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Introduction

The subject of alien life has fascinated thousands throughout history. For some, the strange presence of ancient structures that defy natural explanations seems to support the idea that Earth has been visited by beings from other worlds or planetary systems. Unidentified flying objects (UFOs) are part of modern consciousness, evoking images of streamlined spaceships, long-fingered extraterrestrials (ETs), and scary cyborgs. Places such as Roswell, New Mexico, and Stonehenge in England are hotspots for an ongoing preoccupation with the existence of extraterrestrial beings who might have visited Earth.

And, indeed, it does appear unlikely that humans are alone in the universe. The mathematical laws of probability suggest—almost require—the presence of other intelligent beings somewhere in the cosmos. By early 2012, observatories around the world had detected seven hundred planets in solar systems similar to ours, and statistical estimates propose that two-thirds of the stars in the Milky Way have at least one Earth-sized planet.* To think that we are the only beings in the universe endowed with consciousness and self-determination is naïve.

From the beginning of recorded history, religious traditions have contemplated the involvement of aliens in human affairs. In essence, what are the angels of the Judeo-Christian Scriptures but aliens? Was not Jesus Himself a being from another plane or cosmology?

This book is about angels—what they are, what they do, and their participation throughout history according to the Bible. If you believe in the Bible, you will find that what follows in this book does not contradict the Scriptures. If you are not a believer, you may at least consider whether a higher plane of existence inhabited by other intelligent beings would explain quite well some of the unlikely qualities of the human race's history.

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What the Bible says is the foundation of what is presented in this book. Some descriptions contain a degree of speculation, but the events outlined and the central characters are genuine. Human history is not a monumental mistake. At times, the realms of the mundane and the celestial intersect, and we find ourselves facing the supernatural. We find ourselves interacting with the beings we know as angels.

* Karl Tate, "A Galaxy Full of Alien Planets (Infographic)," Space, accessed February 7, 2013, <http://www.space.com/14204-160-billion-alien-planets-milkyway-infographic.html>.

Chapter 1

In the Beginning

The angel raised his head to look at his companions. His piercing eyes roamed the expanse of the uninhabited planet. From his momentary position in space, he could see the immense light and feel the vibrations reverberating throughout the galaxy. The Word had begun His work!

Angels are never far from God. They need His energy, His company, and the warmth of His love. This group of several thousand angels had been given the immense privilege of witnessing the birth of a new world. Perhaps the best way to describe their function would be to compare them to a body of journalists, but among them were represented almost every angelic category. There were seraphim, warriors, and musicians, and leaders of thousands, hundreds, and smaller groups. There were specialists in design, physics, chemistry, and communication.

Among this vast phalanx and the other immense groups circling the dark planet, one group had an even more acute interest in the work of the Word. They were the guardians, who would be directly responsible for every intelligent being to be born on this planet. These angels had been carefully selected. They were totally loyal to God and His purposes, and would be charged with accompanying every human being from birth. For now, they waited; it would take several generations for their services to become increasingly necessary.

Although all classes of angels were represented in the large group, warriors were the most abundant. In a heaven populated by loving beings, their presence still seemed strange; but the rebellion had begun, and this new class of angels was now a necessity. Yes, the inconceivable power of the Word could protect the entire universe, but He was now concentrating His immense energy on the task of creating a new world.

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In essence, the Word was transforming His energy into matter on a cosmic scale. Einstein's famous formula $E = mc^2$, which suggested the connection between energy and matter, would later throw light on this process and provide the basis for human discoveries in quantum physics and antimatter.

The Bible suggests that this energy was felt in the form of vibrations that initiated tremendous physical and chemical processes; the vibrations pulsed in precise wave patterns that echoed as words throughout the galaxy and expanded as ever-widening, concentric circles of light that reached to the farthest ends of the universe. Millennia before, a similar process had created the primordial explosion. Angels not only witnessed the blinding flashes of the Creator's pure energy, they also heard His all-powerful voice like the loud crashing of immense waterfalls.

Waves of light accompanied the words, and there was music because energy waves always produce sounds. There was the noise of torrents but also notes as sublime as those of violins and cellos, pianos and organs, drums, trumpets, and accordions—all synthesized in space. And then the sound of millions of voices was heard. The angels were singing and praising the Word. They couldn't create, but they could join the Creator with their praise.

Human beings are capable of extraordinary sounds and sublime musical interpretation, but they can't come even close to matching the musical prowess of the angels. The pure angelic voices, born of supernatural vocal cords and actuated by the immense energy of God that courses directly through their beings, have a power infinitely superior to that of the best human operatic tenor.

