

ABOUT ANGELS

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Angels as God's servants

"[11] (Archaengel) Raphael said: "The Lord does not need our services, but we nevertheless serve Him in all love by serving you people according to His will, and by protecting you against the too strong persecutions of Hell.

[12] The more we have to do in the name of the Lord, on this Earth as well as the still numberless other earths in the endless space of creation, the happier and blissful we are. Do likewise, then you will become what I am and able to do what I can do."

[13] On this, the captain said: "I already know what you are, but I still do not know what you can do."

[14] The angel said: "What the Lord can do Himself, I can do. Although, out of myself I can do as little as you can do, but from the will of the Lord, which fills and forms my whole being, also I can do everything. Make you also the will of the Lord completely your own, then you also will be able to do what I can do." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 23, chap. 98)

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"[12] But the two youths (*angels*) said: "The Lord's will is our being and life. Wherever this is being implemented actively, there we are the most active co-workers, having power and strength for this to excess, because our might extends past all visible creation, the Earth being like a grain of sand to us, and the sun like a pea in a giant's hand, whereas all the waters of the Earth would not suffice to wet one hair of our head, and the host of the stars trembles before the breath of our mouth. But we don't possess this power for boasting before men's great feebleness but for serving them in accordance with the Lord's will. Therefore we can and wish to also serve you in accordance with the Lord's will, for as long as you acknowledge and accept same in deed. When however you leave such then you also have left us, since we are nothing but the personalized will of God the Lord. Whoever will leave, him we will leave also. This we tell you in the full presence of the Lord, whose countenance we see at all times and whose gentlest hint we hear calling us and powerfully drawing us to fresh deeds.'" (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol.1, 64:12)

Archaengels – personified expressions of God's will

"Raphael says, —Well yes, you will soon see what will happen. The Lord does not always reveal to us what He desires to do, although we are the personified expression of His original desire. We as the emission of His divine life, desire and being are the closest to Him and are basically nothing but that expression of divine will and divine power, but not in His personal essence, but instead existing and working outside the same. We are approximately the same around God as what light flowing from the sun is, which animates, forms, creates, matures and perfects everything everywhere, wherever it goes.

If you hold up a mirror to the sun, you will see the image of the sun exactly in the mirror, and the beam of light streaming to you from the image of the sun will warm you just as much as the direct beam from the sun itself, and if you catch the sunbeam with an Alexandrian mirror, which is also called a concave mirror, the beam thrown back again will express a much greater light and warmth than that of the light flowing directly from the sun. And that is what we archangels are spiritually; each spiritually perfected person will be the same to an even greater degree.

But despite all that, as nonetheless no mirror, not even an Alexandrian one, can depict everything that is and occurs in the whole inner sun, neither can I see within me what the Lord thinks Himself and decides. At the right time His intention will then begin to shine out, and I and all those like me will immediately fully take in the same into our being and carry it into all infinity; therefore we also carry the name ‘supreme messengers’, because we are the bearers and executors of the divine will. And look, my very most treasured friend Roklus, just now the Lord is deciding something; but I do not know what it is, because the Lord is still keeping it firmly to Himself and not letting anything transpire!

Oh, there is still endlessly much within the Lord that we do not know and will also never know with our drive to investigate! But whenever He wants it, then we will become aware of it and subsequently fully active. By the way, you have only to pay attention! Something hearty will happen; but what, that will be shown soon!” (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN V, chap. 106:9-12)

Cherubim and Seraphim

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„ Oh Lord! What possible distinction is there between Cherubim and Seraphim?

– The meaning and being of the Cherubim is the eternal outflow of the divine love and the seraphim is the outflow of the divine wisdom; that is the difference. For that reason one said before altars: He is glowing with love like a cherub and is wise like a seraph.

– Therefore, through the Cherubim the divine love and through the Seraphim the divine wisdom in their total fundamental heavenly causing is to be understood.” (Heavenly Gifts, vol. 3)

About the human image and the inner nature of angels

“But to show you that I, if I want, can also let Me serve by My angels who live in My Heaven – the Heaven that penetrates the whole of infinity – I will give you proof of that. Look, I want now that several exalted angels will appear here, and I will call one out of them to serve Me for a short time for your sake, for I Myself do not need the service of an angel or a man. And therefore I want that now immediately a large number of angels will stand around us.”

[2] I hardly had said that when we were surrounded on all sides by a whole legion of angels, some dressed in white, some in blue and some in red garments.

[3] When especially the former pagans and also the Jews and Pharisees saw the angels, they laid their hands on their chest and did not dare to speak from sheer awe for Me and the many angels.

[4] A few angels walked to them and said: "Dear friends and brothers, why are you afraid of us? Do we look so terrifying?"

[5] The supreme judicial city officer said: "O dear friends from the Heavens of God, this is not the reason, quite the opposite, so that I must confess that I never even dreamed of such beautiful human forms. (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 10, chap. 197)

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"FOLLOWING this marvelous incident, Cyrenius once again stepped over to Me, saying: "Lord, I have discussed quite a few things with the angels; but from everything that they told me I learnt nothing other than what through Your goodness and grace I already knew. Therefore nothing new came out of that. But what intrigued me was that these indescribably beautiful youths are as it were indifferent towards all that is taking place! Their speech is full of wisdom and the tone of their voices exceeds the most charming lyre harmony. From their faces smiles constant, pure dawn whilst their breath is the fragrance of roses, jasmine and ambrosia. Their hair is as purest gold. Their alabaster-white hands are so rounded and sumptuously tender that I can verily find nothing comparable on earth. Their breasts are the fullest measure of a maiden in bloom the like of which I sighted but once in the Pontus area. And their feet likewise are beautiful and of bursting luxuriant and glorious proportion. In short, one could get crazy for love towards the two beings! Yet all these glorious, indescribable advantages notwithstanding, from which nothing but the fragrant love and thousand fold love emanates, through which they could reduce even the hardest stone to wax, they nevertheless are so cold and dispassionate as a marble statue in deepest winter. And this also leaves me just about as cold as those two.

