

An Introduction to Archangels

When I first started working with Angels, I was reading a book in the garden and had just turned to a new chapter. My father arrived and as he walked towards me, across my newly laid lawn, I saw him bending and picking up something and when he reached me he handed me a handful of beautiful white feathers. I looked down at the chapter I had just turned to and saw it was entitled 'Feathers'. This was my first conscious experience of Angel whispers, those magical reminders that we are all being loved and cared for.

Feathers are a sign from the Angels and there are many others including butterflies and rainbows. Sometimes you can see magical formations in the clouds such as feathers or a full-blown Angel. I always thought that they would look like fluffy cherubs, but it is the wispy clouds you need to look for. I was driving home from a show and got stuck behind a horsebox. Instead of getting frustrated, I decide just to bumble along behind and that was when I saw my first Angel. It was huge, with a sword and a harp and as the colours of the sunset were beginning to fade, it left a turquoise and blue hue to the sky. There was no doubt in my mind that it was Archangel Michael and I almost ran into the horsebox when I saw it.

The word Angel is derived from the Greek word for Messenger and the halo represents virtue and innocence. The wings represent an Angel's role as a messenger travelling between Heaven and Earth. Originally Angels were not depicted with wings and the earliest example of a winged Angel in art is in a 5th century mosaic in the church of St. Prudencia in Rome. Angels in biblical and ancient non-biblical Jewish and Christian texts are portrayed as spiritual being, superior to humans in both power and knowledge.

In Angelology there are nine choirs of angels divided into three groups of ranks and spheres.

1st Rank, Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones.

These Angels are entirely turned towards God.

2nd Rank, Dominions, Powers and Authorities.

These Angels know God through their concern for the cosmos.

3rd Rank, Principalities, Archangels and Angels.

These Angels oversee nations, are involved with human beings and know God through his creation.

The Seven Archangels:

Archangel Michael

The Archangel Michael is the Angel of courage, strength and protection and he will stand by your side with his mighty sword and shield, ready to protect you.

The Archangel is associated with this words **truth, courage, strength, success and faith**. Call on Michael's mighty sword to protects you, cutting through the cords that bind you to people, places and things.

If you are afraid, lack courage or in need of protection, imagine his dark blue velvet protective cloak around you, helping you to speak and live your truth.

Michael is a mighty warrior and will give you initiative, willpower, drive and energy to follow your path and complete tasks without too much effort. He will help you to develop the strength and focus needed to be successful.

The colours associated with this Angel are **dark peacock blue and turquoise**.

Archangel Gabriel

Let Archangel Gabriel's shining light surround you with protection to guide you through your darkest moments, keeping loved ones safe. Imagine the people and things you want to protect surrounded by pure white light and Gabriel will keep them safe.

The words associated with this Archangel are **protection, intuition, clarity and discipline**.

In order to follow your higher path, Gabriel gives you the discipline and guidance to take the first steps, followed by vision and clarity to follow that path. Sometimes your life choices can be hard but Archangel Gabriel will be with you all the way.

The colours of this Archangel are **gold and white**.

Archangel Raphael

Archangel Raphael is a sage, a seer and the patron saint of the blind. Raphael heals both physically and emotionally, dissolving negativity through the giving and receiving of love and health.

The words associated with this Archangel are **healing, knowledge communication and vision.**

This Angel encourages you to communicate and share your inner wisdom to heal with thoughts, words, visualisations and creativity. You should call on this Angel if you are doing any group work or wishing to exchange knowledge and ideas or create abundance.

The colours associated with this Archangel are **shades of green.**

Archangel Uriel

Archangel Uriel is the Angel of Fire and can help you to release your fears and anger, letting go of the past.

The words associated with this Archangel are **peace, wisdom, light, understanding and change.** Ask for this wisdom and light to bring inner peace, transformation and harmony.

If you are experiencing or want to make major changes in your life, call on Uriel to make the transitions as smooth as possible. If you need to let go, in order to move on, imagine his wings of burning flames releasing you from the past into the present.

The colours traditionally associated to this Archangel are purple and gold but I have been guided to use a **bright orange** to represent the wings of fire.

Archangel Chamuel

This Angel of unconditional love lifts you from your sorrow, helping you to love yourself and others, expressing your innermost feelings.

The words that this Archangel is associated with are **love, caring, tenderness and compassion.** In order for you to give love to others, you need to release negative emotions, helping you to find forgiveness and self-love to mend that bruised and battered heart.

Chamuel will lovingly guide you to be creative and imaginative and to find special inspiration from the depths of your heart.

The colours associated with Chamuel are all **shades of pinks going through to magenta.**

Archangel Zadkiel

Called the Angel of Freedom, Archangel Zadkiel's silver violet flame can purify body, mind and soul, to heal emotions and negative beliefs. This will help you to move on with your life, bringing freedom and forgiveness for yourself and others.

The words associated with this Archangel are forgiveness, mercy, cleansing and freedom.

To call on Zadkiel's silver violet flame simply imagine a circle of these flames and place the people, situations or emotions into the centre. This cannot harm you or the people you love but will burn away the negative emotions and beliefs.

The colours associated with this Archangel are violet and silver.

Archangel Jophiel

Jophiel brings understanding to illuminate your path in life, bringing enlightenment, health and wealth.

The words associated with this Archangel are **joy, wisdom, insight, inspiration and intuition.** Call on Jophiel for those sudden flashes of inspiration and answers to ongoing problems, as well as developing intuition, inner wisdom and insight.

Jophiel brings JOY, laughter and light, removing negativity. Call on this Angel for help with studying, examinations and concentration or if you are giving a talk or presentation.

The colour associated with this Archangel is **yellow.**

Angel Blessings

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