Angel Miracles

Inspirational True Stories of Angel Miracles: Inspirational True Stories of Heavenly Help Heavenly Help

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Yes, we believe in angels—and we are not alone. According to a poll conducted by *Time* magazine, 69 percent of Americans believe in the existence of angels, and 46 percent are Angel Miracles: Inspirational True Stories of Heavenly Help certain that they have their own guardian angels to watch over them. Of those men and women polled by the newsmagazine, 32 percent claim that they have personally felt the presence and or guidance of ethereal entities in their lives.

Other polls had similar findings:

A poll conducted by Self magazine found that 87 percent of their readers believed in angels.

The Leger Marketing Survey of Canadians indicated that 57.1 percent of the population of Canada believes in angels.

Scripps Howard News Service released their findings that one out of every five Americans believes he or she has seen an angel or knows someone who has.

A Gallup Poll stated that 72 percent of Americans believed in angels, compared to 96 percent who believed in God, and 90 percent who believed in Angel Miracles: Inspirational True Stories of Heavenly Help heaven.

A FOX News poll found that 79 percent of Americans accepted the existence of angels.

The Harris Poll declared that 68 percent of Americans believed in an angelic guardian.

An Associated Press survey stated that 97 percent of evangelical Christians counted on their angels to guide them in life. The same AP poll revealed that even among individuals without any religious affiliation, more than 50 percent believed in angels. Among Angel Miracles: Inspirational True Stories of Heavenly Help the general population, 81 percent acknowledged the existence of angels.

Since 1968, we have been distributing Angel Miracles: Inspirational True Stories of Heavenly Help the Angel Miracles: Inspirational True Stories of Heavenly Help *Steiger Questionnaire of Mystical and Paranormal Experiences* to our readers and lecture audiences. Of the more than 30,000 respondents, 78 percent claim to have witnessed angelic activity on Earth; 89 percent believe that they have Angel Miracles: Inspirational True Stories of Heavenly Help personally interacted with a guardian angel or spirit guide; and 77 percent say that they have had an encounter with a benevolent being of light. Our respondents generally describe the beings as beautiful of countenance and often majestic and awesome. Manifestations of light often accompany the heavenly beings, adding to the grandeur of their appearance and the feeling of profound reverence that suffuses those who encounter them.

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The broadest definition of an angel is simply one who serves as a messenger of God. In this sense, a living person could certainly serve in such a capacity and serve God's purpose by delivering a particular thought, knowledge, or counsel that one might require at a certain crisis point. Many of us have been privileged to have a good friend or family member become an "angel" when we really needed the unconditional love and assistance of another, and some of us may even have Angel Miracles: Inspirational True Stories of Heavenly Help had such a person assume a protective, "guardian angel" role for a time. However, when we speak of our true Angel Miracles: Inspirational True Stories of Heavenly Help guardian angels, we are referring to those unseen, benevolent entities who, according to many traditions, have been assigned to us at birth to guide, direct us, and on occasion, to protect us.

Some skeptical psychologists and other researchers have suggested that those individuals who believe in a guiding and protective angel may be accessing an as-yet-little-known power of the mind, which enables one's subjective level of consciousness to dramatize another personality, complete with a full range of personal characteristics and its Angel Miracles: Inspirational True Stories of Heavenly Help own voice. Such a theory sounds too much like a description of mental illness to those men and women Angel Miracles: Inspirational True Stories of Heavenly Help who are convinced beyond reasonable doubt that they were guided, directed, and protected by a spiritual being. Those who believe completely, without question, that they interacted with a guardian angel stoutly maintain that the reality of a spiritual guide or teacher is so much more than any kind of psychological phenomenon.

The idea of a spirit guide or guardian angel dates back to the farthest reaches of antiquity. It is unlikely that anthropologists have ever discovered a single aboriginal culture that did not include the concept of a spirit guide in its theology.

All the great world religions have some kind of tradition of a guardian angel or spiritual guide assigned to each individual human soul. The ancient teachings are also in agreement that angels Angel Miracles: Inspirational True Stories of Heavenly Help are an earlier and separate order of creation from that of human beings, who were sculpted from the dust of the earth, and who were brought into being a little lower in the hierarchy than the angels.

As early as the third millennium b.c.e., the written records of ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia recognized a hierarchy of supernatural beings that ruled over various parts of the Earth, the universe, and the lives of human beings. The Mesopotamians wanted to be certain that they Angel Miracles: Inspirational True Stories of Heavenly Help were well protected by their spiritual guardians, the *shedu* and the *lamassu*.

In the Sanskrit texts of the ancient *Vedas*, the word for angel is *angira*; in Hebrew, *malakh*, meaning "messenger," or *bene elohim*, for "God's children"; in Arabic, *malakah*; and in India, multiwinged angels or beings are called *garudas*. The teachings of Islam state that there are three distinct species of intelligent beings in the universe. First are the angels that are a high order of beings created of Light, the *malakh*; second, the *al-jinn*, ethereal, perhaps even multidimensional Angel Miracles: Inspirational True Stories of Heavenly Help entities; and Angel Miracles: Inspirational True Stories of Heavenly Help then human beings, fashioned out of the stuff of Earth and born into physical bodies. On occasion, the al-jinn can serve as helpful guides or guardians, but they can also be tricksters.

The scriptures of all the world's major faiths state firmly that angelic beings are not to be worshipped or held as objects of veneration. Even though possessed with ethereal energy and certain powers beyond those of humans, the angels are by no Angel Miracles: Inspirational True Stories of Heavenly Help means omnipresent, omnipotent, or omniscient, and neither are they immune from falling into temptation or error.

In addition to their task as guardians, the merciful companions have the task of guiding their humans toward spiritual awareness. As well as being assigned to be available on occasion to

give humans a helping hand, it is an integral part of their terrestrial task to lead their human wards to a clearer Angel Miracles: Inspirational True Stories of Heavenly Help understanding of their true role in the cosmic scheme of things.

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