[2] There is by no means anything repulsive about them, neither in their speech nor in their conduct; yet nothing moves them and nothing can deflect them from their over-stoic indifference towards all that is and takes place. Their utterances about Yourself are indeed of exceedingly deep wisdom, but their speech seems to me like the reading out of a letter in a language one cannot understand.

[3] Will You not tell me how this is possible with such purely celestial beings? Is this the actual custom of the pure spirits in Your heavens?"

[4] Say I: "That indeed not! But these two behave here in this manner because they have to; yet **they have nevertheless in respect of themselves the freest will, and a heart filled with the most intense love** glow which would momentarily consume you if the two were to manifest their love towards you!

[5] Terrestrial man indeed can withstand angelic wisdom of the deepest magnitude, but their love only when the love in his heart has equaled theirs.

[6] That this is the state of things you can already discern from the quite natural relationship between terrestrial fire and light. You indeed can tolerate the light emerging from the fire; can you however on that account also tolerate the flame radiating the light?

[7] The sun surely has the strongest light for this earth, yet you can tolerate it quite comfortably! And when the heat rises with the intensifying light, you shall of course find the light harder to tolerate; but would you be like an angel also to withstand the unspeakable light-glow of the solar atmospheres? I say unto you: this solar atmosphere would in one moment destroy this earth with everything it carries like the destruction of a drop of water on a white-hot ore.

[8] He who would withstand such light and fire first has to be of the same light and fire. This is the reason why the two angels cannot express their love toward you because their mighty love would consume you."

[9] Says Cyrenius: "I very nearly understand it, but not entirely like a few other things. Because it does not yet transpire how I could be killed by excessive love."

[10] Say I: "Well then, this also shall be made as clear to you as possible, and so hearken: Have you not of a truth a son and also an exceedingly lovable daughter. These two children you love almost to distraction. Your heart can hardly – for all the love – judge how much it loves the two children, because of how mightily their love is returned. But now vividly visualize the loss of the two through disease and ask your heart whether it could withstand the pain of such loss! See, you are already gripped by proper fever at the mere mention of the possibility as an example. How would you bear the reality? I say unto you from knowing your heart that you could not bear the pain a full three hours, it would kill you without fail.

[11] Well then, what is the love and the lovability of your children in comparison with the love and supremely amicable lovability of these two heavenly messengers? If these two were to just moderately look at you with a loving eye and gave you only a finger to taste then the love in your heart would escalate so mightily that you could not bear it but a few moments; and if the two angels then left you only apparently, then such mourning would take over your heart that you would have to die!

[12] For behold notwithstanding the beauty of these My two favorite angels then such their beauty is as nothing compared to when their being is fully penetrated by My love in their heart! I say unto you: everything beautiful and lovely that the world has to offer would then retreat endlessly into the background. – Now I dare say that you have understood Me!?" (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 3, chap. 87)

Raphael is a child of God because he endured the earthly life-trial

"[...] [6] Raphael said to him: "Yes, my dear friend and brother, this cannot be given to you in the same manner as one lightens a room at night by igniting the lamp and then let it shine for everyone

who are staying in that room. For as long as the ignited light is burning, the room will surely be illuminated, but as soon as there is no more oil, the room will be dark again. However, if the room must never more become dark, then more is needed than to ignite just one lamp, filled with a little oil.

[7] In rooms this is a difficult matter, because the times that certain wise men among the people knew the art how to make an everlasting fire that would never burn up, are over. And therefore, in these times, the rooms can only be constantly illuminated at night by filling the lamps inside with so much oil that every lamp would have sufficient nourishment for the whole night, and for this, an intelligent calculation is needed that is based on experience. And this is how an intelligent man, who is concerned about the salvation of his soul in this dark, nightly time, must provide himself with a lot of spiritual oil, so that it will be sufficient until the dawn of his inner spiritual day of the true, eternal life, which is the ancient, eternal light in man that will never burn up. And in this manner he always will have sufficient light in this room of his earthly life.

[8] The spiritual oil consists in the first place of the word of the Lord, and from that, of the good works of love according to the word and the will of the Lord. The one who is richly provided with that oil is already in the actual Kingdom of God and will never more have to go through a life's night in his soul.

[9] The light of his totally full life's lamp in his earthly life is a full living faith, which illuminates the things of the Kingdom of God more than enough for him. The one who perseveres in that light and who is not more concerned about the things of this world than is necessary for his physical life, will come early to the eternal life's light in himself, and in this manner also already on this side to the clearly present actual Kingdom of God and its power and might. **For he who is one with the will of God the Lord, is also one with His eternal perfect wisdom, freedom, independence, might and power, and is therefore also forever a true child of God.**

[10] Look, I am such child of God. But I did not become like that in the pure world of the spirits, but still during my earthly life. And actually in such a way that the power of the divine Spirit in me could perform everything it can do now.

[11] So as far as my body is concerned I did not die like all men are dying now, but the power of the divine Spirit in me suddenly dissolved my body so completely that not even something like the size of a sun's particle was left behind on this Earth. My whole body had become my eternal, indestructible garment, and that is why you can see me now with body, soul and spirit.

