

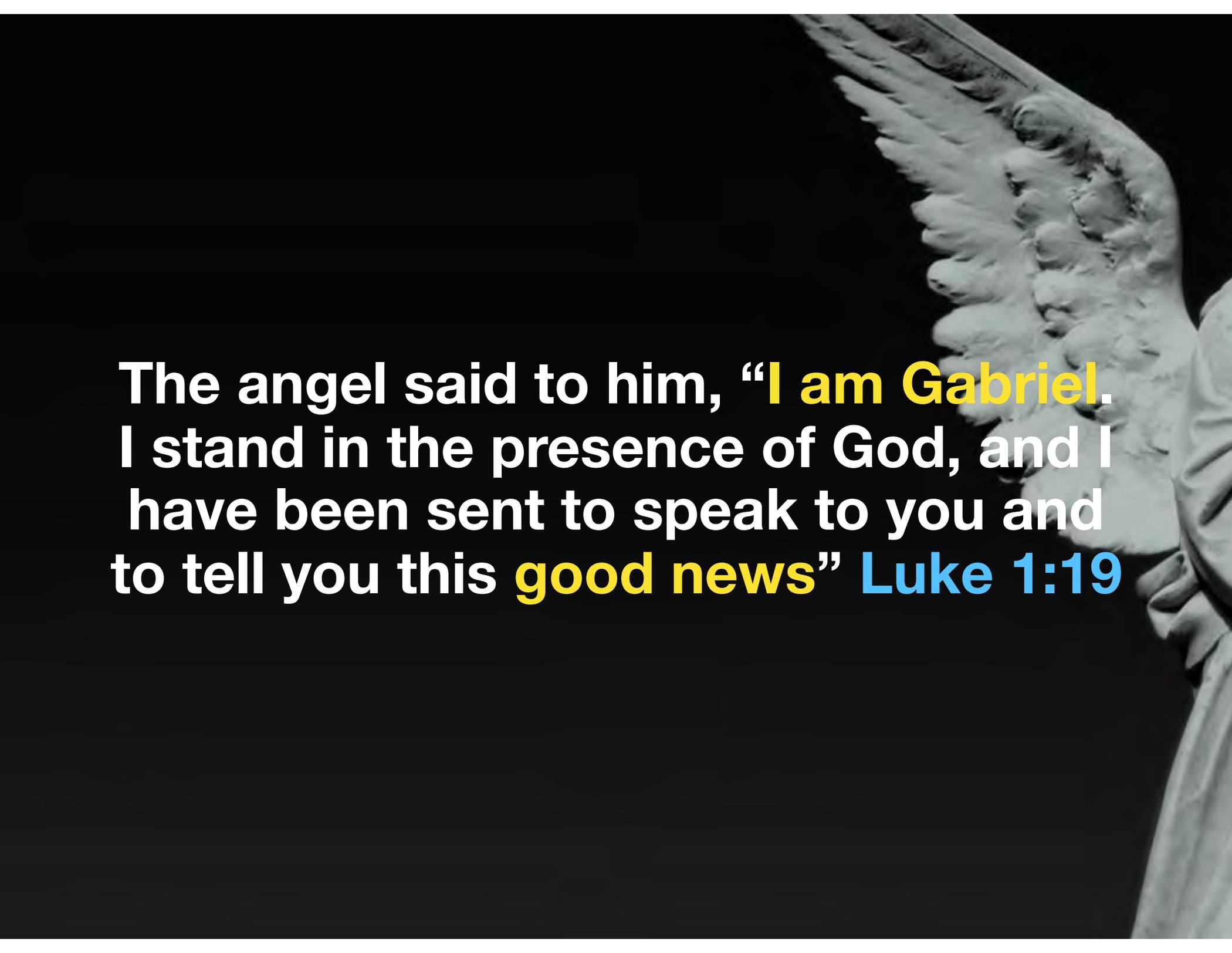
A Gathering of Angels

A Theology of Angels

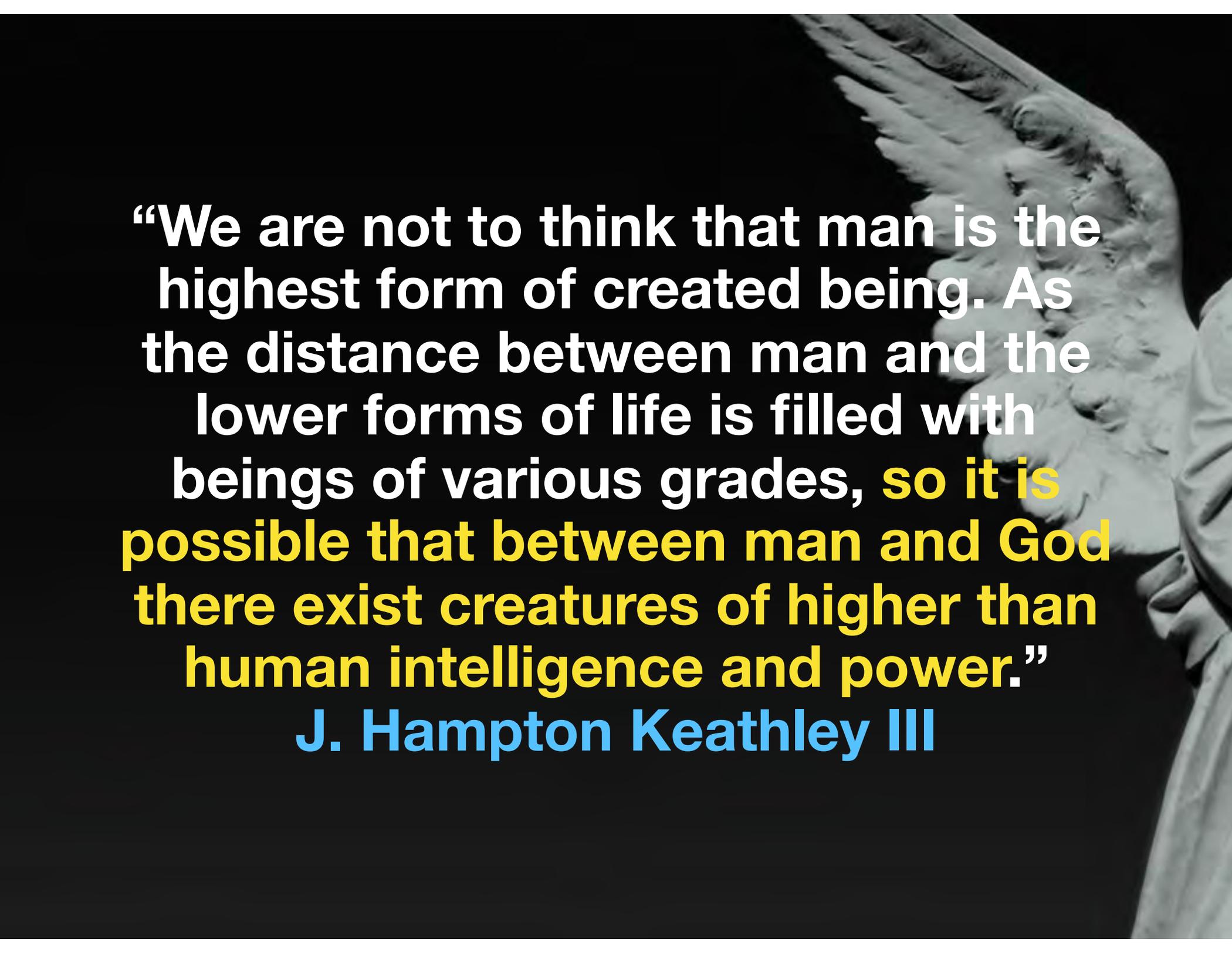


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