

# Did You Get Your Angel Wings?

In awakening to Brahman/No-Self/True Nature many people describe the sense of having no center, no location, no support anywhere, no place to land:

I believe this is the true meaning of “getting your angel wings.”

That groundlessness, that sense of free-fall, is a feature of awakening beyond the mundane, material world. The sense is, we are everywhere at once and nowhere at all. No anchor point, nowhere to land.

As we release our identification with the physical and become increasingly at home with that unboundedness, we recognize we are not free-falling. We are soaring. And so it is, we have taken flight, as if on angel wings.

We encounter a reality that appears self-luminous, filled with light, even made entirely of light. Golden light or clear light. That reality is the threshold where we begin to see that the entire world is nothing but consciousness moving within consciousness.

That self-luminous appearance, the threshold through which we enter a world entirely made of consciousness, that is the pearly gate. Not after we die and go to heaven, but after we awaken and begin to see with awakened eyes.

And what do we see? A world lit up. Everything filled with an indescribable beauty. Streets that appear as if paved with gold. A city as if made of crystal and gemstones.

That celestial city replaces the earthly one. The buildings and trees and streets are all in the places they always were, but they are no longer seen as made of hard, inert matter. They are seen to be nothing but consciousness moving within consciousness. And so we are told there is a city in the clouds.

Jesus said, “If those who lead you say to you, ‘See, the kingdom is in the sky,’ then the birds of the sky will precede you. If they say to you, ‘It is in the sea,’ then the fish will precede you. Rather, the kingdom is inside of you, and it is outside of you. When you come to know yourselves, then you will become known, and you will realize that it is you who are the sons of the living father.” ~ Gospel of Thomas

And what do we find when we have crossed that threshold, when we have passed through the pearly gate?

We discover we are soaring, dancing with the divine Herself. There, in that Celestial City that is forever here and now, we “meet God,” exactly as the timeless mythology that has been passed down to us states. (We meet God in the form of mystical union in which we merge and there is no longer any distance or separation between ourselves and God: “I in Thee and Thee in me.”)

And in a way, we did “die and go to heaven.”

But what has died?

Not the physical human body.

What has died is the IDENTIFICATION with that localized, material form.

So, to review ...

We die and go to the pearly gate

We cross through and get our angel wings

And we discover a celestial city in the clouds

Where we meet God.

And so it is.

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