

Satano-Grigorist Angelology

A comprehensive guide to the classification and identification of angels from the Satano-Grigorist perspective.

Introduction

In our religion, angels and their master are not representations of some ultimate cosmic antagonist; Satano-Grigorism is not dualistic. However, they are still opposed and disliked, and their presence is undesirable. The existence of Satano-Grigorist angelology (the classification and study of angels) thus serves a dual purpose. Firstly, knowledge of angels is vital to comprehend the success of Yahwism, and secondly, it is quite useful to Satano-Grigorist practice itself.

Owing to the battle of the Watchers and Nephilim against the incarnated angels during the Great Descent, Satano-Grigorists are especially offensive to angels – thus, we are even more likely to be antagonized than other Satanists and occultists. In order to understand angels' behavior, one must remember that they are obsequious servants of Yahweh, and that most lower-ranking angels are not even aware of Yahweh's deception (or at least not of the true extent of his deception.) Thus, they feel righteous and justified in their behavior toward us, even those who behave outright maliciously and seek to cause harm.

This document seeks to codify a systematic method of angel classification from the Satano-Grigorist standpoint. Our system is influenced by a wide variety of sources. The following unordered list, though not exhaustive, includes most of the sources and influences from which Satano-Grigorist angelology was partially derived.

- *Parabiblical texts (apocrypha and pseudepigrapha) mentioning angels.* –
- *Jewish Talmudic, Midrashic, and rabbinical writings on angels.* –
- *Reports of angelic encounters from Satano-Grigorists.* –
- *Islamic exegetical writings on angels.* –
- *Medieval Catholic angelology.* –
- *Early Christian angelology.* –
- *Revelation from Watchers.* –

Angelic Basics

Angels are not a monolith; they come in several different orders (“types,” “species,” or “races”) that have different characteristics from other orders. All angels belonging to a given order share certain traits. Angels of an order are usually similar to each other in visual appearance and role, and while any angel of any order can have high or low power, some orders are on average more powerful and more important than others. These are the basic concepts on which our angelology system is built. It is worth noting that archangels are *not* an order of angels in themselves; the term simply denotes very powerful and important angels who take direct commands from Yahweh and command other angels (usually of their order, but sometimes of other orders as well).

The angelic orders can be divided into categories as follows.

Attendant angels are those orders that always or nearly always remain in the direct company of Yahweh and rarely or never interact with humans – the seraphim, cherubim, and ophanim.

Intermediary angels are those orders that rarely or almost never interact with humans, but also do not remain in the presence of Yahweh, mainly interacting with other angels – the archai and kyriotetes.

Delegate angels are those orders whose primary function is to directly interact with humans or the material world in some way – the er’elim, hashmallim, dynames, memitim, mal’akhim, and ishim.

In the headline for each order’s entry is first the plural term for referencing the order collectively or for multiple angels of that type, then the singular form denoted with s., for referencing one angel. Some names may be of Hebrew origin, others of Latin or Greek origin – alternative names for each order, if existent, are also given. Order names should not be capitalized in writing.

The Seraphim (s. seraph)

Other Names or Spellings

Sometimes 'serafim.' The singular may also be spelled 'saraph' or, rarely, 'saraf.' However, 'saraphim' or 'sarafim' is never correct.

Appearance

Seraphim appear as tall and slender bright white humanoids, with their skin having the appearance of complete smoothness unlike human skin. Their eyes are completely white and glowing, and they appear visually sexless, with no indication of humanlike sexual characteristics. Seraphim have six white wings; out of humility and servile attitude toward Yahweh, they often assume the "concealment pose" when facing Yahweh or in his immediate presence. In this pose, the top pair of wings is used to cover the saraph's face, the middle (largest) pair is used for flight, and the lower pair is used to cover its feet.

