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# Fact or Fiction?



Most artists create for only a brief moment in time. That phenomenon was once known as "15 minutes of fame". Yet even in a fickle world, there still emerge a talented few that transcends time and trends. With nearly 15 years as a major label recording artist and seven hit

albums to his credit, Al Denson is that kind of artist.

But the attention and acclaim his artistry has brought him over the years are anything but the routine rewards of worldly success. Rather, they are the fruits of a life of purpose and passion, and a mission that has always reached far beyond merely making music.

The millions of young people Al has performed for, befriended, counseled, consoled and clowned around with in his career already know that. And thousands more are finding out every day.

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## Fact

Angels in America are big deals and big bucks.

It seems that everyone from fundamentalist Christians to New Agers are into angels. It is "angelmania" as one writer put it. You don't have to look very far to find a magazine, a book, a TV program, a radio talk show, a movie, a workshop, art, or jewelry that has something to do with angels.

Thirty years ago, this booklet probably would have been written to prove the existence of angels, but that is not the issue today. According to the Gallup poll the number of teenagers that say they believe in angels has increased from 64% in 1978 to 76% in 1992. That number is probably much higher today.

What is the deal? Why are angels so popular in America today? Christians seem to be excited about this subject because they believe that it is a biblical doctrine and think all the "angelmania" is a good thing because it means that people in this country have a greater interest in Scripture today. Unfortunately, that isn't true, because most of the ideas sweeping our



nation about angels are totally unbiblical.

Listen to what author Ron Rhodes, in his great book, *Angels Among Us*, says some of the "angel experts" in this country are saying:

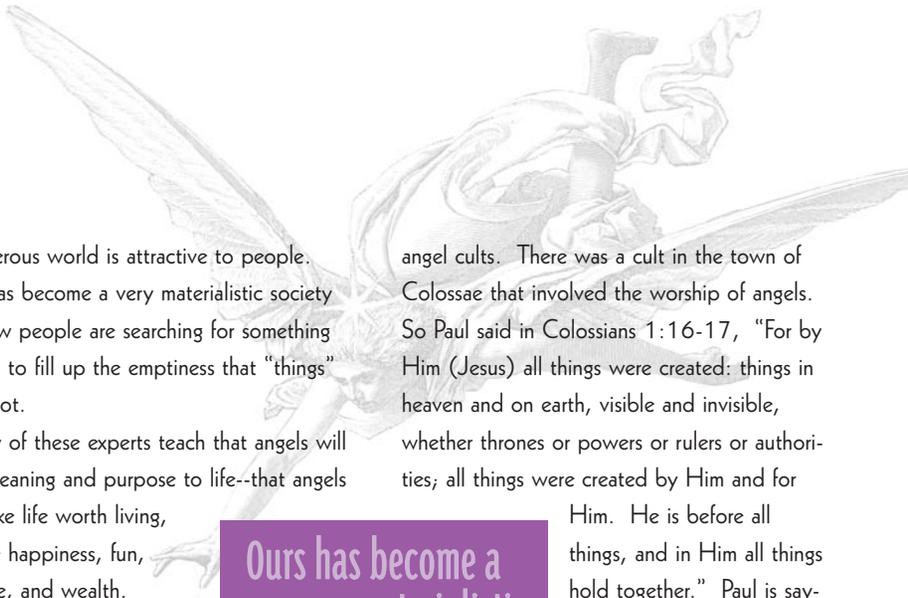
Time magazine says, "for those who choke too easily on God and His rules...angels are the handy compromise, all fluff and meringue, kind, nonjudgmental." Angels seem to provide a way for people

who want a little "spirituality," but not God.

Many people feel that angels are a way to get God's help without having to deal directly with Him. They believe when you can't get through to God, it's like an "end run" into heaven.

Others think that interest in angels is becoming more prevalent because our society is in more trouble than ever before, and they think angels can help cure our social ills.

The Los Angeles Times reported that guardian angels are popular today because times have gotten so bad that people are more receptive to the heavenly beings. It seems that anything that can offer a sense of protection in



a dangerous world is attractive to people. Ours has become a very materialistic society and now people are searching for something spiritual to fill up the emptiness that “things” could not.

