

Love that Pleases God

One night a mystic, Abu Ben Adhem, woke up from a vision of Peace and saw an angel writing in a book of gold while sitting in his room, yet not frightened at all. On seeing the angel's face Abu felt relaxed and he asked the angel, "What are you writing?". The angel looked at him and replied in affectionate manner, "I am taking down the names of those who love God." Abu asked whether his name is amongst them. And the angel replied, no, it is not. Abu requested the angel to write down his name as the one who loves His people. The angel after writing it, vanished. Next night the angel came with great light, awakening the Abu and showed the list of those who had been blessed by ^{top} God's love, while Abu was at the ^{top} of the list.