

Interview With An Angel

A Peek Inside the Heavens

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Stories of angels appear all throughout history?

What if you could meet one?

What would you say to them?

What are angels like? How much do they know? How much can they do?

What if you could sit down over a cup of coffee and chat with him? (Or is it "her"?)

What would you ask an angel?

What are you dying to know about angels, or about life, or death, or the earth?

What might you ask about the hereafter?

What might you ask about heaven, hell or history?

Or the biggest question of all, what is God like?

Find out about the flood, the ark, the planets, prayer, miracles, death, the Nephilim, or the day the world was created.

Here's your chance.

Listen in as one man had the chance to have an ...

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Foreword

I'm a Christian. I love and believe every word of the Bible. Yet there are details that are not found in Scripture or not fully explained. Yes, the Holy Spirit can and does illuminate anything for us He wishes. Yet I wondered . . . how might an angel answer questions about God, life, heaven, angels, demons and so on?

This book is not meant to espouse theology. It was written as what I would call "plausible" fiction. Please consider it as such. It is my attempt to imagine many details about the supernatural (and natural) world where exact explanations are scant or missing or not revealed yet. I have done this by letting an angel (well anyway, my interpretation of an angel) provide the answers. Controversy concerning spiritual things abounds in the Christian and non-Christian world. This book may create more questions than it answers. Yet I hope it will answer questions for those who have thought little of the relationship between angels, God and man.

There are many theological and supernatural topics in this world with limited information. So in this dialogue, I have filled in gaps in those topics with various plausible alternatives. In many cases, it is simply conjecture.

I anticipate three responses to this book: "Wow, that's what I believe, too", or "Hmmm, I never thought of that", or "That's preposterous". The last group will of course have their feathers ruffled. Just remember the angel in this book is fictional, and his comments are merely my conjectures on how something *might* be explained. In most cases, I easily could be persuaded that another possibility exists. Forgive me if anything here contradicts a strong belief. Some statements the angel makes are actually tenets I firmly believe, and I am convinced they are right in line with Holy Scripture. Others, usually items not related to the salvation of your soul are, as you will see, just whimsical speculation that neither I nor any other human could know. But this author will refrain from identifying which are which. This should keep people from attempting to burn me at the stake.

Someday the angel's answers to various mysteries shall no doubt be shown to be correct, and others, no doubt will be shown someday to have been a poor guess. However, I have attempted above all else not to violate any part of scripture that would affect someone's faith. And I believe I have avoided

anything that could be considered downright heretical. So have fun as you listen to what this particular angel has to say. I strongly encourage the reader to search the Scriptures as the Bereans did, *“to see if these things be true.”*

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I never saw the car that hit me. I simply remember groggily realizing I was lying in the street. It was raining lightly. My car lay looming on its side next to me like a metal giant, and my right foot seemed to be pinned under it. I felt no pain. I could sense flashing lights in various directions, people running and indistinct shouting. A fireman was bending over me holding something to the side of my head.

It's odd. As I was driving I had just been thinking about heaven and God and angels. Now a shot of fear pierced me as I realized I might be there shortly.

My mind suddenly reeled as the sound of voices became muffled, and then began fading as if everyone was moving away in the distance. Then all was quiet. Deadly quiet.

How odd I thought. I feel nothing and see nothing. Where am I? What happened? I had been driving along, daydreaming, as I often do. What was it I was thinking so hard about...? Something about God. No, heaven. No . . . Angels. That was it. I had been pondering all the strange stories, all the Bible lessons, and books I had read, even movies about angels. I was thinking how many different, conflicting ideas people shared about angels. What are these creatures called angels? What do they do? What do they look like?

I remember now. I had just uttered a little prayer, silly really. I said, "God, I would give anything to meet an angel, and talk to him, maybe ask him questions". It seems I barely breathed that thought when suddenly I realized I was lying in the wet street... and ... and ... Oh, what is happening...What in heaven's name ...? It's getting lighter. The light hurts my eyes...

In a moment in time I was caught up into the heavens, and there before me was a being of light that blinded me. I clasped my hands over my eyes and fell on my face. I wanted to hide and cover myself, but the light even penetrated my hands. I lay prostrate and trembled violently.

The being spoke. "Do not be afraid, O son of man, but arise. The Lord has given me permission to speak to you and answer your questions."

The brief terror abated and a sense of peace flooded over me. I arose at once, but still could not look directly at the light because of its brightness.

I was permitted to speak to the angel. The following dialogue is what took place . . .

Q: Who are you?

A: I am an angel... as you suspect.

Q: But where am I, and why are you here with me?

A: For the moment you are still lying in the street, although your spirit, the real you, is here with me in a sort of transition area between earth and heaven. I am here with you because you requested permission to ask an angel questions.

Q: But am I dead?

A: No, you are quite alive, and your injuries are relatively minor. But please... this is your opportunity to talk to an angel as you wished. Ask me whatever has been puzzling you.

Q: You mean I'm allowed to ask you anything?

A: Yes, you may ask anything you choose. However, understand that I may not be allowed to answer certain questions. But please ... proceed.

Q: Well, uh, first, what's your name?

A: You may call me Jaronel. My real name is quite unpronounceable in your language.

Q: Why? What would make it so hard to say?

A: The sound of heavenly names would appear to you more like the sound of a musical instrument playing. It would be pleasant, but you would be unable to repeat it. Please call me Jaronel.

Q: Does your name mean something?

A; Yes, it basically means “One who shouts to the Lord”.

Q: How old you are, Jaronel.

A: I can only tell you that I am older than your earth. All angels were created before your universe and race. Before that moment, time would not be calculated as it is now. Therefore, it would have no meaning to you. I would not even know how to say it.

Q: Do you really have wings?

A: Yes, I have two. All angels have wings, although some have more than two.

Q: Do the wings allow you to fly?

A: Yes, that is one purpose of wings, in a way. They are for going to and fro over the earth. But what you consider flying we simply call “going and coming”. Our wings control our direction whether it be up to the sky, down through the earth, across a plain or over an ocean. If you were thinking it is like the airfoil principle of an airplane wing, or like a bird’s wings, you would be mistaken. There is no principle of lift since there is neither air nor atmosphere to fly through in our realm.

Q: Then what are your wings for?

A: Just as your limbs serve many functions, there are various purposes of wings. Like your arms, we use our wings to fight, to protect us, to move about as I have said, and to praise God.

Q: Jaronel, do angels have different purposes or jobs?

A: The Lord created some angels for a specific purpose. Some, such as myself, would be regarded, maybe, “general purpose” using your terminology. I go and do what the Captain of the Hosts asks me. My tasks can be quite different each time.

Q: Are you assigned to a specific region of earth?

A: No. I am not. I come and go to many and diverse places. But other angels are in charge of a territory and have moved little since your history began.

Q: What is your job? I mean what are your tasks?

A: My tasks vary, but my most recent task was being assigned to protect a small group of new believers in the South Pacific area, in a country that today you call Papua New Guinea. There is much devil worship in that region, and new believers are very susceptible to ambush from the Enemy. My job was to protect them until their shields of faith were larger and stronger. Before that I escorted several dear believers from the moment of death to the Gates of Heaven. Prior to that I was in spiritual combat with several fallen ones... what you call demons.

Q: How do you fight against demons? Do you carry a weapon?

A: All angels assigned to earth-duty have several weapons. Swords are common, although we use them differently than you may suspect. As you know, man uses a sharpened sword to cut and injure the flesh of the enemy. Our swords do not have keen edges to cut, but when wielded are very hot and drive back the enemy very effectively.

Q: Did your last assignment require much fighting?

A: For that task I was instructed to only use my shield. My job was strictly defensive in nature. I was to deflect the fireball missiles of the enemy as much as possible. I was the main wall of protection for the believers entrusted to my care. I was instructed not to attack, so I carried no sword.

Q: What are these fireballs of the enemy you speak of?

A: They are not literal fireballs, but are various perverse thoughts or temptations that are spiritually “transmitted” to a human to cause him to do anything that would dishonor or displease God.

Q: What do you mean transmitted?

A: Both angels and demons can at various times send images, feelings, or phrases to the mind of a human. You may think of them as mental “darts” or “missiles”. The Word-That-Was-Given mentions them, as you know.

Q; You mean the Bible mentions them?

A: Yes

Q: How often do angels fight against Satan and his forces?

A: Constantly. The heavenly realm is always in constant battle. Sometimes a full onslaught is ensuing; sometimes it’s not much more than a psychological tug-of-war.

Q: Where do these battles take place?

A: They all take place right here on earth and in the immediate atmosphere above it. Fallen angels would not be allowed in heaven, and we would not go the Abyss where they dwell. Although there are a few exceptions when Satan and a few of his henchmen are called into the throne room to give an accounting of themselves.

Q: Are you stronger than a demon?

A: Angels are much stronger than the demonic realm. But we have two handicaps. First, we have the disadvantage of having to fight on the Enemy’s territory. He has temporary dominion over your earth until the Great Day of the Lord comes. We are not perfectly comfortable here, and don’t have omniscience as to what the Enemy is doing. We simply respond to our Captain as he directs. He knows the Enemy well.

Second, we are often restricted by the Lord in how much we can attack, at least for now. If permitted, one angel unrestrained could quite easily drive back the

entire dominion of darkness. But that is not allowed... at least not yet. But the way things are now, will not always be so. Our day will come, as yours will, and the Lord will not restrain us. We in the heavenly host wait with anticipation as you do for that day.

Q: I know the Bible calls the end of the world “The Great Day of the Lord”. When will it be?

A: No angel knows that day, not even Michael. And be careful to suppose that it would be a good thing to know it in advance. It would be bordering on both foolishness and arrogance to assume you would be better off if you knew the day and the hour. The Lord had a very specific purpose in withholding such knowledge from you. Trust Him that His plan will unfold at the right time. However, as you know, he has shown you through the Holy Scriptures the signs of that coming. You will recognize that time when it arrives, if you have searched His Word, as you must.

Q; You have referred to the enemy. Do you mean the same thing we do?

A: Yes, as it turns out, the “enemy” to angels is thought of the same way human believers use the term. It can mean either Satan himself, or it can imply Satan’s demons, depending on the context.

Q: Do angels have emotions? Do they get angry, happy, grumpy, and so on?

A: That is a simple question requiring a somewhat complex response. I can best answer it by telling you a story.

Long ago, before the universe was created, all angels had virtually the same emotions as mankind. You mentioned several. Add to those, fear, impatience, peacefulness, joy, confusion and many others we have in common with your race. Well, you probably know a little of the story of what happened to angels. But very little. Some day you may possibly have more revealed to you. But I suspect you know that a moment came which was a turning point for all angels. God’s Word tells mankind the story briefly of when Lucifer rebelled against the Lord, and tried to sway all angels to join him in his ambition for independent power. So all the angels at that time had to decide either for, or against, the Lord. There was a terrible battle in the heavenly realm as you know. After that

battle with the rebel angels, we who were faithful found that our nature had changed . . . forever. Our emotions were made new as part of that re-birth.