Function & Behavior

Seraphim almost never, if ever, interact with humans or spiritual beings (besides Yahweh and other seraphim). They surround and accompany Yahweh, chanting "holy, holy, holy is Yahweh" or other obsequious praises and expressions of worship. Their main function is simply to worship Yahweh, but they do possess a significant amount of naphsha, which they will give to Yahweh or other angels at Yahweh's command. The seraphim are the least independent and individualized angels, and they often lack a proper sense of self, existing as a hivemind of sorts that is solely dedicated to the worship of Yahweh. Many seraphim are probably nameless, and individuals are usually indistinguishable from each other, with their appearances, behavior, and functions being identical or nearly so.

Identification

You will almost certainly never encounter a saraph. If you see seraphim in a vision, you can identify them by their visual appearance or their constant chants of worship and praise toward Yahweh. They are almost never seen alone, being always accompanied by other seraphim, if not Yahweh as well.

Defense & Banishment

Seraphim are not known to antagonize or interact with humans. No specific defense or banishment methods are known or needed for these angels.

Examples

Seraphiel, in the 3rd Book of Enoch, is said to be the highest-ranking saraph.

The Cherubim (s. cherub)

Other Names or Spellings

Sometimes 'kerubim,' singular form 'kerub.'

Appearance

Most cherubim have four arms with wings attached, two legs, and four heads or faces. The heads or faces are typically as follows: one of a man, one of a bull, one of a lion, and one of an eagle. Their legs are straight and humanlike, but they have hooves instead of human feet. Their arms are humanlike, but are usually covered in fine feathers. The wings of cherubim are usually varied shades of yellow to golden-brown, and unusually, they attach to the arms rather than the back as in most other winged spirit-forms. Their hands are humanlike and unfeathered. Not all cherubim have this exact form – some may have six winged arms instead of four; some may have a different animal as one of their four heads or faces; some may have feet or paws instead of hooves; some may have other minor variations not listed.

Function & Behavior

Cherubim generally remain in the company of Yahweh. Aside from worshipping Yahweh, their main function is guarding Yahweh and his entourage against attacks or intrusion from other spiritual beings.

Identification

You will almost certainly never directly interact with a cherub. In visions, cherubim can be immediately identified by their distinctive visual forms.

Defense & Banishment

If it even happens at all, any interaction between cherubim and humans in modern times must be extremely rare. There are no known reliable reports of cherubim contacting Satanists. No specific defense or banishment methods are known or needed for these angels.

Examples

Kerubiel is said to be the highest-ranking cherub. Other angels named as cherubim in some Judeo-Christian texts include Sachiël and Rikbiel. The Islamic angel Ridwan, who supposedly guards paradise, is a cherub.

The Ophanim (s. ophan)

Other Names or Spellings

Also 'galgallim,' singular form 'galgal.' Alternate spellings are 'auphanim' and 'ofanim'.

Christian angelology uses the name 'thrones' for this order.

Appearance

Ophanim are made up of several offset spinning golden or white rings (one inside the other) that appear to be metallic or ceramic, with eyes inset in a single-file line around the entire outside of each ring. The forms of these angels may vary in size and eye color. The number of rings can also vary, usually being two, three, or four. They can be fully gold, fully white, or – more commonly – have various color patterns or accents consisting of both gold and white. Some Yahwist art symbolically depicts ophanim in humanoid form; it is not known if they can actually appear this way.

Function & Behavior

Ophanim are part of Yahweh's entourage. Like the seraphim and cherubim, they are said to praise Yahweh constantly and incessantly. It is said in some Jewish prayers that they face the seraphim as they praise Yahweh, though it is unclear how one could determine an ophan is facing in a certain direction; we theorize that it has to do with where they are focusing their open eyes. In some visions, ophanim have been seen functioning as the "wheels" of Yahweh's chariot (merkabah), though this is most likely symbolic.

Identification

Ophanim are not known to directly interact with humans. In visions, they can be identified by their extremely distinctive and bizarre visual forms.

Defense & Banishment

Since ophanim are not known to interact with humans, no specific defense or banishment methods are known or needed for these angels.

Examples

Ophanniel is said to be the highest-ranking ophan. Pahaliah is another angel, albeit with dubious source material, who is said to be an ophan.

The Archai (s. arché)

Other Names or Spellings

In Christian angelology, 'principalities' or 'rulers.' Sometimes misunderstood as 'archaei' with singular 'archaeus,' which would imply an association with time, but this is false and stems from an etymological mistake.

