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REFLECTIONS FROM HENRY FORD

I believe God is managing affairs and that He doesn't need any advice from me. With God in charge, I believe everything will work out for the best in the end. So what is there to worry about?

Time and money spent in helping men to do more for themselves is far better than mere giving.

An idealist is a person who helps other people to be prosperous.

Brainy Quote

https://www.brainyquote.com/authors/henry_ford

GUARDIAN ANGELS

Faithful Navigator Christopher R. Cooper

Guardian Angels are they real or are they just some folklore invented by parents to calm the fears of a small child? The Faithful cannot see them, but they are real according to Christ own words in *The Holy Bible*. Why would God create these supernatural beings? The origin of the word "angel" is the key to answer this question. Do these supernatural beings protect us from all things at all times or does God put a limitation on their abilities?

The first question to be addressed is if the Faithful cannot see angels how does the Faithful know they are there? Part of the answer is in the first two line of the Profession of Faith:

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. (See of Bkerke, 2012)

In the Profession of Faith the Faithful acknowledges there are parts of God's creation that cannot be seen. The second part of the question is answered in the Gospel of Saint Matthew 18:10:

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father." (USCCB, 1986)

From these passages the Faithful understand guardian angels cannot be seen and by the words of Christ in the Gospel of Saint Matthew they do exist.

Another question concerning guardian angels is why did God create them in the first place? The origin of the word "angel" explains why God created them. The word "angel" comes from ancient Greek "αγγελος" meaning "messenger". (Collier's Encyclopedia, 1963) One example of an angel bringing a message from God is in the Gospel of Saint Luke 1:19:

And the angel said to him [Zechariah] reply, "I am Gabriel, who stand before God. I was sent to speak to you and to announce to you this good news. (USCCB, 1986)

God sent the Archangel Gabriel as His messenger to Zechariah to announce that Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth, would have a son, John the Baptist. Further in the Gospel of Saint Luke 1:26-27 God sends out the Archangel Gabriel as His messenger again to announce the birth of Christ to Saint Mary:

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary.

Other examples of God sending out His angels to send out His Word and watch over the Faithful are the Archangel Michael who went to give aid to Daniel and the Archangel Raphael who went out to guide Tobit and his wife Sarah through troubling times. (USCCB, 1986)

God assigned a guardian angel to guide the Faithful from infancy to death. (USCC, 1994) Guardian angels watch over and intercede for the Faithful. The question is does God let guardian angels protect us from all danger or does He place limitations on them? The answer is in the Gospel of Saint Matthew 4:5-7:

Then the devil took Him [Christ] to the holy city, and made Him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you' and 'with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.'"

Christ asserts angels cannot protect those individuals who put God to the test by engaging in risky behavior. Guardian angels may intercede on the individual behalf, but that is all.

Guardian Angels are real creation of God and not just some folklore invented by parents to calm the fears of a small child. Even though the Faithful cannot see them they are among them every day as confirmed with Christ own words in *The Holy Bible*. God created them to watch over and intercede for the Faithful. These supernatural beings protect us, but their protection is limited by God in certain instances.

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CARDINAL GIBBONS ASSEMBLY HONOR GUARD

REGALIA ITEMS FOR LOAN

Faithful Comptroller Rod Komlofske has regalia items to loan for members of the Assembly who do not have them. If you want to participate in an Honor Guard event and do not have the required regalia items send email to rod.komlofske@gmail.com.

UPCOMING HONOR GUARD EVENT(S):

No events scheduled at this time.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 2019

January 1	The Feast of Mary Due at Mid-Year Meeting - Fraternal Survey Form Due at Mid-Year Meeting - Special Olympic Form
January 5-6	Mid-Year East – Greenville
January 11	March for Life – Charlotte, NC
January 12	March for Life – Raleigh, NC
January 15	Family of the Month Due
January 18	March for Life – Washington, DC
January 26-27	Mid-Year West – Belmont, NC
January 26	March for Life – Jacksonville, NC

