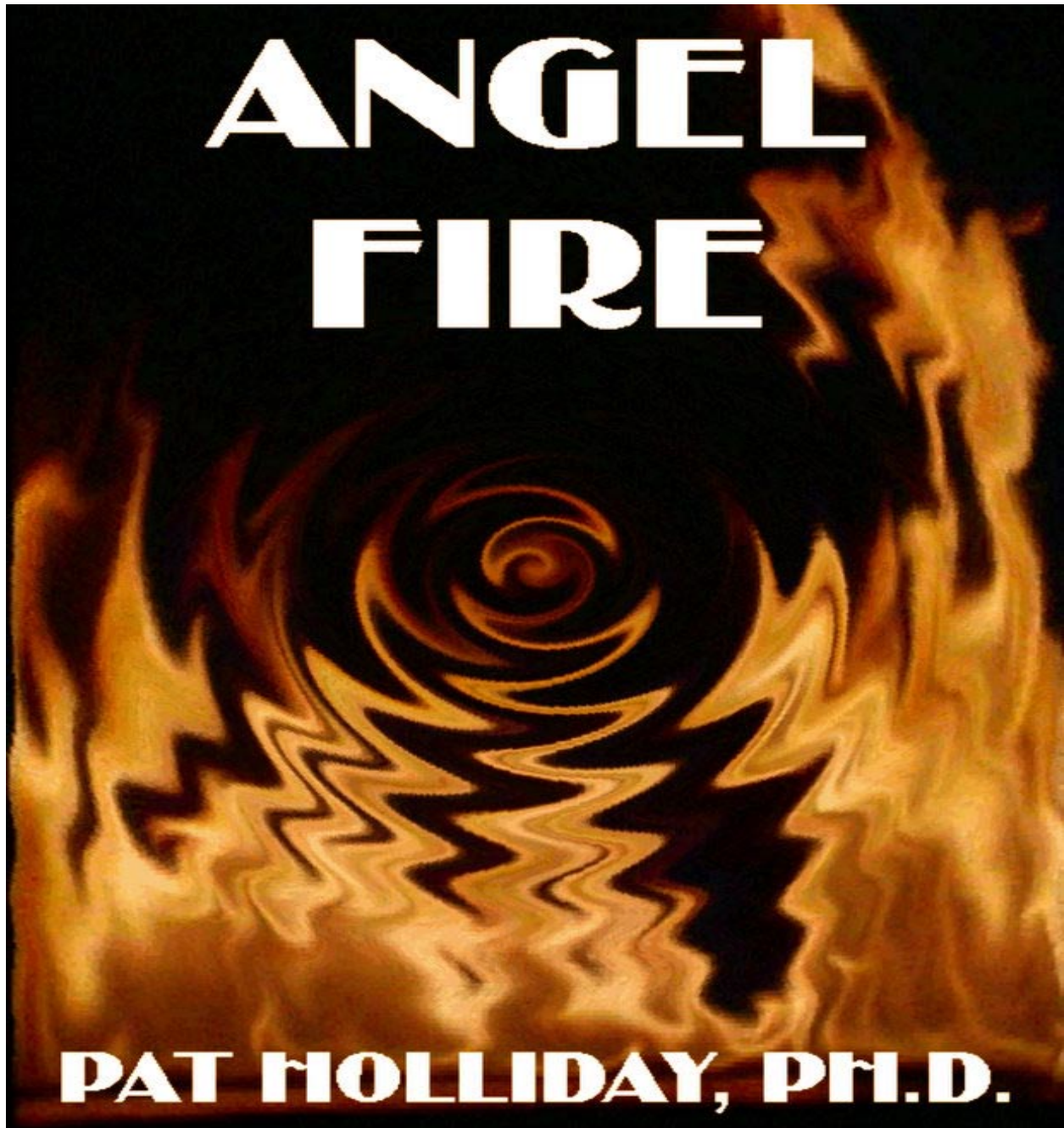


ANGEL FIRE



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Fear of Angels

As we enter the end of this age, the spirit world is becoming more clear and active. We believe that the Sovereign God Jehovah is the world creator and ruler. His angelic armies are by far powerful to all the armies of the world together and the fallen angels that followed Satan's mutiny against God.

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ANGELIC EMPOWERMENT

The press and marketing powers have discovered angels. Angels are everywhere! People are testifying of angelic sightings that have launched a spiritual and commercial craze.

Angelic encounters are treated similar to Mary sightings. For centuries, people have feared and worshiped apparitions (appearances of supernatural beings.) The curiosity of people have fueled these supernatural events to cause an explosion of movies, television, countless books magazine articles. If you have noticed, these angelic confrontations are always depicted as "good," beneficent and protective? *Time Magazine* wrote about readers about their own meetings with heavenly messengers.

Warren N. Saunders of Cedar Grove, New Jersey relates his experience as a nervous 19-year-year-old infantryman on his first patrol against the Japanese in the jungles of Bougainville during World War II. "When I stepped out upon the trail, I heard the unmistakable sound of choirs of voices singing. Somehow I knew that they were angels and I felt a great peace." He returned unscathed from three years of bitter fighting. ⁶

Wicked angels have played a far-reaching role in human history as well. They have caused untold suffering. They often pose as angels of light and good will, even working miracles! Millions are now testifying of supernatural experiences of purported alien abductions and spirit confrontations worldwide. These supernatural encounters have left many fearful victims with persistent physical and psychological pain. It is possible that these aliens are actually deceiving fallen angels?