[12] If this is difficult for you to believe, then touch me. Then you will feel that I am a man with flesh and bones, this as long as I want it. But if I want to change everything into the purely spiritual, you will see me just like now, but not with the eyes of your flesh, but with the eyes of your soul, which I can open with you when and as long as I want. Just come close and touch me, for also this experience is part of it if I want to enlighten for you more precisely and more strongly the nature of the Kingdom of God." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 22, chap. 42/ vol. 9 chap. 174)

Note ed.: *This incarnation of Raphael happened before Lord's incarnation and this assured him the primary childship of God or the fundamental likeness to Him, but still, he cannot obtain the **full or the ultimate statute of a child of God**, as any other human being, if he doesn't incarnate again after the great redemption of the human race and all material creation performed by the Lord through the cross experience. So, this is the reason why in other parts of the Great Gospel of John (such as THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 5, 82:3 and THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 11, 77:3 quoted below*

in this text), Raphael *declares that he wants to take the way of the flesh and be like the Lord's disciples. This incarnation before the Lord's walk on earth is referred as **a pre-school of material life** in the following excerpt (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 5, 81:8/ book 11, 76:8) and in the last excerpt (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 9, 119:12/ Book 21, 87:12) we find out that he was then the famous Enoch.*

About the angelic body of Raphael and about Raphael's evolution

"Raphael says, —My friend, you have to speak so because you do not know me; but if you knew me, you would find all that as natural as you find that you have only consumed hardly an eighth of the lamb despite your hunger!

I am just as much a person as you, and for the meantime I do not lack any sense or limb according to the body; but my body is quite a different one to yours; yours is still mortal, but mine is not! You as soul and spirit cannot move out of your body whenever you want, dissolve it and disappear into the blue into your spiritual element; but I can and may. I am actually purely spirit, despite this seeming body of mine; but you are still almost pure flesh and will still have a lot to do for yourself, before you begin to feel like a mature and free soul in your body.

If you have eaten something, it takes time for what has been eaten to become blood and flesh in your body, and you do not and will never know how such a metamorphosis happens inside you. **You do not know the very smallest details of the organic make-up of your body; but for me however, every atom of my and also your body is so well-known very clearly that there can be nothing clearer in the whole world! For I must form and maintain this present body of mine from atom to atom, nerve to nerve, fiber to fiber and from limb to limb; but from the beginning you have not known what your body consists of, and who constantly forms it and maintains it.**

Your body is conceived, born and grown against your recognition and against your will – mine was created against my knowledge and desire! Your consciousness of existence is still asleep, and your knowledge, recognition and desire is a dream in your sleeping existence; but I find myself in the brightest and very most awake life of the most perfect eternal day of life. I know what I am saying and doing and know the true and deepest reason for it – and you do not even know how, through what and why all sorts of thoughts arise in you! And so then I also know why I, as long as I am walking among the mortals, can and must take a significantly greater meal than you and all your companions together. Yes, I cannot yet make the reason clear to you, because you would not understand it with your present knowledge; but later there will come a time in which you will understand all that very well that I have now thrown at you.

But that you suppose that I, because of my too great desire to eat, might in the end even attack you all like a hyena or like a wolf, that is a little petty of you! I think that my spiritual form and my visible wisdom should teach you something better! I can not only consume a stone in the way that I have now convinced you; I could also carry out the manoeuvre with whole mountains and planets, for which I have ample power! Alone if I were unwise and had the strength that is my own, then I would act according to some blind passion, and you would certainly no longer be safe at my side in your existence and life! But the eternal wisdom of God, from which my whole being is actually

formed, orders me above all to maintain all the things created through the strength and omnipotence of God, of which **eternally no atom may get lost and nor can it get lost**, because the all-seeing eye of God's will and being immediately penetrates and works through the whole eternal and endless space from the greatest to the smallest thing; and so your fear of my supposed desire to eat you is fully vain! Roklus, have you understood these words even a little?

Roklus says, —There can never be any talk of actual understanding; but I can take this much, that we do not have anything to fear at your side, and that is very much for us for the moment! But where do you put such great masses? Do you have a type of ostrich stomach, which as far as I know digests even the hardest stones? Even the hardest metals are supposed to be a positive favorite meal for it! But let him be as he will – you are and remain an amazing being!

The Jews speak of certain original created messengers from heaven (angels), we Greeks and Romans have our genies and the so-called half-gods; perhaps you are such a angel in disguise or at least such a genius or half-god?! For me as a man of the Earth your whole appearance is too tender and subtle; for no chaste vestal virgin could compare to you as regards physical tenderness and beauty. You struck me earlier very much, and would not be mistaken if I secretly considered you to be a type of magical phantom! It always seemed to me that you were on the one hand something, but then on the other hand nothing other than a speaking light image of the very highest divine being, which lends you form, content and the necessary wisdom and power only for a certain time. But if you are no longer necessary for him, then things are completely over for you! I thought, felt and perceived at least as much silently.

Raphael says, —Apart from the complete nothingness of me you have come quite close to the truth about me. Only there is a great problem with the full nothingness with me; for behold, a long time ago, unthinkable to you, before a world ever began to float and shine in the most endless space, **I was already a quite perfected servant of the very highest spirit of God!** I am still that and will remain so for eternity, if perhaps somewhat changed according to the measure of the Lord, according to whom now every perfect spirit strives and will strive. But therefore I will nonetheless still remain what I am, only in an even more changed measure, **for which reason I have now made for this pre-school of material life through the mercy of the Lord.** But for now I still remain who, how and what I am! Have you now understood me a little better? (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 5 chap. 81:1-8/ THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN book 11, chap. 76:1-8)

The sexuality of the archaengels. They have both male and female aspects

“[11] Say **the Centurion**: “Friend of the Earth's people! The former attribute of being able just through willpower to clothe oneself, without the material, quite appeals to me, and poor mankind could use same to great advantage, especially in winter. But the equally potential and exceedingly powerful shining of your bright garment, which no man could withstand alive, does not please me, at least in this world. Therefore we intend not to investigate it. Yet one thing I would like to find out from you, since we are alone right now and suffer no embarrassment before anyone; and so you could reveal the following to me: is there among yourselves a sexual distinction?”

