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## Angels

Angels are supernatural beings that exist in almost every culture, mythology and religion. They are depicted as benevolent celestial beings, who act as intermediaries between Heaven and humanity. They are known to be real spirits that protect and aid people in times of need. They conventionally are represented in human form with wings and long robes.

There have been many stories told, especially in tragedies, where angels even allowed themselves to be seen and witnessed by the people involved. They perform a multiplicity of duties and tasks given to them, predominantly by God. They have been known to help strengthen faith, heal afflictions, find lost articles, increase worldly goods and ward off enemies.

In ancient texts, they are named in relationship to miraculous events. They were deliverers, messengers, guides and many times, sent to warn. The 14th century Kabbalists claimed that there are 301,655,722 angels involved with our world. Seraphim, Cherubim and Archangels are just a few of the many types of angels that exist.

There are many books and much information on all the different angels, and what their purposes are. As well, there is a theological study of angels, known as angelology.

## Ascended Masters

An ascended master is one who has attained self-mastery by using the energy of free will, coupled with the law of their oneness with the Almighty. Having balanced their karma and accomplished their unique mission, the person has graduated from earth's schoolroom and ascended to Heaven. They have proven the victory over sin, disease and most conflicts. They have transmuted all negative energies that have been given to them in their incarnations. These ascended masters have entered into agreement with the Divine to watch over humanity. They want to reveal to us the next step of our spiritual evolution. And each master has their own unique assignment. The ascended masters present a path and a teaching, whereby every individual on earth can find their way to their own higher power or God-self. This is manifested through what they call, the Threefold Flame – power, wisdom and love.

As one learns about the masters and gets to know them, they help define our own unique profile, so that we can become masters as well. For more information on the ascended masters, there is an abundance of information in books and on the Internet.

## Prophets

A prophet is an individual who is regarded as being in contact with a Divine being and is said to speak on that entity's behalf. He or she serves as an intermediary with humanity by delivering messages or teachings from a supernatural source. The prophet's job is to deliver these teachings or messages to certain people.

The message that the prophet conveys is called a prophecy. A prophecy is a message that is claimed by a prophet to have been communicated to them by God. Such messages typically involve inspiration, interpretation, or revelation of divine will concerning events to come. All known ancient cultures had prophets who delivered prophecies. By and large, prophets were highly regarded and respected. They were not questioned and people who received the messages took them very seriously.

The Catholic Encyclopedia defines prophecy as foreknowledge of future events, though it may sometimes apply to past events of which there is no memory. The purpose of the message is to present hidden things, which cannot be known by the person.

Judaism suggests that prophecy is, in truth and reality, an emanation sent forth by a Divine Being through the medium of an individual. The Hebrew term for prophet is Navi, which literally means "spokesperson for God to the people and the people to God".

In Islam, the theory is that prophets are law-bringers, delivering God's message to the people in a language they can understand. Much of the activity of the Old Testament prophets involved conditional warnings rather than identifying the future.

In the Native American Indian system, the Elder acted as the prophet for the accumulated wisdom of their tradition. Many religions were founded based on the historical fact that one person received a prophecy from God and told that they were to start a new religion, which indeed they did.

There are many books and information concerning prophets that emanated from every religion, every walk of life and every culture.

# Saints

Saints are men and women whose lives of dedication to God lifted them above the mortal realm into the Kingdom of Heaven. Each, through their individual character and by virtue of their words and deeds, exemplifies a particular, unique channel between the earthly and the Divine worlds. Whether their stories are historical, mythical, or allegorical, they inspire us with their spiritual purity and heroic actions.

Honoring people as saints is not a practice created by the Church, as most people think. It was part of Christianity from the very beginning. It was a natural way to venerate the memory of a deceased loved one. When the deceased was someone loved by the community, especially someone who had accomplished great deeds, they developed a following.

In 993, the Pope was asked to formally approve each saint, and the process of canonization was instituted. Official saints are ones who are canonized because they have lived holy lives and now, after death, share a beatific experience with God. Because of this relationship with God, a saint may intercede on our behalf with miraculous results. Today the Catholic church list 4,500 saints.

There are many books and information on all the saints and what their present day jobs are. In this challenging world, people call on saints continually. There are also many sacred sites where one can visit the birth places of some of the saints and locations where they let themselves be seen.