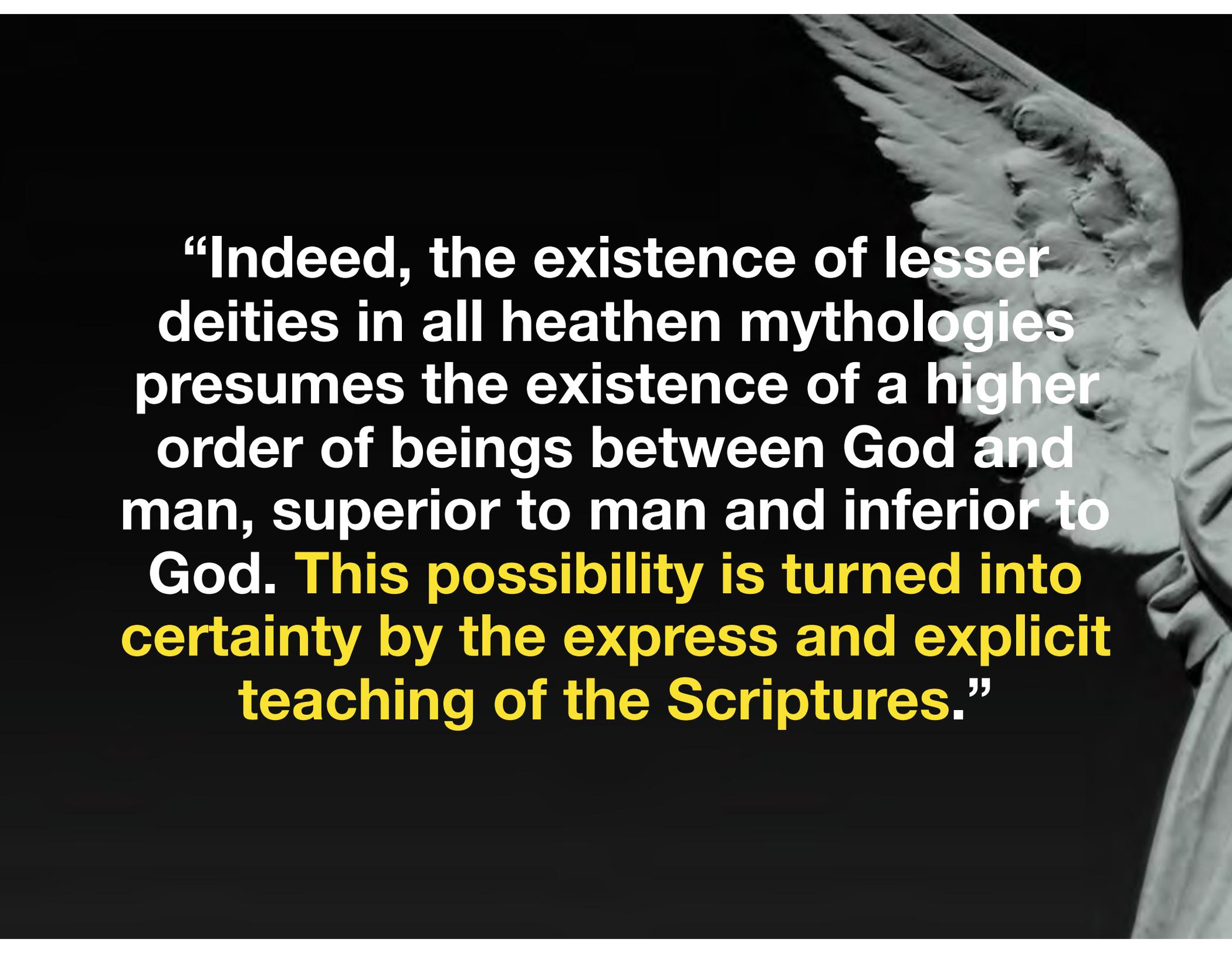


The angel said to him, “**I am Gabriel.**
I stand in the presence of God, and I
have been sent to speak to you and
to tell you this **good news**” **Luke 1:19**

