



LET'S TALK ABOUT ANGELS

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ABSTRACT

A brief introduction to Angels and what they are about.

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Meeting Angels Unaware.

On life's busy thoroughfare.
We meet with Angels, unaware.
But we are too busy to see or hear.
Too busy to sense that God is near.
Too busy to stop and recognize the grief that lies in another's eyes.
Too busy to offer to help or share.
Too busy to sympathize or care.
Too busy to do the good things we should.
Telling ourselves we would if we could.
But life is too swift, and the pace is too great
and we dare not pause for we might be late for our next appointment,
which means so much,
we are willing to brush off the Saviors touch.
And we tell ourselves there will come a day.
We will have more time to pause on our way.
But before we know it life's son has said.
And we've passed the Savior but never met.
For hurrying along life's thoroughfare.
We passed him by and remained unaware.
That within the very sight of our I unnoticed the Son of God passed by.
Helen Steiner rice.

The text of this book has been prepared before the speakers of today's educational hour have submitted the text of their talks. So, you will not be able to follow along in the book. Save it to read later, along with the notes you will take on the back pages from the talks today. Several blank pages are in the back for your notes. From what the speakers say, and also your own thoughts sparked by what is being said.

What is an Angel?

We have all seen pictures of Heavenly Angels with wings and mostly dressed in white. Is that really what an Angel looks like?

We have also heard many theories on what an Angel is. Some say they are spirits that were with God in the beginning and have never lived on earth as humans. Some say God created the Angels as heavenly beings before he created mankind. Some say the Angels are the spirit entities of saintly people who have lived in physical bodies. Some say Angels are simply spirit entities. All may be right. We're not about to start an argument about what an Angel is. But we do not have one definition that I feel definitely covers all bases. An Angel is a Messenger from God.

I also don't think it necessary to be out of a physical body to be an Angel. We meet Angels every day in our everyday life. Some of them are still in physical bodies as they reach out and help their fellow man. Serving God in the only true way by serving his children. We learn about God every day in many different ways in nature and church and other people, and most of us also refer to the scriptures in the Bible. So, let's turn there first to learn about Angels.

We first read of Angels in the very beginning of the Bible, where they are recorded as Guardians of the Garden of Eden. Placed there by God to keep Adam and Eve from returning after they have been banished out into the world. So, he drove out the man and he placed at the East of the Garden of Eden a flaming sword which turned every way to keep the way of the tree of life. Genesis. 3: 24.

The last mention of Angels in the Bible comes in Revelations as the Seven Angels speak to John. In Chapter 21: 9 and 10. In between these two references are many other references to Angels and in chapter 18 of Genesis three men appeared to Abraham as messengers from God. Angels apparently look like men, yet Abraham knows instantly they are Angels. So, they must be different in some way. Yet Abraham and Sarah prepared meal for them, so they must be enough human like to eat and drink. And for Abraham to wash their feet. Read this chapter and see what kind of picture you build in your mind for these Angels.

In Genesis Chapter 32, we have the story of Jacob wrestling with an Angel. The Scripture describes this Angel; thus, And Jacob was left alone and there wrestled a man with Him until the breaking of the day.

In Chapter 13 of Judges, we have the story of the Angel who foretold the birth of Sampson to his parents. If you read this entire chapter, you will see how the Angel is described as a man. Except for his countenance was like the countenance of an Angel of God very terrible Verse 6.

In the first book of Samuel, we find Samuel's mother to be praying for a child. The Angel who brings her the message from God says that God will grant her prayer is a man in a physical body. The priest Eli. (Chapter one verse 17.) Then Samuel becomes God's Messenger as he takes on the role of a man of God, giving readings to others. And the scripture tells us that, "Before time in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God. Thus, he spake. Come and let us go to the seer, for he that is now called a Prophet was before time called a seer. (Chapter nine first nine.) Does this mean that sometimes we as mediums perform the tasks of Angels in bringing God's message to people?

In Chapter 6 of Isaiah. You will find quite detailed, a description of Angels. There is a lot of awesomeness and power in the descriptions given by Isaiah of the Seraphims. Another word for Angels. Above it stood the seraphims. Each one had six wings. With two he covered his face and two, he covered his feet, and with Two he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy Holy Holy is the Lord of hosts, the whole Earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. (Chapter 6 verses 2 through 4.)

These are just a few of the places where Angels are mentioned in the Bible. A good concordance can show you many more. There are more with different meanings to the word Angel, but this should give you enough to look up for now.

There are many books on the market today as well as people offering Angel seminars of one type or another. Many of these are merely money makers, and even those that are sincere in wanting to share knowledge, the knowledge is not that which we, as spiritualists, have studied over the years. The words medium, Spiritualist, spirit entity, etc., each are still taboo to most people, but Angels they can accept.

I recently received an advertisement for an Angel Guild. That would teach me all about my Guardian Angel and how to get in touch with Angels. But I'm sure if I had written back and told them I was a medium who often contacted the Angels in a seance room, they would have dropped me like a hot coal.

One seminar I went to learn about by Guardian Angels started out like this. Cherubs are closely identified with Valentine's Day. These cute little guys look like innocent children with wings, but cherubs aren't the only kind of Angels. Long ago, Saint Augustine an acknowledged expert on the subject, said Angels are spirits, but it is not because they are spirits that they are Angels. They become Angels when they are sent. For the name, Angel refers to their office, not their nature. You ask the name of this nature, and it is spirit. You ask the office. It is that of an Angel which is a Messenger. Each of us has at least one Angel with us every day of our lives and they have a message for each of us.

The same book classified Angels into several different groups. Just as some people do with guides, but I am not going to take up your time and the space in this booklet to list all these different classifications and titles. I really think the author of this book took what she had learned about guides and simply changed the name to Angels to make it more acceptable to the general public. I too have been guilty of this by calling that lifetime guide we all have, our Guardian Angel. But is this right? Certainly, our guides fit the description of an Angel as a spirit Messenger from God. But is there a distinction between a spirit that once lived in a physical body and an Angel? These are questions that we probably can

never find an authoritative answer to. But they are fun to speculate about in our spare time.

Much of the research we do on this subject will be from people just like us who formed an opinion and decided to write a book about it. But of course, a book sells better if it sounds like the authority on the subject. We are spiritualists. We will form our own opinions of what Angel is and use, what works for us. But for today, listen to what each of our speakers has discovered about the subject of Angels, and then we will all join in the general discussion of ideas, keeping in mind that we are all free to form our own opinion and must show respect to the opinion of our brother. If one day we all become Angels, then maybe we can speak with authority on the subject. Until then, please keep an open mind.