Q: Did you lose your emotions at the time your nature changed?

A: No, our emotions were certainly not lost, just transformed. At that time each of us had to decide between serving the Lord or following the rebel Lucifer. After we decided either for or against the Lord, each angel's "emotions" as you call them were changed in the blink of an eye. Those of us who stood at the Lord's side were "perfected" similar to the way a human believer will someday be perfected at the moment of death. The perfection means, among other things, that many emotions no longer exist. Fear is not possible because we know our future, and we know personally Whom we trust in. Sorrow is done away with. Joy remains, but has blossomed for us into what could best be described to you as Joy-Ecstasy. Self-pride is gone because we have a newly revealed beauty of the Son to look upon. Why would we look to ourselves in pride when we can look directly upon the face of the Morning Star? Unrestrained Anger is gone. Yet another form of anger still remains within angels, an emotion called Righteous-Anger.

Q: So you are saying angels can get mad?

A: No, not mad. Let's just say that we can be very zealous to pursue and destroy those within our former host that would blaspheme He-who-is-called-Beautiful. Of course, our zeal is not what directs us. We do absolutely nothing we are not instructed to by our Captain.

Q: Jaronel, you have used the term Captain several times. Do you mean the head angel?

A: No. I mean Yeshua. I report directly to Him. Jesus in your language. Although there is a hierarchy where some angels report to other angels, we all ultimately report to Yeshua.

Q: Where does Michael the archangel fall in the hierarchy of angels?

A: There is no angel that can approach the Lord closer than Michael. He is the highest of our kind, the most beautiful and the most wonderful. I know him well

and count him a friend in my heavenly realm. He reports to the Lord directly, as I do. He has many lesser angels he is responsible for directing.

Q: Do you have angels that are subordinate to you?

A: No, not to me personally. I think you would understand if you think of me as sort of a Special Forces commando angel. I usually go on assignment alone, for a specific brief purpose. Sometimes I am directed to go with another angel, very occasionally with a small group, what you on earth might call a task force.

Q: Why does the Lord need angels to accomplish His purpose? Why can't He just speak a word and do the task He wants you to do?

A: That is a good question. Believe it or not, we have pondered that question, too. However, we never have, and never will ask the Lord what the answer is. Once you know Him face-to-face as we do, there are certain mysteries that we just "sense" are not to be asked. They are meant to be accepted unless He chooses to reveal them. That is one of them.

But ... that does not prevent us from speculating about it, much like you speculate about Biblical mysteries.

Q: So then would you tell me what you suspect is the reason God just doesn't do things himself?

A: Very well. Here's what I suspect: God could probably speak into being every divine appointment necessary. He could rescue every person in need. He could thwart every evildoer's plan. He could turn the tide of every battle. He could divert any bullet, or arrow, or turn the steering wheel of every car about to crash. You know He could. I know He could. But I think there's a beautiful tapestry of purpose being woven through history, as angels, and men also, are used by God to intervene in the dynamics of the universe. He uses angels as His instruments the same way He may use men as an instrument to minister to other men, or intervene in a situation. Have you not ever experienced the pleasure of helping someone in need? Perhaps God loves both angels and man so much, he wishes to allow us that pleasure sometimes.

Q: What happened at the moment angels got saved?

A: Remember, we were not “saved” as your race was. The Lord created all angelic beings at one moment in time... innocent at first, yet we had a free will, just like Man. Looking back I see we angels were put somewhat in the same position as your Adam. It did not seem like a long time before we also had to make a decision to rebel or not, to disobey or stand fast. Up to that point, each of us had the opportunity to walk side-by-side with the Lord so to speak and know Him somewhat, again like Adam, who as you know walked in the Garden with Him. But of course unlike mankind today, we had no need of faith as you do, because we saw him face-to-face.

Our battle was primarily one of pride versus humility. When the decision was made of whom to serve, we who chose the Lord’s side, were also “born again” so to speak. We angels smile when we hear you use that phrase because we use it also about our own moment of decision although our situations are so dissimilar. Although we would translate it “created again”.

Q: Jaranel, tell me more about demons. What are they like? Do they have emotions, too?

A: Because they were all formerly angels, they are like angels, yet a perversion of what they were meant to be. And, yes, they have emotions. But when they fell, and that was a third of our kind, they were not ‘perfected’ as we were, and therefore retained all negative emotions. In fact, the converse phenomena happened to Lucifer and his cohorts. When they rebelled, not only were they not perfected, but also their character, personality and emotions were transformed ... for the worse. That is, negative traits were magnified. They were corrupted much like Adam and Eve were in the Garden. The emotion you call Anger was transformed into what you would call Hate-Rage. The emotion of Fear became Isolation-Terror. Even simple Sorrow, as we knew it before our Fall, was turned into Eternal-Despair. Yes, they have emotions. Joy is unknown to them. It has been perverted into a Bloodlust for every son of man. They roam around and devour men’s souls. It is sustenance and a warped form of pleasure to them, if that is possible. You might say it is joy, perverted. All of their emotions you would call negative or “bad”.

Q: What other characteristics do demons have?

A: Demons envy. They are lazy. They whine to their commanders. They betray one another and fight constantly among themselves. They are very fearful, especially of encountering us as we roam about. Even more so they fear encountering believers such as you, especially ones with Swords.

Q: Me? What do you mean? What sword would I have?

A: Do you not know? Have you not read that the Word of God is like a two-edged sword? It cuts very deep and does much damage in the demonic realm. You would not want to hear their screams as they flee when you wield it correctly.

Q: Do you mean when we speak verses from the Bible, it can hurt demons?

A: Assuredly. It is not unlike devastating earthly weapons being unleashed in a battle. The demonic realm virtually goes into a panic, and is seriously hurt by God's Word. They run and shriek in terror, holding their ears so to speak, although their superiors may viciously drive them back toward believers, usually without success.

Q: That conjures up a kind of funny image.

A: That may seem so to you, but angels would not think it humorous. Although we angels rejoice when we see believers set the enemy to flight, our joy is that you are winning the battle rather than they are being tormented.

Q: But I would think you would be glad to see the bad guys fall.

A: It is not so. I saw many friends turn to the side of Darkness. Although angels cannot grieve, a kind of shadowy Sorrow for fallen ones still remains with all angels till the End. At that time it is foretold that the Lord will remove that remembrance from us. He has promised.

Understand we have been forced into combat with those we used to fellowship with. The stench of their now venomous ways sometimes makes this Sorrow heavier. Even though the Time-of-our-Fall was very long ago, the memory of friends who were once beings of light is still fresh.

Yes, I long for the Day of the Lord, and a new beginning.

Q: Do angels get tired?

A: No. That is one way we are different from you. We never tire or get weary, at least as you think of it. But we have limited strength, especially in combat. There comes a point when our Light-Strength fades much as a light bulb may dim. At that point we have limited effectiveness.

Q: How do you get your strength back?

A: At those times we return to the Throne Room to wait upon the Lord and our strength is renewed. After much time of praise and singing, we are refreshed, our Light-Strength is bright, and we are sent off to new tasks or back into combat.

Q: Are there both male and female angels?

A: There are neither since that is a distinction required of man for pro-creation. Angels as I have told you were all created at the same moment in time. They were not “begotten”, that is, born from another as you were.

Q: Are any new angels ever created?

A: No. There are a fixed number of us. That number will neither diminish through death nor increase through birth as on earth. We, like you, shall live forever, but unlike your kind which is still increasing, our numbers are constant. I am told no more of us will ever be created. The fallen angels will also live forever, even though they will disappear into the Lake of Fire and be heard from no more.

Q: But there are different kinds of angels aren't there, Jaronel?

A: Yes, there are. Not separated by gender but by kind. You will remember that in Genesis it says about the animal kingdom, “the Lord created them all after their own kind”. It happened to angels that way, too. Some of us are of different kinds, quite different. There are Cherubim and Seraphim, as you know, and quite a few more types not mentioned in the Scriptures.

Q: If there are many more kinds, why didn't the Lord tell us about all the various kinds of angels?

A: There are many, many things in the universe the Lord has not told you. But I understand part of the reason that there is much unknown of angels is to keep the focus on the Son of God. Apparently humans are easily distracted to worship things supernatural. We angels fall into that category, since we are also "outside the natural".

Q: May I ask you what kind of angel you are, Jaronel?

A: There is no word for it in human language since it was never mentioned in the Scriptures. And I am not going to coin a word for it unless I am instructed to. I am not an archangel, but I will tell you that I am somewhat of the same general kind as Michael and Gabriel whom you have no doubt heard of.

Q: Okay, but what's the big deal with humans knowing all about angels.

A: The Lord has withheld from you much knowledge about our kind for good reason. His intention was to give you just enough information about us, by way of Scripture, to provide sufficient insight, and to satisfy that unique human characteristic called curiosity... which by the way is a trait not found in angels. But mankind finds it remarkably easy to become easily fascinated and even obsessed with the supernatural.

Q: What's wrong with the supernatural?

A: Much is wrong with the supernatural, just like much is wrong with the natural world. The world, which you do not see, is filled with both angels and demons, just like your world is filled with the best of saints and the worst of sinners.

The Lord has warned man against too much fascination with the activities of those on earth bent on evil. Likewise he does not wish you to delve into the realm of evildoers in the supernatural realm; that is, demons.

Q: Well, I don't think too many humans think much about demons.

A: You would be amazed. And you would be wrong. Although many people would say they never think about demons, the demonic influence is everywhere. You will find it in witchcraft, astrology, metaphysics, magic, and issues which are called “new age” today. It is rampant in many cults, and amazingly even in some so-called Christian churches.

But as to your comment that humans don’t think much about demons... understand that Satan’s forces do not care if you think about them or not. Their entire strategy is to get people to either “not” think about God, or to at least warp their view of whom God is.

Q: Well, it’s okay to think all about angels isn’t it?

A: I am uneasy answering that question. As you see, I am here to answer some of your questions. But any angel would always try to point you back to the Creator. I would say it’s “okay” to have a minimum of understanding. It would give me more pleasure to know that by understanding us, you would appreciate even more the magnificence of the One who created us.

Q: Jaronel, is it true that you do not have a physical body, that you are pure spirit?

A: Yes, it is true, we do not have a body as a man, and to say we are “pure” spirit would be very accurate, in that we are constant. We do not change. Things physical in your universe are subject to change and decay. Your scientists call it entropy. An angel can neither age nor decay. An angelic being does not run down or age as your body does, or for that matter, as any part of your universe does.