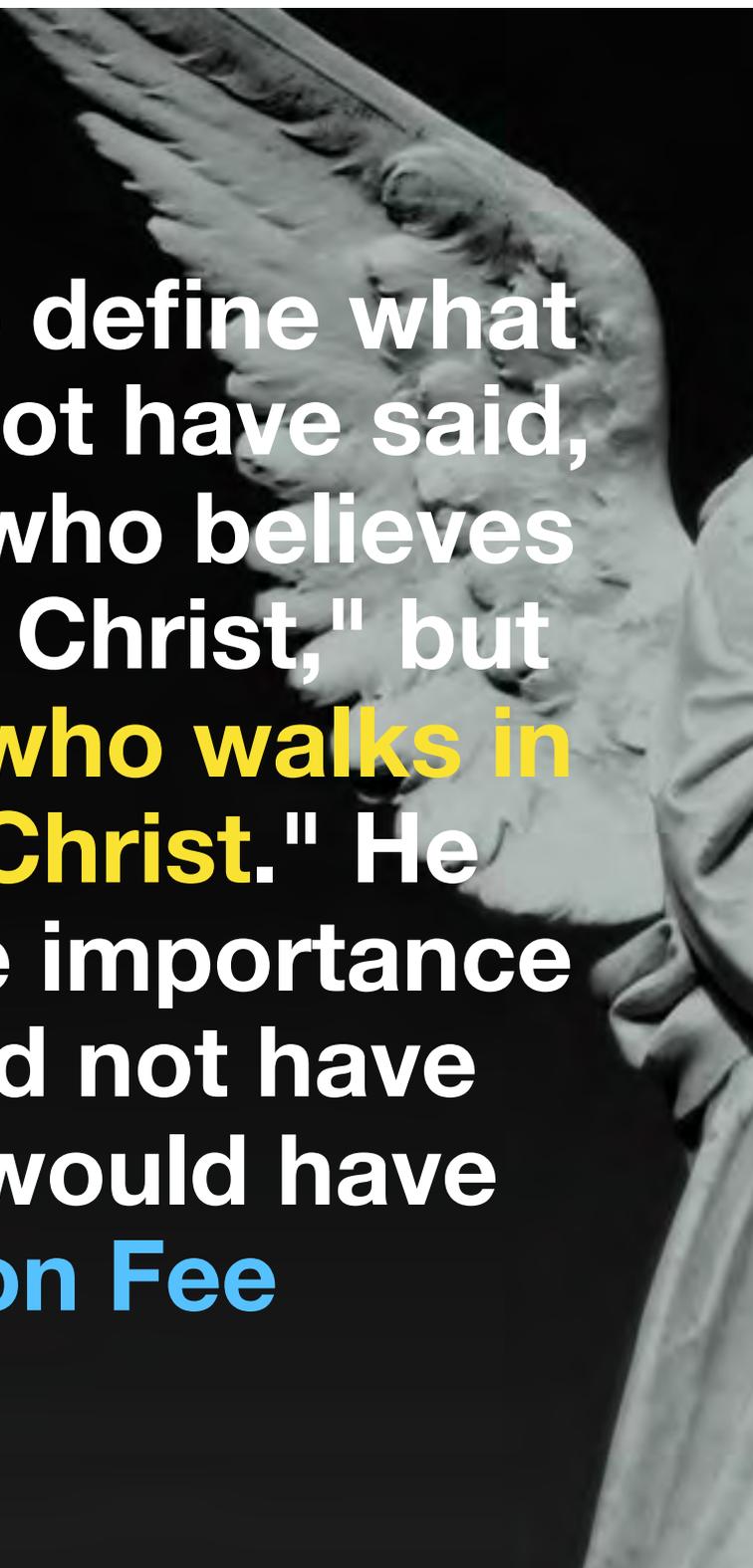


“We are not to think that man is the highest form of created being. As the distance between man and the lower forms of life is filled with beings of various grades, so it is possible that between man and God there exist creatures of higher than human intelligence and power.”

