

SEPTEMBER QUIZ ANSWERS

1. The word angel in the Greek means: a. MESSENGER

The Greek word *angelos* means messenger. Angels are God's messengers and do his work. (Heb 1:14). Sometimes the Lord addresses an issue himself, but often times he uses angels.

2. There are three named archangels in the Bible but only two of them are named in the canonical books of the Bible and one of them in the Apocrypha. Which of the three is named in the Apocryphal book of Tobit? Answer: RAPHAEL.

Raphael first appears disguised as the human traveling companion of Tobit's son, Tobiah, and is generally associated with an unnamed angel mentioned in the Gospel of John, who stirs the water at the healing pool of Bethesda. He is considered the patron of travelers, the blind, medical workers and Christian marriage.

3. Where in the Bible are we exhorted to worship the holy angels?

Answer: NONE OF THE ABOVE.

In Revelation 19:10 John encountered an angel in a vision who tells him he is not to worship him:

And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God." Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

4. What is the first thing the angel Gabriel says to Mary after greeting her?

When an angel appears to a human in the Bible, the first words out of their mouth are usually "do not be afraid." (Luke 1:26-33) They are glorious beings, but they are not to be worshipped or prayed to.

5. How many angels are there? Answer: Innumerable.

We don't know an exact number, but there are "innumerable angels." (Heb 12:22) Daniel said about God on the throne: "a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened." (Dan 7:10) That's 100 million right there. See: Deuteronomy 33:2; . Psalm 68:17; Revelation 5:11.

6. Are angels male or female?

Angels are masculine in every single Bible reference. The pronoun “he” is always used for them (Rev 12:7, Luke 1:29, Judges 6:21, Zechariah 1:19, Rev 10:1) and they appear dressed as men. (Gen 18:2, 16; Ezekiel 9:2) Some people think they are neither male nor female based on what Jesus says about resurrected humans in Matthew 22:30: “For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like the angels in heaven.” The bottom line--- we do not know.

7. When do the angels minister to Jesus in the Gospels? Answer: All of the above.

The Gospels chronicle appearances of angels throughout the life of Christ, starting with heralding his birth to shepherds: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests” (Lk 2:14). Later, angels minister to him after he is tempted in the desert (Mt 4:11) and strengthen him during his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane (Lk 22:43). Even after Jesus’ passion, angels appear to two of Christ’s closest disciples: Mary Magdalene sees two angels in white appear at the tomb (Jn 20:12-13), and an angel rescues Peter from imprisonment by King Herod as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles.

8. Who is the English poet who, as a small boy, saw angels in a tree on Peckham Green? Answer: William Blake

When he was around eight years old, in approximately 1765, William saw something: “Sauntering along, the boy looks up and sees a tree filled with angels, bright angelic wings bespangling every bough like stars.”

It was William’s first – of many – angelic visions, as recorded by his first biographer, Alexander Gilchrist.

“He wasn’t scared by it at all. In fact it was a very positive thing for him,” wrote Gilchrist. This wasn’t William’s first vision – he’d seen the Prophet Ezekiel under the bed when he was four years old. Following this second vision, his parents realized that they had an incredibly imaginative child on their hands and sent him off to art school.

“He was really struck by what he saw,” according to Gilchrist. “He defended what he saw and totally stood by it. He evokes angels and spirits in so much of his poetry and artwork.” His biographer believes that among Blake’s formidable catalogue of poetry, the Peckham Rye visions are most clearly evoked in *Songs of Innocence and Experience* and poem *The Tyger*.

9. What is the ‘Line of St Michael’. Answer: c. A ley line connecting monasteries dedicated to Michael from Ireland to Israel.

According to legend an imaginary line links seven monasteries, from Ireland to Israel. Is it just a coincidence? These seven sanctuaries are very far from each other, and yet they are

perfectly aligned. the details of such alignment are also astonishing: the three most important sites, Mont Saint Michel in France; the Sacra of San Miguel in Val de Susa; and the Sanctuary of Monte Sant'Angelo in the Gargano are all the same distance one from the other. Go figure!

10. In what year did the history of our St Michael and All Angels, Tallahassee parish begin?

Answer: 1882. St. Michael and All Angels Church began its long history in 1882 when Jacob R. Ballard, the second black deacon ordained in the Episcopal Church, Diocese of Florida, organized and took charge of the mission congregation under the authorization of J.F. Young.