Appearance

Humanoid angels with anywhere between one and five pairs of white wings, completely white skin that is often finely feathered, and eyes all over their bodies.

Function & Behavior

There are relatively few archai; they are used to monitor certain things for Yahweh and alert him through his archangels of important developments. Higher-ranking archai may report to Yahweh directly, but do not remain in his company outside of delivering their messages and taking orders. They may also command other types of angels to go and act on something they have observed, and archai are stationed to manage important places or communities of Yahwists, such as prominent churches. They oversee the activity of mal'akhim and dynames in areas such as churches that they are set to 'rule' over, and they may dispatch delegate angels as needed to address unrest or interference with the cult of Yahweh.

Identification

Archai rarely, if ever, directly interact with humans. However, if you detect the presence of one during ritual or meditation, it will feel like a subtle but unsettling sense of being watched, often followed by disturbance by mal'akhim or memitim. This can also be sensed sometimes in large churches or other Yahwist worship centers. In visions, archai can be identified by their distinctive appearance.

Defense & Banishment

If the presence of an arché is noticed, the best way to defend yourself from it is power meditation and visualization of a naphsha shield around you, then visualization of yourself being blanketed by obscuring darkness. Praying to Tamiel to keep you hidden and undisturbed by the prying eyes of archai is also effective and recommended.

True banishment of an arché, as opposed to mere defense, is quite challenging and tiring. However, if you do attempt banishment, we recommend invocation of Satanael first, and then of the Watchers Irrabon'il, Samyaza, Tamiel, Zaqiel, Sathariel, and Armaros. Blood and herbal offerings should be used if at all possible. Try to use at least some of the following – bay leaves, sandalwood, mugwort, wormwood, white sage, Palo Santo, and/or thyme.

Examples

Aker, Bebueros, Gabuthelon, and Zebuleon – mentioned in the Greek Apocalypse of Ezra – are archai. The archangels Haniel and Pravuil (or Vretil) are high-ranking archai, as is Qafsiel (Casiel or Cassiel). One we have encountered and banished is called Tsaphael. Other known archai include Verchiel, Hahasiah, Imamah, Mebahiah, Nithael, Poyel, and Vehuel.

The Kyriotetes (s. kyriotetos)

Other Names or Spellings

In Christian angelology, 'dominions' or 'lordships.'

Appearance

Four-winged humanoid angels, usually bearing a golden scepter in one hand. Their wings can be white, yellowish, or birdlike dappled brown shades.

Function & Behavior

Kyriotetes are used as intermediate commanders – “supervisors” or “managers” – to run subdivisions of angels of the delegate orders. They report to the head of the order they are managing, rather than taking their commands directly from Yahweh.

Identification

Kyriotetes rarely, if ever, interact with humans. In visions, they can be identified by their distinct appearance and their scepters. It can be assumed that most delegate angels are managed by a kyriotetos.

Defense & Banishment

Since kyriotetes are not known to interact with humans, no specific defense or banishment methods are known or needed for these angels. However, if you are able to obtain the name of a delegate angel's supervising kyriotetos, you may be able to include in your banishment not only the offending angel but all others who are directed by that kyriotetos.

Examples

The archangel Camael, first mentioned by Pseudo-Dionysius, is a kyriotetos; Muriel and Vasariah are two other kyriotetes known from texts written by mystics and esotericists.

The Hashmallim (s. hashmal)

Other Names or Spellings

None known.

Appearance

Hashmallim are elemental spirits of a sort. They can appear either as a strange being with an appearance similar to amber, or as a mass or cloud of flames and smoke (rarely, also involving steam or ice). The cloud can be amorphous or formed into the shape of a human, animal, or something else. The amber-like form is not well known or described in detail in any text, so at the moment we are unable to provide any specifics of it.

