



My Drift

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Do you believe in Angels? Do you believe in God?

A recent (2021) AP Poll showed that 75% of Americans believe in God and Angels. This is down from 82% in 2010. About 88% of Christians, Jews, and Muslims believe in Angels. Only 40% of non-religious people believe in God and Angels. More women and older Americans believe or have faith that God and Angels exist.

What are Angels?

An angel is a being who is a pure spirit. Angels have intellect and will and so exercise knowledge and love, but they do not have bodies or live an embodied form of life. Each angel is essentially a center of consciousness without a body, but we need to qualify that and say that angels are conscious in a manner far beyond human beings. Since they do not have bodies, angels do not see, taste, smell, touch, hear, imagine, or recall sensory things—and they do not have sensory passions. For all of these activities and passions are the works of physical organs, and the angels have no physical organs.

Likewise, angels do not eat, sleep, smile, laugh, marry, make love, or have children. And they're definitely not little babies flying around with wings as often depicted in art. Rather, each angel is a totally unique being specially created by God and endowed with powers for knowing, loving, acting, and rejoicing in a manner far beyond our way of doing these things. For we human beings do all these things as bodies, as organisms in a physical environment or biosphere. Angels exist in an altogether higher order of reality, which is not a physical environment and is not conditioned by space, time, or material limitations.

Hierarchy of Angels

There are nine levels of spiritual beings (Angels) which are grouped into three orders:

- **Highest orders**

Seraphim Angels

The Seraphim angels are the angels closest to God. These angels encircle his throne and emit an intense, fiery light representing his light, the loving light of God.



Cherubim (Cherub) Angels

The Cherub angels are the divine keepers of celestial records and hold the knowledge of God. The Cherub angels are sent to Earth when there is a great need with matters of most importance. There are now 3 Cherubim angels (Ophaniel, Rikbiel, and Zophiel) from the original 4 Cherub in heaven; Lucifer was a Cherub before his fall from grace.



Thrones Angels

The Thrones appear to have the weirdest appearance because they appear as great glowing wheels covered with many eyes. The Thrones serve as God's chariot and "dispense his judgment" to carry out his desires for us. The Thrones are considered "heavenly governors, attempting to strike a balance between matter and spirit, good and bad."



- Middle orders

Dominations (Dominions) Angels

The Dominations/Dominions receive Seraphim and Cherubim's orders and then pass those orders onto the lower angel classes for execution. They are like the upper management of the angel order. Zadkiel is the chief in charge of the Dominion's angels.



Powers Angels

The Angels of Power appear in their celestial form as brightly colored, hazy fumes. The Powers are the angels of birth and death and are "border patrol angels" of heaven. Many people believe that the Powers keep the demons at bay.



Virtues Angels

The Virtues are shaped like sparks of light, focusing on maintaining the natural world and inspiring living things in things like science. They are also responsible for taking orders from upper angels and turning those orders into miracles for the deserving.



- Lowest orders

Principalities Angels

These angelic beings are seen as rays of light. The Principalities oversee and guide our entire world--nations, cities, and towns; and more importantly, they are in charge of religion and politics. Principalities are in charge of managing the Earthly duties of the angels below them.



Archangels Angels

Archangels are the guardians of humankind. Archangels appear in human form with huge wings set on their backs. The most well-known Archangels are Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael.



Angels

Finally, at the lowest level, we have plain ole everyday angels who are in charge of delivering individuals with direct messages from God. These are the angels that safeguard households and individuals from evil and demons. Yes, angels nurture, counsel, and heal individual people for God. Everyone has their own "personal angel" known as their Guardian Angel.



Guardian Angel

Okay, there are many different Angels but the one we are most interested in (at least for this article) is the Guardian Angel. A guardian angel is a type of angel that is assigned to protect and guide a particular person.

Imagine that you had a bodyguard who was always with you. He/she did all the usual bodyguard things like protecting you from danger, warding off assailants, and generally keeping you safe in all situations. But he/she also did more than this: he/she offered you moral guidance, helped you become a stronger person, and led you to your ultimate calling in life.

We don't have to imagine it. We already have such a bodyguard. Christian tradition calls them guardian angels. Their existence is supported by Scripture and both Catholics and Protestants believe in them.

Giving you a bigger picture of what life is about, where you came from, and what your purpose is. Guardian Angels help you to the degree you help yourself and others (where it is best to assist others). If you do not want help from your guardian angel, it will not interfere with your free will.

