

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

Origin:

Created or Eternal?

- **God is eternal:** (*Just a few verses will suffice.*)
Exo 3:14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and He said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

Psa 102:25 Of old hast Thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens *are* the work of Thy hands. 26 They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed: 27 But Thou *art* the same, and Thy years shall have no end. (Heb 1:10-12)

Joh 8:58 Jesus said unto them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.**

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

Psa 148:1 Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise Him in the heights. 2 Praise ye Him, all His angels: praise ye Him, all His hosts. 3 Praise ye Him, sun and moon: praise Him, all ye stars of light. 4 Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that *be* above the heavens. 5 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for He commanded, **and they were created.**

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: 17 And He is before all things, and **by Him all things consist.**

When?

- **One thought** (*citing Ex 20:11*):
Exo 20:11 For **in six days** the LORD **made heaven** and **earth**, the **sea**, and **all that in them is**, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

"Since they were created in the same way, this implies that they were brought into being at the same time everything else was created, during the creation week". (Gen 1)

Not necessarily! ...heaven (*Heb.8064- sky and where the celestial bodies dwell [thus physical]*)...earth (*physical*)...sea (*physical*)...

- The angels (**according to Gen 2:2-3**) were created some time **by the beginning of or before the end of** the creation week.

Job 38:1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, **2** Who *is* this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? **3** Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou Me. **4** Where wast thou **when I laid the foundations of the earth?** declare, if thou hast understanding. **5** Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? **6** Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; **7** **When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?**

- By this we see that the angels existed **before** the **physical** creation but **before** **God** laid the physical foundation of the earth in the creation week! (**Gen 1:1**)

Heaven in Context

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the **heaven** and the earth.

Gen 1:8 And God called the firmament **Heaven**. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

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The second form being dual of an unused singular; from an unused root meaning to **be lofty; the sky** (as *aloft*; the dual perhaps alluding to the visible arch in which the clouds move, as well as to the higher ether **where the celestial bodies revolve**): - air, X astrologer, heaven (-s).

- If the angels had to be created during the time of the **physical** creation (**remember, they are spirit beings**) did **Heaven** itself (**the spiritual place of their existence**) then have to be created at that time (**remember, this is God's dwelling place**)? If **Gen 1** is speaking of the physical creation and the spiritual realm existed before it, why **must** we conclude that the angels had to be created **during** the creation week? **We don't!**
- Other than the soul of man, I don't see reference of anything spiritual being created in that first six days of the creation week!

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was **with God**, and the Word **was God**. **2** The same was in the beginning with God. **3** **All things were made by Him**; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

- **Jesus** was present during the time of creation. **He** had a major part (**One of Three – Gen 1:2, 26**) in it. **He** existed in eternity when there was no physical creation, or heavenly angels.
- The purpose of angels, "*to execute His (God's) will in controlling the affairs of the universe*", was set in eternity pre-creation. **He** did not need the angels to create (**His Son at His side was more than sufficient**). They are just part of **His** plan in the revealing of **His** will for the salvation of mankind. **CFY2**

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