The Bible discloses that supernatural beings, good and evil, have played an active role in the affairs of men. The Word of God shows that angels have appeared as shining metaphysical mortals or at other times, dressed as men. They have acted as leaders to invaders and opened prison doors. Heavenly angels have inhibited tragedies and prolonged the tranquility of masses. Man's eyes have looked upon them; human ears have listened to their appeals; human lips have resisted their suggestions and ridiculed their counsels.

While God will use human hands, He is not limited in their action in world affairs. There are wondrous reflections in the Bible of God's assignment of His angels to watch over His people. Hundreds of times in the Bible, the Lord is named "The Lord of Hosts."

Twice in the New Testament, He is called "The Lord of Sabaoth," which has the exact same meaning but in a stronger term. The terms mean that He is the "Lord of an Army" or "Lord of a Multitude." This speaks of His Heavenly Host or His great armies of Heavenly angels. These terms have a military connotation and make it plain the Lord will fight for right and that He will defend His will on this earth. ⁷

FEAR OF ANGELS

The angel Gabriel came to Mary and told her not to be afraid, but rejoice that she was to become the human mother of the Son of God. When she protested that she had no husband (though she was betrothed). The angel said that the child would have no human father, but the miracle of birth would take place by the power and overshadowing of the Holy Spirit. Mary soon found out what this high calling would cost her, for Joseph naturally reacted vigorously to the news of her pregnancy. On a visit by an angel enabled him to understand, (see Matt. 1:18-25). ". . . Behold, "thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS." He shall be great, and shall be called the "Son of the Highest: and the Lord, God shall give unto him the 'throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. The said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said, unto her. The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, "and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore, also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God," (Lk. 1:31-35).

In Luke's story there are several appearances of angels. God's messengers. An

angel appeared to Zechariah as he served in the Temple. (LK. 1:13), “But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.” Luke used several different ways to describe the degree and intensity of these fears. Zechariah was “troubled” and “fear fell upon him.”

Gabriel was next sent to speak to Mary; finally, shepherds tending their sheep were visited first by one angel and then by a multitude of them. (LK. 1:30-35), “And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. 31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.”

When angels of God appeared, they produced fear. Mary was “greatly troubled.” The shepherds were “filled with fear.” The initial reaction to these appearances was always one of fear. So that the first words of the angels were to encourage people to stop being afraid.

In these stories the angels speak and state that fear can be put aside, for the Savior is coming. Angels are with all the Saints! “Fear not, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them,” (2 Ki. 6:16). The Biblical message to Zechariah, Mary, and the shepherds is still relevant today: “Stop being afraid” Hear

this message that brings joy and life. “Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people,” (LK. 1:10).

The Bible speaks of Jesus’ final victory over all the earth’s cultures in the Old Testament as well as the New Testament. Look at the actual words of Scripture that bear out what we have summarized above concerning the Bible’s teaching on Demonization. Demons are ranked in what is called ‘Principalities and Powers.’ Like an army, the dark angels are arrayed in ranks, being described as “principalities and power,” under the control and command of Satan, who is called” the chief of the fallen spirits.” (Rom. 8:38-39). For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall

be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Daniel experienced a meeting with a high-ranking angel and was afraid. (Dan. 10:2-7), “In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. 3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled. 4 And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel; 5 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz: 6 His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.7

And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.” “Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength. 9 Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground. 10 And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands. 11 And he said unto me, (a mighty angelic being) O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. 12

Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. 13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: (understood to be the most powerful demon assigned to that nation) but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia,” (Dan.10:8-13).

“Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.15 And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb.16 And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength. 17 For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me. 18 Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he

strengthened me, 19 And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me," (Dan. 10:14-19).

“Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come. 21 But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince,” (Dan. 10:20-21).

FEAR, FEARFUL, FEARFULNESS

Phobeo New Testament:5399, in earlier Greek, "to put to flight" (see A, No. 1), in the New Testament is always in the passive voice, with the meanings either (a) **"to fear, be afraid,"** its most frequent use, e. g., Acts 23:10, according to the best mss. (see No. 2); or (b) **"to show reverential fear"** [see A, No. 1, (b)], (1) of men, (Mk. 6:20; Eph. 5:33), RV, **"fear,"** for KJV, **"reverences"**; (2) **of God**, e. g., (Acts 10:2,22; 13:16,26; Col. 3:22), (RV, "the Lord "); (1 Pet. 2:17; Rev. 14:7; 15:4; 19:5); (a) and (b) are combined in (Lk. 12:4,5), **where Christ warns His followers not to be afraid of men, but to "fear" God.** See MARVEL, B, No. 1, Note. **Eulbeomai** New Testament:2125, **"to be cautious, to beware"** (see A, No. 3), signifies to act with the reverence produced by **"holy fear,"** (Heb.' 11:7), **"moved with godly fear."** Notes: (1) In (Acts 23:10), some mss. have this verb with the meaning (a) under No. 1. In (Lk. 3:14), **diaseio, "to shake violently, to intimidate, To extort by violence, blackmail,"** is rendered **"put no man in fear"** in KJV Marg. See VIOLENCE.⁹

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