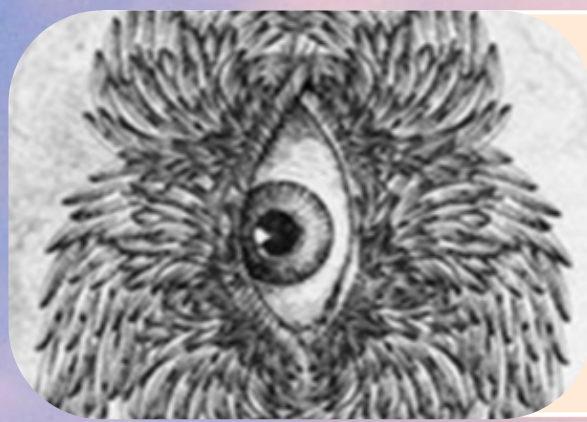


THE NINE CHOIRS OF ANGELS



SERAPHIM

These are the highest order or choir of angels. They are the angels who are attendants or guardians before God's throne. Seraphim have six wings, two cover their faces, two cover their feet, and two are for flying.



CHERUBIM

Cherubim are manlike in appearance, double-winged, and are guardians of God's glory. They symbolize God's power and mobility. Catholic tradition describes them as angels who have an intimate knowledge of God and continually praise Him.



THRONES

Thrones are the Angels of pure Humility, Peace, and Submission. They reside in the area of the cosmos where material form begins to take shape. The lower Choir of Angels need the Thrones to access God.



DOMINIONS

Dominions are Angels of Leadership. They regulate the duties of the angels, making known the commands of God.



VIRTUES

Virtues are known as the Spirits of Motion and control the elements. They govern all nature. They have control over seasons, stars, moon; even the sun is subject to their command. They are also in charge of miracles and provide courage, grace, and valor.



POWERS

Powers are Warrior Angels against evil defending the cosmos and humans. They are known as potentates. They fight against evil spirits who attempt to wreak chaos through human beings. The chief is said to be either Samael or Camael, both angels of darkness.



ARCHANGELS

Archangels are generally taken to mean "chief or leading angel" (Jude 9; 1 Thes 4:16), they are the most frequently mentioned throughout the Bible. The Archangels have a unique role as God's messenger to the people at critical times in history and salvation.



PRINCIPALITIES

These beings were created through Christ and for Him (Col 1:16). Given their hostility to God and humans due to sin, Christ's ultimate rule over them expresses the reign of the Lord over all in the cosmos. This is the Lordship of Christ, which reveals God conquering sin.



ANGELS

These angels are closest to the material world and human beings. They deliver our prayers to God, and God's answers to humans. Angels have the capacity to access any and all other Angels at any time. They are the most caring and social to assist those who ask for help.