Function & Behavior

Hashmallim appear to be scarce. In the few textual references to them, they seem to be sent as protectors and guides for Yahweh's followers, and are sent solo rather than in groups. In addition to their guiding or shepherding role, they may also be assigned to surreptitiously influence the mood and life of an occultist, confusing their mind and stagnating their spiritual growth. Hashmallim are stealthy and enigmatic entities, and one must watch carefully if the influence of one is suspected. It is believed – but not confirmed – that they may come in two or more different subtypes with different functions. They may attempt to mislead their victim into thinking they are being influenced by another type of angel, so that banishments are targeted at the wrong type of being and are unsuccessful.

Identification

Their presence is often not detectable; influence of a hashmal should be suspected if one is experiencing a long period of unusual fatigue, depression, and stagnation or failure in spiritual works. Repeated unsuccessful banishments in an attempt to resolve what appears to be a memit or dynamis problem are also a sign. In visions, they may be readily identified by their appearance as sapient clouds of smoke, flame, steam, and ice, or as “amber-like” beings.

Defense & Banishment

There is no standardized banishment method in place for hashmallim, and they have a tendency of coming back quickly. The only known hashmal incident in the Temple was resolved with a Hermonic binding rite, which is an advanced technique that is not recommended without significant experience. If you encounter a hashmal, consult a Temple Elder for further guidance and a removal plan will be made.

Examples

The “column of cloud [and] fire” that “goes before” the Israelites in Exodus 13:22 is a hashmal, as is the Islamic angel Habib, said to be made of ice and fire. There is a hashmal named Hayyal who was assigned to Temple elders, but he has been bound thoroughly by a Hermonic rite, and will be used to collect information and naphsha.

The Er'elim (s. er'el)

Other Names or Spellings

Also Greek 'exousiai,' singular 'exousia.' Can also be rendered as 'erelim,' singular 'erel.' In Christian angelology, these angels are known as 'powers,' though some sources incorrectly equate er'elim with the 'thrones' (who are in fact the ophanim). Muslim texts call the er'elim 'jundullah,' meaning the army of Allah (Yahweh).

Appearance

Humanoid angels with a strong masculine build, usually wearing armor and bearing weapons such as swords or spears. They have a single pair of large, broad wings (much larger than those of mal'akhim) that may be white or any color besides black.

Function & Behavior

First and foremost, these angels are used by Yahweh for war, to fight for conquest on Yahweh's behalf – they are Yahweh's army. They are not used as assassins or destroyers of a passive enemy; that role is more in the realm of the memitim. Many of the archangels who directly serve Yahweh are er'elim, but non-archangel er'elim do not directly report to Yahweh. They most commonly take orders from a kyriotetos or – in the case of higher-ranking er'elim – from an archangel of their own order. The incarnated angels who were led by Gabriel to battle the Nephilim and their human sympathizers were primarily er'elim, though some mal'akhim and dynames were also incarnated and participated in the effort. Er'elim are combative when encountered and consider themselves to be holy warriors, devoted to Yahweh's cause at all costs.

Identification

The presence of an er'el feels hostile and aggressive, but not manipulative like that of a memit. When present, they will attempt to suppress your power or interfere with successful contact of the gods. In visions, er'elim can be distinguished from mal'akhim as follows: er'elim are larger, more muscular, more masculine, and have much larger wings. They do sometimes have a similar appearance to Watchers, but the feeling they generate is very different, and er'elim will almost always have some kind of symbol of Yahweh attached; the color scheme of their garments and armor (usually white and gold) is also different.

Defense & Banishment

Prayer to Turiel for strength and Gadre'el for success in "battle" is the first line when confronted by an er'el. The standard Banishment of Angels with invocation of Satanael should be effective. If you are to denigrate the er'elim in your banishment, the best route to take is to insult their delusion of being valiant holy warriors, and call them instead fools and slaves, trapped by their weak desires to serve something great.

Examples

Most of the archangels are high-ranking er'elim, including Michael, Uriel, Phanuel, Raguel, Selathiel, Zadkiel, Iehudiel, Sahaquiel, and Remiel. Other er'elim with known names include Yahoel, Hamaliel, Mitzrael, Marmoniel, and Cecitiel.

The Dynames (s. dynamis)

Other Names or Spellings

In Christian angelology, 'virtues.'