Q: But sometimes you appear to men physically don’t you?

A: Quite often the Lord commands us to appear in physical form. We who roam the earth can do that when commanded. You will remember that Scripture tells you to be kind to strangers, because “you may be entertaining angels unaware”. Someday after The End, I suspect that you will be astonished to hear retold specific encounters that each of you had, “unaware” with us. Many people, adults and children alike, will have interaction with an angel before they die; sometimes several instances.

Q: But why do you sometimes materialize as a human? Can't you perform your angelic duties always as a spirit?

A: First of all be assured there is always a unique divine purpose when we are sent in human form. I cannot answer why exactly. The Lord directs us to intervene in particular ways, sometimes seen, sometimes unseen. Only He knows His reason for any particular situation. Angels are simply messengers and soldiers who obey. I have appeared many times in bodily form and never asked why the Lord could not have accomplished my encounter with a believer by being unseen.

Q: But why do you suspect you are sent in bodily form sometimes?

A: I often come to help, protect, encourage, or strengthen, sometimes to admonish or provide guidance or information. I attempt the encounter as I am directed, and whether the mission is successful or not, I return to the spiritual realm as pure spirit for my next assignment. For a spiritual being to appear could and does often have startling consequences to humans. This sometimes may distract from the purpose of our contact with the person.

Q: When you have appeared in bodily form, do you really have a body at those times? I mean, do you feel like a human with all our senses?

A: No. Even at those times where I am allowed to appear, I never really have a physical body. As I mentioned earlier, we always remain pure spirit. However, the Lord has given angels the ability to "fool" man's senses so to speak, into recognizing us as flesh and blood. You could touch us at those times, shake hands with us, dine with us, and we would seem like any man. So as far as you are concerned, yes we have a physical body, But we are not really flesh and blood, even at those moments.

Q: So I guess movies I have seen, where angels come to earth and say, fall in love with humans, are inaccurate.

A: Quite inaccurate. It would be absurd. At least for angels. Although in the demonic realm it happened long ago, as you may have read in the God's Word.

Q: What? I don't know what you are referring to.

A: It happened many thousands of years ago. When the earth was created. There are very few details offered in scripture. At that time, the Lord banished many fallen angels to the earth, outside of Eden. All except for one, as you know. He was given the physical form of a serpent, and allowed to be in the Garden. And his infamous encounter with Adam and Eve is well known even to non-believers. But little has been told about the other fallen angels who were banished to roam the earth and given somewhat human-like bodies. Surely you remember the story in Genesis of the Nephilim.

Q: Yes, I do remember the Nephilim being mentioned, but with few details. They were said to be giants.

A: Yes, they were much bigger than the Adamic race.

Q: But who were they and where did they come from?

A: It is a tragic story. Some of the fallen angels along with Lucifer were banished to earth, but outside Eden as I mentioned. Once Adam and Eve left the Garden, much of their innocence was lost, and they were readily subjected to Satan's taunts, temptations and powers.

Q: Why would God give Satan, any kind of power on earth?

A: That is one thing I cannot tell you because I do not know. We were not told why. But what I can assure you is it was part of God's plan. For whatever purpose, Satan was allowed by God to have a limited amount of power upon the earth.

Q: What kind of power did he have?

A: Many and various capabilities were granted Satan as he roamed the earth. He even used this power to "create" creatures, in a way. He couldnt create a new living and thinking creature as God did Adam and Eve, so he came up with a counterfeit scheme. He simply gave physical bodies to many of the existing fallen angels who were roaming bodiless across the earth at the time. Remember Satan is always trying to counterfeit God's powers and actions. But the thing counterfeited is never as beautiful or noble as God's original. These

bodies Satan created were sort of a caricature of human kind. A man's body but inhabited by a wicked angel's spirit.

Q: So are you saying that Satan's power even extended to having these fallen angels become "physical"?

A: Precisely. Make no mistake, Satan has powers to suspend or alter some of the physical laws of your universe. You will see more of his powers in the End Days.

Q: So what happened next when these new bad angels appeared on the earth as men?

A: These fallen angels, once given a physical body, would suddenly see with the physical eyes as a man would, and likewise suddenly feel the sensations of the body of a man. Satan created them as men of very large stature, that which you would think of as giants. They were known as the Nephilim. They quickly realized that the daughters of men were very beautiful, as it says in Genesis. And, as it also says, they took whomever they wanted for a wife, and had children with them.

Q: So these fallen angels actually fell in love with women?

A: By no means could you call it falling in love. It was simply lustful attractions. And it was eagerly instigated by Satan as a ploy to contaminate mankind.

Q: What do you mean contaminate mankind?

A: Satan knew that at some future time, a deliverer, a Messiah was coming from the seed of Adam to rescue mankind. His strategy was to make sure any blood line that eventually gave birth to a Messiah would be cursed. He figured he could do that by having all of mankind eventually interbreed with his own genetic mutations that he created. He would simply contaminate Adam's genetic pool.

Q: And you are saying these Nephilim were not just simply unusually tall men, but fallen angels created as giants by Satan?

A: Yes, that is correct. If you remember, the scripture says that the “sons of God saw that the daughters of men were fair and took them as wives”. The “sons of God” is a phrase the Lord uses of all his “created” sons. His angels. Not to be confused with his one and only begotten Son. But in the context of that verse, the sons of God refer only to the fallen angels who were banished to earth. If you read a few verses after that, you will see that the women whom they married bore children. So their offspring were a powerful and giant hybrid of Fallen Angels and humankind. At that time, they intentionally polluted much of the beautiful Adamic line. It was not a situation where the Fallen Ones fell in love with humans. They are not capable of love. It was an intentional scheme by Satan to pervert the seed of Adam. He knew the Savior of the world was coming eventually. He figured no Savior could come as prophesied if his lineage was polluted with demons. Their offspring were genetically polluted so to speak, which of course was Satan's plan.

Q; What became of the Nephilim?

A: Surely you know that all living things that walk on the face of the earth were destroyed in the Great Flood. So they perished in the waters as did all of mankind except Noah and his family.

Q: Ah, I see. The Nephilim were killed forever by the flood.

A: Killed physically, yes, but unfortunately they are also spirit, and a spirit whether of Man or Angel, can never die. When their bodies died, a unique dilemma occurred. The spirits of the Nephilim, that is their souls, had no place to go. Remember just as you and I, they also have a spirit that must exist forever. Somewhere. But because they are part of the cursed Satanic host, their Appointed Time to be cast into the Lake of Fire was still way off, so their spirit was in a kind of limbo state as you might say. It's not time yet to be cast into the Lake of Fire, and it's too late to return to the heaven where they dwelt before they fell. So since the time of the flood, they are destined to roam the earth, bodiless, yet still with mischief and malice in their hearts. No longer are they the great giant Nephilim race. They are bodiless trouble-makers.

Q: I don't understand.

A: These spirits, destined to roam till the Last Day, are what you now call demons. And as you might suspect they are under the direction of Satan. Still intent on corrupting as many in the Adamic line as they can.

Q: So demons are not only fallen angels, as I have always been taught, but their offspring, whom human women bore?

A: That is correct. Many demons are half-breed fallen angels.

Q: Do I need to be scared of demons?

A: Not if you are sealed with the Blood of the Lamb.

Q: But if one is not a believer, what can demons do to humans.

A: You know very well their danger. They can tempt. They can taunt. They can indwell a human's body. And now you know why. It is because they were once half-man. That once-human part of their nature is in agony to not have a "home", a physical body to inhabit. That is why the gospel story of the "Legion" of demons, begged Jesus to inhabit the pigs instead. To a demon, any warm body is preferable to wandering bodiless over the earth. It is torture for them to be commanded to leave a body. They are relentless to seduce and entice any whom they can possess. Demon possession is real.

Q: But as a believer, I am protected, right?

A: A true believer could never be possessed by a demon. It is impossible for a human to be indwelt by both Jesus and a demon at the same time. Therefore, yes, all believers are protected.

Q: This may be a silly question, but if people can be possessed by demons, can believers be possessed by angels?

A: No. That would not and could not ever occur. The angelic realm has no need, and no reason to do that. It would be very foreign to our ministering nature, that is used to help, to protect, to comfort, to rescue and to intervene. However, the Lord uses angelic spirits to nudge and affect mankind as needed, never coerce,

since that would violate your free will. No, we usually help in more indirect, gentle ways. We can speak a spiritual whisper, if you like, at times. And of course, as you know, we even sometimes appear in human form to more strongly accomplish our mission. So at those times it's more than a whisper. We may converse and talk to a human for a unique purpose. But never shall we take over a person's body. The Holy Spirit however indwells Believers, as you know.

Q: When angels appear to people, what are the results of those encounters? Are your missions always successful?

A: Sadly, often not successful, at least initially. We are frequently ignored, or even worse, considered annoying or irrelevant, and "passed over". Maybe our guise was strange to the human, or our appearance was uncomfortable, such as a appearing in a crippled body, or perhaps we appeared at an inconvenient time. Most common, I believe, is that humans were too "busy" to consider us. Sometimes of course the enemy is actively distracting you. Still that will not excuse any man. One ought not focus so much on the business of the world, that they neglect the business of the kingdom.

Q: But I can imagine sometimes a person not realizing a stranger is really an angel. It's not easy to always be super spiritually attentive. How could we live a normal life if we're always watching for angels?

A: I do not contend you should always be obsessed with watching for angels as you say, but I do wish Man were more aware of what is known as "divine appointments", the principle that God puts people or things or even angels in your path so you may better work out your purpose in life.

Q: How often does God intervene in a person's life?

A: Every day. Always. Till you die. In little ways. In big ways. You know he cares for the lowly sparrow. How much more do you suppose he is concerned with all the busyness and activity of your life? No, it may not be easy, at least at first, to be constantly attentive to spiritual things, but it is possible, yes even necessary, to cultivate the ability to always be ready to hear God's voice, or at least recognize that he is guiding you all through your days. He may speak to you through a stranger who is an angel. Although it is more likely He will speak to you directly through the heart and mind with His Word.

Q: But I seldom really “hear” his voice. How can I recognize Him and what he is saying to me?

A: Two ways. First, ask Him. Pray and ask that He will open your spiritual eyes and ears.

Secondly, start living life as if He is at your right hand as your traveling companion. Because you know, he is. In fact, he is closer than at your right hand. He dwells within you. Make him like a business partner with whom you discuss all decisions.

Q: Okay, I think I understand, but I still contend it’s nearly impossible to always respond to every stranger as if they are an angel.

A: I don’t think you should. What I would say is to live your life responding to each person, as the Lord would have you. You know how. You are said to be a good and upright man. I have heard you tell your children the simple principle of “Do the right thing”. Carry that out to all you meet each day. They are your appointments, your divine appointments. Do the right thing with each person, both friend and stranger alike, no matter how irritating, ugly, untimely or inconvenient it may be.

