

# The Work of the Angelic Hierarchies

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## Invocation:

May the worldly mind be at peace as we approach the infinite spirit of divine wisdom, love and power; we pray for a greater understanding of the glories of creation. We here assembled open our hearts in love and adoration to the Great Ones in the angelic world, praying that they may draw very close to our waiting hearts, and that we may not hear the words alone, but hear with the hearing of the spirit, the inner perception, with the hearing of the God within. We pray this night that we may understand how to give ourselves in greater measure to the great plan of evolution. And in humility of spirit we wait for the Light.

Amen.

Those assembled are all conscious of the love and the guidance of friends and guides who come to mingle with the life on earth for the purpose of serving humanity. But few on earth are aware of the grandeur and the extent of the heavenly hosts concerned with the life on the earth plane. You have vaguely heard of 'devas' or angels, and you have wondered if they really exist, and what is their work. You have been told of the grand hierarchy who direct the plan of life and the spiritual growth of mankind, but tonight at your request we shall endeavour to describe these two mighty hosts so that you may receive a more comprehensive view of the scheme of evolution.

To make it clear at the outset, will you bear in mind that these Great Ones, the Elder Brethren or the Masters of the Grand Lodge are concerned with the growth of spiritual consciousness. On the other hand, those who are referred to as angelic hierarchies or devas are concerned with the evolution and the building of form. In a previous talk we touched lightly upon this subject and described two great paths of evolution, that which was descending from the heart or centre, from the God-consciousness, and that which was ascending through the form life of the planet.

Thus you will see that the angelic ones are concerned with the building of vehicles or forms in every kingdom of life. On the other hand, the Masters and the Great Ones beyond (of whom we cannot speak) are ever dealing with the growth of consciousness of the God-life within the form. In the plan of creation however, there is the closest co-operation and interweaving of these paths and to separate those of the angelic hierarchies from the human is impossible, because on occasion a human soul, having evolved to the point of liberation from physical form and life, can enter the angelic plan of evolution in order to work therein. Yes, and the angelic ones are at times drawn into close association with the human family, as we shall later see.

None can form any idea of the grandeur and the beauty of the infinite scheme, and this is a very dark world in comparison with those realms of light and beauty above. Again, words confuse—when I say 'above' I mean in the higher scale of life. Nor have you any conception of the life existing, which is evolving on other planets, closely connected with the building and evolution of the earth. From these spiritual planets, or, as some call them, 'sacred planets', the angelic beings come to the earth to assist in the building of the form life. Perhaps you are thinking only of human life, and of the mineral, vegetable and animal

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kingdoms—beyond that you cannot go, but as the human kingdom stands in relation to the mineral, so stands the angelic in relation to the human. And in one sense the human kingdom is now building, creating the vehicles which it will use when it has advanced to [the level of] the angelic kingdom.

There were angel beings who came to earth from Venus to assist in the beginning of this earth evolution, this earth life, this earth planet, in the creation of the form life on this earth. As time passed there came also to the earth plane those (I am talking now of human, not angelic beings) who, having reached a certain stage on the path of evolution on another planet, were more advanced than later egos\* then incarnating onto the earth. Those more evolved egos assisted the younger ones; thus there came the two types, if I can use the word, of beings concerned with the creation of the earth life—angels or the great planetary beings, who may be referred to as gods, and those advanced in human evolution who can be termed God-men.

*[\*This is not here used in the common psychological sense of the word, but in a metaphysical sense.]*

We have already many times referred to the 'three'—we shall not amplify that tonight—but the three, who always have been since the beginning; who are concerned purely with this solar system and the evolution of the earth planet, and who are best understood as the three aspects, wisdom, love and power, the three from whom all life cometh—the three first or major rays of life. On one of the three comes the angelic line of service, concerned with life in form throughout every kingdom—yes, there exists life and pulsation, even growth, in the mineral kingdom; there are those called 'elementals' who work under the direction and the law of the devas or angels, each assisting in his own particular way the growth and evolution of the mineral and stone. They are instruments on the invisible planes for the carrying of the life force. Can we conceive these tiny insignificant creatures much as we would think of the tiniest twig or spray of vegetation, the most delicate subtleties of life and growth carried and directed by such tiny forms of life in the mineral kingdom? And so into the vegetable: now you who love to grow flowers, who have heard vaguely that planetary influences affect the growth of flowers and herbs, may do much to assist the nature spirits and fairies in their work. They come directly under the influence of the angelic beings who are concerned with the growth and development of form on the earth. Unwise men\* say that astrology is all nonsense; the wise man knows that astrology is the great science of evolution, and that as the lesser soul advances on the path, he also begins to recognise this truth. But without, I hope, hurting any beloved one here, we would point out that astrology as understood on the earth plane is an inadequate representation of the grand plan of evolution and planetary influence as it actually is.

