

# Angels

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## Introduction

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# The questions we may ask

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- Are there angels today?
- Do they intervene in the events of the lives of God's people?
- Should we look for angels?
- Are there angels who guard us every day?

# High level coverage

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- Angelic Intervention in Human Lives
- The angels and God
- What angels are
- When angels appear
- How they differ from man
- Angelic organization
- Ministry of angels
- Angels and Jesus
- Angels in eternity
- New age angelology

# Kind of world we are living in

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- ❑ We are living in a day of "angel mania" or "angel obsession" or "angel craze".
- ❑ In mid 1994 an ABC network prime time special "angels - the mysterious messenger"
- ❑ Jan 1994 until Feb 1995, 32 books on Angels were released
- ❑ Book called "Angels in America", talks about an angel ministers to a man with AIDS.

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- ❑ 69% of the people believed in angels and 46 % believed they have personal connections with at least one angel
- ❑ The angel collectors club of America
- ❑ "Philangeli" ""friends of angels"  
Catholic prayer group
- ❑ People are going crazy over angels.

# Terms & Definition

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- ❑ The word "Angel" simply means "Messenger".
- ❑ The Hebrew word "mal'ak"  
(Strong's H4397)
- ❑ The Greek word "ä'n-ge-los"  
(Strong's G32)

# In the Bible

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- ❑ In the OT “angel” appears 108 times
- ❑ In the NT “angel” appears 165 time
- ❑ Of the 66 , 34 books have something to say about angels

# How many angels are there?

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- *Revelation 5:11*
- Ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, more than 100 million.

# Involvement of angels

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## □ *Hebrews 1:14*

- Angels protect us - *Psalm 91:11&12*
- Angels guide us - *Genesis 19:15-17*
- Angels encourage us - *Judges 6:12*
- Angels deliver us - *Acts 12:7, Psalm 34:7*
- Angels enlighten us - *Mathew 2:19-20*
- Angels empower us - *Luke 22:43*

# Angels – Guiding Principles

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1. Angels must never replace God in our lives
2. Angels must never be reshaped to meet our own fancy
3. Angels must never receive worship
4. Angel must be recognized who they really are

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## 1. Angels must never replace God in our lives

- Time magazine - "For those who choke too easily on God and his rules...angels are the handy compromise, all fluff (soft & entertaining)and meringue (sweet food), kind, nonjudgmental. And they are available to everyone, like aspirin."
- Christianity - "angels provide a means to fix spirituality without bothering God himself"

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- Joan Wester Anderson - "angels are a gateway to spirituality for people who find the Judeo-Christian image of God too threatening".
- Prof. Robert Elwood - "with angels around people feel that they don't have to bother Al Mighty God in order to get help".

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## 2. Angels must never be reshaped to meet our own fancy

- ❑ Angels always appear as masculine
- ❑ Angels are a created beings
- ❑ Human beings don't evolve to become angels
- ❑ Angels do not age, they don't wait for their wings to grow.
- ❑ Sophy Burnham, author of A Book of Angels says. "God as punitive, jealous, judgmental, where as angels are totally compassionate." Revelation says, angels execute judgement.

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## 3. Angels must never receive worship

- ❑ Someone said, "The desire for an angel that is greater than the desire for the creator should always get you in trouble".
- ❑ *Colossians 2:18 & Revelation 19:10, 22:8&9*
- ❑ People today worship angels, pray to an angel, it is wrong.
- ❑ You pray to God and God sends an angel.
- ❑ It is wrong to ask your angel. It is wrong to talk to an angel. It is right to ask God to help you, and if God wishes, He may send an angel

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## 4. Angel must be recognized who they really are

- ❑ Good angels, evil angels & angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14&15)
- ❑ 2 of the major religions of the world started when someone listened to an angel
- ❑ John's advice - *1 John 4:1*
- ❑ There is no angel within us
- ❑ Angels come to church, they observe our worship - *2 Corinthians 11:9-10*