Appearance

Dynames have two forms. In their first form, they appear humanlike with two white wings and glowing white eyes like the eyes of seraphim. In their second form, they appear just like ordinary humans; it is in this form that Gabriel and Raphael appeared to Abraham and Lot in Sodom.

Function & Behavior

Dynames are responsible for answering most prayers, carrying out major supernatural events and "miracles" on Yahweh's behalf, and absorbing naphsha from human servants of Yahweh that can then be transferred to Yahweh. They rarely bother occultists, but it does happen sometimes, especially if a Yahwist has prayed for that person to be turned to Yahweh.

Identification

The presence of dynames can manifest in a few different ways, but usually, it feels like a sapping of naphsha and a strong sensation of unwelcome external presence in your space. Dynames may affect your altar candle or other minor physical things or try to divert your naphsha to themselves, away from yourself or the god you are contacting. In visions, they can be identified by their glowing white eyes, white wings, and otherwise human appearance, if in their first form. In the second form, they can be very difficult to tell apart visually from ishim or even human spirits, so you must rely on context and differences in the sensation of their presence to identify them.

Defense & Banishment

Ceasing your ritual or power meditation will cut off the source of naphsha that the dynamis is feeding on. If you do not wish to do that, the first thing to try is typically a prayer to Satanael in which you declare that your naphsha and space are your own, and then ask for the strength to defend them.

The typical Banishment of Angels with invocation of Satanael should work for dynames. If you wish to denigrate them in your banishment, the term 'leeches' works very well as an insult. As with most delegate angels, invocation of Sathariel in addition to Satanael is fairly effective at getting them to leave.

Examples

Some of the well-known archangels are dynames, including Gabriel, Raphael, and Sarakiel (Suriyel). Other named dynames include Kalka'i, and Arariel.

The Memitim (s. memit)

Other Names or Spellings

Also 'mashhitim,' singular 'mashhit' or 'mašhit.' Jewish texts often use 'satanim,' but this is discouraged by GToS due to potential confusion. The Muslim name is 'zabaniyah.'

Appearance

Memitim are shapeshifters, with the ability to appear however they want. It is not known what form they prefer to take most often, and that is probably a preference specific to each memit, but it is known that Samael often appears as a twelve-winged angel with a sword.

Function & Behavior

Memitim are utilized for a range of jobs associated with punishment, torment, temptation, destruction, and death. Characteristically, they try to lure people to Yahweh by inducing negative emotions in order to emotionally manipulate their victims into turning to Yahweh. Some memitim are associated more with torment and harm, others with reinforcement and shaming. They use their shapeshifting abilities wisely, often appearing as stereotypical "demons" to Yahwists they want to scare into submission, or mimicking a Satanist's deceased friends and family to convince them that their loved ones' spirits are angry with them. To Yahwists, they often present themselves as being genuine adversaries of Yahweh rather than just his double agents, encouraging Yahwist zealots' desire to "vanquish the enemy." Instances of "demonic possession," excluding cases of mental illness and hoaxes, are caused by memitim.

Identification

The presence of memitim can be easily recognized by the feelings of irrational guilt, remorse, self-doubt, and fear they induce, especially when these feelings involve your religion. Memitim can cause visions of "hell," irrational fears of punishment if you do not serve Yahweh, and other such afflictions. When you are not sure if memitim are responsible, try an appropriate banishment – if the problem goes away, then you know the answer.

Defense & Banishment

You must remain rational and calm in the face of their irrational emotions – do not let them get to you. Focus your naphsha on the ideas of truth and resilience, and keep in mind that you are proud of what you believe in. The framework of the basic Banishment of Angels can be used, with the addition of invocations to Sathariel and Penemue; accuse the memitim of perverting Sathariel's art and attacking the fabric of reason, which is beloved by Penemue. Herbs and incenses such as white sage, palo santo, and pine resin can be burned; this actually works for removal of memitim in many cases. The most important thing when dealing with memitim is to steel yourself and remember the power of your Will and your gods.

