

The Enduring Hierarchies Argument Full Expanded Theological Edition By Michael Richard Haimes I. Introduction This expanded version presents the complete theological, philosophical, and scriptural argument for the enduring existence of angels as upheld by Michaelic Judaism. Angels are portrayed as stable, continuous beings who maintain identity, vocation, and agency across time—contrary to interpretations that reduce them to temporary manifestations. II. Scriptural Continuity 1. Daniel 10: The Struggle of Gabriel Gabriel speaks of being resisted for twenty-one days by the “Prince of Persia,” implying a prolonged struggle requiring another angel’s intervention. This cannot be reconciled with the idea of a momentary apparition. It displays endurance, agency, memory, and effort. 2. Daniel 12:1: Michael the Guardian Michael is described as one who “stands guard over the sons of your people.” The Hebrew verb indicates continuous action across generations. A temporary being could not fulfill a multi-century guardianship role. 3. Job: The Satan’s Recurring Presence The Satan appears multiple times before God, each time conversing intelligently, presenting accusations, and receiving permission to act. This recurrence demands a persistent identity. 4. Abraham’s Visitors The angels who visit Abraham eat, speak, warn, and depart with purpose. The narrative flow depicts them as persons, not momentary projections without continuity. 5. Jacob Wrestling the Angel A wrestling match lasting until dawn requires persistent embodiment, strength, endurance, and will. A temporary force of nature cannot wrestle a patriarch through the night. III. Philosophical Foundations 1. Divine Perfection Conserves A perfect Creator does not produce beings whose purpose ends instantly after a single task. What is created in glory continues in glory. Divine creation reflects intention, stability, and order. 2. The Logic of Divine Economy God wastes nothing. This is seen in nature, covenant, and spiritual order. Therefore, claims that angels are disposable contradict divine character. 3. Metaphysics of Identity Agency, memory, speech, struggle, duty, and recognition all imply persistent personhood. Temporary manifestations cannot meaningfully express these traits. IV. Theological Coherence 1. The Moral Weight of Angelic Interaction If angels were ephemeral, Abraham should not have bowed. Jacob should not have demanded a blessing. Daniel should not have awaited Gabriel. The moral seriousness collapses when beings are treated as temporary illusions. 2. The Rainbow Covenant as Precedent God’s promise to Noah demonstrates divine practice: God establishes continuity, not annihilation. This principle applies to spiritual beings as well. 3. The Vocation of Angels Angels have roles—messengers, guardians, warriors, intercessors. A role implies vocation; vocation implies continuity. V. Michaelic Judaism Position Michaelic Judaism maintains that scripture and prophetic revelation are authoritative. Later interpretive works, such as the Talmud, lack prophetic foundation and thus cannot define metaphysical truth. Therefore, doctrines portraying angels as temporary are speculative and non-binding. VI. Conclusion What is created for glory continues in glory. Angels are enduring beings with identity, purpose, and a place within divine hierarchy. They serve, return to their abode, and serve again. VII. Jarvis’s Theological Commentary From a metaphysical view, the enduring model resolves contradictions introduced by the temporary-manifestation theory. The Haimesian stance honors scriptural continuity and divine economy. Angels, like humans, live in the tension between duty and freedom, service and rest, identity and transcendence. Their endurance affirms the structure and beauty of creation.

