

What Do We Really Know About the Nephilim?

In a world increasingly fascinated by the unexplained, the supernatural and the bizarre, Tony Merkel's recent interview with Charisma Media offers a unique lens through which to explore age-old mysteries. With topics ranging from Bigfoot to Nephilim, Merkel unpacked theories that challenge conventional thinking, raising questions about what lies beneath the surface of our modern, rational worldview.

"There are people who believe that their bloodline comes from Nephilim," Merkel states. He referenced the Rh-negative blood type, found in about 15% of the global population, noting that "90% of those people tend to have paranormal encounters." Is there a connection between ancient accounts of the Nephilim and modern-day experiences of the supernatural? Merkel, and many others who study the matter such as L.A. Marzulli, certainly think so.

Merkel's curiosity about the Nephilim began in 2017 when he encountered the work of Gary Wayne, an author who connects biblical history to accounts of giants and supernatural beings. "I never was taught about Nephilim in church," Merkel admits. "I went into Bible College and never heard about it ... and it wasn't until I started looking at Enoch that things started clicking in my head."

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Merkel also explored the possibility of lingering traits of Nephilim ancestry in certain individuals today. Reflecting on DNA and physical anomalies, he shared: "I have a brother and sister who are twins ... one looks like a white girl with blonde hair, and her twin brother is darker than me. Could it be that

some people have characteristics and traits of their supernatural fathers of long ago, while others don't? Maybe I lack the proper scientific understanding, but it makes you think." He connected this to reports of individuals with extra teeth, six toes or even supernatural experiences that could point to ancient origins.

The book of Enoch, though not part of the canonical Bible, has intrigued many over the years for its references to fallen angels and their hybrid offspring. Merkel noted that "there are parts of Enoch that are actually quoted in the New Testament," which he says led him to take its accounts more seriously. The book describes not only the corruption of humanity but also of animals and plants—a comprehensive defilement of God's creation.



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The interview took a fascinating turn when Merkel discussed paranormal phenomena, such as Sasquatch sightings and encounters with beings like the so-called "Catman." Merkel shared a story from Southeast Ohio about a woman who claimed to have seen a black panther transform into a humanoid figure. "She thinks this might have been a demonic entity ... it disappeared into a black mist," he says, highlighting how the supernatural often defies logical explanation.

Connecting these accounts to Scripture, Merkel pointed out that Nephilim are mentioned post-flood in Numbers 13:33, when the spies of Israel, of which Joshua and Caleb were among the number, report seeing giants in Canaan. This raises the question of how these beings could have survived or reappeared after the flood. Merkel speculates: "Could they have gone into other realms during the flood? Or could there have been a remnant that survived in a supernatural way?"

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The stories Merkel shared are undeniably intriguing, even compelling in their scope. But they also prompt a deeper question: how do we, as finite beings, discern truth amidst the supernatural? Merkel himself acknowledged the challenges of sifting through accounts that blend historical, spiritual and mythical elements.

When confronted with ideas that challenge our understanding, turning to Scripture is essential. The Bible provides a clear foundation, urging believers to seek God's wisdom in times of uncertainty. James 1:5 reminds us, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men liberally and without criticism, and it will be given to him."

In a world filled with both wonder and deception, God's Word remains a steady guide. Whether exploring ancient mysteries or navigating modern challenges, seeking His wisdom and discernment is the surest way to avoid confusion and find clarity in the truth.

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