[12] Says **the angel**: “This is a somewhat clumsy question; however, for it originates in you from a pure knowledge desire, I want to answer it to you with No! What we primordially spirits are, with us countless only the male-positive being is without exception prevailing; nevertheless in each one of us also the female-negative principle is fully present, and **as such every angel in himself represents the most perfect marriage of the heavens of God. It entirely depends on us, if we want to show ourselves in either the male or female form**, and all this within one and the same spiritual skin.

[13] Therein however, that we are in ourselves a two-being, lies also the reason, that we never can get old, because in us both poles continuously support each other forever; but with you humans the poles are separated in a sexually separated personality and because each one exists on its own, they do not have any support in themselves.

[14] If however the separate personal poles touch one another externally, they diminish, resembling a wine skin, wrinkling in proportion to being relieved of its spiritual contents. If nevertheless you could imagine a wine-skin that can, within itself spontaneously, reproduce what has been removed, then you shall not discover the wrinkles and folds of aging upon its surface. Do you actually comprehend this?” (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 4 , chap. 98)

No wings on angels. Angels of the true heaven have been previously men on some earth. Meaning of ascending and descending of angels. Every human soul is called to become a true angel of God’s Heavens

“[6] Said I: “Do you believe that God’s angels must have wings in order to be angels? There you are quite wrong. Did the three men who came to Abraham have wings? Or did the youths who saved Lot have wings, or the angel who guided young Tobia? It is not known to Me that in Scripture any mention is made of their wings. Also the angel who appeared to Abraham, preventing him from sacrificing his only son Isaac, did not have any wings according to the Scripture.

[7] Only the two iron cherubim had to be depicted with wings by Moses to symbolically indicate to the at that time still very sensuous Jews that pure spirits from the heavens of God move extremely fast in everything – in their thinking, deciding, acting and accomplishing. Natural man on earth does not know of any faster movement than the flight of birds through the air by means of their wings. And so Moses, instructed by God, had to make the cherubim with wings in order to symbolize the speed of the spiritual. **In reality, no angel of God has ever had wings.**

[8] Thus, the wing denotes the high degree of wisdom and power of all pure spiritual, but not that a pure spirit, at God’s bidding, would have to fly like a bird from heaven down to earth and back. Actually, **in the true heaven there has never been an angel who had not previously been a man on some earth.** What you quite erroneously picture as angels created as pure spirits is nothing else but effective powers and forces of God by which God’s omnipresence, active in all infinity, is made manifest and which no man should picture because the infinite out of God cannot be correctly imagined by any finite being. This should not be hard to understand.

[9] Because **every human soul is called to become a true angel of God’s Heavens**, this beautiful and pure youth can quite as well be without wings on this earth as I Myself, as the sole Lord of the

heavens and the earth, am now with you in the flesh, teaching you Myself and yet maintaining all of the infinity. Besides, it is written; 'In that time you will be seeing God's angels ascending and descending, who will be serving the Lord!'" (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN VII, chap. 56)

The activities of the angels

"[7] **Raphael** said: "My dear friend and brother, this was still a very human question from your mouth. None of us angels from the Heavens are capable, just as little as you men on Earth, to accomplish anything out of ourselves. But I already told you that we are in a certain way the fingers on His hand and the executioners of His will. Therefore, we are free beings, as if not limited by anything, being an outflow ourselves of the divine power and we can therefore accomplish all that this power reveals and wills in us, and what we then accomplish is not our work but only that of the Lord.

[8] We are completely independent and also completely free in every respect, but since the greatest completeness exists only and solely in the wisdom and the will of the Lord, it is obvious that not only a human being but especially an angel spirit – who is actually also only a human being – will be more and more independent and free according to the measure that he made the wisdom and the will of the Lord as his own. I can even give you an earthly example of this. And so look:

[9] You are here a prominent supreme judicial city officer and you not only have authority over this one city but also over 14 other cities. That power over the life and death of people was given to you by the emperor, completely free and without having to give an account. But how did you actually receive this significant earthly power?

[10] Look, I will explain to you. By your studies of law you clearly showed at the severe exams in Rome that you made the will of the emperor as your own, in such a way that you made your own will completely subordinate to the emperor's will that you came to know through the laws by which you then became a totally new man whom you were not at the beginning of your studies. Since you deeply absorbed the law of the emperor, and so also his will, so much so that your old, apparently free will was bound with fixed shackles and chains by the emperor's new will in you, you did not lose anything, but on the contrary you won a lot more, for with your own old will, you always would have remained a slave of the imperial will, but since you made the will of the emperor as your own, you yourself became completely free, can do what you want and you do not have to give an account to anyone. And if someone would not follow your will, you have from the emperor the *ius gladii* in your hand, and by the power and authority of the emperor you can force the stubborn ones to be obedient.

[11] And look, the more you strive to fulfill the will of the emperor as accurately as possible, about which the emperor can be informed in a very short time, the emperor will give you a higher, and qua sphere of influence, a more extensive office in which you will be able to act even more freely than now. And so you constantly can work yourself up till you finally will be called to the palace of the emperor and will order and act from there as if you were almost the emperor himself. Now ask yourself how you received such great power – and the answer in yourself can impossibly be a different one than: 'I entirely denied my old human will, so much so that nothing is left of it, except that by that old will I very zealously strived to make the will of the emperor completely as my own.'

[12] And look now, it is exactly the same with us, perfected angel spirits. We also have our own, completely free will, yet it is infinitely more limited than the completely free will of the Lord Himself.

[13] And the more we make the will of the Lord as our own, as if it is our own will itself, the more free might, power and authority will be our own, and we can then also accomplish everything and bring forth what the Lord Himself can accomplish and bring forth.

[14] But now you will also realize yourself that we are not the ones who can do that, but only the Lord in and through us.

[15] If someone in your district has robbed and killed, and was then caught and brought before you, you will sentence him and also let him be killed. With this, you have acted rightly because you acted according to the will of the emperor, and by that you are just like the emperor *ex lege* . However, the robber and murderer acted according to his own will and by that he perished.

