

THE STORY OF ANGELS

Their Beginning and Being



Opening Hymn

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which were and art and evermore shalt be.

Dr. Billy Graham writes, “Have you ever seen or met one of these superior beings called angels? They are God’s messengers whose chief business is to carry out His orders in the world. He has given them ambassadorial charge. He has designated and empowered them as holy deputies to perform works of righteousness. In this way they assist Him as their Creator while He sovereignly controls the universe. So He has given them the capacity to bring His holy enterprises to a successful conclusion” (*Angels: God’s Secret Agents*, p. 18).

There is a great deal of interest in angels these days in movies, TV, greeting cards, collectibles, boutiques, and books. They are presented to us as cute little cherubs, as aliens from outer space, as neat little friends, and as souls of the dead. A priest named Father Francis makes this interesting observation, “Hollywood and Hallmark have done a terrible injustice to the angelic order. Angels are going to file a class-action lawsuit for misrepresentation.”

Their Creation

Karen Goldman writes:

“Angels never bother about the mood you may be in, your past, or whether you consider yourself ‘spiritual’ or not. They see you for what you really are — an angel. And, no matter what, to an angel that is always holy” (*The Angel Book*, p. 50).

“Whatever an angel has given to you is a gift you are then to give to someone else. And each time the gift changes hands, an angel is born” (*Angel Voices*, p. 97).

1. What is Karen Goldman suggesting to us? _____

What is the basis for her beliefs? _____

Why might it be difficult to dissuade her from her beliefs? _____

One Sunday morning during the childrens’ talk I asked a girl what was going to happen to her when she died and went to heaven. She smiled and said, “Oh, then I’ll become an angel!”

Where do you suppose she got that idea? _____

2. What do we learn from Exodus 20:11 about the creation of angels? _____
3. Read Psalm 148:2,5. Why are the angels commanded to praise the Lord? _____
4. What does Job 38:4,6-7 tell us about the time of their creation?

Why this extreme happiness on their part? _____