*[\*For editorial policy around gender, see the introduction.]*

In growing flowers and trees and all plants, great advances will be made when the farmer and the gardener gain understanding of the planetary influences on growing things. It is quite possible for the gardener or the farmer to so attune himself to these as to work in co-operation

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and partnership and produce the very finest and best results. Proof in spiritual things is not possible, and only your intuition will uphold what I have to say. But on the planet Venus, the form life would seem, according to your understanding, perfect—the form life in the vegetable, human and angelic worlds—yes (I pick up a question from somebody) there *was* a set-back in the plan of development on earth, but the grand plan now goes forward, forward, and we would emphasise the wisdom of the Great Ones, the Elder Brethren who have the care of the earth life near to their hearts. You look out upon your world, you see its chaotic conditions and note that human life appears to be storm-tossed, and you wonder what will be the end. Behind every department of human life, behind politicians, statesmen and all the governments, there are greater minds working for the evolution of the race. And when you see what appears to you to be catastrophe, bear in mind that the Master mind is at work, even as a gardener with his pruning knife, and although you may have intense sympathy remember that the Masters and the angelic ones have a far deeper sympathy and love than you for all who suffer. So cultivate that sense of peace, recognising at all times the angelic organisation behind the scenes working always to bring the race to perfection.

There are the ‘four’ at the head of the plan of evolution of this world, four great Lords of Karma. These are of the angelic hierarchy. The old-fashioned story of the recording angel is not so untrue. There is a recording angel not only for the whole world, the whole scheme of planetary evolution, but also for the individual.

Under these great Lords of Karma there are other groups. They descend in the scale of evolution as does humanity, but there are great lords of world karma, of racial karma, of national karma, of group and individual karma. You may witness the karma of our world working itself out—the Great Ones have in their care and under their will, their wisdom and their power, the very crust of the earth. Science may think it all happens according to certain natural laws. This is not the whole truth; there is an intelligence at work behind the happenings and catastrophes which take place at different periods of the earth’s history, and these happenings occur by the wisdom and the will of the great Lords of Karma—the gardener with the pruning knife.

You will see the rise and fall of nations, the upraising and decline of races; for when a form built for a certain race has reached its zenith and concluded its usefulness for this particular set of egos, then that race gradually dies away.

This brings us to consider healing. Angelic ones present during healing ceremonies are not concerned only with healing some particular disease—that may sound rather unkind, but understand that they have perfect love and compassion for their lesser brethren. Behind any individual ministrations by the healing angels there is always the grand plan of building. When the body is healed, when the angels help to purify and perfect the physical body, they do more than this, they create, they weave into the subtler vehicles and into the actual physical form, forces and light and spiritual power, destined to slowly but surely create and make ready the human form for the next race. So whilst the angels work always for this object, so you, in simplicity and humility, also work for the future.

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So we find this universal brotherhood, this brotherhood of men and of angels is continually being welded and strengthened. There can be no separation between angels and men; they both work together side by side. In religion we find angels working through ceremony and form to distribute the force, the power, the God life into man, thus helping him to expand and grow. We have already told you of the angels in the home, and of the angels of music, concerned with the forms created through the vibration of music. Do you know a musician can so express God through his performance that he actually creates a form in the etheric world? What then of the other kind of music, the coarse, the crude and violent vibrations—you would be surprised if you could see the creations which come out of music of this type, and you would dislike them, I fancy.

And so we find this beautiful plan for the development and growth of life. Never make the mistake of thinking that the human family is the only line of life, nor the finest. But in far off ages, you, plain Mr Brown and Mrs Smith, may be of this angelic band, working to create more perfect life on another planet which will come into the scheme of life. So before you is this vista of eternal progression to perfection and glory. Lose not one opportunity to advance on that grand and glorious path towards the angelic hierarchies of the future.

Q.Are the Lords of Karma connected in any way with the four elements?

A.Well, if I tell you yes, I wonder if it will help? One of the oldest symbols discovered is this symbol here on the altar, the cross within the circle—that is to symbolise man, within the universe, reaching out to give—the ultimate, the Christ man, in an attitude of complete surrender and giving. And on his heart blooms the rose of love. But behind the cross are also the four divisions, the four great gods or angels of the four elements.

Q.Would you call the messengers from Venus the Lords of the Flame?

A.Yes, they are sometimes so named. These terms are loosely used sometimes, and erroneously in so far as they convey a certain idea to the human mind, and actually put the mind off the real origin. Yes, that is what is meant.

Q.Have they anything to do with the developing of the mind, rather than the form?

A.Yes, to a certain degree, in so far as they brought the quickening or the light or love element into the form.

Q.Can we differentiate between them and the angelic hierarchy?

A.Yes, but the two are so closely interwoven that I want to eradicate from your minds the idea of the human path *here* and the angelic path *there*, and give you a more cohesive idea of the angels and their work.

Q.Do angels ever take on human form?

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A.Well, it has been known. I have heard it said on your earth plane that it is not possible, but there again we are up against that limitation of the earthly mind. It is not usual to change over from one line of evolution to another, but if it is necessary for any particular purpose, then it is done. It was thought at one time that the angelic ones followed the nature-line of evolution, so that angels are perfected beings who commenced life as birds, for instance. I want to make it clear that the angels are highly evolved beings who have not developed along such lines just described, but are concerned with the building of form manifestation in life.

## Benediction:

Beloved brethren, may God bless you all and give you the power to comprehend the glory of His universe. May you go forth on the path of daily duty sure of companionship and love of the angelic ones, and of the close co-operation and guidance of your own beloved. So may you find that eternal peace which comes to the soul liberated from the fears of earthly bondage.

Amen.

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