[16] Do you now understand how we also, angel spirits, possess the might and authority to do everything what the Lord Himself does, freely and without giving an account?"

(THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 10. Chap. 199/ Book 24, chap. 81)

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"[1] THE fisherman said: "Yes, Lord and Master, it is now completely clear to me, but now I moreover would like to know of what actually does the activity of a perfect soul in the big beyond mainly consist. On this hard Earth there are of course for men many thousands of different things to do if he wants to stay alive, but then what has to be done in the big spiritual beyond? Do they also plow, sow and reap there for the sake of their livelihood?"

[2] I said: "O yes, friend, plowing, sowing and reaping, but of course in a different manner and in a different sense from what happens in this material world.

[3] Look, **without the great activity of the spirits, namely of the perfect spirits, nothing on any globe would exist.** Not only nothing would grow and no living being would walk on the face of the Earth, but also there would have never been a sun or globe that would have existed, and would certainly not continue to exist.

[4] Although men plow the soil and straw the seed in its furrows, but it is for the spirits to accomplish the germination, the growing and the ripening of the fruit. From this, you surely will understand that namely for the perfect spirits there is a lot of work and a lot to do for your visible world here on this Earth, as well as on all the other celestial bodies. And even more for the sake of the right development of the soul and the perfection of men, already on this side, and still much more after that on the other side, because there are always much more, often extremely imperfect souls coming to the big beyond than perfect ones, especially from this Earth. The imperfect, bad souls would soon spoil this whole Earth with the help of the unfermented nature spirits, so much so that no grass, no bush, no tree would grow on it, and no animal and no human being would be able to exist anymore.

[5] Only through the love, the wisdom and the might of the perfect spirits, the bad, imperfect souls on the other side are hindered in this, they are continually and progressively developed, and if possible they are also brought closer, step by step, to the Kingdom of God." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN, Book 22, chap. 11)

Angels' missions and pains - dialog to the archangel Raphael

"1. Then, Raphael drew near the five persons and said: "Well, I'm not sleeping here either, though you said you only are awake!"

2. And Zahra answered: "My friend, the fact that you are not sleeping and you never will is quite clear to anyone who knows you as well as we do! So you could have spared us of this introduction. You know, my dear angel, suffice it that we people be rather stupid sometimes, we don't need any helping hand from you in this respect to understand that we are even more stupid than we had thought. But you instead, by means of your huge wisdom and experience, which is older than the entire world edifice, you can teach us a lot of things in different respects."

3. And Raphael asked upon that: "What do you think that I am then not to enjoy sleep?"

4. Zahra answered: "O, our heavenly friend, please stop asking such pompous questions! You are an angel of God, coming from the Heaven and God only gave you this flimsy body just for the sake of it! And this body of yours you may throw it away and destroy it as quick as lightning!

5. For you are a completely different creature than the rest of us, the humans still mortal – in this earthly body of ours. You have never been born; you never had a mother or father except God to be born from their body like us. You only know endless happiness since the oldest times. The pain, the sorrow and sadness, just like the sourest repent are only known to you by their names, not by their essence that you might have felt, which is why you cannot really talk to people about earthly, human things. You can only talk to us about spiritual things, which we get in deep gratefulness from you, for you are quite experienced in this field. Yet you can never talk about worldly things, for you have never been grieving in flesh!"

6. Rafael: "My, you do know much! No matter I had never been in flesh (*Wäre ich auch nie in irgendeinem Leibe gesteckt*), I still do know more about what the body is and what every thread of it is for than you might learn in one thousand years, in spite of all diligence!

7. Isn't it us, the angels who must take care of all the details in a man's existence, since the beginning till the moment he leaves this earth?

8. Isn't it us, the angels, ever watching over you?! It's us who watch your souls when purified in the pains and sorrows of your body, as getting fit for God's spirit; how could we not know what your pains and sorrows are?! What is it in your mind that makes you say such words to me?!

9. Besides, trust me that angels are not at all unable to feel pain and grief! You should know what I'm telling you: we often bear much more pains and grieves than you people do, when we can't help

seeing the stubborn filthy people mocking at all our efforts as they turn their back to us.

10. Tell me, my friend, if you think of a man that you have been given all power unto, and that you covered with all charities would you be patient enough to him if you saw he disparages you for good and would never hear about you, his friend and his well-doer, nay he brings trouble to you in reward for all your efforts and care and he damaged your fame, taking you for an infamous traitor?! Tell me if you were some kind of Cyrenius, what would you do to such a man? So would you be patient enough to show same sympathy and kindness to such a scamp till the end of his life?"

11. And Zahra, staring to the angel as listening to such words, answered: "No, my friend, no, I could never have such patience in my whole life! Nay I wouldn't still have it, even if I hadn't been given the power, not to say if I had that power!"

12. Raphael continued: "You see, I have such power that I don't have to answer for, that I could destroy in one moment the whole earth, the moon, the sun and the stars you can see in the sky, which are some huge heavenly bodies with all that is there, still I do have in my own kindness such patience that I told you about for the rampant people in this world!

13. But all these is trifle, it's just a small trouble to take. Just think now about the Devil's loath behaviour together with his servants, which have themselves such great power and are continuously striving to fulfil their plans meant to destroy us and even God in order to have all His power!

14. Obviously this is not going to work ever! However it's enough that their destructive plan exists and they hold on carrying it out, no matter they often take incredible pains and ordeals, which they inflict to themselves, by their own will. But this doesn't ever make them give up their great meanness.

15. You know, we do see all these and do have the power not only to punish them properly, but even to wipe them out, without any consequences from God our Lord!

16. But we consider them as our decayed brothers, and therefore give all patience and mercy to them, trying to make things work such as not to compel their free will, so that they should ever be free and unconstrained. We are striving instead to carefully stop the noxious effects of their deeds. Tell me now, my friend, what would you do in such conditions?"