J. Hampton Keathley III

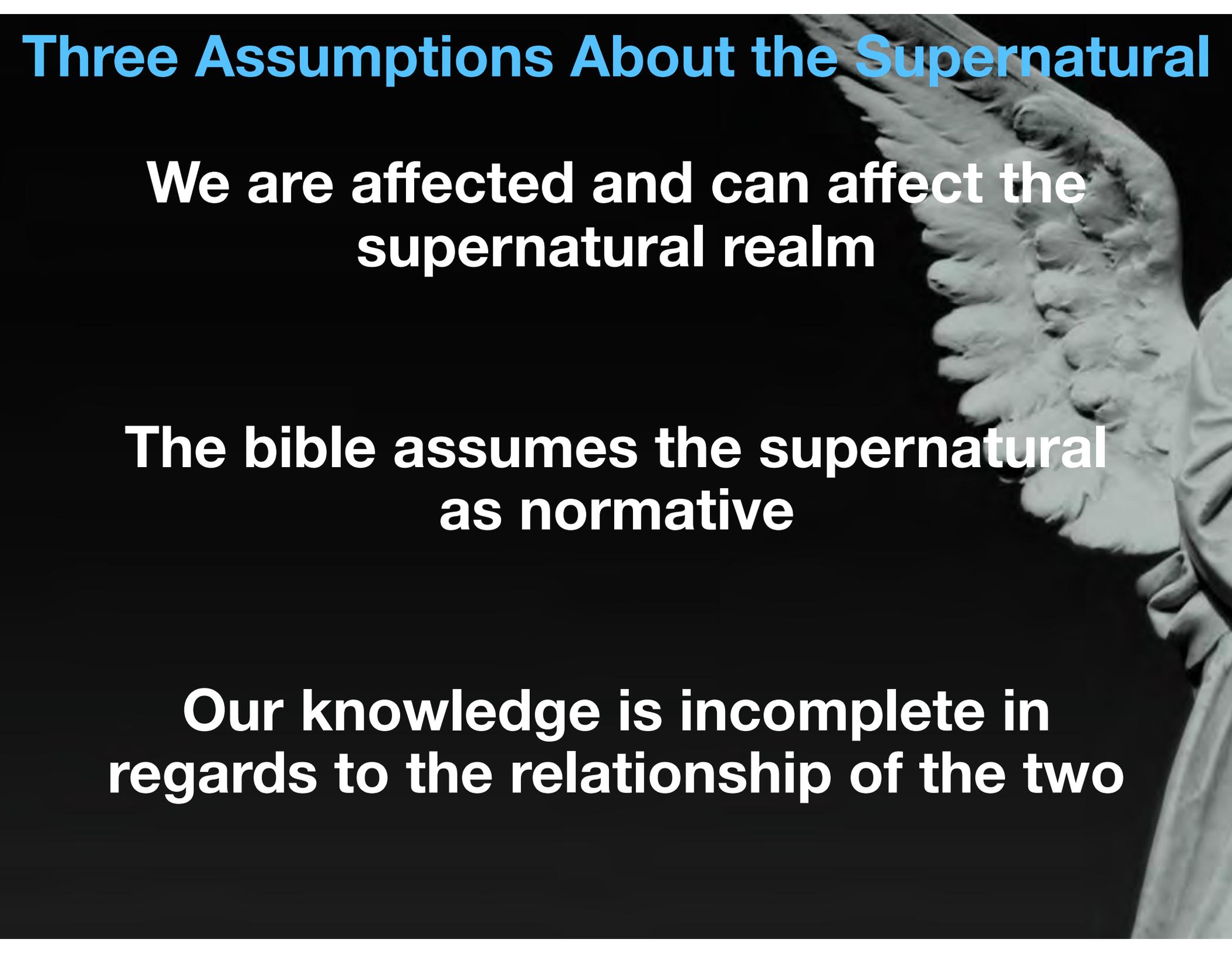


“Indeed, the existence of lesser deities in all heathen mythologies presumes the existence of a higher order of beings between God and man, superior to man and inferior to God. This possibility is turned into certainty by the express and explicit teaching of the Scriptures.”



“If you had asked Paul to define what a Christian is, he would not have said, “A Christian is a person who believes X and Y doctrines about Christ,” but **“A Christian is a person who walks in the Spirit, who knows Christ.” He wouldn't have denied the importance of