From their stations several light-years from Earth, the angels beheld the great opera of Creation. It was not their first creation event, but this one was special for several reasons. This planet was being created even as a terrible conflict had erupted in heaven. The risk was real. For the first time, there was discord in heaven. For the first time the angels had to face deception and rebellion in conjunction with the creative process. The revolt had to be contained. The new class of loyal warrior angels had protected other worlds from the deceptive invasion, but now a new world would also have to pass the test. The test of loyalty and love had always existed in some form, but now it was framed in the context of a terrible strife between the rebellious angels and the Creator Himself. This new creation was to exercise the momentous option of joining

either the Creator or the creature in rebellion.

The loyal angels knew the risk. They had answered the great question themselves: *Is God just?* And in their hearts, they felt an overwhelming concern for the creatures of Earth who did not yet exist. Would they be able to resist the seductive call of the tempter? Or would they respond to his suggestion that creatures could live independently of the Creator?

The creative symphony of the Word shook the universe. With a burst of sound and energy, He commenced to ready the planet for carbon-based life. First, He adjusted the distance between Earth and the sun; He also had to fine-tune the orbits of the entire solar system, including Earth's small satellite, the moon. Humans would have to exist in time and space. Their living cycles would be governed by the sidereal movements. This would bring order and periodicity to their existence.

God had great plans for His new creation. It would receive from Him a vital energy that could continue throughout eternity. (The initial spark was so powerful that the first man would live 930 years even after the contamination of sin.) That same spark is the energy that literally powers the angels, but their lives are constantly renewed by God's presence. As most living organisms receive strength and health from solar energy, the angels renew their energy from the infinite Source of divine glory.

Angels are not gods. They should not be worshiped, nor do they want to be. They are created beings as are humans, but on a superior level of existence. When the eighth psalm says that humans were created a little lower than the angels, it is not speaking of men in their current condition but of the first man, Adam. The first man was very different from all other men since. The Bible says that he was "very good" (Genesis 1:31). Indeed, he was perfect. He was the true king of all creation. The first man was not a weakling, subject to dangers posed by animals more powerful than he. His body was of majestic proportions, much larger and powerful than that of modern man. His limbs moved with the perfect precision of a being newly created in the image of God. His dominion over nature was physical, mental, and spiritual, as long as he enjoyed intimacy with the Creator.

No one truly knows what man's potential would have been if he hadn't fallen. Because the loyal angels have retained their connection to the Creator as His agents, they wield fantastic powers.

For example, the angels seem to have dual natures that manifest in both physical and nonmaterial forms. They have bodies similar to those

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of humans, but they do not have our limitations. They seemingly can enter an energy state that allows them to travel from one place to another through walls and space and time. They can take invisible forms, although sometimes their presence is felt and they can be seen by humans. They can communicate with and guide the minds of physical beings who inhabit Earth. They are smart, very smart. They are independent, but they are also social beings who enjoy the society of heaven.

Do angels have wings? The question is a complicated one. No one knows for sure if angels actually have wings, but the Bible often presents them as winged beings. On the other hand, it appears that the angels who took physical form to visit Abraham and those who appeared to the disciples in the New Testament had no wings. For ancient peoples, wings were the only known means of transporting a living being through the air, so it's not unusual that the Scriptures would represent angels—flying beings—as having wings.

Wings, at least, have a symbolic value. For warrior angels, they seem to serve as protection; for guardian angels, wings provide an image of shelter and refuge. The Bible represents even God as having wings. "I will be safe under His wings," wrote the psalmist (see Psalm 57:1).

From a distance, squads of angels watched as the Word turned Earth into a living habitat for humans and other life-forms. That first day, when the astronomical clock was turned on, time began to be measured from the perspective of the new planet. The set of nine planetary bodies began orbiting around the sun. Five days passed while the Word was adorning the blue-green sphere revolving in His hands like a potter decorates a pot on the wheel.

On the sixth day, there was a pause. The Word momentarily entered the creation stage in person. The hands that had held the entire globe only moments before, now took on a quasi-human scale. The energy that had been creating nature in waves of light and sound, now became even more precise and concentrated. The Word touched the earth He had created. He touched and modeled a human shape. In other creatures, He employed designs found in other organisms, but this creature was different. This being would not only live, grow, and reproduce, he would also be able to communicate with God Himself.

The angels watched in rapt fascination. God Himself bent low and breathed into the lifeless, organic human form. Immediately, the perfect circuitry of the human brain started its extraordinary symphony of

firing neurons and synapses and chemical reactions. The heart started pumping, and the creature opened his eyes. The new pupils contemplated a radiant face that watched him intently.

Perhaps it was also at this moment (no one really knows exactly when) that a path opened among the stars and gave rise to a strange phenomenon. Millions of dark figures entered Earth's atmosphere and caused sparks from the friction. Each light revealed the presence of a chilling alien figure. The loyal warrior angels had expelled these undesirables from heaven. Earth is the only place they will be still allowed to enter. This planet is now the stage of a cosmic conflict. Lucifer and his followers were making their entry into the new world!

