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THE BELIEF IN ANGELS

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Dear Candace,
 Do you believe in angels?

V. D.
 Los Angeles, California

Dear V. D.,

Yes!

But, if you are asking me, “Do you believe in androgynous beings that have wings?”—no.

The dictionary defines an angel as a “messenger or attendant of God.” That implies to me that God sits on a throne and has creatures attending His whims and doing chores for Him. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

The Bible defines an angel as a “fellow servant.” That implies to me that angels are like you and me, and serve anyone. This makes sense, especially in light of current angelic evidence.

A fad is a craze, or a passing fashion. A trend is a prevailing, or probable tendency.

Angels are a fad right now; but, I believe that they are a trend, and the belief in angels will eventually become the norm.

In the 70s the study of the near death experience influenced people to talk more openly about their other worldly occurrences. The importance of NDEs has escalated for the past two decades into the current angelic curiosity.

The angel trend started in 1990 when Sophy Burnham published her book, *A Book of Angels*. It not only was a best-seller, but inspired others to write their angel stories. Sophy Burnham subsequently wrote five more angel books.

Interest in angels is a reaction against traditional religion,

which knows little to nothing about real angels. People seeking answers are buying popular angel books.

On 29 April 1993, the first anniversary of the civil unrest in Los Angeles, Jill D’Agnenica of Los Angeles, started a personal angel project which she completed on 13 November 1994. Along with ten assistants and ninety volunteers she placed ten angel figurines per one square mile around Los Angeles to serve as unifying symbols for the city. The angels did not stay put long before they were stolen. Jill prefers to say her angels were adopted!

Millions of people watched the 1994 PBS-TV Special *In Search of Angels* narrated by Debra Winger; millions more watched the 1994 NBC-TV Special *Angels: The Mysterious Messengers* hosted by Patty Duke.

Premiere movie magazine dressed up Sharon Stone in an angel costume, complete with feather wings, for their cover. Now those wings are on exhibit at *The Angel Store* in Pasadena, CA! Another exclusive angel store is *Tara’s Angels* in San Juan Capistrano, CA.

In light of the current angelic movement who better to host *The Angel Festival* than *SILA* (*Swedenborg Information of Los Angeles*) for Emanuel Swedenborg (1688-1772) the eminent scientist and philosopher wrote more about angels than any other author in history and Los Angeles is literally the “City of the Angels”!

In over 30 books Swedenborg wrote about angels 1,934 times, not counting the word angelic!

Swedenborg wrote that he saw angels and that they were

in human form—male and female. He mentions many times that angels told him that they had once lived on earth and had chosen to live in Heaven.

He noted that there were no angels with wings nor were there any angels that were created in Heaven, but ALL had once lived on earth. (Current angelic visitations by deceased family members substantiates this.)

Swedenborg’s most popular book is *Heaven and Hell*. In it, he tells us he saw angels walking, talking, reading, writing, working, and loving.

The common belief that angels have wings and halos is based, partly, in fact. Angels are filled with so much love, that they radiate light, and appear to earthlings as glowing, and thus in art angels were drawn with halos to depict the light surrounding them!

Angels not only talk and walk, they can communicate telepathically, and travel to another distance immediately if they wish to, thus the depiction that they fly!

The symbols of the angel—wings and halo—are universal and descriptive. How else would you know you are looking at an angel?

Maybe there is one developing in your mirror...

*2006 Updates:

- Candace contacted Sophy Burnham about errors in *A Book of Angels* in regards to Emanuel Swedenborg when it was first published. Sophy said she would make those changes in future editions.
- Burnham has written 13 books.
- *The Angel Store* and *Tara’s Angels* have closed.