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Subject: A Heretical Primer to Inge's Superiors

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Inge,

Thought this could help the new folks get their feet on the ground. However, I don't know many of the "new" Princes, so you might have to fill that in yourself (assuming you want to). This isn't meant to be fully detailed, just a quick snapshot of what "everyone in Heaven knows."

Feel free to change/delete anything you want, depending on how much you want new players to know. I've left out any reference to the Gray Celestial Superiors -- even given their probably involvement in the events of The Final Trumpet, I figure the average angel just doesn't know much about them (especially if they're younger than most and don't get out too often).

--Scott

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**EDITED TO ADD:** Three new Superiors that I've had active all along, one on each side of the War: Ghogiel does indeed replace Hatiphas here, and Salem (the Angel of Cities, barely mentioned in canon) is a full-fledged Archangel now.

**Amare:** Rose to become Archangel of Love sometime in the Middle Ages, filling a void that had been left since Andrealphus' Fall. Her servants promote love in all its forms, from the idealized to the physical, and from divine Agape to the challenging self-love. (Challenging because the angel needs to promote love of self -- an important quality -- without promoting selfishness). She is a Mercurian, most often appearing in female form.

**Azrael:** The Archangel of Death is a Kyriotate here, reflecting his ability to go anywhere and reach anyone...as well as the Jewish tradition that Azrael is a many-eyed, many-winged terror in his true shape. Those stories are somewhat exaggerated, though, since Azrael does more than collect souls; he also guides them to the afterlife, even helping some otherwise-damned people reach their Destiny.

**Gabriel:** Probably the biggest change from canon, this Gabriel is the Archangel of the Divine Word, patron of messengers, missionairies and preachers. There was a crisis over Islam, but Gabriel never went mad (being more stable to start with) and was successfully defended by Yves and Michael (who are Neutral to each other in this setting). There is no Archangel of Fire at this time; Belial is the former Word-holder and now the Prince of Fire down below. Gabriel mostly takes male form and is still an Ofanite, the better to carry the good news quickly.

**Ghayyour:** A former servant of Khalid's who Fell to become the Demon Prince of Fanaticism. Ghayyour serves a similar duty to Malphas, but always through exciting false religious passions and extremist religious movements. He is a Habbalite, of course, and has no fear of Armageddon because he \*knows\* he is on the right side. His demons have the ability to temporarily pose as angels of the opposing Choir, further confusing the issue.

**Ghogiel:** Balseraph Prince of the Occult, and Raziel's opposite number; a promoter of dark magic, who claims to quench humanity's thirst for hidden knowledge and power. (Hatiphas never existed in this campaign--but much like her, Ghogiel had served Kronos before gaining a Principality of his own. His minions can grant the Sorcery attunement to mortals.

**Isaac:** Another Archangel who rose during the Middle Ages, Isaac now has the Word of Laughter. He promotes much of what Kobal used to -- the sort of laughter that lightens burdens, brings friends together, and inspires joy. The closest he ever gets to his opposite number is that his laughter can deflate the arrogant and bring them back to earth ... but even there, it often leads to the target re-examining his life rather than crumbling to pieces. A Mercurian, naturally.

**Israfael:** The Seraph Angel of Music got a promotion in this campaign, becoming the Archangel with the most beautiful voice in Heaven. Her angels have a wide range of abilities -- some have powerful Songs, some have potent abilities when music is playing and some can even help people make beautiful music together.

**Oannes:** Still Archangel of the Waters, though nearly extinguished by Belial after Oannes destroyed Vephar, Prince of the Oceans. In desperation, Oannes fled to the deepest canyons of the sea, where Belial dared not follow. There, the Archangel healed, aided by Raphael, and now has much of his former strength. Oannes is an EloHITE, calm and reflective as a pool of water, but capable of flooding dispassionately if needed.

**Rahab:** The (relatively) new Demon Prince of the Seas, this Shedite once used the great sea monsters to destroy humans and their ships; these days, he'll most often use the seas as a weapon or even corrupt humans into poisoning and wrecking themselves. Rumor has it that a Servitor of his arranged for the Exxon Valdez disaster  
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**Raphael:** In this campaign, he is Archangel of Healing (his traditional role) rather than the late Archangel of Knowledge and was never destroyed by Legion. (In fact, that version of Legion didn't exist in this universe.) He is a Mercurian, possessed of a caring heart to match his healing hands, and is one of the few in Heaven who has a chance of restoring a Remnant to what they once were -- maybe the only being who can do so, aside from the inscrutable Yves.

**Raziel:** Little is known about the Archangel of the Mysteries, and some in Heaven consider him a myth. He supposedly conveys the "hidden knowledge" of Heaven (such as "white Sorcery") to those humans capable of appreciating it and using it properly, and believes in the right of humans to learn as much as they can. He is thought to be an Ofanite. There is a "Raziel's Door" that connects to Litheroy's Abbey of Revelation (the only non-secret entrance to Raziel's Cathedral), but the few who have passed through have either gotten lost and wandered out again or else given only a mysterious smile when asked about what they have seen.

**Salem:** Youngest of the Archangels, she holds the Word of Cities and earned her Superior's crown when Washington, DC was built (after thousands of years under David). Her servitors are geared towards survival and navigation in the concrete jungles people have created; not surprisingly, she's a Mercurian, fascinated by human culture and politics.

**Uriel:** The Archangel of Purity was returned by God from the Higher Heavens in the 1700s, in time for the Great Awakening and similar efforts to return to a "simpler, purer" faith. His zealotry has toned down a little since the old days, but his Word still permits no compromise with the genuinely evil. His Servitors have most of the "Punish the cruel" duties that Gabriel has in canon . He is also the master of Purgatory and remains, of course, the first Malakite.

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