

**TOUCHED BY A (FALLEN) ANGEL**

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I know nothing about angels. What I know about  
angels can dance on the head of a pin.

They all look alike to me. I don't know my cherubim  
from my seraphim. I couldn't recognize an angel if one  
walked up and blessed me right between the eyes.

There is no hard evidence confirming their existence: the National Enquirer has not published a single photo of any naked angel; the Discovery Channel has not exposed the "real truth" about St. Michael the Archangel; E! has not yet confirmed little cherubs gamboling at Michael Jackson's Neverland ranch; Geraldo Rivera has not yet blown open a vault of any archangel stash.

So doubts remain, except for the national tabloids, the same people who also believe that Bat Boy is running for U.S. Senate.

Theologians explain that angels are spiritual beings with free will. Therefore, angels have the ability to choose between good and evil. This is bad news for those of us with guardian angels. Think. Have you been hearing voices whispering suggestions like, "There's nothing wrong with playing in traffic," or, "Just for a gag, let's embezzle a stack of hundreds and see what happens."

Not all angels are good. In the olden days, bad angels played baseball in a ravine in the heart of the City of Angels, but ultimately were banished forever--southward--to Anaheim. Think "Bo Belinski."



If angels can choose between Good and Evil, then certainly some angels must fall between the two extremes and therefore are wishy-washy on commitment. I mean, if there are hard choices to be made, then surely some choices must be harder than others. Thus, flying around us must be some wuss angels who are moral doofuses.

Is your guardian angel a flake? a screw-up? Be honest. Lately, have your hunches been consistently wrong? Next time you get a gut feeling that you ought not take a plane trip, it might be that your guardian angel is just having a bad angel-hair day.

Let us pray that our guardian angels heed the words of St. Peter (Townshend): "We won't get fooled again!"

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