17. Then Zahra answered: "I would definitely hit them like a bear and then I see if these bestial spirits wouldn't listen to me, mostly if I had such a power like you that I don't need to answer for!"

18. Raphael said: "Do you realize now that it's not that simple to be a God's angel, just like you imagined and I still do understand and do know some of the human things and therefore can talk to you about such things?"

19. Zahra: "Well, I do, now I do realize this; just tell me now if you really must be here on earth, or this is just your own will?"

20. Raphael answered: "Oh, I may leave you at any moment, according to my free will. But I shall stay here with you, for this is God's pleasure. And it's God's pleasure that makes my real will and not even God himself would ever act against it; for it actually supports the maintenance of the

whole Creation with its countless stars that you cannot see one eon* of, let alone the whole infinite and its essence!" [** Jakob Lorber note's: one eon is the cube of a decillion, where 1 decillion = 1060 x 1060*] (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN, vol. 3, chap. 130/ THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN book 7, chap. 16)

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"Said the angel: "We always follow most precisely the will of the Lord; what He wants, is good only and this is what we do!

[03] If it would be beneficial for the nascent people of this earth and necessary for the salvation of their soul we always would be visible among the people; but this is not the case, and therefore we are only allowed to guide the people unseen, so that their free will does not suffer any force. Since nobody can exist before God, if he not previously, fully isolated, has gone through a full trial life of freedom in his flesh for a certain period of time. This is the Lord's love, wisdom and will, and therefore everything must take place, exist and be accordingly; and if something does not take place, exist and be, it is as good as a pure nothingness. However, if you people from now on will live and act as the Lord wants it, **also you will after laying off of the body, become and be what we are now**; since also we were once on some celestial body what you are now. "(THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 6,190:2-3)

Angels can become children of God too, by taking the way of the flesh on Earth

"[1] Raphael says, —It is not my will, but instead the will of the Lord that I am in your company, and we must obey that just as well as you and all created beings, whatever type and sort they may be. There is only a small difference in that we obey the will of the Lord not as blind people, but instead as the seeing, while all other creatures must obey the will of the Lord quite blindly.

[2] But there is also the difference between you and me that I as a likewise spirit equipped with the freest will have made the will of the Lord just like my very own; but you have hardly yet realized that there is a Lord. There can hardly be any talk of recognizing His will; for you will only get to know this better through the scriptures that I have previously written down and given to you according to the will of the Lord.

[3] If you have fully recognized the will of the Lord, accepted Him in your hearts and if you then are active alone according to this new will in yourselves, there will then be no difference at all between you and me; **on the contrary, you will be able to perform even greater things, because you have already made the path of the flesh, while such a thing is yet in store for me, if I want to have exchanged my present pure divine service with the divine childhood. I wanted now rather to be what you are; but it depends alone on the will of the Lord, how and when He wants it!**

[4] But I do not demand that, although I wish it to be so; for I am also happy for myself to the highest degree and can sing nothing but: holy, holy, holy! to Him who has now become human with

flesh in order to transform all the people of this Earth and all the inhabitants of heaven into His children – that is, if the inhabitants of heaven want such a thing and ask the Lord for it in their hearts! For even in heaven countless hearts beat for the Lord God full of the hottest love and also find the answering of their plea. (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 11, chap. 77/ THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 5, 82)

The presence of angels with men and their influence in them

“...But these spirits are what you call “guardian spirits”. They are angels and great angels who have influence on people: **there is nobody who has not at least three guardian spirits, two angels and one great angel and on top of them a seventh who watches over the others** whom you know already.

These guardian spirits and angels surround the newly engendered soul from the moment of conception and continuously watch over its orderly development. “(Earth and Moon EM.01, 50:5-6)

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“[6] Now an angel came closer to the supreme judicial city officer – it was the archangel **Raphael** whom you know well – and he said to the supreme judicial city officer: “You have spoken rightly and truthfully, but that which is not there yet, will come more and more in the course of time, for believe me, that we, as you can see us here, and numberless many others who are like us, were never inactive, and certainly not in this time.

[7] We travel around the whole Earth and try the hearts of the people to see whether they are capable to accept in themselves the life bringing mercy of the Lord. When we find such hearts, we strengthen them, and when the word of the Lord comes to them, it is quickly accepted with great joy and full of faith.

[8] So I also came to you before and I strengthened you according to the will of the Lord, and when the Lord came to you now Himself, you quickly and easily recognized Him.

[9] We do not need to show ourselves to men while we perform this work, since we possess the power and the might from the Lord to be useful to men in such a way that the free will of man would by that not suffer any force or harm. However, now that you have recognized the Lord and have accepted Him in your hearts our visible appearance does not exert any force on your whole mind and you can speak with us as you do with each other.” (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 24, chap. 80)

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[The Lord:] “Say I: “Hearken, My most beloved Jarah, I see into your heart indeed, and read how much you love Me, knowing also your faithfulness; but right now you are still a child rather than a grown up maiden. You have until now been under perpetual protection of My angels and the world’s wicked spirits could not approach you; when however you shall be riper of years, then you

shall have to resist the evil world and its cravings from your own strength, in order to there from, out of yourself win firm ground for the unchangeable order I have set for all My beings, upon which alone you shall truly be able to approach Me in spirit and in truth. And behold, there the world has great power over man, because the world is for the greater part dominated by hell, and it usually takes an intense struggle for the soul in order not to be swallowed by its own flesh and blood and therefore by the world!

Your shape is a very beautiful one. Soon worldly youths shall cast their eyes upon you, offering you heart and hand, and it shall be difficult for you to encounter them. When that time comes however, then think of Me in your heart, and of all that you had heard and seen upon this height, conquest of the world shall be easy for you!" (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN.vol 2, 137:13-14)

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"[15] Says Jarah, somewhat saddened: "But it would have been clear to You from eternity whether I would be capable of becoming unfaithful to You!? And if You can see a future faithlessness in me, how can You love me? And can You permit a future sinner to approach You?"

