

Ecumenical Intervention

The man stared at the recording angel. “Seriously, this is a mistake. I’m an atheist.”

The angel -- humanoid enough, but not human -- stared back in a non-hostile, yet enigmatic way. “I’m sorry, but could you repeat that?”

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“I’m an ath... I didn’t attend a church.”

“Ah. There’s a form for that. Here!” A stack of papers appeared before the man. “You can fill it out over **there**.”

The man looked over **there**, then looked back. “Don’t tell me, let me guess: Purgatory?” The angel shrugged.

“It has many names, yes.”

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