**Angels**

**And the angel of the Lord appeared to Moses**

**in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush;**

**and he looked, and, behold,**

**the bush was on fire and the bush was not consumed.**

***(Exodus 3:2)***

**And forget not hospitality toward strangers;**

**For thereby some were worthy to entertain angels unawares.**

***(Hebrews 13:2)***

**The seven archangels: Uriel, Raphael, Raguel, Michael, Sariel, Gabriel, and Remiel. (*Uncle John’s Bathroom Reader: Wise Up!, p. 261)***

**Girl: “Hey, Mom, where do belly buttons come from?” Mom: “That’s where the angels poked you to see if you were done.” Girl: “So how come they let out my half-baked brother?” *(Rick Stronoski, in Soup to Nutz comic strip)***

**Gabriel, Michael, and Lucifer are the three angels mentioned by name in the Bible. (Noel Botham, in The Amazing Book of Useless Information, p. 11)**

**To become a Pony Express rider Buffalo Bill had to sign the following: “I, Wm. F. Cody, do hereby swear before the Great and Living God, that during my engagement and while I am an employee of Russell, Majors and Waddell, I will, under no circumstances, use profane language; that I will drink no intoxicating liquors; that I will not quarrel or fight with any other employee of the firm; and that in every respect, I will conduct myself honestly, be faithful to my duties, and so direct all my acts as to win the confidence of my employers. So help me God.” He didn’t need a horse. He could have just used his wings. *(Bernie Smith, in The Joy of Trivia, p. 50)***

**Billy: “My Guardian Angel had a busy day today, but we had FUN!” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Angels can fly because they can take themselves lightly. *(G. K. Chesterton)***

**Angel says to Rose: “More people are struck by lightning than win the lottery. I can either spend crucial time writing down tomorrow’s winning lottery numbers for you, or I can get out there and protect you from lightning bolts!” Rose puts on a football helmet and hands the angel a pad and pencil, and the angel responds: “This is why angels generally don’t let people decide!” *(Pat Brady, in Rose Is Rose comic strip)***

**The Sunday school class had reached the part in the lesson where “Abraham entertained the angel unaware.” “And what is the meaning of ‘unaware’?” the teacher wanted to know. There was a silence; then one young lady volunteered, “Unaware is what you take off before you put on your pajamas.” *(SoCaSan, in Quote magazine)***

**So valuable to heaven is the dignity of the human soul that every member of the human race has a guardian angel from the moment the person begins to be. *(St. Jerome)***

**Perhaps the angels who fear to tread where fools rush in used to be fools who rushed in. *(Franklin P. Jones, in Quote magazine)***

**My mother, an avid gardener, has a much-admired flower garden. One day, while she was out tending to it, the little boy next door stopped by with his friend. “See, there she is,” he said. “The gardening angel.” *(Theresa Sweeney, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Halo: a greeting used by angels. *(Marvin Friedman with Steve Lawhead in Campus Life)***

**Dolly tells her brother: “If somebody dies in the hospital, angels move them to the eternity ward.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Man draws all his ideas from this omnipresent storehouse. The ideas of God, heaven, hell, devils, angels, and all things have their clue in mind. But their form in the consciousness depends entirely upon the plane from which man draws his mental images. *(Charles Fillmore, in Atom-Smashing Power of Mind, p. 97)***

**In the Islamic religion, Israfil is the angel who will sound the trumpet announcing the end of the world. *(Noel Botham, in The World’s Greatest Book of Useless Information, p. 122)***

**If men were angels, no government would be necessary. *(James Madison)***

**Are you aware biblical angels are always referred to as masculine? *(L. M. Boyd)***

**I’ve been making lemon meringue pie for years, and they taste great. But, no matter what I do, the meringue always “weeps.” I’ve read every cookbook I could get my hands on, but nothing seemed to solve the problem. Finally, I decided, if you can’t beat ‘em, join ‘em! The next time I baked a lemon meringue pie, I told my guests those flaws were “angel tears” and that I’d gone to a lot of trouble to produce them. Now my granddaughter intentionally sets her pies in a draft to get as many “angel tears” as she can! *(Corkey Addcox, in Country magazine)***

**Angel = a messenger from God; the projection into consciousness of a spiritual idea direct from the fountainhead, Jehovah. *(Charles Fillmore, in The Revealing Word, p. 13)***

**Two Irishmen, Sean and Kevin, meet on the street, not having seen one another in many years. “Tell me now,” says Sean, “did you ever marry?” “Ah, yes,” Kevin replies. “My wife's an angel.” “You're a lucky man,” says Sean. “Mine's still with me.” *(Bernard A. Wichman, in Reader's Digest)***

**As the little boy plants the seeds in the ground he looks up at the little girl who says: “If you want them to grow, you hafta say a prayer to your gardening angel.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**There is a wonderful poem I know that goes something like this: Years and scars later, I finally realized, that all angels travel under assumed names. Some people have to be open to marvel, because to marvel is to discover which angel is traveling beside us and which of her assumed names she is using today. *(Donna Schaper, in Unity magazine)***

**There are nine ranks of angels. From the highest to the lowest, they are Seraphims, Cherubims, Thrones, Dominions, Virtues, Powers, Principalities, Archangels, and Angels. *(Noel Botham, in The Ultimate Book of Useless Information, p. 170)***

**Jessica Oshita would like to thank the stranger who saved her life. Last week, Oshita, 26, fainted and fell onto the tracks at a New York City subway station. As a train approached, a man jumped down to her but could not lift her up. Instead, he positioned her in the well between the rails before hoisting himself back onto the platform. Five cars passed over her before the train stopped and rescue workers could reach her. Her savior, meantime, calmly walked away and has not been identified. “This whole thing is a miracle,” said Oshita’s mother. “He is a guardian angel.” *(The Week magazine, June 11, 2010)***

**Snow angels originated from medieval Jewish mystics who practiced rolling in the snow to purge themselves of evil urges. *(Noel Botham, in The Book of Useless Information, p. 168)***

**I have always called my granddaughter, Kayla, my “angel.” When she was 4, Kayla was chattering nonstop, and my wife finally said, “Kayla, if you don’t be quiet, I’m going to spank you.” Kayla looked at my wife with a very serious expression on her face and said, “Grandma, you aren’t supposed to spank angels.” *(Bob Moore, in Country Extra magazine)***

**If you are seeking creative ideas, go out walking. Angels whisper to a man when he goes for a walk. *(Raymond Inman)***

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**Artists, not writers, put wings on angels. The Bible has these spiritual creatures flying around, but it doesn’t say anything about wings. *(L. M. Boyd)***

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