Q: And if I blow it someday ... what if I unknowingly meet and ignore an angel-in-disguise? Do you ever come back and try again the same way with the same purpose?

A: Never. In each case where we are passed over, the moment of opportunity is lost, and the purpose for being sent is thwarted. If you could see the unfortunate moment as it passed, you would certainly weep for the piece of the Master’s plan you had missed. Very often it would have been the much-needed answer to your prayer. We angels groan in a way, when we are not responded to, when our mission appears to be unsuccessful.

Q: That’s sad that a wonderful answer to prayer may often slip by. How can we humans not feel hopeless?

A: Even as you realize that this does occur, do not be overly discouraged. Though a particular encounter is never repeated the exact same way, the Lord is

merciful and patient. He may answer your prayer a different way, although the next time it may not be through an angelic visit. And even when it is, it certainly will be under different circumstances.

However, He never tires of sending one of us back to one of His children later in a different guise, under different circumstances. Unfortunately, my observation is that much time may have passed, and the person's pain or dilemma may be greater. It needn't have been that way.

You had best take scripture about angels literally. Be watchful at all times, but especially when strangers are in your midst. Always be ready for a divine appointment.

Q: Do angels know the future?

A: No and yes. Angels have no more innate ability than man to know what will occur in the next moment or the next millennium.

However, there are two factors that would give humankind the false impression that we do know the future.

First, we are constantly being instructed of future events. For, of course, the Captain of the Host is personally directing us, sending us out on missions, and He *does* know the future.

Any details we are given always occur exactly as we were told. His instruction to us may include specific information about what will happen as we go about in your midst. He will give us specifics about exactly what we will encounter, what opposition will confront us, how the enemy will counterattack, often what the person's response will be, and so on.

Therefore, you may assume, we go forth with much foreknowledge. Of course we had no angelic power to know. It was told us by the Lord who is outside of time.

Q: You said there are two factors about knowing the future. What's the other?

A: Man as a whole is extremely predictable. This is meant with no disrespect. After thousands of years, angels know man's nature extremely well. For instance, even in your world you would have no trouble "predicting" that a hungry lion will devour a piece of meat that is offered, or that a snake who is annoyed will strike, or a bird frightened will fly away. But that does not make you a prophet. Even more so, can angels anticipate the actions of men. We can often stay many jumps ahead of you, probably giving the appearance of

foreknowledge. But it is no more amazing than you knowing a dropped ball will bounce.

Q: Can an angel read my mind?

A: No, your mind is off limits to all angels for reading. This also includes the demons, the fallen angels. But that being said, we can read your spirit. It is difficult to explain, but although we do not know exactly your thoughts, an angel can very often detect your intentions for good or evil. You have read in God's Word that "the Lord weighs the heart". In a way, angels to a lesser degree can sense the motivation of a man's heart at any particular time. For instance, we may detect a general spirit of, let's say, lying, deception, or lust. Or maybe we detect a heart filled with praise and feelings of joy, but in either case we do not know the particulars of what you are thinking. But what we do sense, we then use to respond according to the general directives of our Captain.

Q: Whew. I feel safer. I guess I don't like the idea of angels messing with my mind.

A: Now understand that I said your mind is off-limit for *reading*. You should realize that your mind is *not* off-limits for sending thoughts to, or impressions to. The enemy has the same ability.

He cannot read your mind word for word. But just as we do, he will sense when your soul is vulnerable to a certain temptation. He will attempt to exploit you at those times by sending to your mind those spiritual "flaming darts" I mentioned earlier. These are sort of mental images he can fire at you. He cannot get inside your head, but he can send these ill-intentioned "whispers" to you. You will not really hear anything audibly, but will hear them with your spiritual ears.

Q: Can you give me an example?

A: For instance, if lust is taking root in your heart, the enemy will attempt to fan the flames in your mind with a dart of lust. He cannot exactly read what details you are pondering for the moment, but he senses the weakness and can send more fuel to create a bigger fire. He is sending thoughts, temptations if you will, into your mind at those times. Again, they are spiritual whispers that your mind will pick up on.

Likewise, to help counter that attack to your mind, angels stand by to assist in your defense. We can more or less deflect some of the darts, although the darts are better defended by the believers themselves with what you know as the “Armor of God”, specifically the Shield of Faith.

Q: Are angels always there for me as a defense?

A: Not necessarily. We usually will not intervene until ordered to, or better yet, invited, that is, asked ... by you or even another that loves you. And then of course we still cannot proceed until commanded to do so by the Captain. Then we will send our own flaming arrow-of-strength, or dart-of-virtue to your mind. It is water to extinguish the fire. Pitifully many times our quivers remain full and unspent because we are not asked for help. A believer can then go down in moral flames. Asking for help is of course called prayer.

Q: Can I pray that you or another angel will help me?

A: Please know you should not pray to angels. It would do no good anyway. You should pray to God. We do nothing without his direction. But yes, you can ask for help. Better to let God decide how that help will arrive though. God does not use us for absolutely all help.

Q: When I pray to God, is it better to pray to the Father, Son or Holy Spirit?

A: It does not ultimately matter which unique person of the Trinity your prayers are directed to. God is One. But the Bible does say to pray to the Father, in the name of the Son and by the power of the Holy Spirit. So as you see by that one directive, all three persons are involved, But you did ask who to pray “to”, so if I was to answer precisely, it is to the Father.

As a side note, my observation is that every believer tends to be drawn to one of the Three during prayer. Maybe it’s a “comfort level” to pray mainly to the same Person. I often see patterns. Some people may only pray to the Father because they either never had an earthly father, and it soothes that need. Or maybe conversely, they pray to the Father because they had a wonderful earthly Father and that feels natural and loving to them. Most believers seem to pray to Jesus most often, and I suspect that is of course because He is the personification of God in man, the Word become flesh. He is the one that a human can easiest hold an image of, and relate to, as they are in prayer. And yet some pray mostly to

God's Holy Spirit, possibly because they are desirous of seeing God's power and the Holy Spirit is certainly the manifestation of the Lord's power.

Q: Do you and other angels see God as Three Persons?

A; Yes. But this will be hard to explain. We see God as One, yet at the same time, we encounter and see and separately talk to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. It is very hard to explain to one as yourself, who is, for the moment, outside the eternal realm Someday when you are perfected you will know what I see and better relate to the separate persons of God. But don't let me give you the wrong impression. The Lord's exact nature is still a mystery to us as well, even if we do dwell with Him in the heavenlies. Do not spend too much time trying to analyze God. Seek Him, but do not try to dissect him. Pray simply, and to whichever of his three persons feels right to you.

Q: Ok, I will try. I love it when my prayers are answered. Although there's a lot of frustration when prayers don't seem to get answered. It is quite puzzling why prayers aren't simply answered as a teacher might answer a question about math or history. There seems to be no predictable pattern. And, although it's been rare, I also recall several times being delivered from danger or a problem, even when I didn't ask. That is, I didn't even pray. And I am sure no friend or relative asked on my behalf. How do you explain that?

A: Are you so sure you didn't ask? When did you first get saved? How many times since then have you prayed for the Lord's protection, encouragement, guidance, or help? Do you not remember? Those were some of the first prayers you uttered... for strength when tempted, for deliverance when in danger. Do you think just because years have passed, the Lord forgot your prayers? He absolutely never forgets any prayer you have ever uttered, even if it seemed to you it was just a "daily" prayer.
It does not become void as the sun sets.

Q: Do you mean I need only pray once for each type of prayer?

A: May it never be. The command to "pray without ceasing" should be inscribed on your heart. But although an earnest prayer never becomes void, if you cease

praying regularly you run the risk of being subject to all kinds of hazards in your life.

Q: But why?

A: Because if you are not praying, you are not fellowshipping with the Lord, and God is very, very jealous for your attention. He wishes to spend time with you. So much so that he will often allow things to occur as a wake up call. It's His way of saying "Hey, have you forgotten I am here?" A life hazard often is akin to throwing cold water in the face of someone in a daze. He does it because He loves you... passionately.

Q: Is that why sometimes bad things happen to good people?

A: More than you suppose. Life can run so smoothly that you spend less time with God, forgetting to pray. So even though you may not be sinning, God may tap you on the shoulder somehow, with more or less gentleness depending on how much he wishes to get your attention. Do not be surprised when things go wrong. It may be the only way God can get an appointment with you.

Q: Jaronel, what does God expect of us as believers?

A: Now that is a question much better asked of God directly.

Q: Yes, but from your angelic point of view, what do you think is the answer?

A: I can only suggest a general answer to all mankind that comes not from me but from the Holy Scriptures. It says in the Old Testament that God requires three things of you – "to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly before your God". I cannot improve upon that directive. But of course the thousand ways that can play out will be unique for every believer. I would point you back to God to find out what that means at a personal level.

Q: Do angels know God's Word. I mean how well can you quote chapter and verse.

A; That is two questions, I will answer the second one first.

Yes, I know the Bible, and I do know it verbatim. Every word, Every jot and tittle, That is not a super power since angels by their very nature simply remember everything they see or experience and cannot forget anything. In fact I am familiar with most of the hundreds of translations. You may also find it interesting that when I see God's Word in my minds eye, despite which book, I always see the original words on the original source manuscript as it was originally written in the original language of the author.

Q: Wow, that is awesome. Then I guess I could play "Bible Answer Man" with you and perhaps you could explain anything,

A; Please don't do that. You are making me uncomfortable, in an angelic way of course. Let me clarify. The fact that an angel has a photographic memory does not mean I can explain all the nuance meanings and mysteries of the Bible. The Bible is God's Word for man, not angels. God has not revealed to me everything there is to know about what it says. Not even close. The Bible is a vast, complex and beautiful tapestry of God's Word for mankind. Every verse is literally like the many facets of a diamond. You can turn the jewel in one direction and get one answer, one revelation of meaning, and then turn it the other way and another facet of truth sparkles forth. I am humbled by how little I truly know. Yes, I can quote verses without error, and may have more understanding than a man, but I still have huge gaps in my understanding of the many mysteries and meanings that God hid intended when He inspired the author to pen them. In a way, I am learning just like you.

Q: What was the other part of my question that you said you would answer?

A: You asked first if angels knew the Bible. I just explained my level of knowledge, and I can tell you all other angels who have assignments here on earth have about that same capability. But besides we-who-roam, there are millions of other angelic types that are not involved with man directly, and could not quote even one verse from Scripture. It is not required of them. They are focused on God directly and have other purposes in the heavens that have much less to do with man.

Q: Are there other creatures in heaven besides angels?