But too often we neglect to tap this great spiritual resource. (I, for one, am certainly guilty of this!) In order to better enlist the aid of guardian angels, it might help to have a better appreciation of they can do for us. Here are a few of those things:

1. Ward off demons

Sometimes we visualize moral decision-making as a debate between a bad angel whispering in one ear and a good angel speaking wisely in the other. There is some truth to this and one of the roles of our guardian angel is to fight off demons (the bad evil angel) and allow you to do the right thing.



2. Protect us from harm

Guardian angels generally protect us from both spiritual and physical harm. Some possible examples: You got lost while hiking in the wilderness, prayed for help, and had a mysterious stranger come to your rescue. You were mugged and threatened at gunpoint, yet somehow -- for reasons you can't explain -- you escaped without being injured. You approached an intersection while driving and suddenly got the urge to stop, even though the light in front of you was green. A few seconds later, you saw another car come into view and shoot through the intersection as the driver ran a red light. If you wouldn't have stopped, the car would have collided with yours.



Sound familiar? Such scenarios are commonly reported by people who believe that their guardian angels are protecting them. Guardian angels may protect you from harm either by rescuing you from danger or preventing you from entering a dangerous situation.

3. Help you overcome fear

Guardian angels are always near to help you overcome fear and anxiety. With our angel at our side, we should have the courage to live out our faith boldly and confront whatever life might throw our way.

4. Giving us suggestions and solutions to questions, problems, and challenges

If you believe in angels and you need help with a problem, you can invoke powerful angelic assistance by just mentally asking for help. Angels are able to hear your mental plea, and so if you are sincere in your request, they will get the message to step in and help. You may find that all of a sudden you are thinking more clearly and the answers you are seeking come to you.



5. Help you enjoy everyday life more

Many of us are so busy that we've forgotten how to live life and be happy. The greater part of our lives is made up of small things—the ordinary and the everyday. When we ignore these everyday things or dismiss them as trivial, we miss out on life. Your guardian angel can help you see all the little joys and appreciate the blessings that are in your life.

6. Sending you energy to help you heal

Your guardian angel can be immensely beneficial in restoring your health and wellbeing. Engage their powerful and loving assistance to pull you out of spiraling depression. Ask them to help you easily release resentment and anger from a painful betrayal and extend forgiveness and an open heart. Solicit your guardian angel to remove the misperception that you're not good enough and replace it with worthiness and higher levels of self-love.



You can break old patterns and create healthier new habits easier with their support. Request their aid in living a balanced lifestyle. Elicit their service to heal your diseases and maintain unwavering hope and patience during your healing process. Use their help to keep you in the present moment, and not regretting the past or worrying about the future.



Face of an Angel

7. Angels can help teach you anything

Guardian angels can help you learn something new. You can ask your angel to assist you with anything—learning the computer, a new language, how to lose weight, how to release stress, feel happier, etc.

8. Help you achieve your goals

You can reach your goals easier with help from your guardian angel. To help you attain your objective, your angel may send you compressed energy that unfolds over time. With these downloads of energies from your guardian angel, you will have the insight and will to accomplish your goals in life.

9. Providing comfort, love, and encouragement

The COVID-19 Pandemic has been unsettling to say the least! We have been cooped up for months and some of us are a little cranky. Many of us are stressed about personal finances, our physical and mental health and the physical and mental health of our loved ones. Yes, finding comfort in the face of uncertainty is arguably one of the hardest things to do in life.

Our guardian angels have been very busy comforting and providing encouragement to help us get through this difficult time.

10. Help enlighten our minds and our hearts

We often think of guardian angels as a special angel only for children, but the truth is that we all have a guardian angel for our entire lives. Our angels are a gift from God. They watch over us, aid us in prayer, enlighten us, guide us, and protect us. Angels are mentioned in both the Old and New Testament and many saints have had visions of their guardian angels. We can hope that our Guardian Angel will help us during our journey to eternal happiness in Heaven.

When you get right down to it, the primary mission of our guardian angel is to help us get closer to God.

More general information about Guardian Angels

You. Me. Everyone now, in the past, and who will live in the future has a guardian angel.

We don't transform into Angels. Angels are separate beings from humans. If you go to Heaven in Union with God after you die, you will remain yourself. You will receive a gloried spirit body, but you will not become an angel.

Angels are super-geniuses. They don't think like humans do. We use logic to get from one thought to the next. Angels don't take any intermediate steps - they just reach the conclusions. They have insights constantly. Because of this, they are constantly contemplating things such as humans, other angels, and God.

Each and every single angel is unique and different from any other angel, so much so that each angel could be considered a different species. This means that every angel has their very own very different personality.

Angels can't get bored. Because they are outside of our space-time, angels have no chronological time, which means that they never wait, and they can't get bored because they are part of the immaterial world. Not only that, but guardian angels are never bored because humans are the subject of their attention, and humans don't end, they just keep going.

