

# The Lesser Archangels

Part 8, and the last in a Series

The Lesser Archangels are still powerful beings in their own right. Although their numbers vary, the following are the most common: Ariel, Azrael, Haniel, Metatron, Raguel, Raziel and Sandalphon. Some, like Metatron and his twin brother, Sandalphon, used to be human.

**Ariel** is the Archangel of Nature, and may be male or female. Ariel means “Lion of God” and she is ruled by Saturn, the element of air and Saturday. Ariel heals animals, wild and domestic, and generally all of nature. She is guardian over the nature spirits, such as faeries and elves, sylphs and undines. Ariel's crystals are [Apatite](#), [Agate](#) (especially Moss and Tree Agates) and [Jasper](#) (such as the Leopardskin and Dalmatian varieties). She is patron of veterinarians, breeders, archaeologists, civil engineers, and animal rescue workers.

**Azrael** is the angel of life's natural cycles – living and dying – and of journeys. He is ruled by Tuesday, the planet Mars and the element of earth. Azrael's name means “Whom God helps” and is most often helpful during times of grief and bereavement. Crystals associated with Azrael are [Yellow Calcite](#), [Amethyst](#), and [Purple Fluorite](#).

**Haniel** rules Fridays, the planet Venus, and the element of water. Haniel's name means “Glory of God” and he is the angel of the West wind, growth, love and healing (especially alternative medicine). He is called upon for matters dealing with children, marriage, artistic endeavors, natural preservation and music. Haniel's crystals are [Rose Quartz](#), [Pink Calcite](#) and [Chrysoprase](#).

**Metatron**, formally the prophet Enoch, is now head of the Akashic Records, or God's archives. He is the angel of Thought. Metatron rules Sundays, the element of fire and the planets Pluto or the Sun. He presides over all our guardian angels and often appears with a scroll and pen. Metatron, though an imposing angel, is quite gentle, often helping children who have passed over. He may be called upon when changing to a new life path, learning opportunities, and helping children with learning disabilities. Crystals linked to Metatron are Sardonyx, [Mahogany Obsidian](#) and Red or [Orange Aventurine](#).

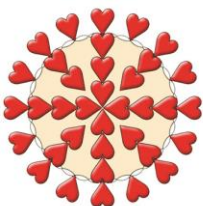
**Raguel** is the Archangel of snow and ice. He also governs the behavior of the other angels. He carries a flaming sword that he may use to melt the snows of winter. Raguel's name means “Friend of God” and he creates harmony and understanding in relationships that may be in discord. Raguel's crystals are Milky Quartz and [Moonstone](#).

**Raziel** is the Archangel of secrets and the mysteries of life. His name means “Secret of God” and he is guardian over mystical knowledge. He often appears as a misty fog and may be called upon for psychic learning, dream interpretation, the cause of an illness, spiritual understanding and using natural resources wisely. Raziel's planet is Neptune, his day is Saturday and his element is air. Raziel is patron of astrologers, scientists, clairvoyants, and even Secret Service workers. His crystals are [Peridot](#), [Apache Tears](#), and [Aqua Aura Crystals](#).

**Sandalphon** was Metatron's twin brother, the prophet Elijah. His name means “Brother” and he is the Archangel of Power who oversees strength, prosperity and beauty. He gives us the joy of living and is also looks after unborn children. He may be called upon for issues concerning pregnancy, fertility and birth. Sandalphon helps release emotional blocks, fear, guilt and aggression. He is the patron of musicians, journalists, nurses, pediatricians and midwives. Jupiter rules this Archangel, as does the element of earth. His day is Thursday and crystals linked to Sandalphon are [Turquoise](#) and [Calcite](#) (any variety).

Asking angels for help is something that brings them joy. It is, essentially, what they are here to do. And if you happen to see a feather on the sidewalk; a ringing in one ear or, as my son claimed, the “smell of maple syrup”, then the angels are listening and they may have a message. Sit down, get comfortable and listen....

- Sonia Acone



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