



## Hear the angels sing!

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As an early Christmas gift, my mom gave me a figurine of a peaceful-looking angel dressed in white with a music box inside that played the Christmas carol "Silent Night." It's a beautiful piece, and yet I know that real angels are not winged beings, as artists have long rendered them. Rather, they are inspiring, spiritual intuitions from God.

In the Bible, angels are messengers from God, ministering to people's needs, announcing, enlightening, and guiding. Those who were receptive to angels, and subsequently obeyed their mandates, were blessed, and these blessings reached many others as well.

As I set the figurine on the table, I began pondering the role the angels of God's presence played in the unfoldment of the Christmas story. From just one to a multitude, angels surrounded the glorious appearing of the holy infant. How could those events have been fulfilled without angels?

The angel Gabriel told Mary her role in the events that would unfold. The angel further assured her that the holy birth would be accomplished through the power of the Highest and the activity of the Holy Ghost, transcending material law and revealing God

as the Father (see [Luke 1:26–35](#)). Joseph's concerns were alleviated, too, as the angel of the Lord assured him of the divine plan (see [Matthew 1:18–25](#)).

To the watchful shepherds, first the angel of the Lord appeared, and then “a multitude of the heavenly host praising God,” rejoicing in the appearing of the Messiah and proclaiming peace and goodwill to all. The shepherds responded to the angel message and went to Bethlehem to see the Christ child (see [Luke 2:8–16](#)). After Jesus' birth, an angel guided Joseph to take the new babe to Egypt for safety, and later directed him when to return home to Israel (see [Matthew 2:13, 20](#)). Throughout the Christmas story, we see angels informing, explaining, comforting, announcing, and guiding all involved.

The day after I'd opened my mom's gift, I continued to be inspired with thoughts about angels. I was finishing a project, painting hundreds of Christmas ornaments for one of my clients. The ornaments were scattered over my work room on the lower level of our split-level home, including on a large drafting table just beneath a window facing the front of the house. As I sat at the table, a little “angel thought” instructed me to pack up all the finished ornaments, which I did. As I sat down again, I heard yet another angel message to go upstairs and listen to the angel music box play “Silent Night.” No sooner had I hurried upstairs to turn on the sweet music than I felt the house being forcefully moved. It was so powerful that I wondered if it was an earthquake or an explosion.

But in fact, our neighbor across the street, while backing her car out of her driveway, had gotten her foot stuck on the gas pedal, causing the car to back up uncontrollably across the street and up the hill of our front yard, and to crash right through the window above my drafting table—the very window I had left just moments before. Both my neighbor and I were unhurt, and the three hundred ornaments I had felt led to pack away were untouched. I was in awe of God's angel messages!

When pondering these events later, I realized that angels are an aspect of heaven—the kingdom that Jesus said was “at hand” ([Matthew 4:17](#)) and “within you” ([Luke 17:21](#)). They reveal to us the immediate accessibility of all the good of the kingdom of heaven here and now. As we entertain—welcome and embrace—angels in our thought, we rise above physical perceptions to realize the presence of God’s kingdom. So, angels are not preventing untoward events from happening so much as revealing that we are all in the kingdom of heaven, in which no discord can happen.

And we can listen for angel thoughts not just at Christmas but always. Our true consciousness is spiritual, and is the dwelling place of angels that reveal health and harmony, the kingdom of heaven, within and all around us.

Every spiritual intuition is an angel, a divine idea from God communicating divine Truth. A beloved psalm assures us: “Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways” ([Psalms 91:9–11](#)).

As we see that our habitation, the place in which we live and move and have our being, is the Most High, the kingdom of heaven, we know that the angels of His presence are with us, revealing that there is no evil, no disease, no pain—no harm at all. Angels are like mighty beams of light, dispersing the mist of discord and fear. They enlighten and acquaint each of us with limitless supply, fresh opportunities, and the constant flow of infinite good, leading our thoughts onward and upward.

The Christmas story brings to light the fact that angels sing to our consciousness the presence of the Christ, the glorious peace and harmony of the kingdom of heaven, right here. We can always hear angels singing for joy in our hearts, opening our thought to perceive the presence of infinite good for all, always!

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