

The Demonologist Podcast – PATREON COURSES

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Class 1 Review and take home points

- There are four levels of Church teaching: Dogma (divinely revealed and taught by the Church, Catholics must believe), Infallible Doctrine (Taught by the Church, Catholics must believe). Noninfallible doctrine (Taught by the Church but not given as infallible), and Theological Opinions (Not taught by the Church, just someones opinion, does not violate Church teaching).
- 4th Lateran Council (1215 AD): God created everything, visible and invisible. The Devil and the other demons were created by God as good. They became evil by their own doing. Mankind sinned not on their own, but at the prompting of the Devil.
- Adam brought captivity under the devil for himself. Adam's sin changed all mankind in body and soul for the worse (the taint of original sin that makes us naturally inclined to sin).
- Angels are pure spirits, they have NO physicality.
- Angels are persons, they have personalities. A person is defined as intellect and will. They are not human beings, which are defined as a body and soul together.
- Angels have free will. Their minds are different than humans however. They had infused complete knowledge of the consequence of their rejection of God. Therefore the fallen angels can never learn new data, or have new insights, leading to repenting. The holy angels also will learn nothing new that leads to them re-evaluating their choice. Further, they were given the beatific vision (seeing God face to face) after their "yes." Being face to face with God adds another layer of impossibility for them to reject God.
- The fall of the angels was due to their free choice to reject God and his authority.
- God permitted the fall of the angels, and man's sin, to allow opportunities for him to show his love for the world.
- Angels are immortal creatures. They had a beginning, but have no end. (in contrast God has no beginning and no end). They were created at the very beginning of creation, as described in Genesis 1:3: "Then God said: Let there be light, and there was light." This is not a reference to the sun, which is created in Genesis 1:14-15.
- Guardian Angels are assigned by God to protect and intercede for every person.
- God is not directly (his active will), or indirectly (his passive will – what he allows) the cause of moral evil.
- Heaven means the place of the angels who surround God and see God face to face. Heaven will be a life lived with God, the Virgin Mary, the angels, and the saints.
- The word "angel" means messenger, but angels perform a number of functions besides delivering messages. They pray for us, they deliver God's justice in some cases, they test people in some cases, and they rescue people from physical harm in some cases.
- Angels not only watch over people, but over cities, peoples, nations, and the Church.
- In the Old Testament, the title "Son's of God" refers to angels and the people of Israel.
- Holy images, including angels, are to be displayed in Churches and homes. By these images of angels we venerate (respect) them. We do not worship them.