

ANGELS

III. THEIR NATURE & APPEARANCE

A. **Hebrews 1:7**

Angels are spirits.

1. **Luke 24:39**

Spirits are not composed of matter. They lack flesh and bone.

2. **Genesis 19:15-17**

However, when they manifest on earth, they have a corporeal existence whereby they are “*men*” and can touch humans.

B. **Matthew 22:30**

Angels do not marry. This is fitting inasmuch as they do not die. Procreation is only necessary to reproduce a race that is capable of death. Since marriage is given to satisfy sexual desire (**Hebrews 13:4**), but angels are denied marriage, it is only fitting to conclude they lack such desire. Lacking such desire, it may well be true they lack the anatomy for such behavior.

C. **Psalms 78:24-25**

Since they are not fleshly creatures, this could be simply poetic, but angels are said to eat the manna that the Israelites were once blessed to consume.

D. **1st Corinthians 13:1; 2nd Corinthians 12:4**

It is very likely Paul was exaggerating for emphasis, but there is a slim possibility that angels have their own language.

E. **Revelation 14:6**

Angels are known to fly, but, unlike seraphim and cherubim, they are never described as having wings. That is pure conjecture. Being angels, the laws of aerodynamics and physics do not apply, so wings would be unnecessary for flight.

F. **Judges 13:6; Acts 6:15**

They are known to have a recognizably distinct countenance.

G. Matthew 28:2-3; Mark 16:5

Even on such occasions that they are glowing like lightning they still appear to be men, always human and always masculine in their looks. Not once are angels described as female.

H. Hebrews 13:2; Genesis 18:1-2, 22; 19:1

Angels can disguise themselves as mortal men to the point that humans interacting with them are unaware of their true nature.

I. Matthew 28:4-5; Acts 10:3-4

Both good and evil people consistently tremble in the presence of angels when they are perceptible as such.

J. 2nd Corinthians 11:14-15

However angels may look, we shouldn't put too much emphasis on their appearance because Satan will use that assumption to deceive.