February 2019

February 2	Knighthood (3rd) Degree – 2546 Raleigh, NC
February 15	Semiannual Audit Due
February 15	Family of the Month Due
February 16	4 th Degree Exemplification – Assembly 3253, Greensboro, NC
February 23	Knighthood (3 rd) Degree – 3303 New Bern
February 25	Tar Heel Knight Articles Due

March 2019

	Councils to elect delegates for State Convention Council to approve checks for Bishops Fund and the Culture of Life Fund Recruitment Kit
March 1	Matrix Forms Due
March 1	Program Reports Due
March 1	State of the Year nominations are due
March 1	All resolutions are due
March 1	Council Fraternal Year Record due
March 1	Duane Russell Award nominations due
March 6	Ash Wednesday
March 9	Knighthood (3rd) Degree – 8363 Franklin, NC
March 9	Free Throw Championship
March 15	State Per Capita id Due
March 15	Family of the Month Due
March 15	Annual District Deputy Report Due
March 16	Knighthood (3rd) Degree – 13236 Greensboro, NC
March 25	Tar Heel Knight Articles Due
March 31	Raffle Tickets Due

April 2019

April 1	Necrology submissions due
April 1	Credentials Report Due
April 6	Knighthood (3 rd) Degree – 6700 Gastonia, NC
April 6	Ignited by Truth Conference – Raleigh, NC
April 15	Family of the Month Due
April 21	Easter
April 25	Tar Heel Knight Articles Due
April 26-28	NC State Convention – Raleigh, NC

DEGREE CEREMONIES

Further details for upcoming degree ceremonies are available on the K of C State Council Website:
 First, Second, and Third Degree: <https://kofcnc.org/>
 Fourth Degree: <https://kofcnc.org/4th-degree/4th-degree-exemplification/>

<u>First Degree</u>	10 February 2019	6:00 PM	Council 12255, Forest City, NC
<u>First Degree:</u>	12 February 2019	6:30 PM	Council 2829, Winston-Salem, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	12 February 2019	7:30 PM	Council 3498, Graham, NC
<u>Second Degree</u>	12 February 2019	7:00 PM	Council 10852, Charlotte, NC
<u>Second Degree</u>	16 February 2019	10:30 AM	Council 7406, Mooresville, NC
<u>Fourth Degree</u>	16 February 2019	12 Noon	Assembly 3253, Greensboro, NC
<u>First Degree:</u>	18 February 2019	6:15 PM	Clayton 12832, Mint Hill, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	20 February 2019	7:30 PM	Council 19249, Thomasville, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	21 February 2019	7:00 PM	Council 7024, Swansboro, NC
<u>Second Degree</u>	21 February 2019	8:00 PM	Council 7024, Swansboro, NC
<u>Third Degree</u>	23 February 2019	12 Noon	Council 3303, New Bern, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	25 February 2019	7:00 PM	Council 6700, Gastonia, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	26 February 2019	7:00 PM	Council 11911, Asheville, NC
<u>Second Degree</u>	27 February 2019	6:30 PM	Council 11605, N. Wilkesboro, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	7 March 2019	7:00 PM	Council 11265, Clayton NC
<u>First Degree</u>	7 March 2019	6:30 PM	Council 10504, Winston-Salem, NC
<u>Third Degree</u>	9 March 2019	12 Noon	Council 8363 Franklin, NC
<u>Second Degree</u>	12 March 2019	7:30 PM	Council 3498, Graham, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	13 March 2019	7:00 PM	Council 12481, Lexington, NC
<u>Second Degree</u>	16 March 2019	9:00 AM	Council 11101, Greensboro, NC
<u>Third Degree</u>	16 March 2019	12 Noon	Council 13236, Greensboro, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	19 March 2019	7:00 PM	Council 15265, Asheville, NC
<u>Third Degree</u>	6 April 2019	12 Noon	Council 6700, Gastonia, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	16 April 2019	7:00 PM	Council 8509, Kernersville, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	23 April 2019	7:00 PM	Council 11911, Asheville, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	25 April 2019	7:00 PM	Council 14087, Andrews, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	1 May 2019	7:00 PM	Council 2546, Raleigh, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	9 May 2019	7:00 PM	Council 11265, Clayton, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	9 May 2019	6:00 PM	Council 16442, Sapphire, NC
<u>Third Degree</u>	11 May 2019	12 Noon	Council 3574, Jacksonville, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	14 May 2019	7:00 PM	Council 9499, Clemmons, NC

