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HOW DO WE KNOW ANGELS EXIST

read by Brother Ronnie Shell

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How do we know angels exist?

The Scriptures give us no indication of the precise time of the creation of angels; their existence is assumed at the earliest times.

Our Lord often spoke of angels; in the New Testament they are numerous and seven orders are mentioned: Angels, Powers, Principalities, Dominions (ations), Thrones and Archangels the Old Testament specifically mentions two others Seraph(im) and Cherub(im).

God bestowed upon angels great wisdom, freedom, and power, and their many appearances in the New Testament are indication of the lead role assigned to them.

Both the New Testament and Old Testament refer also to the fallen angels. The Temptation of Adam and Eve presupposes the existence of bad spirits or demons who were cast into hell from which they have no hope of redemption.

Angels are purely spiritual or bodiless persons (Mt 11:30), some of whom behold the face of God and thus are in bliss (Mt 18:10). These spiritual beings comprise the celestial court and are called angels (from the Greek for "messenger") because, according to the Bible, they carry out missions at God's command. In order to complete these missions, they can at times assume bodily form. According to the Bible, their missions are sometimes of great importance. - eg, the Annunciation (Lk 1:26; 2:9-14).

Like us, the angels are the objects of God's grace and love. But because, unlike us they are non-bodily creatures, their response to God's love did not require time and reflection to grow and mature. As soon as they were created and received grace, they had the opportunity to respond to God's love and thus be welcomed into bliss. While many did so, some did not.

Perhaps the most significant continuing activity of the good angels is to be the agents of God's particular providence for mankind. Thus, the Church teaches that everyone has a guardian angel, based on references to them throughout the Bible.

Do you know what the powers of the Archangels are? Do you know how they can help you? Awareness of how the Archangels can enhance your life could finally remove your blocks putting you on track to fulfilling your unique life's purpose.

First of all, the Archangels want you to call on them for help. Don't worry that you are overburdening them—Archangels can help people simultaneously. They also have "armies" of angels working under them to assist you in all ways. You can call on them whenever you need powerful and immediate assistance. They will be at your side right away. No job is too large or too small for the Archangels to take on.

The Archangels can bring you the blessings of the universe and the love The Divine. You don't have to do it all alone. When asked, the Archangels will surround you and can help open the doors of opportunity and illuminate the path to reaching your goals. They can't do everything, however—there will be work for you to do!

Archangel Michael

The Angel of Protection - This powerful being of light, who's name means "Who is Like God," has a purpose to protect as the "defender of the light and goodness." Along with "The Band of Mercy," this awesome entity will take negatively-minded people (both living and deceased) to the Light of God so that their negativity can be healed. Call upon Michael to assist you whenever you feel the presence of negative sources. He can clear negative energy from

any space (including your home, office, mind and heart.) This beautiful Archangel is the protector of Joy and Harmony and joins you instantly at your beck and call.

Archangel Jophiel

The Angel of Creative Power - This awesome light teaches our consciousness to discover the creative force within. Divine ideas begin to manifest as his energy merges with your own beautiful divine essence. Jophiel coordinates with a team of powerful, creativity angels to see each vision through to physical manifestation. Call upon Jophiel to fill you with the perfect vision of your highest desires. Welcome and accept the vision with gratitude and then be sure to take action - The Angels will help you through the entire process.

Archangel Chamuel

The Angel of Adoration - Chamuel, which means "he who seeks God," anchors the essence of adoration from the Goddess/God, to fill you with self-love and appreciation for all of the gifts in life. To experience adoration for all of life, you must experience all that life has to offer, even the lessons and your feelings about those lessons. True feelings are not to be suppressed, but expressed. Welcome opportunities to express all of your feelings in a safe, personal, and appropriate way. Invite Chamuel to cloak you in the bliss of adoration and he will respond. Chamuel will fill you with feelings of Self-Love and adoration for all that is. Share this essence with others and watch as loved ones light up when adored. God adores you, your angels adore you, please allow Chamuel to help YOU adore you and all of life's gifts!

