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The Archangel Series

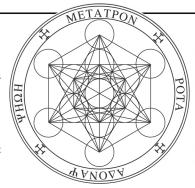
Metatron The Voice of God

Known also as the Angel of the Covenant and the Patron Angel of small children, Metatron was supposedly the prophet Enoch before he ascended into heaven. Reportedly he earned such merit in the eyes of the Lord for his goodness and abilities as a scribe that he was taken into heaven, an event noted in the book of Genesis (5:24). His primary task among the heavenly court is to maintain all eternal archives of heaven. For this and many other reasons, Metatron is sometimes considered of greater rank than even Michael. Perhaps a better approach is to consider Metatron the head records-keeper whereas Michael is militant, leading the angelic armies. Sort of a "Secretary of State" and "Secretary of Defense" division, making neither higher than the other. Here are the translations of the Hebrew words on Metatron's seal:

METATPON METATRON Means: "One Who Occupies the Throne Next to the Divine Throne"

POTA ROTA "Wheel" (symbolizing the Metronic cube) $A\Delta ONA\Psi$ ADONAY "The Lord"

ΨΗΩΗ YHWH The sacred name of God (the Tetragrammaton)



Metatron's seal, the Metatronic Cube is connected to "Sacred Geometry." Metratonic numbers relate to the merge of polarities at Zero Point. This equates Metatron with the Egyptian god Thoth.

About The Series

Based on a combination of Christian, Judaic & Islamic legends & history, I was inspired to render these mysterious creatures in their more mysterious and dramatic light. All too often angels are depicted as "cute" or "docile", and I wanted a view of the warriors, the secret-keepers, the guides and messengers. Of course, this does fall under my basic love of archetypes, but my methodology reflected my thoughts to some degree, in that I wanted to capture the timeless conundrum of the angel concept. The particular class of Archangels seemed the best route for this thought, as most people are familiar with the big names, Michael and Gabriel. Along with Raphael, these are the only three angels mentioned by names in the Bible. I ended up with two distinct lists of what were classified as Archangels, one was a group of seven angels who stood before God, the second, a list of 15 (with several of the same names), was more divided by their jobs and personalities. I decided a series of seven would be quicker, though I better conceptualized the bigger list. Therefore I decided to produce the series in two phases, the first is the standard list of seven Archangels. Phase II will be the "complete" list of all 15 (the remaining eight).

The medium for these pieces, which I decided on almost as soon as I started considering the project, is somewhat peculiar. They are rendered as fairly detailed pencil drawings, scanned & altered in Photoshop (mostly just the glow effect), then I add the Angelic Seal and other touches in the background and print it in dull brown ink on parchment paper. The result is a nice "ancient-scroll" impression which is very appropriate. The seals and "signatures" are used in elements of the image, as well as Celestial Angelic Script translations of their names and representations. The seals are recreated in a vector-graphics program and the words are produced "Symbol" font, which is essentially Greek.

Below is an outline of the series, as planned, based on the research and my interpretations. Enjoy!

PHASE I

Piece (title)

Michael; The Right Hand of God Gabriel; The Wrath of God Raphael; The Breath of God Azrael; The Comfort of God Metatron; The Voice of God

Uriel; The Gift of God

Camael; The Judgement of God

Essence (job)

Soldier / Messenger Destroyer / Messenger

Healer

Death (comfort)

The Voice of God (messenger)

Winds of Change/Gift of Love

Divine Justice (war)

Chakras/planets/colors/elements

throat chakra/solar/blue/fire / General of the Armies Base of Spine/moon/water / Extinguisher of nations 3rd Eye/Mercury/green/wind / Pilgrim's staff

Book of Life & Death / (gigantic)

Uranus/fire / Burning Bush / Pillar of smoke/fire

Solar Plexis/Venus/violet/air / Fiery Sword Heart Chakra/Mars / Red tunic & Green armor

PHASE II

Jophiel; The Beauty of God
Israfel; The Chorus of God
Raziel; The Mind of God
Cassiel; The Tears of God
Zadkiel; The Mercy of God
Haniel; The Love of God
Raguel; The Eye of God
Sandalphon; The Path of God

Artists / Beauty Entertainers (song) Intellect (mysteries) Solitudes (tears) / temperence

Solitudes (tears) / tem Mercy & Freedom Love & Harmony Account (Vengeance) Clarity (Guidance) Crown Chakra/yellow / Illumination / Inspiration Regeneration / Weeps for the Damned Neptune

Saturn & Pluto/maroon / loves dragons Seat of the Soul/violet / Usually holding a dagger Venus/green / Carries a lantern / androgynous earth / Wreaks justice on the Celestial (angels) black / Was the prophet Elias / Twin of Metatron