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A Dictionary Of Angels: Including The Fallen Angels



Synopsis

Gustav Davidson's classic text, *A dictionary of Angels: Including the Fallen Angels*, is the result of sixteen years of research in Talmudic, gnostic, cabalistic, apocalyptic, patristic, and legendary texts. The classic reference work on angels is beautifully illustrated and its reissue coincides with the resurgence of belief in angels in America. This well researched and exquisitely illustrated dictionary is a wonderful collectable for all those who believe in angels, miracles, lore, and faith.

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Customer Reviews

I don't read very many religious books, but this one caught my eye because of its unusual subject, so I spent a while reading it in a Border's bookstore looking up names I remembered from long ago, and it was interesting to see what the book said about them. Although I didn't know much about the subject, I did remember there were seraphim, arch angels, lesser angels, fallen angels, dark angels, black angels, angels of the winds, angels of the hours, and so on, and this book had every one I looked up. Basically every major, minor, fallen angel, demon, or whatever that you can think of seems to be included, from both eastern and western religions. After a few minutes of that it was obvious to me this was a very well researched, scholarly tome intended for serious students of religion who are looking for something much more technical and thorough than usual. I noticed many of the angels discussed aren't actually in the Bible but come from "non-canonical" works, as they say. It turns out there are a large number of these, not just the ones I knew of from sources such as the Cabala. Also, there are often conflicting descriptions about a particular angel. For example,

certain angels, such as Metatron, Michael, Raphael and Uriel have had the same action or qualities attributed to them at one time or another. But at least the entries appear thorough since the author cites these different sources even when they appear conflicting and contradictory. Some of the information is pretty amazing by itself. For example, in the cases of the fallen angels, it's said how many infernal legions they have underneath them in Hell to command. I don't recall their names, since they weren't familiar to me before, but one that I saw had 29 legions, and another had 30.

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