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Angels in A Course in Miracles

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There are 15 references to angels in *A Course in Miracles* (including Song of Prayer) and they also appear throughout scribe Helen Schucman's poems. Despite these references, however, angels aren't typically discussed in Course circles and, when they are mentioned, they are often considered symbols that represent the loving thoughts of God within us.

But is this how the Course itself describes angels?

In this episode of A Course in Miracles Radio, Robert Perry and Emily Bennington walk you through Course teachings that specifically reference angels and expand on how they apply to your practice.

You are invited to follow along with the conversation using the discussion notes below.

1. Angels are a different created order, not part of the Sonship. We need not bow down to them, because they were created for our protection.

- You were created above the angels, because your role involves creation as well as protection. (T-1.23.2:9)

2. They are clearly numerous.

- You do not walk alone. God's angels hover close and all about. (W-E.6:5-6)
- Surrounded by a thousand angels' wings (Helen's poem "The Will of God")
- I passed by / A thousand waiting angels. (Helen's poem "They Wait")



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3. There are fallen angels that in some sense rule this earth—this is their kingdom and they are its princes.

There are three references to Lucifer in the Course, all of which act like he's real:

- "Lucifer" could literally be translated "light-bearer." He literally projected himself from Heaven. (T-35.2:4)
- After all, Lucifer fell, but he was still an angel. He is thus the symbol for humanity. (T-1.35.7:4-5)
- It has also been commented on that Lucifer literally projected himself from Heaven. (T-2.II.3:2)

Fallen angels are also referenced in the Course as "the princes of this world".

- When you are afraid of possession, you need only remember that error cannot really threaten truth, which always can withstand its assaults. Only the error is really vulnerable. The "princes of this world" [1 Corinthians 2:6, 8] are princes only because they are really angels. But they are free to establish their kingdom where they see fit. If you will remember that all princes inherit their power from the Father, the right choice becomes inevitable:

Spirit is in the state of grace forever.

Your reality is only your spirit.

Therefore, you are in the state of grace forever. (T-1.35.9)

4. But we need not be afraid of them, for several reasons: They are still angels—they haven't really fallen. They are just exercising their God-given free will. We are invulnerable—the truth in us cannot be threatened. And no one can truly possess us.

- After all, Lucifer fell, but he was still an angel. (T-1.35.7:4)
- Atonement is the knowledge that the belief that angels can fall is false. (T-1.35.7:6)



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5. They absolutely love us. As creatures of Heaven and servants of Heaven, they cherish Heaven's Son.

- Around you angels hover lovingly. (T-26.IX.6:3)
- This do the body's eyes behold in one whom Heaven cherishes, the angels love, and God created perfect. (W-161.9:1)
- They gather happily to watch the birth of God's Son in us. (Lesson 303)

6. Their function is indistinguishable from the Holy Spirit's. They are instruments or messengers of the Holy Spirit's will (which is basically how they have been traditionally seen).

- [Christ] will not leave you comfortless, nor fail to send His angels down to answer you in His Own Name.

7. We need to in some way invite their help, but we don't need to invite it directly.

- Say His Name, and you invite the angels to surround the ground on which you stand. (W-183.2:2)
- Rather ask instead, "Help me to see this brother through the eyes of truth and not of judgment," and the help of God and all His angels will respond. (Special message)

8. They are there to support our awakening, which they do in many ways. They are particularly shown supporting, nurturing, and protecting a spiritual birth within us.

- Your newborn purpose is nursed by angels. (T-19.IV.C.10:4)

A close-up photograph of a stone sculpture depicting the wings of an angel. The wings are spread out, with detailed feathering visible. The stone has a weathered, textured appearance. The background is slightly blurred, showing some greenery and a building.

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- Around you angels hover lovingly, to keep away all darkened thoughts of sin, and keep the light where it has entered in. (T-26.IX.6:3)
- Say His Name, and you invite the angels to surround the ground on which you stand, and sing to you as they spread out their wings to keep you safe, and shelter you from every worldly thought that would intrude upon your holiness. (W-183.2:2)
- Watch with me, angels, watch with me today. Let all God's holy thoughts surround me and be still with me while Heaven's Son is born. (W-303.1:1-2)

9. We should feel extraordinarily blessed by the presence of the angels in our lives. We can rest secure and serene, "unmindful of the world," knowing the angels are watching over us.

From Helen Schucman's poems in her book *The Gifts of God*:

- Because of their support, we can fail in nothing ("The Mirror of Forgiveness")
- They offer us their wings, so we can speedily approach the gate of Heaven ("Deliverance")
- When something seems to be taken from us, "angels join their wings / And close the space so rapidly it seems / To be illusion" ("Heaven's Gift")
- They give you love and "hover over you and lay their gifts / Gently before your feet, and shower them / Along your path whichever way you go." ("Heaven's Messengers")

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