Many of these experts teach that angels will bring meaning and purpose to life--that angels will make life worth living, provide happiness, fun, romance, and wealth. Angels are said to help you “create heaven in your life.” Angels are popular because they give you assurance of life after death. They take the fear out of death for people.

All of these ideas are ungodly, unbiblical, and in many cases have more to do with the fallen angels

(demons) that we will examine later in this booklet, than with God’s holy angels. What we are seeing take place today is nothing new. In the book of Colossians in the New Testament, Paul gives strong warnings against

angel cults. There was a cult in the town of Colossae that involved the worship of angels. So Paul said in Colossians 1:16-17, “For by Him (Jesus) all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.” Paul is saying in these verses that Jesus is the One who created all things, including the angels, and He and He alone is worthy to be worshiped. Paul also says in Colossians 2:18, “Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you for the prize.”

Here he is strongly warning against the worship of angels, and in Romans 1:25 he warns against worshiping the creation instead of the Creator. Most of what is happening today is a form of angel worship.

As with any other issue we face in life, we must use the Word of God as our only authority to determine what is true and what is false. When people get away from the truths found in the Bible and replace it with their own ideas, they open the door to all kinds of false

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teaching and even occultism. Many of the so called “angel experts” today are using Eastern meditation, visualization, breath control, exercises with chakras, channeling, and divination to “contact angels”--all of which are straight out of the pits of hell.

Deuteronomy 18:10-12 says, “Let no one be found among you...who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord.”

When the scriptures talk about meditation it is talking about deep reflection on God, His Word, and His attributes. Eastern meditation and mysticism are emptying your mind, which is totally different and very dangerous. Anytime you put your mind in neutral you are opening yourself up to all sorts of demonic influences. This also goes for visualization, or guided imagery sessions. This is an altered state of consciousness that can make a person very vulnerable to demonic activity.

You may also hear people today saying that

prayer is a way to communicate with the angels. Listen closely and you will also hear them talk about praying “to the angels.” Hopefully, every born-again Christian knows that praying to anything or anyone other than God is unscriptural and idolatry.

All of this New Age teaching goes on to tell us that angels can give us guidance, friendship, wisdom, protection, and healing. They teach that angels can reprogram our brains, help us become better people, accomplish our goals, free us from addictions, bring us comfort, and help us achieve a “higher state of consciousness.”

New Age teachers will tell you to follow the angel’s examples by getting rid of our limiting concepts of God. They say that angels don’t care what name or gender you assign to God, that you can make God into whatever and whoever you want Him/Her/It to be: Mother

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Nature, Mother Earth, The Great Spirit, The Universe, or simply your Higher Power. If you are a Christian, all this should not fascinate you--it should make you sick.

Again, God's Word is the ONLY AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE from which we can get the truth about angels and other spiritual matters. God created the angels and He is the only one qualified to tell us the truth about them. You have heard the FICTION concerning angels, now what are the FACTS concerning angels? Ron Rhodes, again, gives us excellent information regarding what the Bible has to say:

## 1. Angels Are Created Beings

Angels have not existed forever like God has. They were created at a point in time by God. They weren't human beings who died and became angels (Psalm 8:5; I Corinthians 6:3), they were created AS angels. In Psalm 148:2-5 it says, "Praise Him, all His angels, praise Him, all His heavenly hosts. Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars. Praise Him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were CREATED."

We know from the New Testament (John 1:1-3) that it was actually Jesus Christ who



acted as God's agent at creation. He acted AS God and brought the universe into being with the word of His mouth. He spoke the word, and the angels were all created at the same time. One minute there were no angels, the next minute there were millions! What an awesome God!

## 2. Angels Make Their Home In Heaven

Even though they have access to the entire universe, the Bible lets us know that angels live in heaven but are sent out on special assignments by God. We can read about this in passages like II Chronicles 18:18, Daniel 7:10, Isaiah 6:1-6, John 1:51, Hebrews 12:22, and Revelation 5:11. The word "angel" means messenger, and that is exactly what they are. Angels live in heaven with God and leave to perform certain tasks for Him on earth and return when their assignment is complete.