doctrine, but it would not have been the first thing he would have mentioned.” **Gordon Fee****

Three Assumptions About the Supernatural



We are affected and can affect the supernatural realm

The bible assumes the supernatural as normative

Our knowledge is incomplete in regards to the relationship of the two

The Danger of this Study

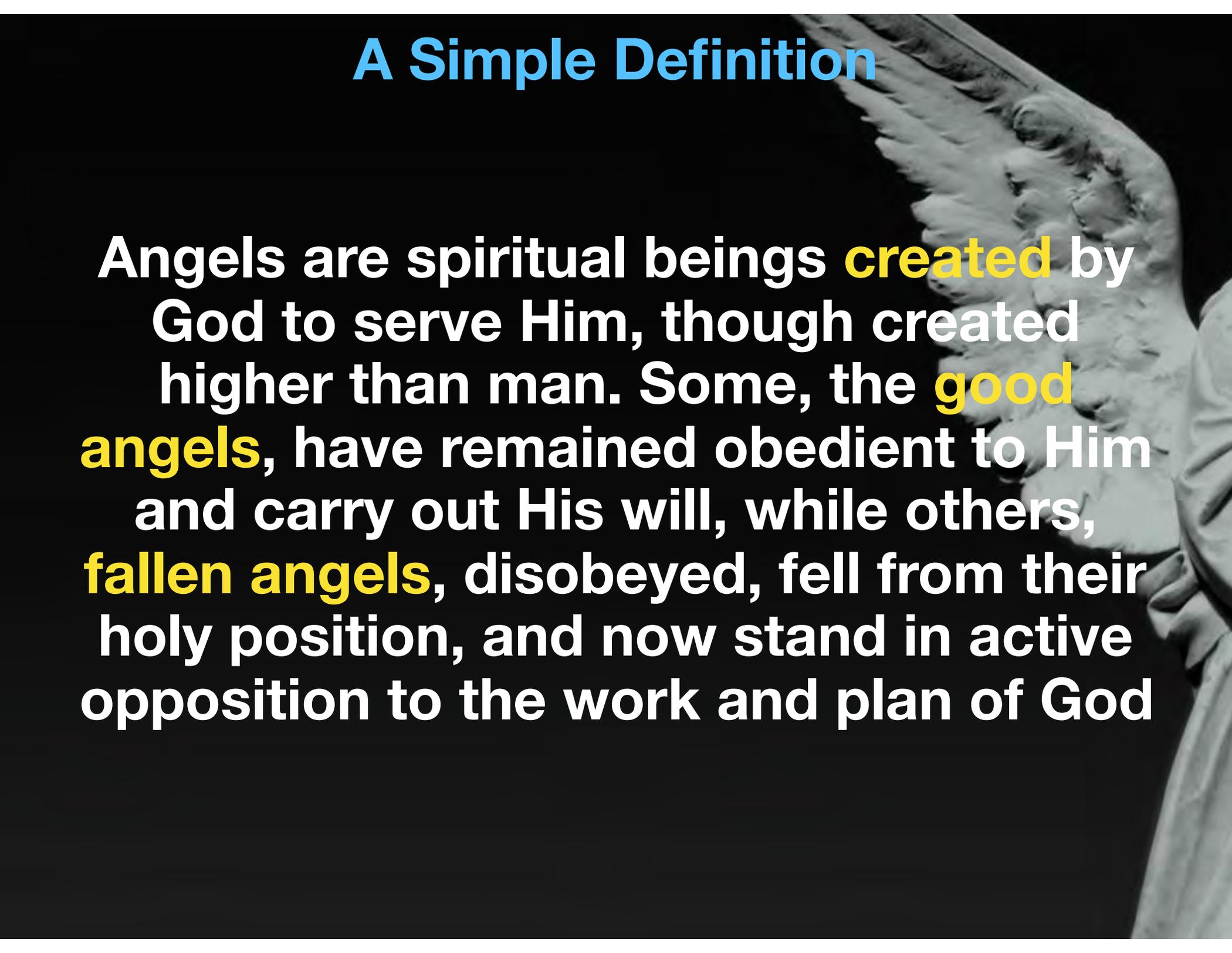


Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and **the worship of angels** disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are **puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind.** **Colossians 2:18**



