. ⁸ But the dragon was not strong enough, and he and his angels lost their place in heaven. ⁹ The giant dragon was thrown down out of heaven. (He is that old snake called the devil or Satan, who tricks the whole world.) The dragon with his angels was thrown down to the earth. (*New Century Version*)

1) **When people die, do they become angels?** ___yes ___no

What religions teach this?

What really happens when people die? See *Luke 16:19-31*.

2) **What do angels look like?**

Are angels male or female?

Do angels really have wings?

	TEXT	Angels appear as...
a	<i>Genesis 18 & 19</i>	ordinary men
b	<i>Exodus 3:2</i>	fire (burning bush)
c	<i>Exodus 14:19,20</i>	cloud
d	<i>Joshua 5:13-15</i>	man with sword
e	<i>Judges 13:1-21</i>	mighty man with "the face of an angel"
f	<i>2 Kings 2:11,12</i>	horses and chariot of fire (for Elijah)
g	<i>2 Kings 6:15-18</i>	horses and chariots of fire (for Elisha; also <i>2 Kings 13:14</i>)
h	<i>Isaiah 6:1-7</i>	"seraphim," each with a face, hands, feet, 6 wings.
i	<i>Ezekiel 1:4-10</i>	"cherubim" glowing like hot coals, flashing like lighting, with human shape body. Each had four faces (man, lion, ox, eagle). Each had four wings, and calves' feet.
j	<i>Daniel 3:25</i>	man (protector, in fiery furnace)
k	<i>Daniel 8:15,16</i>	man (messenger, Gabriel)
l	<i>Daniel 10:5,6</i>	human shape, like lighting, with bright metallic colors
m	<i>Matthew 22:30</i>	non-sexual spirits (<i>also Mark 12:25</i>)
n	<i>Matthew 28:1-8</i>	men in shining white robes (at Jesus' Resurrection) (<i>also Mark 16:5-7; Luke 24:1-8; John 20:11-13</i>)
o	<i>Acts 1:10,11</i>	men in shining white robes (at Jesus' ascension)
p	<i>Hebrews 1: 14</i>	spirits (no physical body; <i>Psalms 104:4NKJV, Luke 24:39</i>)
q	<i>Hebrews 13:2</i>	ordinary people ("strangers")
r	<i>Revelation 4:6-9</i>	four living creatures (lion, calf, man, eagle). Each had six wings, and were "covered with eyes."
s	<i>Revelation 10:1-3</i>	"dressed in a cloud with a rainbow over his head," with a face like the sun; legs like pillars of fire.

3) Are there really "guardian angels?" ___yes ___no

a) *Psalm 91:11,12*

"He has put his angels in charge of you to watch over you wherever you go. They will catch you in their hands so that you will not hit your foot on a rock."

b) *Daniel 3:22* (with the three men in the fiery furnace)

Daniel 6:22 (with Daniel in the lion's den)

c) *Matthew 18:10*

[Jesus said,] "Be careful. Don't think these little children are worth nothing. I tell you that they have angels in heaven who are always with my Father in heaven."

4) **Deceptions of evil angels.**

If an angel appears with a message from God, can we trust it?

If a dead relative, Mary, or even Jesus Himself appears...?

Who started new religions, claiming to see an angel?

DATE	PROPHET	ANGEL	BOOK	RELIGION
AD 610				
AD 1823				

a) *2 Corinthians 11:13-15*

"Such men are not true apostles but are workers who lie. They change themselves to look like apostles of Christ. This does not surprise us. Even Satan changes himself to look like an angel of light. So it does not surprise us if Satan's servants also make themselves look like servants who work for what is right. But in the end they will be punished for what they do."

b) *Galatians 1:8*

"Let God's curse fall on anyone, including myself, who preaches any other message than the one we told you about. Even if an angel comes from heaven and preaches any other message, let him be forever cursed."

c) *Revelation 12:7-9*

[9] "The giant dragon was thrown down out of heaven. (He is that old snake called the devil or Satan, who tricks the whole world.) The dragon with his angels was thrown down to the earth."

5) Can we pray to our guardian angel? ___yes ___no

Revelation 22:8,9

"I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. When I heard and saw them, I bowed down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed these things to me. But the angel said to me, 'Do not worship me! I am a servant like you, your brothers the prophets, and all those who obey the words in this book. Worship God!'"

6) Who/what is the "angel of death?" Is there really a "Grim Reaper?"

	TEXT	EVENT	EXPLANATION
a	<i>Exodus 12:12,13,29</i>	Passover	No "angel of death," but see v.23 & Psalm 78:49
b	<i>2 Samuel 24:16,17</i> <i>(1 Chronicles 21:15,16)</i>	Plague, deadly illness punishing Israel for David's pride	Judgment on population for king's sin
c	<i>2 Kings 19:34,35</i> <i>(2 Chronicles 32:20,21)</i>	Assyrian army died during the night.	Judgment on army for king's sin (and for Israel's protection)
d	<i>Luke 16:22</i>	Angels escorted Lazarus to heaven when he died.	<i>No angel of death</i>
e	<i>1 Corinthians 10:10</i> <i>(see Numbers 16:46-50)</i>	"Destroyer" = plague (<i>The word "angel" is not in the text; many modern English translations add it by mistake.</i>)	Judgment on population for their rebellion
f	<i>Revelation 6:7,8</i>	Angel named "Death and Hades" with "power over 1/4 of the earth to kill by sword, famine, and plague."	This is a symbolic text which may represent part of God's final judgment on earth.

7) Who is the Archangel Michael?

Some churches teach that Angel Michael = Christ. What does the Bible say?

a) *Daniel 10:10-14, 20, 21; 12:1-2*

- Michael helped the angel Gabriel, when a strong evil angel blocked his mission.
- Michael is the "Prince" that protects Israel.

b) *Revelation 12:7-9*

- Michael led holy angels in battle against Satan and the evil angels, throwing them out of heaven.

c) *Jude 9*

"Not even the archangel Michael, when he argued with the devil about who would have the body of Moses, dared to judge the devil guilty. Instead, he said, 'The Lord punish you.' " [Therefore, Michael is only an angel, and *not* the Lord Jesus Christ.]

8) Does Genesis 6:1-4 really teach that angels had sex with people to produce half-human monsters!?

[4] "The Nephilim were on the earth in those days--and also afterward--when the sons of God went to the daughters of men and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown [famous]."

"SONS OF GOD" were not angels, but were human men who worshipped the true God.
"NEPHILIM" were "famous heroes of old," not "giants," as some erroneously translate.

a) *Psalms 104:4* (Angels are spirits, without physical bodies; they cannot reproduce sexually.)

b) *Matthew 22:30 (Mark 12:25)* (Angels do not marry.)

For more information from the Bible about angels see: www.ChristDeaf.org