They love us. It naturally follows that love follows knowledge. Because angels have the power to think (they are conscious) and the power to choose (they have free will); angels will the good of us, which is the precise definition of love. They have no other motive except to see us in heaven, where we belong.

Angels are telepaths. Since they don't have a body to speak with, they just communicate with one another by instantly sending their thoughts.

Angels are always in contact with God. Even when they are paying attention to us, they are glorifying God and receiving whatever God wants them to know. Since they are beings outside of space, they can be present to more than one thing at any moment. This means that they operate on earth without ever leaving heaven.

They contain the space in which they operate. I always imagined that my guardian angel would hover above me or to one side, but since they don't have a body, it makes sense that they surround us at all times.

Angels are more beautiful than we can possibly imagine. Because they are more like God than we are, they are more beautiful, because God is Beauty. Artists try and capture the beauty of angels, but they will always fall drastically short because there is nothing in this world that can describe or show such beauty.

Angels don't have a gender. Gender is biological; it has nothing to do with the personality or spirit. Masculinity and femininity, on the other hand, transcend biology. This means that some angels may have more feminine personalities or more masculine personalities, but that doesn't mean that they are male or female.

Angels appear to women more than men. Women seem to be more intuitive and receptive, which may be the reason behind this. Angels are solely intuitive beings, so they might be more on the same sort of mental wavelength as the female populace.

They inspire us. Have you ever woken up in the middle of the night and an idea popped into your head that you just had to write down so you wouldn't forget it in the morning? Have you just been inspired to do something out of the ordinary, and it turned out to be extremely fruitful? Angels are always trying to inspire us with things that will lead us to heaven. Angels are real and there is one that is protecting, guarding, guiding, enlightening, and loving you at this very moment.

Angels have personalities that differ from one another which is similar to humans.

Angels communicate with one another by passing concepts mind to mind; the higher intelligence angels can empower the intellect of the lower ones to grasp the concept being communicated.

Angels are far more active in the life of humans than we realize.

Angels can prompt and guide the thoughts of humans but cannot violate our free will. Angels can take information from your memory and bring an image into your mind in order to influence you.

Angels bring to mind imagery that helps us do the right thing according to God's will.

We should pray to be able to recognize more clearly the promptings we receive from our Guardian Angels, so that we will choose the good with confidence and avoid that which is bad for us.

Aid in our salvation. The ultimate goal of all that guardian angels do is to aid in our salvation.

Guardian Angels can move faster than Superman. Angels move by quantum leaps. The swiftness of the angel's movement is not measured by the quantity of their power, but according to the determination of their will. Angels are not bound by a material body like we are and so they can move superfast - the speed of "thought".

Meaning and Symbolism of Angel Wings



Angels and wings go together naturally in popular culture. Images of winged angels are commonplace on everything from tattoos to greeting cards. But do angels really have wings? And if angel wings exist, what do they symbolize?

The sacred texts of three major world religions, Christianity, Judaism, and Islam, all contain verses about angel wings.

Angels appear both with and without wings. Angels are powerful spiritual creatures who aren't bound by the laws of physics, so they don't need wings to fly. Yet, people who have encountered angels sometimes report that the angels they saw had wings. Others report that the angels they saw manifested in a different form, without wings. Art throughout history has often portrayed angels with wings.

Different missions, different appearances. Since angels are spirits, they aren't limited to appearing in just one kind of physical form, as human beings are. Angels may show up on Earth in whatever way best suits the purposes of their missions.

Some signs that your Guardian Angel is near you

1. You Dream About an Angel Visitation

Dreams are often considered the windows to the soul, but they also can indicate that your guardian angel is nearby. Angel believers report that a guardian angel may visit you in a dream to let you know that they are watching over you. They may try to deliver some kind of message or they may simply be reassuring you about their presence.

