

Angels (ἄγγελος—Gk.32 [to bring *tidings*] *a messenger*) (Context: 2 Cor 12:1-7 verses Rev 2:1)

Nature:

Spirit Beings

Psa 104:4 Who maketh His **angels spirits**; His ministers a flaming fire:

Heb 1:7 And of the angels He saith, Who maketh His **angels spirits**, and His ministers a flame of fire.

Heb 1:14 Are they not all **ministering spirits**, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

G4151 πνεῦμα pneuma *pn̄yoo'-mah*

From **G4154**; a *current* of air, that is, *breath (blast)* or a *breeze*; by analogy or figuratively a *spirit*, that is, (human) the *rational soul*, (by implication) *vital principle*, *mental disposition*, etc., or (**superhuman**) an **angel**, *daemon*, or (divine) God, Christ's *spirit*, the *Holy spirit*: - ghost, life, spirit (-ual, -ually), mind. Compare **G5590**.

Invisible

(Without the miraculous aid of God or unless they assume a physical form.)

2Ki 6:17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, **that he may see**. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

Num 22:22 And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants *were* with him. **23** And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and His sword drawn in His hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way.

Num 22:31 Then the LORD **opened the eyes** of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and His sword drawn in His hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.

Col 1:16 For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and **invisible**, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him:

Immaterial

(Without physical form, like the wind.)

Luk 24:39 Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself: handle Me, and see; for a **spirit hath not flesh and bones**, as ye see Me have.

(Jesus-post resurrection)

1Co 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit** the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

- Angels are "like" resurrected bodies. *"They have no material form unless they temporarily assume one"*.

Powerful

(But not all-powerful...they have their limitations.)

2Pe 2:11 Whereas angels, which are **greater in power** and **might**, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.

Dan 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia **withstood me** one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, **came to help me**; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

A Separate Class

(Higher than man at this "stage of existence".)

Psa 8:4 **What is man***, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? 5 For thou hast made him **a little lower** than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. (*Heb 2*)

Luk 20:35 But **they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage:*

Luk 20:36 Neither can they die any more: for they are **equal unto the angels**; and are the children of God, being the **children of the resurrection**.

Rev 22:8 And I John saw these things, and heard *them*. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. 9 Then saith he unto me, See *thou do it* not: for I am thy **fellow servant**, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God. (*Heb 1:14 says they are our servants.*)

- Do we **become** angels when we die? NO!

Mat 22:30 **...as** the angels of God in heaven.

Mar 12:25 For when they shall rise from the dead, ... are **as** the angels which are in heaven.

Luk 20:36 Neither can they die any more: for they are **equal unto the angels**; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

Luk 16:19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: 20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, 21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was **carried by the angels** into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; 23 And in hell (*Gk.86-hades*) he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and **send Lazarus**, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. 25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

- **Lazarus** did not become an angel. *"Both the rich man and Abraham recognized Lazarus as Lazarus."*

Immortal

- Angels do not marry. *"Marriage is God's ordained place for sexual intercourse which, of course, propagates our species."*

Gen 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, **Be fruitful**, and **multiply**, and **replenish** the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

- Eternal verses Immortal:
Eternal- without beginning or end.
Immortal- Definite beginning *"but once created, they never die."* *"After the resurrection, we also will be immortal...equal to the angels."*

Gender

- **Victor A. Knowles:**
*"Angels do not marry for the simple reason that they are all masculine. There is no support in scripture for the idea that angels are *sexless beings. The word **angels** in scripture always appears in the masculine form, never in*

the feminine or neuter. God is always referred to in the masculine gender and so are his angels."

**genderless*

(A more defined thought.)

- *"...angels are without gender and do not reproduce for that cause. Gender is a trait associated with physical beings..."*
- Angels are masculine *(whether genderless or not depending on the definition)*, do not reproduce, are immortal and thus their number has remained constant since creation.

Rev 5:11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of **many angels** round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the **number of them** was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

Innumerable- you can't count them with an abacus of calculator.

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