A: Oh yes. Beyond your physical universe there are an enormous number and variety of creatures in heaven. Angels are the only ones that have dealings with man, but there are others. A few of these creatures are briefly mentioned in Revelations.

Q: Can you tell me about them?

A: Sorry, no I can't. I will tell you that once you are perfected and reside in heaven, you will be made familiar with all of God's created beings.

Q: Are there animals in heaven?

A: Absolutely. Very similar to animals on earth but there are fantastic differences and mysteries I cannot share with you. There are also heaven-born animals you would not be familiar with, Some day you will find out. Surely you have read where Jesus will be returning on the Last Day riding a white horse. This should give you a clear clue that animals are in heaven.

Q: Will I see specific animals I loved here on earth. That is, pets I really liked?

A: Yes, possibly. Although I was not told what determines which and how many of those animals you will find waiting for you when you arrive. And I am told those who did not have occasion to have a special pet, or love an animal on earth will still have heaven-born animals to enjoy. Nobody will be disappointed,

Q: Wow, that's great. Is heaven ready right now? I mean, are my ancestors there now enjoying heaven? Are favorite pets that died there? I guess I am asking if heaven is fully prepared yet?

A: Good question and perhaps one of the most difficult and complex to answer. This is because heaven, as well as God, is outside of time. Your time that is. There are more dimensions in Heaven than the four you experience on earth.

Q: Do you mean the four dimensions of width, height, depth and time?

A: Yes, of course, That's all you have here on earth. There are many more dimensions in Heaven I cannot explain to you. They would have no meaning.

Just as if you had to explain a three dimensional box to a person who lived as a flat two dimensional stick figure. It would have no meaning.

Q; But surely you can tell me something?

A: Well, I do not wish to be evasive but I would have to answer the question about Heavens being ready as - yes and no. Yes Heaven is complete and God and his angels reside there, Yes, believers who have passed reside there, . . . sort of. And there's the mystery . . . those same people (in your time) are NOT there, but are "sleeping", waiting for the Final Resurrection. But the time from when the first man died, that would be Abel, until the last person on earth dies will result in the same span of time for each that "slept" before they were resurrected and enter Heaven.

Q: But that doesn't make sense. How can that be?

A: As I said, my answer will have no meaning to you because the true Heaven is outside your chronological time. I cant make you see it as I see it. I can only say, all who have died are sleeping, awaiting the final trumpet, At that moment Heaven will be opened and the places within it that Jesus has prepared for all believers will be complete.

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Q: Jaronel, are angels intelligent about earthly things? I mean, can you understand our complex subjects, like math or physics or astronomy?

A: Yes, we understand them. At least the angels that are of the same type as me. They do not seem complex to us. Shortly after the Creation, the Lord provided we-who-roam with understanding of your physical world and universe. But an angel is not God. Our knowledge is still limited, yet those limits are way beyond any one human, even the best minds in your midst. We are not intelligent in the way I suspect you are asking.

Q: What do you mean?

A: Remember, as a man, your thinking process depends on the functioning of your brain and nervous system. No man can ever think faster than the speed of his brains' synaptic impulses. Therefore you have a sort of handicap in a way, at least for now, because you are a physical being. Don't think I am being demeaning. Even angels recognize that the human body and mind, as the Lord created it, is an incredible machine as well as a beautiful work of art. Yet, still, it is physical, quite frail in a way, and exists in a fallen world. It is limited by the physiology of the body; a limit God imposed when He designed Adam. As well, your body slows down even more with age. And, except for rare humans, as you age, your mind eventually forgets . . . much.

On the other hand, we angels "think" with our spirits. We do not have a physical brain with electrical impulses limited by how healthy we are this week, or how much tryptophan was in that turkey dinner. We do not have the man-like thinking brain that weakens, gets confused, sick, or affected by hormones or too much sugar. We do not sleep, or become intoxicated. Therefore, yes we easily understand, remember, and conclude much of the physics of the world very well.

Q: You said angels of your type understand complex earthly things, which implies other angels don't. Are other angels simple, or maybe of lower intellect so to speak? No disrespect intended.

A: There are a lot of angels in the heavenlies. And, as I said, many types. Some types, for instance, were created to be praisers, and their highest delight and joy would be singing and praising God. And although all angels are aware of God's creation here on earth, remember that they dwell in the heavenlies, far removed from your earth and its geography, physics, history, chemistry and mathematical anomalies. It is of little interest to them. Somewhat like expecting you to be knowledgeable about what it's like living as a beetle or bacterium. Of course I realize one could develop an interest in mankind (or beetles), but the Praising angels have little reason to divert their life of praise and worship to even consider such a notion. You should not consider them of lesser intellect.

Q: You mentioned we humans forget. Do angels remember everything?

A: Absolutely everything they have seen or heard since the moment of their creation. A spirit cannot forget anything. If it were permitted, I could tell you every detail of every incident that I have had on your earth over the last many millenniums. And I could repeat every word of every conversation that I have had with mankind, other angels, and the Lord.

Q: So you must remember past history and people. I mean would you know my genealogy back many hundreds of years?

A: Yours, no, at least not a complete genealogy. This was not my territory except for occasional periods. For many other individuals in parts of the world where I served for long ages, yes, I would know that. For those particular humans within my experience, I could tell you the name, birth date, children, occupation, number of teeth, color of hair, their virtues and flaws of their father's father's father back one hundred generations. I was there each time through each life. But for you personally, there are certainly several angels assigned to the regions where your ancestors lived, who would know all your forefathers. But not I.

Q: Do demons know things like that also?

A: Probably better in some cases. They are assigned here permanently, at least till the Last Day. Unlike us, they cannot return periodically to the Throne Room. So I suspect many of the fallen ones would be a little more familiar with the detailed history of various men than me or my cohorts would be. In fact, they use a lot of their knowledge of former times and people to fool some of your silly mediums, spiritualists, and psychics. They take great delight in playing bizarre games where they give them information about past people or events. They have no moral purpose in doing this, though, and mix in much false information and half-truths. They tantalize the recipient with the thrill of "the supernatural" and keep them on a long vain quest for a fulfillment they will never find. If you could see in the spirit world, you would observe how they sneer and laugh derisively at those who respond to their tricks. It is one of the grand deceptions of man. It has been so since the first encounter in the Garden.

Q: If you have knowledge of former times, that must mean you know the answers to ancient secrets and mysteries.

A: Ancient secrets and mysteries . . . Yes. I know things that humans do not know, as well as much that humans think they know, but were erroneously recorded in your history. There are some events you consider mysteries that, of course, I would know because I observed them. I was there. Others, maybe not, if they happened in another part of the world while I was busy elsewhere. But it is likely I would still know about it because, of course, we angels discuss the goings on in your world with each other much like you discuss current news events with friends. Whichever angel had charge over the region where your “mystery” occurred would surely know.

Q: Wow. Do you mean you know for instance where the Ark of the Covenant is, or what happened to Amelia Earhardt, or, maybe, how the pyramids were built, or where the Lost City of Atlantis is, if it ever existed?

A: Certainly. Any angel in the world would know such things, what you humans like to call “unsolved mysteries”. We could tell you which occurrences never really happened, that is, which stories are born of legend or myth. But I am uncomfortable with your question. You are delving into an area that can be very distracting for humans. If there is a human characteristic angels do not understand well, it is man’s age-old quirk of being inordinately curious. It started when Eve was curious about the taste of the fruit she could not have. I know it is a wonderful trait when used in the right way, such as motivation for research, or better yet, discovering a meaning in Scripture. But often it is a tedious vain habit for many humans. Very often men really have no need to know.

Q: But it’s so fascinating to be able to know the exact answer to an age-old riddle. It seems there are so many mysteries we’ll never know exactly the truth about.

A: Have you never wondered why some of the great mysteries remain so elusive? The Lord makes many people blind to keep it that way. Of course, sometimes mysteries are hidden till the right time, but other mysteries will only be revealed at the end of the Age, that is, when the world ends. The intrigue of knowing that angels and demons have much long lost information is tantalizing to humans. Even now I sense your next question,

phrased like “So where is the Ark? Or Solomon’s riches? Or “What did happen to so-and-so”?”

Am I right?

Q: Uhh... well I guess that means you won’t tell me where the Ark is, right?

A: You are very astute.

Q: That sounded a bit sarcastic. Do angels have a sense of humor?

A: Sorry. Being humorous is one trait our kind does not have in common with man. We have a short time in your world. There is much to do. Every person we encounter or pass on the street may be destined for Paradise or the Lake of Fire. This is serious business, and there’s nothing funny enough to distract us even for a moment.

Q: Well, I guess I never realized how much angels are... umm...

A: Dull? Boring? Stodgy? Uptight? That may seem so, from a human point of view. But we have good reason to be serious. Yet I tell you we have more joy than you could ever imagine.

Q: Okay. But what’s wrong with a sense of humor?

A: I did not say there was anything wrong with it. But angels would likely say that humor is highly overrated. I know you will not understand how we feel, but let me give you an analogy.

Suppose you walked into your home and saw it was engulfed in flames.

Undoubtedly you would run around, probably in a panic, locating each family member, and rushing them to safety before flames engulfed your home.

My question is this... at that moment, what funny thing could be said at that time? What joke would make you laugh at that moment?

Nothing. Am I not right? We angels have a similar sense of urgency about the dilemma many people are in. Likewise our nature is to be fiercely loyal to the Lord and His wishes and our current assignments. His wish very often is for us to serve or even rescue man. We must be zealous about the business of the kingdom. Each day we see tens of thousands of souls on the precipice of eternity. Humor seems somewhat incongruous to an angel, at least right now.

But... I will tell you this. We angels do observe the delight many humans find in innocent kinds of humor, and it pleases us to see that delight, despite the fact we don't feel it as you do.

Q: Okay, well back on a serious note, may I ask this: If you know all about our universe, is there life on other planets? With hundreds of billions of stars, I've always thought the odds were very good there are other beings in the universe.

A: It sounds like you are trying to eke out the answer to another unsolved mystery from me. Very well. I will tell you this much. You are right about one thing. From mankind's limited point of view the "odds" are good, if you are coldly applying probability statistics to your question. If one believes in a random roll of the dice that created the universe, then probably, if I were a man, I may feel the same. At first glance, it might appear that surely in this infinite vast universe other beings might exist. But think about something for a moment.

Did not the Lord create the physical universe for mankind... for you. The complexity of creation is immense, imponderable. It boggles the mind of angels, too. Your scientists will never understand the infinitesimal intricate complexity of a grain of sand, or the likewise immense complexity of the universe. But back to your question... let's see if I can put it into perspective by reminding you that man was created as the "center" of the universe. That is, creation was designed by God, *for man*. Does it seem so odd that God would not make trillions of stars, billions of solar systems, simply as a lavish backdrop to his great creation? Maybe just for your delight? Why must there necessarily be creatures inhabiting these places? Because of statistics? It has always seemed rather silly to many angels that Man is often convinced that there simply must be other life because there are so many other places life *could* be. Remember this: It is no more effort for an all-powerful God to make a hundred trillion planets and stars in the universe than to create a dozen.

