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The Doctrines of Creation:

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# The Creation of Angels

## Common questions regarding angels.

1. **Do angels have rank?** the **arch**angel Michael, Jude 9
2. **Do angels have names?** Michael and Gabriel (Daniel 8:16) are the only named angels in Scripture.
3. **Are angels omnipresent?** Angels can travel from place to place but as created beings they can only be in one place at one time. In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, Luke 1:26
4. **How many angels are there?** Scripture does not say exactly but it is a very large number.

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to **innumerable** angels in festal gathering, Hebrews 12:22

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5. **Do you have a personal Guardian Angel?** God clearly sends angels for our protection: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up lest you strike your foot against a stone.

Psalm 91:11-12

- **There is no clear proof text in Scripture for an individual guardian angel. It is more likely that angels are assigned to individuals for a particular mission or that angels play “zone” defense rather than a permanent “man to man” defense. See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. Matthew 18:10**
- **They said to her, “You are out of your mind.” But she kept insisting that it was so, and they kept saying, “It is his angel!” Acts 12:15**

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### 6. How powerful are angels?

- **Angels are more powerful than humans.** Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones, whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do not pronounce a blasphemous judgment against them before the Lord. 2 Peter 2:10-11
- **Angels are very powerful but their power is not infinite.** Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. Revelation 12:7-8

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**7. Who is the angel of the Lord?** In the passages below the appearance is of God himself i.e. God the Son taking on a human body for a short time.

The angel of the LORD also said to her, “I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude.” Genesis 16:10

But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” Genesis 22:11

And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. Exodus 3:2

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**7. Who is the angel of the Lord?** On the other hand, the context of the passages below seem to indicate an angel sent by God.

- The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. Psalm 34:7
- Then the angel of the LORD said, ‘O Lord of hosts, how long will you have no mercy on Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, against which you have been angry these seventy years?’ And the Lord answered gracious and comforting words to the angel who talked with me. Zechariah 1:12-13

**In some passages it is clearly not an appearance of God such as:** And there appeared to him **an** angel of the **Lord** standing on the right side of the altar of incense. Luke 1:11

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**8. When were angels created?** All the angels were created by the 7<sup>th</sup> day of creation.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the **host** of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. Genesis 2:1-2

- **God may have created the angels early on the first day.**

The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Genesis 1:2 **This may indicate the earth was inhabitable but the heavens were not since heavens is mentioned in Genesis 1:1**



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“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all **the sons of God** shouted for joy? Job 38:4-7

- **In Job 1:6 and 2:1 the sons of God is another name for angels.** Now there was a day when **the sons of God** came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. Job 1:6

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Beyond this we have only hints in Scripture and must be content that God has not definitively answered this question. All that we know for sure is that Satan and a number of angels sinned before Eve was tempted in Genesis 3:1 apparently after the sixth day of creation.

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.  
Genesis 1:31

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## 9. How do angels affect our daily lives?

- When we worship we are joined with the angels in heaven and all the believers who have died and are now in God's presence.

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable **angels in festal gathering**, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to **the spirits of the righteous made perfect**, Hebrews 12:22-23

- Angels observe our service.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Hebrews 13:2

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## 9. Do angels appear to people today?

Angels were active in early church history.

- Philip went south on the road from Jerusalem to Gaza. Acts 8:26
- Cornelius sent a messenger to get Peter from Joppa. Acts 10:3-6
- Peter walked out of prison. Acts 12:6-11
- Paul was promised no one on the ship would be lost. Acts 27:23-24

We should not expect to receive **new doctrinal information** from angels today but we should not rule out God communicating with us through an angel.

We should be **extremely wary** of an angelic appearance especially if guidance is offered since Scripture is our guide and demons can appear as angels.

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## 9. How do angels affect our daily lives?

- **When we escape from danger we should suspect that God has sent an angel to help us.**

**For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up lest you strike your foot against a stone. Psalm 91:11-12**

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**Cautions regarding our relationships with angels.**

**1. Beware of false doctrine or guidance from angels.**

**And he said to him, “I also am a prophet as you are, and an angel spoke to me by the word of the Lord, saying, ‘Bring him back with you into your house that he may eat bread and drink water.’” But he lied to him. 1 Kings 13:18**

**And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. 2 Corinthians 11:14**

**But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. Galatians 1:8**

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**2. Do not worship, pray to or seek angels.**

**Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, Colossians 2:18**

**Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God.” For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. Revelation 19:10**

**For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 1 Timothy 2:5**