[16] Say I: "That, My most beloved Jarah, is still too lofty for you! But out of My especially great love for you I nevertheless say unto you: Behold, I can indeed know everything that will take place with a person from eternity, if I want to know it; but in order for man to be capable in his maturity to act completely freely without hindrance, I divert My eyes from him for a certain period, taking no notice of his free action, unless he fervently asks Me to help him with his voluntary struggle with the world, whereupon I cast a glance after him, help him to the right path and provide him with the necessary strength for his struggle with the world.

[17] So behold, I don't want to look into your future either, so that you remain free in your action; but that is why I teach you now, so that at the time of temptation you would remember it actively. **At that time the guardian angel also shall leave you to yourself.** Once you shall have defeated the world out of your own power however he shall return to you again and serve you in all things. - Have you, My most beloved Jarah understood Me at least a little?"

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"But even when you are not able to see them, you can ask them anything and they shall place the answer in your heart, which you shall always perceive in your heart as a well-defined thought. And this is far superior to external speech! I say unto you: A word that an angel has laid in your own heart is more beneficial for your soul than thousands of words heaved through the ear externally! Because what you hear in your heart is already your own whereas that which you hear from without you still have to make your own through action in accordance with the heard word." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 2, 39:6)

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"[8] But he quickly reassured them by saying to them in a friendly voice **(Raphael)**: "You really should not be afraid of me, for at the Lord's will I came to you after your conversation about me. For

wherever real friends of the Lord are discussing about what is of the spirit of eternal love and truth, there also the angels of the Lord are always gathered in large groups around them.

[9] I truly am not the only one who is near you, but there are still many more like me. Open up your eyes a bit wider, then you will see it for yourselves under the merciful permission of the Lord."

[10] Then for a few moments the inner sight of the men from Joppe was opened and they saw as it were in a sea of light, numberless large groups of perfect spirits. And from those large groups of God's angels sounded as if from one mouth a mighty voice: 'Happy are those who have recognized the Lord, who love Him above all and faithfully act and live according to His word, for already in His flesh He is equal to us, and we are always prepared to serve Him in all brotherly love.'

[11] Then the inner sight was taken away from the very astonished men from Joppe, for they were not able to bear it any longer in their flesh because of too great happiness.

[12] When they could not see the angels anymore, **the fisherman** said: "O friend, was this reality or only some kind of dream, brought about by your indescribable beauty. For I have never seen such charming, beautiful human form as yours, which looks like those whom I have seen now for a few moments in the light of the Heavens."

[13] **Raphael** said: "Friends of the Lord, that was not a dream, but the naked truth, you can be sure of that. Once you will be more completed in the spirit yourselves by your faith and especially by the pure love for the Lord, you will be able to see what you have seen now - constantly, on a higher level of light and life, very often and for a longer time. But for now, be satisfied with what you have seen and heard." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 9, chap. 197)

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"If I would not protect, by My angels, those who already from nature have a better attitude and will, there would be only few people on this Earth who would not be possessed. But men should not rely too much on that because My angels do not restrain the will of men. This is also for you something to think about." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol.10, 54:8)

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"At times, several spirits may take possession of a human body. But they must promise beforehand that they seek only their salvation in this body, and their wish will be granted. Such spirits do not follow the advice of the angels; rather, they turn directly to the Lord. They insist stubbornly that only in this manner can they reach the Lord. Thus their wish is complied with, because the angels let those spirits with which they are entrusted learn through their own experiences." (ER.01:058,16)

Where is Heaven, where is Hell? A vision of Heaven and angels

[7] I said: "Look, the apparent young man who has been taking care of you in My name until now, is one of My most important angels. He indeed has, for the sake of men, a body, but that he can dissolve whenever he likes. If he does that, he will not die because of that, but will continue to live eternally as a pure spirit just like Me, creating and working. Like this powerful and mighty angel of whom I was talking and who is now the only one here, are still countless many in My Heavens.

[8] But since you also asked where My Heavens may be found, I tell you: **My Heavens are wherever there are godly, pure and good men and spirits. This whole visible space, that ends nowhere, is Heaven without neither end nor beginning. But only for good men and spirits. However, where evil men and spirits are dwelling, there this space is not a Heaven, but a Hell, which is judgment and eternal death, showing itself in this world as matter, which in itself is also a judgment and thus death.**

[9] **So whoever is only chasing after the treasures of the world, which is entirely matter, judgment, Hell and death, goes thereby also with his soul into death. Thus, all evil spirits are mostly dwelling in the matter of this Earth. The good and pure spirits are always living in the pure light spaces of the free ether space.**

[10] In order that you, My dear pure children, can make also a lasting idea of this, I will now open your inner spiritual eye for a few moments, since you already have a special talent for this anyway, and then you will as it were be able to look from this Earth into My Heaven."

[11] Then **one of the children** was still asking: "O dear Father and Lord, what is then the inner spiritual eye?"

[12] I said: "Look, children, when you sleep, your physical eye is closed, and yet, in your clear dreams you can see all kinds of wonderful regions, people, animals and trees, flowers, bushes and stars, and still all kinds of other things, more clearly and more purely than when you can see the things of this world with your physical eyes. Look, all the things you can see in your dreams are spiritual, and you can see them with your inner spiritual eye. However, when you are awake, your inner spiritual eye is and stays closed, and no ordinary man can, as with the physical eye, open it at will. That I have arranged for a very wise reason.

[13] But with every person I also can, if I will, open the inner eye at any time, and then he is able to see the spiritual and the natural at the same time, and this I shall now also do with you as an experience that shall forever be printed in your soul. And so, I will that you will see My Heavens."