The mention of angels is inclusive in Scripture. In the NASB translation these celestial beings are referred to 196 times, 103 times in the Old Testament and 93 times in the New Testament.

A Simple Definition



Angels are spiritual beings **created** by God to serve Him, though created higher than man. Some, the **good angels**, have remained obedient to Him and carry out His will, while others, **fallen angels**, disobeyed, fell from their holy position, and now stand in active opposition to the work and plan of God

A Brief History of Angels

Their Creation

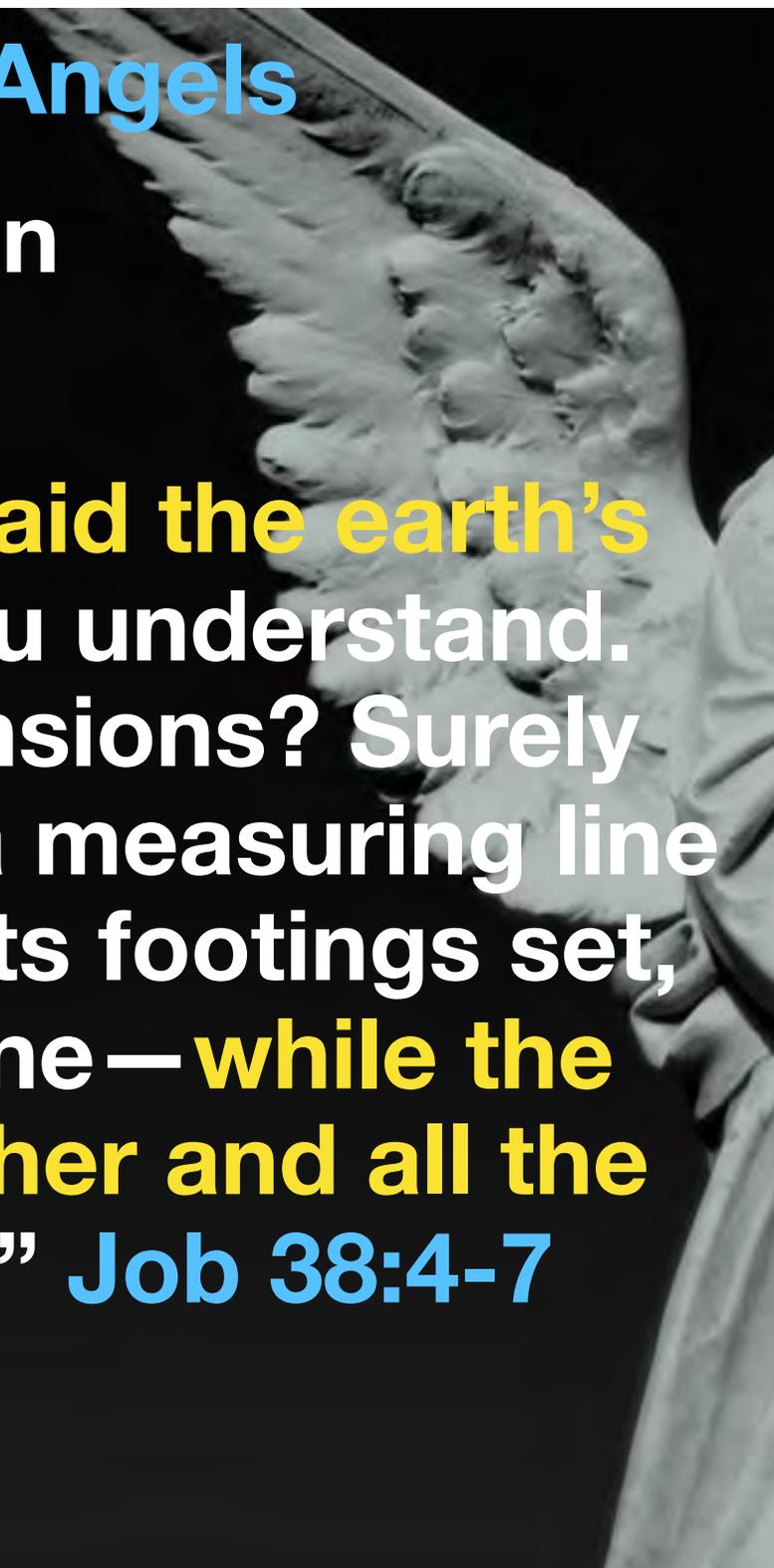
**In the beginning God created the
heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1**