WISDOM: THE ORIGINAL LIFE COACH

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Today, a person cannot watch television without a charlatan pushing some modern version of snake oil to cure all of life's problems. The modern version of snake oil ranges from clothing, automobiles, pills, lawyers (to obtain money as a result of the side effects of the pills), programs to help cope with life's problems, and a host of others. The one that is of interest is the programs to cope with life's problems also known as the life coach industry. The life coach industry caters to people trying to find answers to cope with the challenges in their lives. People spent a lot of money to fuel this industry. Our Heavenly Father provided mankind with a life coach, Wisdom, long before the advent of modern snake oil drummers. The Old Testament of The Holy Bible contains Wisdom's message. The instruction of Wisdom comes from antiquity, but the message is still relevant for the modern world.

There are many people who offer life coaching services all of which come with a price tag and big promises. An internet search reveals prices starting at approximately \$800.00 and up. One site promises how a life coach can get ten clients in thirty days. According to Harvard Business Review this industry is a \$1 billion dollar a year money maker. (Pagliarini, 2011) A lot of money is being spent when the advice and instructions to sort out problem in life can be obtained for free. It is very easy to find. The advice and instruction are in the Bible and the best life coach is Wisdom.

Wisdom is found in the Old Testament. The seven books concerning Wisdom are: The Book of Job, The Book of Psalms, The Book of Proverbs, The Book of Ecclesiastes, The Song of Songs, The Book of Wisdom, and The Book of Sirach (Ecclesiasticus). (New American Bible, 1986) In these books Wisdom is personified as female. Wisdom is quoted or referenced in these books, but she sometimes speaks in the first person. An example of Wisdom speaking in the first person is in the Book of Sirach 24, "1. Wisdom sings her own praises, among her own people she proclaims her glory. 2. In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth, in the presence of his host she tells of her glory: 3. From the mouth of the Most High I came forth, and covered the earth like a mist." In this passage Wisdom states her origin is from God and she covers the earth to help mankind. What are the lessons Wisdom uses to help mankind?

There are many lessons Wisdom uses to guide mankind. These lessons are pertinent even today. One such lesson is from Ecclesiastes 3:1, "There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens." Wisdom counsels mankind to have his priorities in order. This passage applies to finances: bills paid, food on the table, housing, etc. If a man does not follow Wisdom's advice financial turmoil will follow. Another good lesson from Wisdom is in Proverbs 20:3, "It is honorable for a man to shun strife, while very fool starts a quarrel." Wisdom stresses for mankind to keep his mouth under control. This message is a recurring theme from Wisdom. A wise man chooses his battles wisely. Not every point needs to be proved. Many times things will sort themselves out on their own. A fool has point to be proved at every turn no matter how trivial the issue causing him disgrace and scorn from the community. A third important lesson from Wisdom is Proverbs 18:10, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the just man runs to it and is safe." Here Wisdom tells mankind no matter how bad events in life go always trust in the Lord.

Wisdom is the original life coach. Her advice is free. There is no price tag or grandiose promises. The Old Testament of the Bible has all her words of sound advice to guide us through life in this world. Only three of her lessons were covered in this article, but there are many more. These lessons are still relevant today as they were in ancient times. I will leave you with one last thought from Wisdom, Proverbs 19:20, "Listen to counsel and receive instruction that you may eventually become wise."

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IN MEMORIAM:

Please keep in your prayers for the repose of the soul of:

All Deceased Knights of Columbus.

All Members of the U.S Armed Forces.

All First Responders.

ARTICLES FROM THE ASSEMBLY MEMBERSHIP

Any Sir Knight who wants to submit an article to the Newsletter, turn the article into Faithful Scribe SK Chris Cooper at the next Assembly meeting or send it via email to COOP5614@yahoo.com.