

Super Natural

Angels and Demons

It's questionable that anyone knows for sure what "real angels look like, but I know that almost every time they show up in scripture that people end up on their faces quivering in terror. On the other hand, perhaps the most famous demon is the one on the Underwood Deviled Ham tin. It turns out, most people believe in angels and demons in about the same way as they believe in Robin Hood or Merlin. Of course, the biblical authors believed in them, as do a few other religions. But is there any "real" evidence to back them up?

Ephesians 6:10-18

1. What we know about angels is nearly exclusively from _____ and mostly from the _____.
2. There is more empirical evidence for Angels of _____ than Angels of _____.
3. Angels and Demons are _____, _____, and _____.
4. Angels and Demons appear to be assigned to _____, _____ of those Positions, and World _____.
5. Our only protection against demons is to _____ as Paul and James advise.

My Count Me In! Commitments

- I'll be here next Sunday
- I'll invite a friend
- I'll armor up by engaging the Directions Discipleship Course
- I'll armor up by participating in a small group
- I'll armor up by watching RC Sproul's *Angels and Demons* on RightNowMedia

Digging Deeper, Going Further

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10–18

Introduction: Few topics draw as much interest as Angels and Demons. Hollywood has done much to promote the belief in angels, even though they generally misrepresent the “reality” of angels (*A Wonderful Life*: Ring a bell, get your wings; *City of Angels*: Angels can become mortal; etc.). And though it’s an interesting topic, there is little empirical evidence to support the existence of Angels of Light, but there’s a good bit of evidence to support the existence of Angels of Dark. With that in mind, the following questions will help you go deeper into this subject.

1. Have you, or has someone you known, had an encounter with an Angel of Light (or an Angel of Dark)? Share your experience with the group.
2. Compare the Hollywood version of Angels with the biblical version? (Consider using your Bible App to find biblical descriptions ... do a search for angel* in the Old or New Testaments.)
3. Read Ephesians 6:12 in a variety of translations (including King James). Rulers, Authorities, and Powers are traditionally said to be ranks and postings within the spiritual realm (for Light *and* Dark). Rom 8:38, in some translations, adds Principalities to that list. If this is accurate, how do you think it could affect global politics, “Corporate America,” and even churches?
4. Read Ephesians 6:10–18. According to Paul, what is the ultimate purpose for Armoring Up?
5. What evidence would you use to show we are living in the Day of Evil? (Also see Ephesians 2:2.)
6. Discuss each part of the armor and weapons listed in Eph 6:14–18. How are you applying each part in your life?
7. What are you doing to keep “The Lord’s people” in your prayers?

Who will you invite to worship with you this week?