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Their Creation

“Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?” Job 38:4-7



A Brief History of Angels

Their Fall

Then war broke out in heaven. **Michael and his angels fought against the dragon,** and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. **He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.** **Revelation 12:7-9**



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Their Fall

Now **the serpent** was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. **Genesis 3:1**



Angelic Creation

Genesis 1:1

The Fall of Angels

Genesis 3:1

The Fall of Humans

The ongoing war



Cherubs

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Sistine Madonna, Raphael, 1512

Cherubs

After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden **cherubim** and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life. **Genesis 3:24**

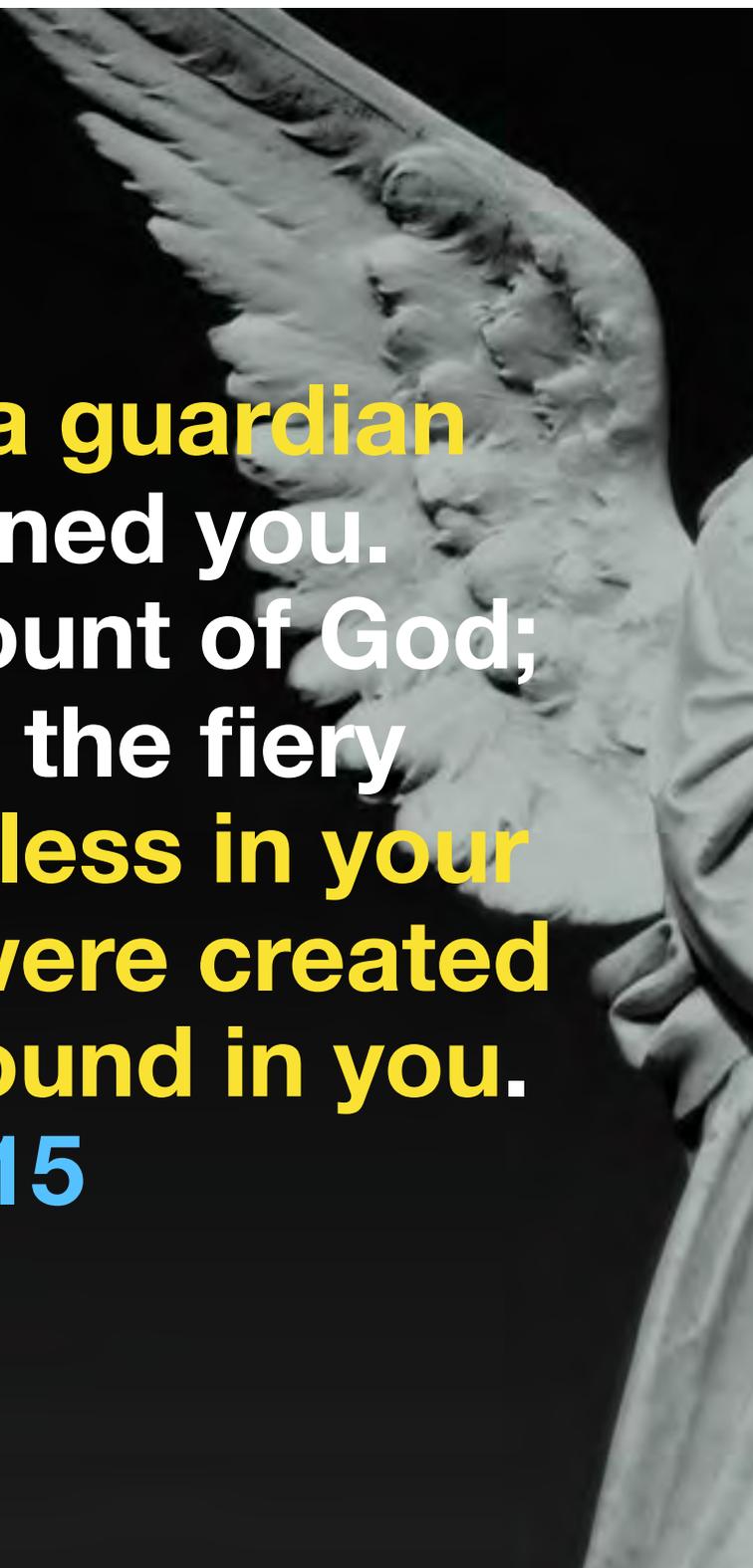


Cherubs

Make one cherub on one end and the second cherub on the other; make the cherubim of one piece with the cover, at the two ends. **The cherubim are to have their wings spread upward, overshadowing the cover with them.** The cherubim are to face each other, looking toward the cover. **Exodus 25:19-20**



Cherubs



You were anointed as **a guardian cherub**, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. **You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.**

Ezekiel 28:14-15

Three Things We Know For Sure About Angels

Angels are created beings

They have freewill and choice

Angels have a part and role in Gods plan





The Christmas story is about God walking amongst us. About His messengers declaring a new era had come.