Archangel Gabriel

The Angel of Resurrection - This loving angel who's name means "hero of God," is the bearer of GOOD NEWS as the voice of the Goddess/God. This archangel is a messenger who whispers in our ear of coming events, changes, and opportunities for new experiences. This beautiful Angel restores life and light into stale areas of your life such as relationships, businesses, households, etc. Ask Gabriel to resurrect any blocked areas of your life and fill you with the remembrance of your divine purpose and destiny. You will receive creative ideas and opportunities to help you get moving again.

Archangel Raphael

The Angel of Healing - Raphael, who's name means "God Heals," is charged with the healing of our beloved Mother Earth and all of her inhabitants. He begins with purifying our minds and erasing false beliefs. It is our thoughts that trigger health problems, not our body. All healing facilities and practitioners (both traditional and alternative) are guided and helped by Raphael. Your call upon Archangel Raphael invokes his presence to clear blocks within the energy body so that the flow of universal life-force energy can heal both the cause of the block and its physical manifestation. Health and vitality are your natural state of being. Your symptoms give clues to help you find causes of imbalance. Ask Raphael to guide you with clarity and love in your process of healing and feel free to invoke him for the healing of others as well.

Archangel Uriel

The Angel of Ministration & Peace - This archangel who's name means "light of God," brings divine light into our lives as he transforms painful memories and restores peace to our past. He helps turn our worst disappointments into our greatest blessings. Uriel assists us in releasing unforgiveness and resentment. Uriel and his legions enfold us in waves of peace when we cry out to him. Sometimes it takes the death of our most cherished dreams in the form of an unpleasant experience in order to realize the birth of new life, understanding, and opportunity. Uriel's goal is to assist you in anchoring yourself in love that is strong enough to withstand negativity. Invite his essence into your life to assist you in becoming a master of your energies.

Archangel Zadkiel

The Angel of Prayer & Affirmation - This awesome archangel guards the powers of invocation and affirmation, which are the essences of prayer. He responds to the deepest call from your heart and encourages you to intensify this energy through your desire. The art of prayer and affirmation is simply conversation with God/Goddess which affirms are own personal power and connection to the creative power of the Goddess/God. Zadkiel helps remind us to open our hearts and minds in gratitude to receive the presence and power of the Universe. No prayer goes unanswered. Call upon Archangel Zadkiel to help you be aware and listen for the answer. Zadkiel reminds you to pray and affirm with faith the power of your connection with God/Goddess.

Archangel Ramaela

The Angel of Joy - This beautiful being of light reminds us that Joy is the nourishment for the soul. Joy is not something to be acquired, but rather a natural state of being and to be found deep within. Ramaela reminds us that this state of awareness has to do with attitude. Joyfulness is invigorating and creative, naturally attuning you with the essence of the angels. Invite Ramaela to assist you in discovering your own inner joy and share it with others as the energy of joy transforms our life.

Archangel Mihr

The Angel of Relationships - This archangel watches over all relationships including family, business, friends, and lovers. As a social architect, Mihr's job is to bring people together to combine their gifts and passions to assist Mother Earth in her progressive evolution. Mihr is the Angel to invoke to bring assistance to your current relationships. You can also call upon this archangel to help you attract others of like mind, who are on a similar path as yourself to enter your life and live in harmony.

Archangel Israfel

The Angel of Music - This powerful angel and his legions embody the creative word of God/Goddess through songs from the heart. Think of a time when you heard music that was so powerful and beautiful that you were touched deeply by its vibration. Archangel Israfel was there, opening your heart through sound. Music and sound are vibration, which is a powerful tool for transformation through the higher self. Allow the magic of music to move you into dance and celebration of who you truly are. Call upon Israfel to invoke the sound of God through the vibration of music as you listen to the songs of angels.

Archangel Meditron

The Angel of Thought - This archangel manages special etheric archives called Akashic Records where all of our thoughts and actions are recorded upon a highly sensitized screen of mental essence. It is through these records that our attitudes and thoughts perpetually create our current life experiences as well as our future ones. Your innermost thoughts create your outer reality through magnetic attraction. Call upon Meditron to help you seek the cause of negative thoughts, notice how they reflect in your life, and clear them out.

