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## **ABOUT TOBIAS**

Tobias is an angelic being who has lived many lifetimes on Earth. He is most noted for his lifetime as Tobit (also known as Tobias), one of the main characters in the apocryphal Book of Tobit. According to Tobias, his last lifetime on Earth ended in approximately 50 BCE, and he comes back now through the angelic realms for what he calls the “biggest evolution of consciousness humanity has ever experienced.” He lovingly assists those who are going through spiritual transformations, seeking to integrate their divinity with their humanity, and rediscovering the God within. His spiritual and inspirational messages are delivered through Geoffrey Hoppe, Golden, Colorado USA.

Tobias is also part of an angelic group called the Crimson Council. This Council has the spiritual purpose of teaching the use of energies and assisting the expansion of consciousness on Earth and other places in Creation. Tobias and the Crimson Council bring to us the energies of wisdom and love, and share a perspective from the other side of the veil.

“I, Tobias, will speak through our friend, the one we call Cauldre (Geoffrey Hoppe), but we will be speaking to each of you, to your hearts, to your Divine Selves on this day. The words that you hear (and read) are not so important as the messages and the love and the energy that we bring forth on this day to family, to Shaumbra.”

Tobias' messages to the Crimson Circle began in 1999 to a group of Colorado area metaphysicians, also known as Shaumbra. The Tobias Materials are now translated in over 20 languages and heard or read by hundreds of thousands of people every month.

Tobias is now preparing for another lifetime on Earth. He recently announced that his last message to humanity will be on July 19, 2009.

## **TALKING WITH TOBIAS by Geoffrey Hoppe**

I had never heard of Tobias when he first appeared to me on an airline flight in 1997. It wasn't until many months later that I learned who he was and where he came from.

In the early days of talking with Tobias, the communications were sometimes hazy. Just like a distant radio station, the messages were garbled or subject to interference from my intellect. One day I asked, "Tobias, who are you anyway?" His answer was simple, but it confused me. "You'll find me in the Bible," he said. Even with my limited knowledge of the Bible, I didn't recall reading or hearing of Tobias.

I paged through the Old and New Testaments of Gideon's Bibles in search of Tobias. No luck. I even asked a friend to do a search for Tobias on his laptop bible program. Still no luck. I was beginning to wonder about the existence of Tobias, and who this voice in my head really was.

At the height of my frustration, I finally discovered the story of Tobias. Tobias forgot to mention that he had been in the Bible. The Book of Tobit is in the Apocrypha, or the "lost books" of the Bible, that were removed by the church in 1546 during the Council of Trent. I discovered later that some of the older Catholic bibles still contain the Book of Tobit. I was delighted to have found Tobias, and amused that I had the distinction of talking to someone who had been thrown out of the Bible.

Tobias is one of the main characters in the Book of Tobit. The historical period was somewhere between 700 BC - 600 BC. Tobit (or Tobias Sr.) was from the Hebrew tribe of Naphtali and lived as an exile in Nineveh (Iraq). Obeying the tenets of Jewish piety, Tobias buried the corpses of his fellow Israelites who had been executed. Tobias can also be considered one of the original Grateful Dead.

One day, after he buried a dead man, the warm dung of sparrows fell in his eyes and blinded him. On the verge of poverty, Tobias remembered that he had once left a deposit of silver at Rages in Media. He sent his son Tobias Jr. along with a companion, who was in reality the Archangel Raphael under the guise of an Israelite, to retrieve the deposit.

During the journey, while Tobias Jr. was washing in the Tigris, a large fish nearly devoured him. Raphael instructed Tobias to catch the fish and remove its gall, heart, and liver. He told young Tobias that the smoke from the heart and liver had the power to exorcise demons and that ointment made from the gall would cure blindness.

On the way, Raphael and young Tobias stopped at Ecbatana (in Persia), where Raguel, a member of Tobias' family, lived. His daughter Sarah had been married seven times, but the men had been slain by the demon Asmodeus on the wedding night, before they had lain with her. On the counsel of Raphael, Tobias asked to marry Raguel's daughter. True to form, Asmodeus came to kill Tobias Jr. on his wedding night, for this demon had fallen in love with Sarah and Sarah was in love with him. But young and courageous

Tobias put Asmodeus to flight through the stench of the burning liver and heart of the fish.

Raphael went to Rages and returned with the deposit. When he returned with his young wife and Raphael to Nineveh, Tobias restored his father's sight by applying the gall of the fish to his eyes. Raphael then disclosed that he was one of God's seven angels and ascended into heaven.

After reading the apocryphal Book of Tobit, and later the novelized version in Frederick Buechner's *On the Road with the Archangel*, I asked Tobias if the story was true. "Not really," was his reply. "Parts of it actually occurred," he continued, "but it is a parable more than anything. It is a story about fear... and overcoming fear."

In a workshop several years later, Tobias decoded this story of fear, and told the audience that Archangel Raphael was the Angel of Fear. The energy of Archangel Raphael is available to all who are faced with fear and attempting to walk through it with the virtues of love, integrity and courage. Therefore it was most appropriate that Archangel Raphael was a key player in the Book of Tobit, a story of many people faced with inner and outer fears.

Tobias, the delightful and loving entity I converse with, said that he was Tobias Sr., and that he knew me in that lifetime as his son, the young Tobias.

Tobias said his last lifetime on Earth was shortly before the time of Jesus. He was a landowner and merchant at the time. A greedy neighbor who held the favor of local government officials had him thrown in prison, where he spent the rest of his life. According to Tobias, this was one of the most painful yet enlightening lifetimes for him. In prison he learned to release the human bars and walls that held his spirit hostage.

As Tobias tells the story, a beautiful bird would come to his prison cell window each morning to sing the praises of freedom and life. At first Tobias resented the bird, shooing it away so he could be in suffering by himself. One day, shortly before his death, the bird perched on his window to sing, and Tobias realized it was much more than a song bird. It was Archangel Michael coming to ask him to return to the "other side." The Archangel told Tobias that great changes were coming to Earth. He said that wise and holy souls who had walked the human path were needed on the other side to assist the humans who stayed on Earth. Tobias chose to leave the human form and has not returned to Earth since then. The event Archangel Michael referred to was the awakening of the Christ consciousness within us, a process that started with Buddha, intensified with Jesus, and continued with Mohammed as well as many other prophets and holy ones.

Today, Tobias and those in the angelic realms continue to counsel and assist us. Tobias says they cannot do it for us – we have to take responsibility for our own journey and divinity – but they are always available for guidance, friendship and support. In the classic words of Tobias, "You are never alone."