## 3. Angels Are Spirit Persons

These are not people, but beings with a personal nature. What is meant by that is they have the personal attributes of intelligence, emotions, and a will. We find just a few of the verses that substantiate this in II Samuel 14:20, II Samuel 14:17, I Peter 1:12, Hebrews 12:22, Job 38:7, Luke 15:7, Luke 15:10, Jude 9, Revelation 12:7, Hebrews 1:6, Luke 1:13, and I Peter 1:12.

## 4. Angels Are Powerful

Psalm 103:20 and II Thessalonians 1:7 talk about the strength of angels. You will remember that in Matthew 28 an angel rolled away the stone (that could have weighed over 8,000 pounds) that sealed Jesus' tomb. They are powerful, but they are not all-powerful as is God. They are created creatures with limitations and they are no replacement for God. The only power that they have comes from God. They can also only be in one place at a time, unlike God, who is omnipresent.

## 5. Angels Are Holy and Obedient

Over and over in the scriptures angels are referred to as God's "holy ones" (Job 5:1; 15:15; Psalm 89:7; Daniel 4:13, 17, 23; 8:13; Jude 14). They are "set apart," which is what holy means. They are committed to God in every way and they exist to please the God that created them. Their holiness is proven by their total obedience to God (Psalm 103:20).

## 6. Angels Are Invisible to the Human Eye

Even though angels are nonphysical beings, they have the ability to appear visibly to humans (Numbers 22:31; II Kings 6:17).

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Dr. Billy Graham says "While angels may become visible by choice, our eyes are not constructed to see them ordinarily any more than we can see the dimensions of a nuclear field, the structure of atoms, or the electricity that flows through copper wiring..."

Dr. Graham was simply saying that even though we can't see electricity, that doesn't make it any less real, and even though we normally can't see angels, they are no less real, either. One reason that God may have created them in such a way as to not be seen by humans, is because He knew that humans would be tempted to worship them if they could see them.

This doesn't mean that angels cannot appear in other forms. The Bible gives us examples where angels appeared to look so much like men, that humans thought they were (Genesis 18:1-8, Genesis 18:22; 19:1, Matthew 1:20, Luke 1:26, John 20:12). It is very possible that someone who helped you during a time of need, was actually an angel who appeared as a human (Hebrews 13:2).

## 7. Angels Have Specific Rank and Authority

Michael, the archangel, is in authority over all the other angels. He is called a "chief prince" in Daniel 10:13, and the "great prince" in Daniel 12:1. The word "prince" is a title of authority and, when used of angels, refers to beings in authority over a host of angels in battle. Michael, as the "great prince" would be in authority over all the "prince angels."

Gabriel, means "mighty one of God," and speaks of the power that has been given him by God. In Luke 1:19, we are told that he is an angel who stands in the very presence of God. We know Gabriel has high rank among angels from his name and the fact that he is constantly in the presence of God. He is the one who brings God's revelation to His people (Daniel 8:16; 9:21, Luke 1:11-17, 26-38).



## 8. Angels Are Observers of Earth

In Daniel 4:13 the Bible says that angels observe the affairs of earth, and in I Peter 1:12 it says that all the angels, "long to look into" things related to God's redemption of humankind. Angels have been observing earth from the very beginning. Just think about it:

- angels were present when man and woman were created
- angels saw the temptation and the fall of Adam and Eve
- angels witnessed all the events of the Old Testament
- angels saw Jesus leave heaven
- angels witnessed in awe the birth of the Savior
- angels watched in horror the execution of the Savior
- angels witnessed with joy His resurrection
- angels were there to receive Jesus back to heaven

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## 9. Angels Are Not Necessary

This is not to say that angels aren't important. The point is that God doesn't need them. He can accomplish whatever He chooses without their help. He created them for His pleasure and His glory. Angels cannot act independently from God. God sends them out on our behalf, but the praise and gratitude for that goes to God, not to the angels. The primary function of all angels is to worship and praise God day and night. The apostle John, when he was exiled on the Isle of Patmos, witnessed 100 million angels singing praises to God. In Revelation 5:11-12 he writes, "I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