Archangel Shushienae

The Angel of Purity - This loving being of light has a mission to purify our body, mind and spirit. When it appears that you are surrounded by emotional, mental, and physical pollution caused by negative thought patterns, or an unhealthful lifestyle, call upon Shushienae to help you achieve purity by infusing you with her gentle, cleansing energy of love. As you accept her assistance, and you purify your mind, body, and spirit, your vibratory rate will rise, as will the frequency of Mother Earth. This state of being makes communing with God, the angels, and all higher realms much easier and clearer as well as contributing to the purification of our planet.

Archangel Ariel

The Angel of Nature - This beautiful being of light supervises the realm of earthly angels that are sometimes referred to as the mythical creatures we call fairies, elves, leprechauns, etc. These so-called mythical creatures are very real beings of light known as the Earth Angels. Ariel assists the human realm to communicate and connect with the realm of Earth Angels. Ariel and her legion of Earth Angels can help us to understand the natural rhythms of the earth and experience the magic and healing properties of the trees, flowers, rocks and soil. The Earth Angels dwell in every blade of grass, every flower pedal, every drop of water - all areas of nature. These magical beings actually make their homes in mushrooms! So, please be mindful of this! Would you want a lawn mower tearing down your home? Would you want someone stepping all over where you live? Ask Archangel Ariel to help you connect with the realm of Earth Angels and build a relationship of harmony and balance.

The highest archangels are also known as aeons or archons

MICHAEL is the most powerful and warlike angel, famous as the leader of Heaven's armies in the war against Satan. He is also the angel who will weigh all human souls in his scales on the Day of Judgment.

GABRIEL is the Angel of Annunciation, who announces to the Virgin Mary that she will be the mother of Christ. As an angel associated with childbirth, Gabriel touches each baby on the lip just before birth, so that the infant soul will forget its pre-existing knowledge of Heaven. The mark of Gabriel's touch is the cleft between lip and nose.

RAPHAEL is the angel of healing, health and happiness. He is also the angel most commonly charged with guarding the Tree of Life, a mighty tree usually located in the Upper Paradise, whose branches represent the structure of the universe.

URIEL is or was one of the four greatest angels in Christianity. Associated with fire and thunder, he is also an Angel of Destruction and an Angel of Punishment. He carries the terrifying Sword of God. When Church leaders decided in 745 AD that angels were becoming too popular as objects of worship, Uriel was removed from the list of officially recognised angels.

AZRAEL is one of the four great angels of Islam. He managed to perform a task which had defeated the other archangels when he forced the Earth to give up the seven handfuls of dirt needed by God in order to create Adam. For this, he was rewarded with the position of Angel of Death. He learns who is due to die when a leaf bearing that person's name falls from a tree growing just below the throne of God. If a person is reluctant to die, he tempts the soul out of the body by placing under his or her nostrils an apple from the legendary Tree of Life.

METATRON is the most powerful of all angels in some non-canonical writings. In fact, he is the prophet Enoch transformed. His size is extraordinary, as wide and long as the Earth itself. He also has 36 pairs of wings, more than 72 different names, and 365,000 eyes. (The other contender for sheer size is Sandalphon: it is said to take 500 years to journey from Sandalphon's toes to the top of his head.) Metatron is the Chancellor of Heaven and the keeper of the Heavenly archives.

<i>THE ARCHANGELS OF THE DAYS OF THE WEEK</i>		
MONDAY	Gabriel (The Messenger)	God is my strength, giving birth to ideas.
TUESDAY	Samael (Angel Of Death)	Aggression, conflict, emotional pain
WEDNESDAY	Raphaël (The Shining One Who Heals)	Healing, travelling, communication
THURSDAY	Sachiel (Covering Of God)	Order, self improvement, study
FRIDAY	Anaël (The Star Of Love)	Human sexuality, human interaction
SATURDAY	Cassiel (Angel Of Tears)	Solitude, tears, patience
SUNDAY	Michael (One Who Is As God)	Weigher of souls, spirit pursuit, domestic matters

