

Daily Meditation 06/21/2022

Angels, the 7th Chakra, and Questions for the Future

Good morning.

Today we have the interesting opportunity to think together and meditate together on angels. All tribes around the world have stories of angels or spirits, at least all that I'm familiar with, in all religions. And really it is one more antidote, one more medicine, for what Pope Francis calls the narcissism of our species: to think that we are the only beings with intellectual lives and so forth - it seems to me quite grandiose, to put it mildly. And it's interesting that this whole question of consciousness is arising today on so many fronts, certainly science is asking such questions.

And just today, Tuesday, I'm teaching a course on Meister Eckhart on consciousness, part of my course with the Shift Network, a seven-week course on bringing in seven major mystics to the creation tradition, to heal us and energize us and give us energy to keep moving. And of course, I will make allusion in my teaching today on Meister Eckhart to this very daily meditation on angels and consciousness.

As Rupert Sheldrake and I wrote about in our book on *The Physics of Angels*, in the concluding chapter, part of which is repeated in today's meditation:

Angels have a special relationship to light fire, flames and photons. There are astonishing parallels between Aquinas and Einstein, Aquinas and Einstein, with regard to the nature of angels and photons: in their locomotion, in their mode of movement, in their agelessness, and their being massless. In addition, they are musical in nature, and work in harmonious relationship with one another.

We ask these questions about the future, and Angelology:

How can we understand the consciousness of planets and stars and galaxies?

What role do angels play in guiding the evolutionary process?

Do angels themselves evolve?

Can the experience and the belief of angels, shared by all spiritual traditions, promote deep ecumenism?

In other words, is this another ground with which we can stand together?

Can we who derive from many, many different spiritual religious traditions, can we find common ground in this study and understanding of the angels?

Now, in this book, we have an appendix called Angels in the Bible. It's very interesting to me even visually, because I've gathered all the references of angels in the Hebrew Bible. And we've gathered all the references to angels in the New Testament and the Christian Bible.

What's interesting is if you add up all the references in the Hebrew Bible, for example, which I list, they fill approximately four pages. But if you add up all the angel references in the New Testament, the Christian Bible, just as I do here, they fill 12 pages ...12 pages! So it's amazing that New Testament is far shorter, far shorter than the Hebrew Bible, but you have three times as many references to angels. So it's very clear there in the first century: the question of Angelology was very alive in the Mediterranean and the makers of the New Testament in the first century. And of course, the stories of Jesus interacting with spirits and angels and people with spirits, both good spirits, good angels and bad angels. These interactions with Jesus were very numerous.

So there's so many questions around angels. I think our book is really an important book, because it is stepping forward based on the new cosmology, based on 20th and 21st century science. And the questions we're asking, and the answers we're providing, from these great teachers of the past: Denys the Areopagite, sixth-century Syrian monk; Hildegard of Bingen, a 12th-century Benedictine abbess; Thomas Aquinas, the 13th century theologian -- these questions are eminently practical, it seems to me, and provocative, extremely provocative for our times as well, as we reset them into this context.

So I invite you to meditate on these questions and turn them over in your own mind and heart, remembering what Thomas Aquinas says, angels cannot help but love and that they are eager to assist us. But we do have to ask them for help. Surely our species can do lots of -- needs lots of help today. Why not make allies not only of other humans who bear light in work but also with the ancestors and the light that they bring to us, which is what we bring forward in this book, these three great angelologists, and also to bring light forward with and through the angels and about the angels.

Thank you. We'll see you tomorrow.