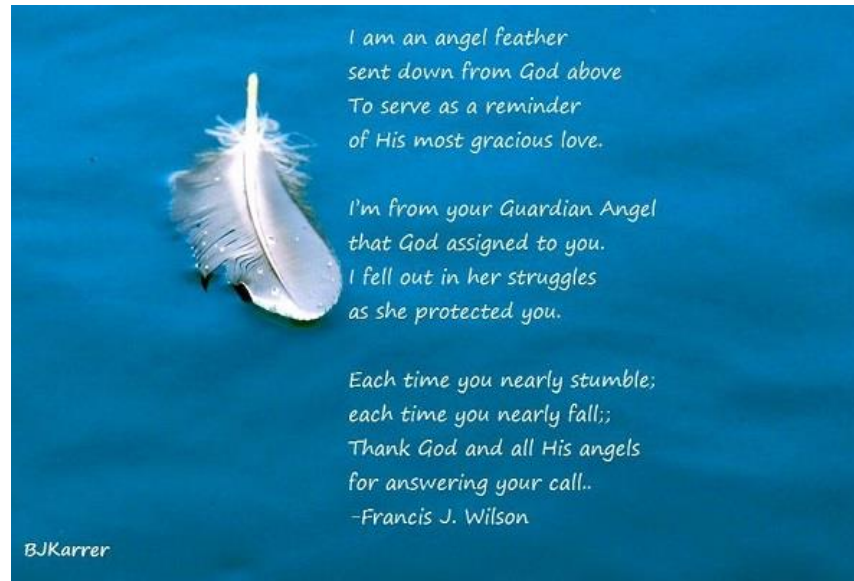
2. You Notice a Sudden Sweet Smell

If you cannot explain an unexpectedly pleasant smell, it may be a sign that a guardian angel is nearby. Believers report that these sweet scents may simply be your angel's way of reaching out to you, to let you know that they are with you. The smells may take the form of delicious food, fragrant flowers, or a pleasant perfume that a deceased loved one used to wear.

3. You Experience a Sudden Change in Temperature

An unexpected change in temperature may be a sign that your guardian angel is at your side. People report these temperature changes in a variety of ways. Some people will feel a strange chill. But others may experience a sudden warmth surrounding them. This warmth may be your angel's way of giving you a reassuring hug.

4. You Find a White Feather



A feather is a safe and gentle way for your angels to show you they are with you. This is one of the most common of all the angel signs. A white feather may cross your path in an extremely unlikely location and usually arrives at times when you are most in need.

5. You See Angels in The Clouds

As a child, you may have spent time laying on your back, staring up at the clouds. But some claim there are certain cloud shapes that may be signs from your guardian angel. These angel clouds could take the literal form of an angel. But they may also appear in pleasing shapes, such as hearts, or in symbols that are particularly meaningful or personal to you.



7. You Feel Like You Are Not Alone

Everyone has experienced the feeling that they are not alone at one time or another. This might just be a sixth sense, or it might be the raising of the hairs on the back of your neck. Many angel believers can sense when their guardian angel is with them. They report that they know someone else is present, even though the room may appear completely empty.

6. Your Dog Sees Something You Can't



Many believe that pets may be able to see guardian angels, even when the rest of us can't. Angels are said to put animals at ease. You might see a pet staring at a certain spot in the room, or at something you can't see. If you spot your dog seeming to interact with something that isn't there, it may just be a sign that your guardian angel is present.

My Guardian Angel

My Guardian Angel has been busy during my 80+ years here on earth. Here is one example (of many) where I think my Guardian Angel helped save my life:



What I heard on that faithful night in February 1985 was Fire! Fire! Fire! in Korean. I had returned to my room around midnight after having a few beers at one of the local bars in Taegu, Korea. I was awakened by somebody running down the hallway pounding on everybody's door and screaming something I didn't understand. Fortunately, I got up to find out what was going on. As I approached the door, I could hear a crackling noise and when I opened the door a cloud of thick black smoke hit me. I did not have time to think – I just reacted by grabbing my wallet and started running for the front door. My room was located on the third floor about as far away from the exit as you could get. I could not see anything except for the flames coming out of some of the rooms. I knew the stairs were at the other end of the hall and I run until I hit the wall and then down the

stairs and out into the street. I tried not to breathe for the 20 or so seconds it took me to get out of this 3-story Korean Hotel, but I was choking and spitting up black stuff as I watched the hotel burn to ground. It was freezing cold with snow on the ground and there I was standing in my bare feet wearing only my shorts and undershirt. I was just happy to be alive! Then, out of nowhere, there was this nice Korean lady giving me a blanket. Somebody else helped me find a phone to call a friend where I spent the night. This was the closest I ever came to dying that I can remember.

Was I lucky or did my Guardian Angel help me survive this event?

Conclusions

I believe in God, the Power of Prayer, and Guardian Angels. Even though I have sinned a few times (who hasn't?), I'm hoping God thinks I'm a good enough person to have a place in Heaven. I would like to thank my Guardian Angel for all the help I received during my lifetime.

Recap - What did we learn about Guardian Angels?

Guardian angels are angels who are attached to a person from birth to death, providing constant guidance, protection, and companionship. A guardian angel's mission does not end with death; it continues until we achieve union with God.

Well, that might not happen if you are a sinner and a bad person. In that case, your guardian angel leaves you at death and you go straight to hell.

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