Examples

The archangel Samael, also known as Azra'il, is the chief of the memitim. The archangel Sarathiel is also a memit; his role relates to discipline and guilt. Temeluch (called Maalik by Muslims) is a high-ranking memit, as are Abaddon, Kapziel, Dumah, Mashbir, Hemah, and Af. Others include Shelachail, Kushiell, Lahatiell, Shoftiell, Makatiell, Hutriell, Puriell, and Rogziell.

The Mal'akhim (s. mal'akh)

Other Names or Spellings

Can be rendered as 'malakhim,' singular 'malakh,' or as 'malakim,' singular 'malak.' The Islamic name for them is 'darda'il.' In Christian angelology, they are the order of 'angels.'

Appearance

Mal'akhim are what most people would imagine at the mention of the word 'angel.' They look like slender human youths, slightly effeminate, looking maybe sixteen to nineteen in age. They have white wings and hairless faces, and almost always have blond hair.

Function & Behavior

Mal'akhim lure people to Yahwism – and keep them in it – using positive reinforcement, inducing feelings of love, warmth, contentment, comfort, and belonging in people who are doing Yahweh's will or thinking about doing so. They are present in churches and worship gatherings, and are responsible for people claiming they can feel the energy of the so-called Holy Spirit when they pray. When they bother Satanists or other occultists, they do it by inducing irrational thoughts and feelings of love and warmth toward Yahweh or Jesus, preying on the human desire to belong and be loved. They usually believe that they are "just trying to help people," and they have quite the victim and savior complex, seeing themselves as selfless messengers of good in a cruel world who are just trying to show light to the lost.

Identification

Their influence can be easily identified because it causes positive feelings toward Yahweh that are not based in reason and that you would never have otherwise. In visions, they can be identified by appearance, and can be distinguished from er'elim by their build and size.

Defense & Banishment

If you have a strong Will that you have been cultivating according to Satanist values and a good grounding in reason, mal'akhim are more of a nuisance than a serious threat to your practice. They may be more dangerous or bothersome to ex-Yahwists, especially those who recently left Yahwism. The best way to discourage mal'akhim is to laugh off the thoughts and feelings they cause, because it is truly ridiculous that you would have those thoughts while knowing what you know about Yahweh.

The basic Banishment of Angels works very well against mal'akhim. Denigration and insults are often effective for these angels, although they may sometimes persist despite this because they view themselves as hated by the wicked for doing good. Invocation of Sathariel is extremely effective against mal'akhim; he is very hostile to them, and they are terrified of him because of the incident involving Sathariel and the mal'akh during the Great Battle.

Examples

Barachiel, not to be confused with the Watcher Baraqiel, is the only mal'akh archangel. Other known mal'akhim include the angel Zotiel, mentioned in 1 Enoch, and the angel Artiya'il, mentioned in an Islamic hadith and said to remove grief and sadness from humans.

The Ishim (s. ish)

Other Names or Spellings

Sometimes 'eshim,' singular 'esh.' Sometimes 'anashim' or 'ieshim,' with the singular for these variants still being 'ish.'

Appearance

Ishim are wingless humanlike angels, generally appearing very similar to a male human being, and are only distinguished by having six fingers. Despite being wingless, they display the power of flight or levitation when seen through visions.

Function & Behavior

Ishim are used by Yahweh to influence small things in the world, and to deliver most messages to prophets or other people whom Yahweh or the archangels have a desire to reach. They are usually not problematic for occultists, but they can be, and they have been observed to appear alongside mal'akhim in visions of "heaven" seen in dreams or near death.

Identification

If the present angel is a lower-ranking ish, his presence may not even be noticeable or obtrusive to you at all. If one reaches out to you, it would most likely be through a dream or vision, or communicating through a thought. In visions, they can be identified by their winglessness and six-fingered hands.

Defense & Banishment

Usually, if you do encounter an ish, he will only be there to deliver a message and then leave. It would be very unusual for one to actually interfere with your practice in any way. If you are contacted by one, a simple forceful statement of "by the power of my Will and of your master's Adversary, I command you to leave" should be sufficient to remove him from your presence.

Examples

The leader of the ishim, and the only confirmed ish whose name is known at this time, is Zephaniel.