I wish men could see the great honor that God has shown them by creating such an enormous exquisite tapestry to surround their world with.

It is perplexing to me that the Lord is not thanked more for the majesty of the heavens. You are more special to God than you can possibly know. I will come as close to answering your question as I can by saying that the majesty of the heavens is for man's enjoyment and wonder, and to stimulate praise for the One who created it.

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Q: Discussions of angels are very popular right now. There's even many TV shows about angels. How does that make you feel knowing your kind is so popular?

A: Mildly disappointed would be the closest phrase to how we feel. Angels have no reason to feel either proud, egotistical, embarrassed or feel any other emotion because men portray us in a certain way. If you have learned anything from our discussion so far you know that we-who-roam are very intent, even zealous, on completing our commission to serve the Lord by serving mankind. The fact that there is an inordinate amount of attention paid us is disappointing. I would wish that man gave that same attention to pondering who God is, and what He expects from each person.

Q: Do you at least think the portrayals of angels are accurate?

A: You apparently are familiar with these books and shows. I will let you conclude their accuracy by holding them first up to the light of what Scripture says about angels, and secondly what you have learned so far from me.

Q: Hmmm, okay, lets change the subject. Tell me this. Many millions of people have died over the last several thousand years. I am curious if you have seen and talked to people, that is, talked to their souls, after they died?

A: By all means. I have seen many, and talked to many, especially while escorting them into the presence of Yeshua.

Q: What is that like? I mean just after you die.

A: I can only allude to what is in store for a believer. It is not permitted for me to provide more than a few comments about what you will see and experience. But I will tell you this much. While escorting believers to the Gates of Heaven, I have observed their joy is so intense and so unbelievable to them that they cannot speak for a very long time. And understand that within the Gates it is infinitely more incredible still.

Q: What about those who die without being saved? Have you seen them? Have you escorted them, too?

A: Yes. I have seen the others. The Lost. Those-who-chose-not. But we angels do not escort them. They are “escorted” by fallen angels to the Holding Place, a place I shudder to even consider. It is quite off limits to angels. But escort is too nice a word. I have seen them carried away, like carrion in the beaks of birds of prey. You may remember there is a scripture that says, “Where the body is, there the vultures will gather”. The image is very appropriate. The vultures spoken of are the creatures of the demonic realm that do the escorting.

Q: So you ,or any angel, would know who has gone to heaven and who is in hell?

A: Yes. If I knew the person, I would know that.

Q: By the brevity of your answer, I am supposing that if I named people, say Hitler, Lincoln, Socrates, Adam, or my Aunt Alice, you probably wouldn't tell me if they are in heaven or hell?

A: You would be supposing correctly. I will not tell you the spiritual destiny of just any name you throw at me.

Q: So we can never know till we die who made it to heaven or hell?

A: I did not say that. There are some that I not only could tell you their eternal state, but I will tell you. You would be mistaken if you think you are always not allowed to know. First of all, even in scripture, you are clearly told of some, so it should be no mystery. Surely you remember the thief on the cross who was promised paradise that very day. And David's baby son, for instance, was mentioned as being in Heaven. Elijah was another who was taken to heaven in a chariot, as you surely know. And of course, Matthew records that when Jesus was transfigured on the mountain, Moses and Elijah were there. Obviously Moses would be in heaven if he were fellowshiping with the Lord.

Q: But what about others? Maybe someone I knew, like my Aunt Alice I mentioned?

A: If your heart is truly grieving over someone who has died, it is to the Holy Spirit you must turn for comfort and answers, not an angel. People often ask in prayer about someone they love who has died, because they are in anguish about it. I have observed, on occasion, the Lord will answer that prayer, and provide comfort, by speaking to them through what's called a "word of knowledge", a strong spiritual answer placed in the person's mind and spirit. But if there is no moral purpose in asking, I assure you the Lord will not play spiritual trivia with you to simply satisfy your curiosity about heaven's inhabitants. You will know soon enough who was chosen for the kingdom, and who was not.

Q: I suppose if God did answer that question so readily, it could devastate us to learn they went to hell.

A: Yes, you are right. I suspect that is why I personally have never observed the answer to that prayer being a blunt "I am so sorry, they are in Hell". The Lord would be providing you no comfort to assure you that someone you had loved, chose Not.

Q: Is that maybe why the answer to prayer is sometimes silence? Because to answer would not be a good thing?

A: Silence is definitely a possible and fairly common answer to a fervent prayer. Just as is Yes or No.

Q: But no answer at all is really frustrating.

A: When men pray and no answer comes, they often feel at best, frustrated, and at worst, in despair. Please feel confident that to hear only silence in response to a sincere prayer is not meant to frustrate. It can be another step in building your faith through patience. The Lord has not forgotten you. His ear is not failing. It will always be done for a good reason. The Lord loves you beyond measure. Depend on Him that He always has your best interests at heart. Be assured that to have an immediate answer, would not always be the best thing.

Q: It seems though, that a silent response is so common. I have a hard time with that.

A: There is another thing maybe you should consider. Silence is mistaken for another thing that the Spirit may be telling you . . . “wait”.

Wait is always a delayed yes or no.

If your wife asked you how many places to set for dinner guests, you may have to check your appointment book, or call a friend to confirm. She would not go into despair if you didn't respond in two seconds. She would wait because she trusts you that you will answer when you are ready.

Now God does not need the time to think about it, or extra time to figure out your dilemma. Surprisingly, sometimes He even starts to fulfill your request before you utter the last word of your prayer. Yes, you may hear silence, for a while. But He may have instructed one of us, yes an angel, to fly to your side and give you the answer, whether it's a word of knowledge, a healing from disease or pain, or deliverance from danger. Help may be speeding through the heavens to you. Remember we angels are simply messengers quite frequently. The silence to a sincere prayer is often a delayed “yes”. . . if you can trust Him and wait.

Q: But can't you just transport yourself from heaven to my side in an instant? How can it possibly take so long sometimes to answer prayer?

A: You have asked separate questions. First, as much as I would wish to always transport myself at the speed of thought, I cannot, except on occasional missions where I am given a special spiritual power to do so. Only God can appear and re-appear at will anywhere. Angels do still have to “fly” you know. So to answer your other question, we still must go to and fro over the earth using our wings. We can move like the wind, but yes, our speed is limited.

Q: Jaronel, how fast can you fly?

A: You may find it interesting to know that some angels are faster than others. Just as men run at different speeds, so angels too were created unique, each with slightly different inherent abilities. It should not surprise you that the very fastest angels are usually used as messengers.

But you asked how fast we fly. I assume you are thinking in a straight line in miles per hour. Although it varies, without divine help we travel slightly faster over the earth than the fastest bird can soar or dive. If we must travel through the earth, or ocean or solid objects we will move slightly slower.

Q: Well that's not as fast as I supposed. How could you possibly intervene to stop say a bullet, or arrow, or fly fast enough to help a fighter pilot get out of a burning cockpit?

A: You are right. It still may not be enough for a tough task. But remember I just gave you an idea of how fast we can fly *without divine help*. Frequently God gives us extra help to compensate for our angelic limitations. (He intervenes in our realm too, you know). You offered some good examples of where we would be of no use without the Lord's divine assistance. When I am sent on an assignment, the Captain may give me a sword, shield or both. But besides the various angelic weapons of warfare, we also may be given a specific angelic "power", as needed, say to fly faster than a supersonic jet, or to suddenly change the weather pattern over the Negev.

Yes. The Lord miraculously gives angels, too, extra abilities for a particular purpose just as He did some of your prophets, and just as he does today for humans with faith that He has appointed for some task. He will quite often bestow amazing spiritual gifts.

Q: So it's possible you could deliver a message to me at the speed of sound, let's say.

A: But of course. Oh, I sense your next question. You are still struggling with getting prayers answered quicker. Okay, there's something else you likely do not know. We usually cannot simply fly in a straight line to our destination, like a bullet or sound waves. You forget there is a mighty battle raging around you everywhere. I cannot just fly like a gull to the next city. The Enemy is everywhere.

Sometimes an angel must move somewhat like a soldier who goes from tree to tree on a battlefield, with great stealth. Or like a football player, dodging tacklers down a field.

Q: What happens when you encounter a demon?

A: Military strategy on the heavenly battlefield is almost the same as it is on earth. If I am a messenger instructed not to engage the enemy but to deliver a message, I will not walk through his camp, but try to weave through enemy territory without being stopped. Sometimes it is impossible to go through areas

held by the Enemy. Then I have to go the long way around, even through another country. At times I must slow down, pause, or zigzag.

Q: But what happens when the enemy challenges you?

A: Then I may fight and ultimately could be detained for quite a while. Do you recall the story in Scripture where there was an angel sent to Daniel, and he told Daniel he was delayed twenty-one days while he fought with a fallen one? By the way, that was not me. That was Gabriel, the Lord's fastest messenger. Angelic battles can last for days or weeks. That is why messages to believers sometimes tarry.

Q: If you do encounter a demon, what does he do to you?

A: They hiss, they curse, they attack, they blaspheme, they taunt, they distract. They smell awful. They have weapons also. In addition, they have large "gates of war", vaguely similar to a rolling gate that besieged cities in olden times. We cannot see through them, so often we do not know how many demons are hiding behind the war-gate. Therefore we often go around to avoid contact that could delay us.

Q: Are you afraid to encounter demons?

A: We angels have no fear of fighting whatsoever. In fact you would find that angels are usually anxious for action. But we are bound to honor our pledge to reach our destination, usually a believer, with all Godspeed. The fastest way, if speed is a necessity, is to not get distracted in these skirmishes with the enemy hordes. Battles not only delay us, but can tap our strength. The enemy does what they can to keep us from timely appointments with humans.

Q: So if you got side tracked in a demonic battle you may be injured and could not fly as fast?

A: Not injured but certainly rendered less strong. Remember the Light-Strength I mentioned earlier? I can fly the fastest when I have just returned from the Throne Room. It is then my Light-Strength is at its peak. Spiritual warfare can take its toll on us as we go about the earth and encounter the adversary. I fly the

knew He was pleased with his creation. It fills us with immense joy to see the work of the Lord's hand, and even more joy to see Him pleased with it. Remember in scripture where it says, "And God saw that it was good"? I was there. It was good. Very good. God knew it. We knew it. It was a day of rapturous joy.