[14] When I had said this, they all saw already a countless number of angels around them, who were very friendly, were talking to them and encouraging them to do what is good. At the same time they also saw as if they were looking through the matter of the Earth, a few ugly, unhappy

beings, whose only striving it was to hide and to bury themselves ever deeper into matter. They also saw in the ether spaces beautiful landscapes and here and there brilliant and wondrously beautiful buildings, over which they were very amazed. In those regions they were, also in spirit, guided around by the angels who showed and also explained them many things.

[15] After a while I called them all back again into their earthly awake state and asked them how they liked what they had seen.

[16] But they could find no words to describe all the wondrously beautiful things, which they had seen there, and especially the female part asked Me if I still for a while could show them the heavenly beauties." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 17, chap. 88)

The Lord calls the 3 archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

"Early in the morning, that was very pure, we stood up from our good resting chairs and went outside, more precisely to the nearby shore of the lake. Kisjona, Philopold and also the 4 Indo-Jews were with us. Mary remained still in the house to rest, and, accompanied by Joel, she came only when the sun had almost risen.

[2] On such occasion I said: "Since I will physically not walk on this place anymore at this time *of My earthly life*, you will see with your eyes being fulfilled what is written about Me: '**And you will see angels ascending and descending between Heaven and Earth, and they will serve Him.**'

[3] My disciples have seen this already often, but here I most of all let it happen for the sake of the 4 Indo-Jews.

[4] First I called in the spirit Michael, who as a clear lightning descended out of the visible Heaven to the Earth, so that they all were very frightened. **Michael** stood before Me in all his majesty, shining stronger than the sun, and nobody except Me could bear the glow of his light.

[5] I said to him: "**John**, cover yourself with a shadow, so that My friends can see you, recognize and speak to you."

[6] Then he covered himself with a shadow, and full of love and respect he stood before Me and said (Michael): "Look, brothers, this is the Lamb who takes away from you the sin of the world, and prepares for you the way to eternal life. Believe in Him and love Him above all, for He is the very Eternal Beginning and the very Eternal End, the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, **besides Him there is no God.**"

[7] When the angel had spoken out these words with a very lovely voice, he bowed deep before Me and highly praised My name.

[8] Then also all the others fell down before Me and glorified and praised Me just like the angel.

[9] I commanded them all to stand up and said to them: "Be natural, for I am a Man now just like you, and by your faith in Me and by your love for Me I am in you, just like you are in Me. Therefore, be natural."

[10] Then they all stood up again, and **John went to his former disciples** and spoke with them about things that would happen after Me, to the Jews and to the people of the Earth, because of their

unbelief, and he stayed the whole day with us in the **visible human form of John** who was well recognized by all.

[11] After him I called the archangel **Gabriel**. He came immediately, just like Michael-John, but covered himself directly with a shadow, gave Me the honor and went directly to Mary and spoke with her about his mission with her, and she became filled with humble happiness and blissfulness. Then Gabriel, who appeared in the form and person of the forefather **Jared**, went also to My disciples and spoke with them about the first Adamic times and about the revelations of that time to the children of the height and also to the children of the world. And also he stayed visibly with us until the evening.

[12] After him I called **Raphael**. Also he appeared directly in the same manner as the first 2, covered himself with a shadow, gave Me the honor and went to the 4 Indo-Jews in the form and person of **Enoch**, and spoke very friendly with them about Me, and that he was the one who, on My command, had freed them from the Babylonian captivity and brought them to the land, which, with the exception of Adam and Eve, was not inhabited before by a human being.

[13] The little daughter was very surprised about the figure of Raphael and said: "Oh, lovely messenger from the lightened heights of God, I have seen and also spoken to you oftentimes in my dreams, but when I wanted to talk about it to my parents they did not want to believe it and called me a fantasy dreamer. But now they can see you in person with their eyes, and will now surely believe that I have seen the full, light truth in my dreams."

[14] And the parents praised Me because I had given them such a devout daughter.

[15] This event of the arrival of the 3 angels lasted for about 1 hour.

[16] Kisjona who was almost completely confused from joy, asked Me: "O Lord and Master, how many of such spirits are actually living in Your Heavens?"

[17] I said to him: "O My dear friend, the number of such spirits in My Kingdom is endless, for what would a limited number be for an eternal, and, in His Spirit of love and wisdom, infinite God? Look on a clear night at the stars that are numberless for you – you already know what they are. Also on these, men are procreated and born. And out of them, also spirits are awakened for an eternal life and eternal activity. If you yourself will be like a perfected spirit in My Kingdom, you will see it all yourself, and because of that, your happiness will nevermore have an end.

[18] I say to you: **no eye has ever seen, no ear has heard and no sense organ has felt what is awaiting in Heaven for those who love God above all and keep His commandments.**

[19] Although in man's life, from his birth until the falling away of his body, he is afflicted with a lot of fatal incidents and all kinds of distress, but if he lives according to the known order of God, and by that receives in himself, already on this Earth, the clear awareness of life of what is waiting for him in the other, true life, he will suffer with all patience and perseverance all those ever so bitter trials that are only allowed to him to awaken the Spirit of God in his soul, and he will moreover be very joyful.

[20] Take an example on Me. I know what kind of suffering is shortly waiting for Me on this Earth, but My extremely great love for you people, yes, for My children, softens it for Me. Let also your many sufferings and many sorrows that you, My children, have to endure in this life also be softened by the love for the One who lives in Me, then by that you also will, just like Me, be good-tempered, joyful and have a cheerful mind.

[21] Look, these 3 angel spirits, who will stay with us today until sunset, had to endure many things on this Earth. And now they are extremely happy and they will never in eternity have to suffer again. It is however their greatest happiness if they can give men on this Earth a real service of love

in My name, although besides that, they have to command numberless suns and globes in the endless space.

[22] So you also, show love to men already now on this Earth for the sake of My name, then you also will enjoy a great happiness, because there is much more happiness in giving than receiving." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 9, chap. 119/ Book 21 chap. 87)