

TESTING ANGELIC APPEARANCES

1 JOHN 4:1 – DEAR FRIENDS, DO NOT BELIEVE EVERY SPIRIT, BUT **TEST THE SPIRITS** TO SEE WHETHER THEY ARE FROM GOD, BECAUSE MANY FALSE PROPHETS HAVE GONE OUT INTO THE WORLD.

GALATIANS 1:8 – BUT EVEN IF WE OR AN ANGEL FROM HEAVEN SHOULD PREACH A GOSPEL OTHER THAN THE ONE WE PREACHED TO YOU, LET HIM BE ETERNALLY CONDEMNED!

2 CORINTHIANS 11:14 – AND NO WONDER, FOR SATAN HIMSELF MASQUERADES AS AN ANGEL OF LIGHT.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:3 – DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT WE WILL JUDGE ANGELS? HOW MUCH MORE THE THINGS OF THIS LIFE!

COLOSSIANS 1:16 – UNSEEN-NOT UNREAL

HEBREWS 1:14 – WEYMOUTH TRANSLATION – **“BENEFIT” – ADVANTAGE, USEFUL AID OR HELP**

HEBREWS 1:13-14 – AMPLIFIED TRANSLATION – **“ASSISTANCE” – TO GIVE SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT, STANDBY**

HOW DO YOU TEST AN ANGEL?

1. DOES THE VISIT MATCH THOSE IN THE BIBLE?
2. DO HIS WORDS LINE UP WITH THE BIBLE?
3. IS THE PURPOSE, WHICH HIS VISIT ACHIEVES, BIBLICAL?

THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN AN ANGELIC VISITATION (THAT ARE NOT FROM GOD).

1. DOES HE TELL YOU HE IS THE SPIRIT OF A DEAD FRIEND OR ANCESTOR? IN OTHER WORDS, DOES HE DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO HIMSELF OR TO BEINGS OTHER THAN JESUS AND THE FATHER? GOD’S ANGELS NEVER TESTIFY OF THEMSELVES.
2. DOES HE BRING YOU REVELATION THAT CANNOT BE FOUND IN THE BIBLE, SAYING THAT ALL RELIGIONS ARE OF GOD AND TELL YOU THAT THE HEREAFTER IS A GOOD PLACE FOR EVERYONE?
3. DOES HE ENTERTAIN, SOCIALIZE AND HANG AROUND AFTER HIS “ASSIGNMENT” IS OVER?
4. DOES HE USE SPECTACULAR LIGHTS, WEIRD SOUNDS OR ODD ODORS TO GET YOUR ATTENTION? WHEN A REAL ANGEL APPEARS, HE GIVES YOU A MESSAGE OR HELPS YOU OUT OF DANGER – AND THEN VANISHES.
5. DOES HE FLATTER YOU AND BUILD YOU UP IN PRIDE, PERHAPS TELLING YOU HOW SPIRITUAL YOU ARE? AN ANGELIC VISITATION IS NOT PROOF OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY.
6. DOES HE LEAVE YOU FEELING ANXIOUS, FEARFUL OR CONFUSED?
7. DOES HE TRY TO FORCE YOU TO DO SOMETHING AGAINST YOUR INNER WITNESS?

8. DO THESE ENCOUNTERS BEAR SPIRITUAL FRUIT? DO THEY CAUSE YOU TO CHANGE FOR THE BETTER IN SOME WAY? OR ARE THE RESULTS HARMFUL TO YOU OR THOSE AROUND YOU?
9. IF AN ANGEL TELLS YOU THAT YOU CAN TALK TO HIM ANYTIME OR CALL HIM IN SOME WAY, OR IF HE TELLS YOU THAT ANGELS CAN LIVE WITHIN YOU – THAT IS NOT AN ANGEL OF GOD.

BIBLICAL PATTERNS – HERE ARE SOME OF THE CONCLUSIONS WE CAN DRAW FROM SCRIPTURE:

1. ANGELS CAN COME IN ANSWER TO SINCERE PRAYERS FROM BELIEVERS AND NONBELIEVERS.
2. ANGELS SOMETIMES APPEAR TO BE HUMAN AT FIRST, WHICH IS WHY WE CAN BE UNAWARE OF WHOM THEY ARE. THEY OFTEN REVEAL THEIR TRUE IDENTITY BEFORE THE VISIT IS OVER.
3. ANGELS BRING MESSAGES THAT FURTHER GOD’S PLAN ON EARTH.
4. ANGELIC INTERVENTION ALWAYS HAS A PURPOSE. ANGELS DO NOT COME TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH HUMANS OR JUST SOCIALIZE.