

Are Angels Born or Created?

1. How and when do angels come into being?

- a. Male and female angels propagate and have baby angels.
- b. Angels are departed spirits of deceased human beings and come into existence with each passing of human life.
- c. Angels were created on the first day of Creation.

2. How many angels are there?

- a. Innumerable.
- b. Millions.
- c. Thousands.

3. At the time of their making, were all angels good?

- a. Yes.
- b. No.

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Teacher note: Quizzes cover a lot of material. Take the time to help the student learn the biblical answer to each question and have fun along the way (i.e. you can be a game show host!). Use the online version of the quiz as well!

To learn more about these questions, consider this reference:

1. The Creation of Angels (www.Helpmewithbiblestudy.org/6Angels/AngelsCreation.pdf)

1. How and when do angels come into being?

a. Male and female angels propagate and have baby angels.

Sorry, that is incorrect. The idea that angels can procreate is based in part from Genesis 6:1-2 and the controversy surrounding its interpretation:

"Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose." (Gen 6:1-2, NASB)

Whether the reference "sons of God" can be interpreted as "angels" or not is the center of controversy. Those who see this as meaning angels take this as evidence that angels can procreate - at least with human beings. This view does pose problems.

With regard to the creation of angels, the Bible implies that they were created on the first day of Creation.

b. Angels are departed spirits of deceased human beings and come into existence with each passing of human life.

Sorry, that is incorrect. This error arises from a misunderstanding of the following verses:

But Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven." (Matt 22:30, NASB)

Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are mistaken, that you do not understand the Scriptures or the power of God? For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven." (Mark 24:25, NASB)

Angels are not glorified human beings.

c. Angels were created on the first day of Creation.

Correct! The answer is "c"! Angels were all created on the first day of Creation.

In Genesis 1:1-5, on the first day of Creation, God first created the heavens and then the earth. On the basis of Exodus 20:11 and Job 38:4-7, angels were created on the first day of Creation, because they observed and rejoiced as God brought earth into existence.

For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and everything that is in them, and He rested on the seventh day; for that reason the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. (Ex 20:11, NASB)

Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell Me, if you have understanding,
Who set its measurements? Since you know
Or who stretched the measuring line over it?
On what were its bases sunk?
Or who laid its cornerstone,
When the morning stars sang together
And all the sons of God shouted for joy? (Job 38:4-7, NASB)

2. How many angels are there?

a. Innumerable.

Correct! The answer is "a"! An untold countless number of angels were individually created! While the Bible does not state the number of angels created, there are other references of quantity.

He said, "The Lord came from Sinai, And dawned on them from Seir; He shone forth from Mount Paran, And He came from the midst of **ten thousand holy ones**; At His right hand there was flashing lightning for them." (Deut 33:2, NASB)

The chariots of God are **myriads, thousands upon thousands**; The Lord is among them as at Sinai, in holiness. (Ps 68:17, NASB)

"But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to **myriads** of angels," (Heb 12:22, NASB)

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was **myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands**, (Rev 5:11, NASB)

In an instance where a human being is indwelt with demons, the numerical term "legion" was mentioned. If taken literally, a Roman legion is comprised of 3,000-6,000 infantry and 100-200 cavalry.

"For He had been saying to him, 'Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!' And He was asking him, 'What is your name?' And he said to Him, 'My name is **Legion**; for we are many.'" (Mark 5:8-9, NASB)

b. Millions.

Sorry, that is incorrect. That number is still too low! But your guess is getting warmer!

c. Thousands.

Sorry, that is incorrect. That number is way too low! Your guess is not even in the ballpark!

3. At the time of their making, were all angels good?

a. Yes.

Correct! The answer is "a"!

At their time of their creation, the angels' spiritual state was good; they were all initially created as holy angels.

b. No.

Sorry, that is incorrect.

The Bible never records God as creating anything that is morally evil!