



Angelology The Study of Angels

THE CREATION OF ANGELS

THE FACT OF THEIR CREATION

- Angels are created beings - Psalms 148:5 *Let them praise the name of the LORD, for at his command they were created, NIV*
- This means they did not evolve from some lower or less complex form of life. This is reinforced by the fact that angels do not procreate - Matthew 22:30 *At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. NIV*
- When they were created, they were created as angels.

THE AGENT OF THEIR CREATION

- All things were created by Christ - John 1:1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. NIV*
- Specifically, angels were created by Him - Colossians 1:16 *For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. NIV*

THE TIME OF THEIR CREATION

- The Bible does not clearly state the time of their creation. They were present when the earth was created - Job 38:6 *On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone-- 7 while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? NIV*
- So their creation had to be prior to the Creation of the earth.

THE STATE OF THEIR CREATION

Holy

- Originally all angelic creatures were created holy. God pronounced His Creation good - Genesis 1:31 *God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning--the sixth day. NIV*
- God could not create sin. Even after sin entered the world, God's good angels, who did not rebel against Him, are called holy - Mark 8:38 *If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels." NIV*
- These are the elect angels - 1 Timothy 5:21 *I charge you, in the sight of God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels, to keep these instructions without partiality, and to do nothing out of favoritism. NIV*
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- In contrast to the evil angels who followed Satan in his rebellion against God - **Matthew 25:41** *"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. NIV*
- In addition to being created holy, all the angels were surrounded by holiness. Their Creator was absolute holiness. The atmosphere in which they lived and served was, until the sin of Satan, without the imperfections and taint of sin.

Creaturely

- Angels are creatures, not the Creator. Yet they are a separate order of creatures, distinct, for example, from human beings -

1 Corinthians 6:3 *Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life! NIV*

Hebrews 1:14 *Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation? NIV*

- As creatures they are limited in power, knowledge, and activity -

1 Peter 1:11-12 *trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. 12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things. NIV*

Revelation 7:1 *After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. NIV*

- Like all responsible creatures, angels will be subject to judgment

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