It is the most supernatural event to take place in history

You and the Supernatural

Your faith is supernatural

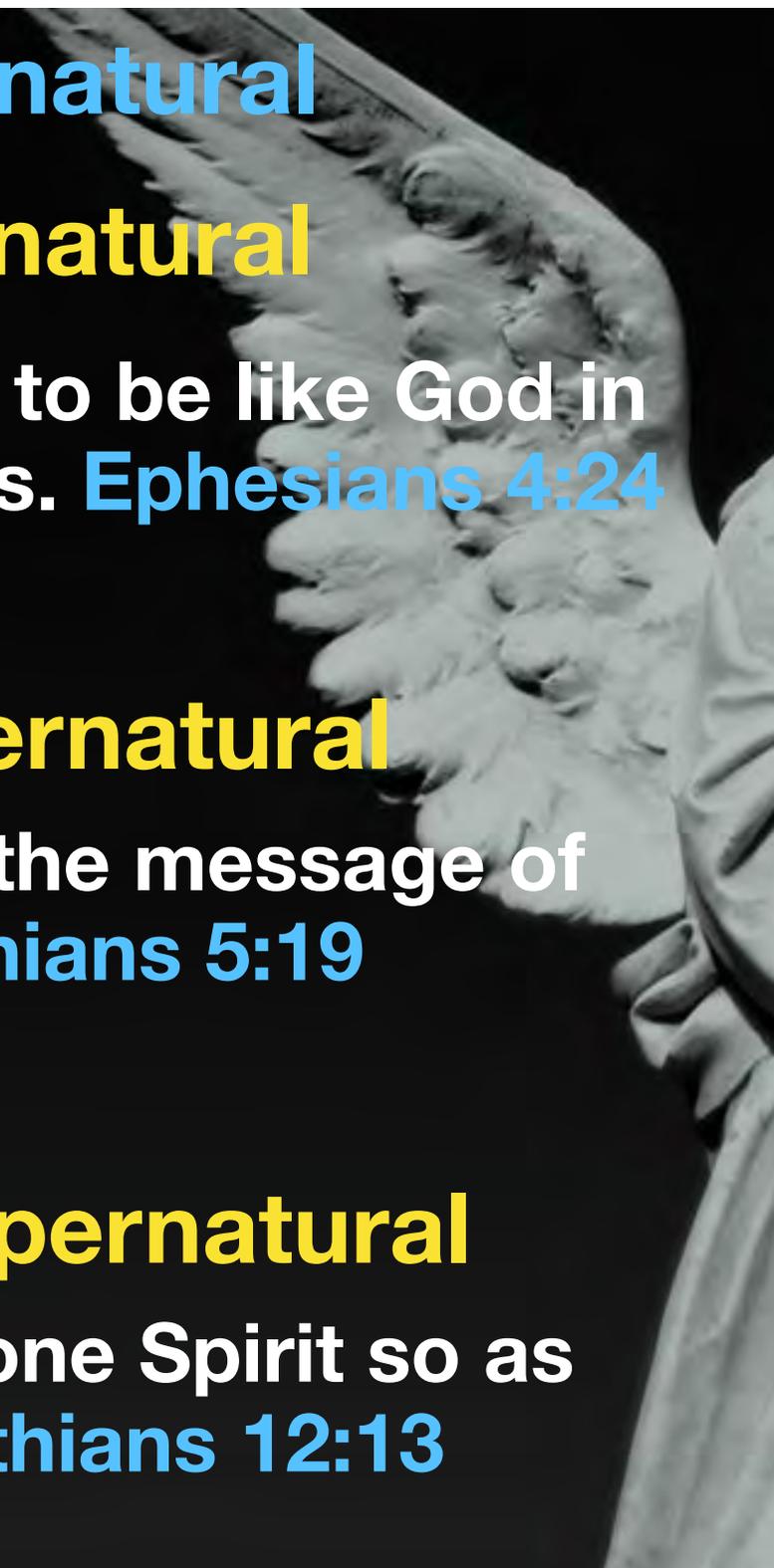
to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. **Ephesians 4:24**

Your mission is supernatural

And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. **2 Corinthians 5:19**

Your community is supernatural

For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body **1 Corinthians 12:13**



**Why did God use angels for
the Christmas story?**