## 10. Angels Minister to Believers

In Hebrews 1:14 it says, "Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve THOSE WHO WILL INHERIT SALVATION?" We know from scriptures that angels protect (Psalm 91:11), guide (Genesis 19:16-17), encourage (Judges 6:12), deliver (Acts 12:7),

supply (Psalm 105:40), enlighten (Matthew 2:19-20), and empower (Luke 22:43).

Dr. Billy Graham says “every true believer in Christ should be encouraged and strengthened! Angels are watching; they mark your path. They superintend the events of your life and protect the interest of God, always working to promote His plans and to bring about His highest will for you. If we would only realize how close his ministering angels are, what calm assurance we could have in facing the cataclysms of life. While we do not place our faith in angels, we should place it in the God who rules the angels; then we can have peace.”

There are some Christians who believe the scripture teaches that each Christian has an angel assigned to them. However, many Bible scholars believe that there are many multitudes of angels who are always ready to give help and protection to each Christian whenever

there is a need. We as believers should feel happy and confident knowing that there are many angels constantly guarding us. If we could ever really grab hold of this truth, we would be less fearful of our circumstances and our enemies.

Can you begin to see how totally different what the scripture teaches about angels is from what is being taught in our country today by so called “angel experts?” The Bible says in II Corinthians 11:14, “Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.” So do the demons who follow Satan (verse 15). It is quite apparent that many of the “angels” who are so popular among the New Ager today are nothing less than demonic spirits who are impersonating angels. So, let’s look at what the Bible has to say about these “fallen angels,” better known as demons.



## DEMONS

Satan is alive and well on planet earth, but there are probably as many, if not more, misconceptions out there about him and his demons as there are about angels. Let’s try to separate the FACTS from the FICTION. We know from scripture that Satan is a real being who started as a created angel and then became a fallen angel. He has a personality with a mind, a will, and emotions (II Corinthians 11:3, Luke 22:31, Revelation 12:17, Isaiah 14:12-14, II Timothy 2:26, Job 1, Matthew 4:1-12, John 8:44, I John 3:8, Jude 9).

He is a very powerful and influential being, but his power has limitations. It is important that as we study these fallen angels that we be reminded of this very powerful truth. Satan has ALREADY been defeated. Jesus Christ conquered Satan, sin, death, and hell on the cross, and made a mockery of Satan and all his demons when He was resurrected from the

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He has no authority over us, no power over us because of the blood that Jesus shed on Calvary. Satan is like an old, toothless lion, roaring in the jungle trying to scare people into believing that he is more powerful than he really is. Of course you would never want to underestimate the tricks and the devices of your enemy, but never, never overestimate his power, or give him more attention than he deserves. He enjoys the spotlight, and too many Christians give him more than they should with their fears and obsessions with the “dark side.” For that reason, the time we spend on the “fallen angels” will be briefer than the time we have given to angels.

The Bible gives us what many scholars believe to be a description of Lucifer’s fall in Ezekiel 28 and Isaiah 14. In Ezekiel 28 11-

19 it says, “You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of

God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So, I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings. By your many sins and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries. So I made a fire come out of you, and it consumed you, and I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who

were watching. All the nations who knew you are appalled at you; you have come to a horrible end and will be no more.”

The Bible tells us that Lucifer was the most beautiful of all the angels, but the sin of pride corrupted him and as a result, God threw him out of heaven. In Isaiah 14:12-17 we learn more about his sin when we read, “You said in your heart, ‘I WILL ascend to heaven; I WILL raise my throne above the stars of God; I WILL sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I WILL ascend above the tops of the clouds; I WILL make myself like the Most High.’”

Evidently, Lucifer wanted to be equal to God. He wanted to have the same authority as God. He wanted to be as powerful as God and to exercise the authority and control over this world that only belongs to God. This sounds foolish to us when we read it in this context, but is it not just as foolish when humans try to play god in their own lives? The creation wanting to be equal to the Creator is ridiculous beyond description, yet millions do it every day.