Q: Jaranel, there is controversy about how long ago this happened, this beginning of our world, as well as how many days it took to make the world? Did it actually take only seven days? Or was it seven million years? Or what?

A: No, it was not seven days to make the world. It was six, since he rested on the seventh day. The scriptures you have read could not be clearer. It says, "And there was evening and there was morning, the first day". "And there was evening and there was morning, the second day", and so on. Creation was complete after six days. A days' length is just as you know it today with morning and evening. Don't be deceived by the foolish reasoning of many so-called scholars and scientists. Of course, God *could have* made creation in 7 seconds, or 7 minutes, or 7 hours or 7 billion years. There is no more effort on His part. He simply speaks into being whatever He wishes in whatever timeframe He wishes..

Q: If it takes no effort, then why did he rest on the seventh day?

A: Truly, on the seventh day God rested as scripture says. But rest has several meanings. It doesn't mean He was exhausted, or weary. "Rested" in this context means He paused, or ceased his work to that point. He simply stopped for a day and did not create anything else. It was His good pleasure to just gaze upon the results and reflect on how good it was. If you could have been with the Lord on that seventh day as I was, you would have seen the awesome pleasure He manifested at that time.

Q: Okay, so the earth was created in seven days. Sorry, six. How long ago was that? Some say the earth is as little as 6000 years old, some say millions of years. Can you tell me the truth?

A: I can tell you nothing else but the truth since angels do not lie. However, I need not tell you. That would be a good exercise to figure out on your own by searching the scriptures, especially Genesis. I will give you one hint. Read

everything in God's Word *literally* unless it is PLAINLY meant to be allegory. In addition, understand that the genealogy in scriptures may be there for several purposes.

As a side note, I have observed you at one of your bible studies, describe the genealogy lists as "boring". Don't you think it is possible that one purpose for the precise lists of all the "begats" is just maybe to assist you in calculating how long ago Adam was in the Garden? Never forget that absolutely everything in Scriptures can be relative and useful.

Q: Was the Garden of Eden really beautiful?

A: Exceedingly so. Your world has many beautiful gardens even now, does it not? But if you could have seen Eden, all other beautiful places you have ever seen or imagined would seem like a vague shadow of Eden.

Q: But where is, or should I say where was the Garden of Eden?

A: Any Bible tells you Eden was bordered by the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. Those rivers still flow there as they did thousands of years ago, although their course is slightly different now than before the upheaval of the Flood. Eden was covered by the Great Deluge, as were all other parts of the world.

Q: Do you mean Noah's flood was real?

A: Quite real. Quite terrible. The power of water can be as awesome as that of fire, and those days were a dark time for the world, as well as for us who stood by and watched. Eden was lost along with all the rest of the world. You can be thankful you will never see that happen again. And, by the way, I mean that literally... every time God's bow appears in the sky, it is the origin and purpose of the rainbow, to remember the Flood, and be thankful it can never repeat.

Q: Was the world's geography different before the Flood?

A: The Flood changed the topography of the world significantly, but not entirely. The primary difference is variations of heights and depths became more extreme. That is, the high places are now higher, mountains where once were hills, and the low places are lower. For instance, deep oceanic trenches are now where the water was only several hundred feet deep. There was less water above

ground before the Flood. We watched as the earth split asunder in hundreds of places and water gushed from below even as the rain was falling.

Q: If I could see a map of the world before the Flood, would I recognize it?

A: It depends on what kind of map, but probably not, unless you analyzed it as an experienced geographer or cartographer might. Remember, maps look as they do mostly because the water is the boundary of all land, whether it is ocean, sea, river or inland lake. So you see shapes of the land on the map because of where the water touches them, at the coastlines. If half the water were drained away or receded back into the bowels of the earth, as it originally was, the “maps” of the world would change dramatically. If there were no water in the world at all, except for rivers and streams, a simple map would have no more coast lines at all. It would be all dry land, and look somewhat like a map of the Moon or Mars. Before the Flood it was certainly not all dry land, but, as I mentioned, there was less water above ground. Therefore, a map of the pre-Flood world would have shown quite different boundaries.

Q: Then I guess I would never recognize it?

A: If you have ever looked at a more detailed topographical map, you’ll know that it shows all elevations as wavy lines. Therefore, you may recognize today’s various mountain ranges or valleys, for instance. Although mountains today would have appeared as hills on a map then. When the waters receded, the world was pretty much unrecognizable from its original creation.

Q: So if I traveled the world back then, I would not cross the same oceans?

A: You could walk on much more of the earth in that day without encountering the massive amounts of water you have today. Any waters you crossed would not have been as large.

Q: What was the weather like back then?

A: The Lord designed Eden as well as all the earth for man’s body and comfort. There was not the great variation in temperature and humidity your earth has today. A naked human could have traveled anywhere in the world and been quite comfortable.

Q: Do you mean the entire earth was all room temperature?

A: No. There was still variation. The days would have felt warm, yet comfortable; the nights cool, yet comfortable also.

Q: What if someone was at the North or South Pole?

A: Adam and Eve never traveled far from Eden, but if they had, they would have been comfortable. The temperature at the poles was similar to the equatorial areas.

Q: But how could that be?

A: In those days before the flood, there was a weather “canopy” so to speak that covered the whole earth. It created a sort of greenhouse roof, allowing a very even and mild temperature range in all parts of the world.

Q: What about when it rained? Wouldn't Adam and Eve have been uncomfortable?

A: There was no rain. Mankind never saw the phenomenon of rain until the day Noah entered the Ark. That is one reason people scoffed at Noah. You will not find in the Scriptures any mention of rain, snow, sleet or hail until the Flood.

Q: Then how did plants and trees grow?

A: Streams, lakes, ponds, rivers, and other waterways were everywhere. So plants grew readily around them. The irrigation was natural and perfect. But in addition, there was a very fine mist that would rise almost daily and gently provide all needed moisture to everything that grew.

Q: Speaking of Noah's Ark, how could so many animal species really fit inside it? Or is this a mystery I am not allowed to know? I really am perplexed at how two of every living creature could fit since there are tens of thousands of species.

A: My, you are the most curious creatures. But that mystery I will tell you something about, since it is not always vain to be curious about God's miracles. God gave Noah a lesson in logistics before he started. First he had him always gather two young, sometimes very young, creatures. This simplifies two things. One is that, for instance, a baby bear is incredibly smaller than a full-grown one, so he takes up less space. Second, they eat incredibly less, so less food had to be stored. In fact almost no food for some of the animals was actually stored. Third, I used a bear as an example on purpose. Most people are familiar with the phenomenon of bears hibernating. That is, they shut down major body functions for weeks as they go into a deep sleep. The Lord put many of the creatures into a similar state during some, or all of their time on the Ark, meaning they did not require hardly any food or any tending for a period of time.

Q: Even so, it still seems like there wouldn't be enough room.

A: One thing I didn't mention. If you know a little of zoology, you can appreciate the intricacies and complexity of design of various creatures. You may also realize that the genes in various animal families can contain all the characteristics of the sub-species of the family. That is, Noah did not have to have two of every kind of wolf or bat on the Ark. Just as you may contain the DNA that could result in 3 children, each with different eye and hair color, though your hair may be only like one child. During the thousand years after the flood, the various animals reproduced, many times, and traits began to isolate themselves into various sub-families of animals as their lineage spread, resulting in the variety you see today. But the Ark did not contain that variety as every possible pair you might think. It did not need to. I might also add that the Ark was very large.

Q: Did the same thing happen with people? Did Noah's family contain every nationality we have today?

A: Yes. It is exactly the same concept. Do you think it is a coincidence that Noah had three sons and there are three major races on the planet?

Q: But how?

A: Shem, Ham and Japheth each had many, many children and their families grew quickly. Within the first several hundred years each son's family became

what you might call a tribe. These three main family groups, these tribes, drifted off to different parts of the world, and inter-married mostly within their own family group, although splinter tribes, would come into contact at diverse times and places, creating more of the rich diversity you see today. Still, the inherent traits of the original three sons were replicated in a particular region so that the world ended up with three major races.

Q: So eventually they all evolved their own unique languages?

A: No. There was little evolution in language at that time. I believe you have forgotten a basic Bible story. The Tower of Babel. It happened just as it says. In those days there was one language. Man was becoming too dangerously rebellious and proud. The Lord created many languages at one moment in time, confusing their minds, and causing them to understand and know different words than previously.

Q: Then which one is the original language of Adam and Eve?

A: Good question. None of today's languages. The original tongue has not been spoken for thousands of years.

Q: Do you know that original pre-Babel language?

A: But of course.

Q: Do you know how to speak every language on earth?

A: Yes, almost. Remember I said angels never forget anything? Since the days of Babel we have been right there alongside mankind, and because 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, we are in your midst, we naturally find it very easy not only to know every language but we pick up on your local idioms almost as fast as they change, because of course, languages do evolve a little over time. But I did say "almost". Because meanings sometimes slowly change, and new words, phrases and local idioms are constantly created. Therefore, if I have not visited a certain culture in a very long time, I might not be familiar with some terms. Although I pick the new words up almost immediately upon re-visiting an area.

Q: So angels could be somewhat ignorant in a particular language, confusing them a little in various countries? Maybe requiring a local angel to translate?

A: Hardly that. You are carrying my explanation too far. My knowledge of language is extremely comprehensive from a human point of view. I just meant my knowledge of language is not absolutely perfect as God's would be. Your particular language, English, has a couple hundred thousand words, not to mention thousands of variations in spellings and meanings. I would be familiar with all but a few that may have been put into popular use in the last few days or weeks. The new words that I pick up almost as fast as they are coined do not cause me any handicap performing my duties.

Q: Okay. By the way, what language do angels speak to each other?

A: Well, first of all, we do not "speak" as you say. I, of course, am speaking to you now in English because that is what you know. But we communicate in an angelic tongue that is singular and unique to us. We can project our thoughts to another angel similar to how you project your words to another human. Although there are no sound waves in the angelic realm, so we communicate in what you may most likely call a sort of mental telepathy. In other words we "think" the words out loud and they are "heard" by another angel.

Q: Do demons speak a different language?

A: No. The same language. Since the moment all angels were all created, we have spoken almost exactly as we do today. The fallen angels, the demons, communicate the same as us.

Q: So your language does not evolve as ours does?

A: On the contrary. Our language, by necessity, has evolved at an incredible rate. Because we are so inter-linked with all the people and cultures of your world, we have had to constantly add words to our angelic language. Every new food, every new technology item, every political term, every new game or sport, every new type of architecture, every invention, and so on, has been added to our angelic language as they happen. And that includes things in long-forgotten or obscure cultures that not even your own philologists are aware of. No, our

angelic language was much simpler long ago. It had many less words before your Creation.

Q: By the way, what is your language called?

