



Paranormal Phenomenon: Ghosts, Spirits & Hauntings



Episode 16:

Angels & Demons



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Angels

What is an angel?

- An **eternal spirit** created by God; it is a celestial or **supernatural being** that acts as an intermediary between God and humans.
- The word 'angel' comes from the Greek word '*aggelos*' which means 'messenger'.
- Angels have no physical bodies nor a specific gender, but are often represented in bodily form with wings.
- They exist in **heaven** and the **spirit realm** and can sometimes be seen or heard by people, including in their dreams.



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What is a Guardian Angel?

- A guardian angel is a spirit assigned by God that protects and looks after a specific person throughout their life.
- Many contend that each person has a guardian angel and its invisible force shields them from serious harm, including malevolent (evil) spirits.



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What is a Fallen Angel?

- A fallen angel is an angel that has disobeyed God, is banished from heaven, and punished to become a demon – a lesser, evil spirit.
- Since all spirits are eternal, they cannot be destroyed; thusly, a demon will continue to exist in hell, but may still sometimes intervene in the physical world.



Archangels

- An archangel is a higher order angel.
- The word archangel comes from a Greek word '*archangelos*' meaning 'chief' or 'ruling' angel; thusly, an archangel is a 'chief messenger'.
- In a way, archangels are in charge of heaven's armies (of angels) to battle against demons, evil, and the devil (Satan – the leader of demons).
- Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael are three commonly referenced archangels in several religions.

Painting 'Saint Michael Vanquishing Satan'
by artist Raphael Sanzio, 1518



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Demons

What is a demon?

- A preternatural malevolent spirit or entity.
- The ancient Greek word δαίμων daimōn denotes a spirit or divine power.
- Demons are recognized as real in many cultures and major religions. In **Christianity**, they are referred to as **fallen angels**.
- Although there are many distinct demons, **Satan** (*Lucifer, the fallen angel*) is the principal one referred to by Christians and Jews and the term **devil** is often use to describe either him or the personification of evil.



Demons

- A few important/key characteristics of demons, more precisely referred to as **inhuman demonical spirits** include **intelligence** and **deceit**. For example, they can know the intimate details and secrets of people and use it against them.
- Since these entities are **immortal** and have existed since the beginning of time, the **knowledge**, **power**, and **wisdom** they have amassed is formidable.
- They also hold **metaphysical abilities** such as **telepathy** (e.g., infusing thoughts or images into people's minds) and **teleportation** (of objects).
- Another such **metaphysical ability** consists of **creating apports** which consist of **materialized substances** that are specifically used for intimidation purposes or to cause harm to people. Examples include **blood**, **urine**, **excrement**, **insects** (such as flies), **stones**, and even **animals**.

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- Such materials created from a seemingly impossible phenomena have been collected by psychic investigators and analyzed in labs, most of which contain elements such as minerals and proteins found in nature.
- As quickly as these apports can materialized, they can also de-materialize (disappear).
- **Demoniacal activity** can occur in **3 stages**:
 - 1. Infestation**
to make its presence known and instill fear
 - 2. Oppression**
to intimidate & terrorize with the objective of breaking down peoples' will
 - 3. Possession**
to take control of the afflicted's body, mind, and will to ultimately cause calamity including suicide, death, and harm to others

Demons



- This picture was taken of a nurse's viewing monitor. On the monitor, this **black figure** appeared standing on top of the patient who was lying in the bed. The patient died within a few hours of this figure appearing.

What do you think? A demon? Other entity? You be the judge...