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Lucifer’s name meant “light bearer.” He was stationed at the very throne of God, and with all the beautiful jewels that covered him, his job was to simply reflect the light and the glory of God, which is what you and I as believers are to do, as well. Pride and self-sufficiency kept him from fulfilling the purpose for which he was created. This should be a warning to us, too.

His sin of rebellion against God caused him to be banished from heaven and his name became Satan, which means “adversary.” And that is exactly what he is, both to God and to those of us who belong to Christ. The scripture calls him by all sorts of names:

- serpent (Genesis 3:1)
- tempter (Matthew 4:3)
- Beelzebub (Matthew 12:24)
- Devil (Matthew 4:1)
- enemy (Matthew 13:39)
- father of lies (John 8:44)
- murderer (John 8:44)
- prince of this world (John 12:31)
- god of this age (II Corinthians 4:4)
- prince of the power of the air (Ephesians 2:2)
- adversary (I Peter 5:8)
- roaring lion (I Peter 5:8-9)
- evil one (I John 5:19)
- accuser of the brethren (Revelations 12:10)



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Satan's plan and purposes have been and always will be in opposition to God and to His authority in this universe. He knows that he can never again own the blood-bought saints of God, so the only thing that he can do is to tempt and harass God's kids. He has lots of help with this because we are told in Revelation 12:4 that when he fell, he took a third of all the angels of heaven with him. These "fallen angels" are called demons (hell's angels).

Demons are portrayed in Scripture as being evil and wicked. They are given the names:

- unclean spirits (Matthew 10:1)
- evil spirits (Luke 7:21)
- spiritual forces of evil (Ephesians 6:12)

The Bible says that demons can inflict diseases and mental disorders on people, although please note that this doesn't mean that all sickness and mental illness are demonic (Matthew 9:33; 12:22; 17:15-18, Mark 5:4-5; 9:20-22). They can cause people to be self-destructive (Mark 5:5, Luke 9:42), and can cause death (Revelation 9:14-19).

II Corinthians 4:4 says that in the life of an unbeliever Satan and his demons can blind the minds to the truth of the gospel. He does this by convincing people that there are many ways to heaven and that Jesus is not the only way to be saved. Demons promote false doctrine (I Timothy 4:1), influence false prophets (I John 4:1-4), and influence idol worship (Leviticus 17:7). The entire purpose of demons is to deceive unbelievers and keep them from coming to the truth.

They also have an agenda when it comes to Christians, as well:

- they tempt believers to sin (Ephesians 2:1-3, I Thessalonians 3:5, Acts 5:3, I Corinthians 7:5)
- they accuse and slander believers (Revelation 12:10)
- they hinder the work of believers (I Thessalonians 2:18)
- they wage war against believers (Ephesians 6:11-12)
- they incite persecutions against believers (Revelation 2:10)
- they put doubt in the minds of believers (Genesis 3:1-5)
- they try to put spiritual pride in the hearts of believers (I Timothy 3:6)
- they try to stir up jealousy and strife among believers (James 3:13-16)

Demons can definitely cause all kinds of havoc in the life of a Christian, but they can never possess a Christian. When a person is purchased by the blood of Jesus, the Holy Spirit of God takes up permanent residence in that life. Therefore, demons can only influence, afflict, and oppress from the outside, but never the inside. The defense that God has given to Christians to use against Satan and his demons is found in Ephesians 6:11-18. This is the armor that we are to put on in defense against the attacks of our enemy. This is a choice that we must make every day.

A person, however, who is an unbeliever is certainly at risk to be demon-possessed. Such a person can display this with superhuman strength (Mark 5:2-4), bizarre behavior (Luke 8:27), or self-destructive behavior (Matthew 17:15, Mark 5:5).

Finally, we need to remember that Satan can never go beyond what God allows, so we can rest in the assurance that we are secure in the loving arms of the God that is in control of the universe. We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us!" (Romans 8:37)