A: Nothing fancy. If translated to English, it would simply be called Angeltalk. You may think this hard to believe, but for eons there was no name for it. Before the Creation of man, there was no need for a distinctive name. No angel would conceive of any other language. We knew of no other language except that which we were inherently given to communicate with.

After Adam was created, we heard for the first time another tongue, the Language of Eden. At that time the Lord created Adam and Eve with a new, at least to us, physical, body. These first two creatures could not speak our angelic language because of the limitations of the human voice, that is, the larynx and tongue, which does not allow for the complexity of sound required to mimic the angelic language which, as I said, is more like one of your musical instruments playing, if it is spoken out loud for human eras to hear, So, at that time, we began differentiating our language from this new second one in the universe. We simply called it Angeltalk.

Q: You mentioned that Adam spoke the “Language of Eden”. So that is the ancient language you mentioned that has not been spoken for thousands of years.

A: Yes. God erased all knowledge of it from men’s minds at the Tower of Babel.

Q: If I asked you nicely, would you say something in that ancient language now so I can hear what it sounds like?

A: It is a good thing to speak nicely at all times, but I am sorry, I can’t.

Q: Well I am disappointed. Why can't you?

A: Because it is not time. I do not know why. But I am allowed to tell you that in the end times there will be occasion for the Ancient Language to be spoken once again. It will come forth from the mouths of many who will arise as prophets.

Q: What is a prophet anyway? Isn't it someone who tells the future?

A: Coincidentally, that is a good example of a word whose meaning has changed or at least drifted over the years. So to answer your second question first, no, it is not someone who predicts the future, although that perception is prevalent. It should never mean just predicting the future to any faithful believer. Usually a person will encounter a "prophet" in the reading of the Old Testament.

From that perspective you should know that a prophet was one who spoke directly with God and communicated a message to the people. He was simply one used at a specific moment in time as an intermediary between God and man. He was simply God's spokesman to the people.

Q: Then why do we think of predicting the future when prophets are mentioned?

A: Often God's message was one of warning. Because God loves every human so deeply, he often sent a prophet to various peoples and cultures that had become very wicked to stop them before they sunk to irreversible debauchery. Some were involved in worshipping idols, animals, or various inanimate objects in creation. Other cultures practiced the most despicable of sexual practices. Many had sunk to the level of human sacrifice, often children or babies. You would have wept to see it. The prophet was God's messenger that often arrived with the message "No more". And a warning was always accompanied by a future consequence if the people did not repent. When the people did not heed the warning, God had no choice but to follow through on his promise of consequence. When the consequence happened as predicted, unfortunately those who were ignorant put more emphasis on the prophet who delivered the message than on the reason for the message in the first place. Prophets became predictors of the future in people's minds, even though they were simply messengers. They had no knowledge or power that the Lord did not provide them for that appointed time.

Hence, the word "prophet" has been warped a little.

Q: What about modern day prophets like Nostradamus, or Edgar Cayce, or Jeanne Dixon? Is there any validity to their predictions?

A: I guess I would ask you what their message from God is, because as I just mentioned, that is the purpose for God to use a prophet in the first place. If the

prophecy is not a message from God, which always has a moral purpose, than you are simply talking about either a false prophet or someone who is a prophet in the corrupted sense.

Q: Well, yes, maybe they are not a prophet in the Old Testament sense, but I guess I am just asking why do some of their predictions come true?

A: Yes, I suppose one could argue some of their predictions *appear* to have validity. You probably recall in your folk writings, it is said that “even a blind hog finds an acorn now and then”. Flip a coin and you would have no trouble “predicting” and be right half the time. Would you be a prophet? Would that amaze people? Unfortunately, yes, it does amaze the less astute among you. True prophets of the Lord, at least in the Old Testament, were distinguished by 100 percent accuracy. God does not tell a prophet something that does not happen exactly as predicted, all the time, every time, no exceptions.

Q: But some, as I have named, seem to have almost a miraculous ability to foretell things.

A: You may name any name you like, but this miraculous foretelling you mention has no moral purpose. A miracle with no moral purpose is considered magic. And I am not talking about sleight-of-hand magic here. God always has a moral purpose for miracles and prophetic words. But he clearly and forcefully tells you to avoid those who practice the dark arts. That would be mediums, psychics, seers, diviners, and magicians (and I don't mean sleight-of-hand magicians).

Q: Well then how does one differentiate between a true and a false prophet?

A: If they have no message from God, then they are delving in the spiritual side where the demons play. They are not a true prophet.

Q: But how can you tell at first? Some speak as if they have a message from God.

A: Good question. Once again there are several answers.

First, you will find that you may have to wait a little while sometimes to discern between truth and falsehood, between good and evil, between miracles and magic.

Q: What would I wait for?

A: First and the most important, wait till you have carefully examined what is being prophesied, to see if it contradicts Scripture.

Second, wait to see if that which is prophesied is confirmed as true from another source you trust, maybe a pastor, teacher, another mature believer or even another prophet.

Third, when you are unsure of a prophetic word, don't take it to heart till you ask the Lord. He will always reveal the truth to you if you diligently seek it. As it is written, "If you ask for a fish, He will not give you a snake."

At some point, if it is truth, you will know it. If it is not, you will know it.

Q: Jaranel, have you seen God face-to-face?

A: Certainly, many times, ever since I was created.

Q: What is it like looking upon God?

A: It is ultimate beauty. It is rapturous joy. It is what you humans I think would call ecstasy. It is the essence and totality of love.

Q: But isn't it intimidating to be in His presence?

A: Now? Not at all. But before the day long ago where my kind chose between God and Lucifer, yes, it was something like intimidating. Sort of an ultimate awe, so strong you cannot look directly at God for more than a moment. Unlike your kind, we did see God before we chose, just as Adam and Eve saw God, before they made their fateful decision. I can still remember the angelic realm in those days before Lucifer's rebellion. There was an awe of God as I said, yet even then intermeshed with a love that made us wish to never be out of his presence. I believe you humans know the intimidating feeling I describe, since it is often mentioned in your Scriptures as the "fear of the Lord." It was no different for us before we were perfected. It was a holy fear. Yet for us today, long after our being "created again" (born again to use your term), the awe is

still there in a way, of course, but it is now completely perfected in love. Completely enveloped and overshadowed by His fully revealed love for me, and I for Him. God's incredible love has cast out any last vestiges of any intimidating fear. But awe for God will never diminish.

Q: Well I can't imagine standing in front of God and not being greatly afraid.

A: That is because you have not been perfected yet. There is yet to come the biggest event of man's history, the Great White Throne judgment. Once that occurs, I am told that mankind will be able, like us, to completely and fully look on the face of God.

Q: When do you see God, Jaronel? All the time? Does He visit you, or do you go to Him?

A: I see him when I return to the Throne Room in heaven where he dwells. I believe I told you I return there after each assignment. It is there I gaze upon the powerful beauty of God, and am renewed.

Q: Jaronel, many people wonder if God is really omnipotent, truly all-powerful. Can God do absolutely anything?

A: From one perspective, no. God cannot do "anything". Once again, I would encourage you to search the Scriptures. You will find that it says quite clearly there are many things that God is not capable of doing.

Q: I am shocked. I was almost kidding when I asked. What things are too difficult for God?

A: I did not say anything was too difficult for God. I said there were things He is not capable of. For instance, it says in Scripture "He cannot lie". In another passage it says, "He cannot deny Himself". Yet again it says, "He cannot tempt a person". I could go on.

Q: I guess that makes sense but my first reaction is that he must not be all-powerful if He can't do "anything".

A: That is because your logic is faulty. It may be simpler to state it like this.

God is perfect. And logic dictates that a perfect Being is actually quite incapable of one and only one thing... being im-perfect. And of course, in a way you could extrapolate that phrase "being imperfect" out to all the individual ways that perfection would be ruined... lying, tempting, deception, etc.

A perfect God by the definition of His own nature, cannot deny that perfection, he cannot have any flaw. If he did, I suspect the universe would collapse. Or as Doc said in your movie Back to the Future, "it could start a chain reaction that would unravel the very fabric of the space time continuum, and destroy the entire universe"...

That was my attempt at a little human humor. Forgive me if it didn't work.

Q: Ha! No, that was good, Jaronel. But back to things God can't do... how do you answer the classic silly question, "Can God make a rock so big He can't lift it?"

A: Yes, that is a silly question. I was there when that was first asked many years ago, by an ancient cynic. It is a nonsensical question, of course, that only the simple-minded, or at least the incredibly naïve, would ask in all seriousness. But for their sake I would simply reiterate that God cannot do something illogical since He would be rendered imperfect then. Just remember always that God can truly and always do ANYTHING that does not contradict his perfect nature.

Q: Jaronel, what does our world look like to you?

A: It looks vaguely as you see it, although we do not "see" as you do with your dual ocular anatomy. Since we are spirits, our seeing is more of a sensing of the physical world you live in. It is not unlike radar, but with immensely greater detail. You would understand if you think of how a bat sees, by bouncing sound waves off all that is around, and sensing the radar-like sounds that come back to him. In an even more sophisticated way, angels can "see" your world, although with a much wider spectrum than your visual limitations allow. We also see more completely than humans, since we can see inside objects and around objects, although the density and distance doesn't allow the perfect view of every atom of the universe that God sees. That is, for instance I can see through clouds pretty well, yet not quite as well as through clean air. And I can see through boulders or buildings, but not as well as through clouds.

Q: Do you find our world pleasant to look at?

A: Not particularly. Remember, it is a corrupted form of the original garden. Someday when you have seen the perfected earth, you will realize how even the seemingly beautiful areas you enjoyed here on earth were mere ghosts of similar areas in true paradise.

Q: Jaronel, what do angels look forward to? What is their hope?

A: I can think of two ways to answer that.

In a short-term sense I cannot wait till my next assignment. There is so much pleasure in doing the Lord's work, it is hard to describe to a non-angel. To hear a "Well done, O faithful messenger" from the Captain of the Hosts each time we return, is a joy you would not understand until you are perfected some day. In a long-term sense, I look forward to the Day of The Lord. In one of your popular Christian children's books, a talking beaver says that "when Aslan returns, He will make all things right." The allegory is not bad. I suspect the Christian author was inspired by an angel since we often use that same phrase that Yeshua "will make all things right" someday when He triumphantly returns to earth. We angels wait anxiously for that event, as do many of the faithful on earth do also.

And now I must go. I have told you as much as the Lord has allowed me to. For you to meditate too much on angels is not healthy. As many teachers among you have cautioned, "Do not worship the creation, worship the Creator."

Holy is the Lamb!

I awoke. The very bright light was gone and I realized I was lying in a hospital bed, feeling rather hungry. The room was quiet. Just before I opened my eyes, the faintest whisper of a breeze brushed my face.

THE END

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