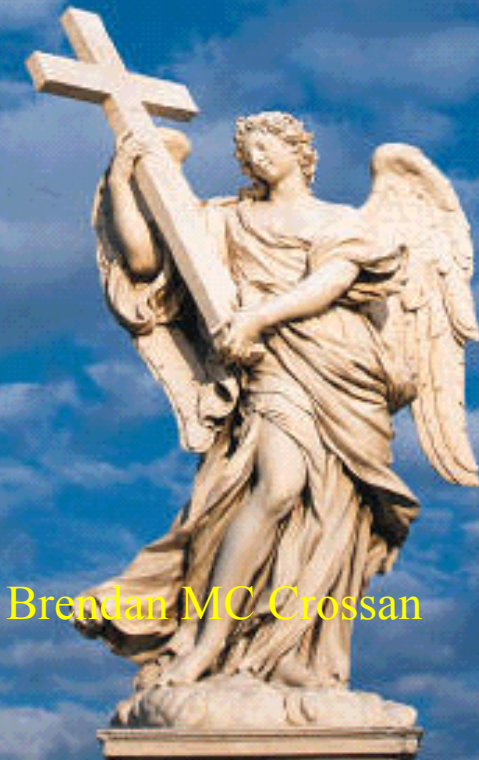


Redundant Angels

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Is your Angel Redundant.
[Unemployed]
Standing idle.
Because you do not know they
are there to help you



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REDUNDANT ANGELS

High Unemployment

In a time of high unemployment, when people everywhere are being made redundant, {unemployed} it seems like God's mighty Angels are also suffering the effects of unemployment. Millions of Angels are standing around with nothing to do for us. Few people seem to even realise or even care about it. Everyone has an Angel assigned to him at the moment of conception. That is when you began and that is when the Angel's work of watching over you began also.

Signing the heavenly unemployment register.

"Is your Angel, the one God assigned to you at conception, redundant, unemployed, no longer working, retired? Has he joined the great heavenly dole queue? Is your Angel signing the Unemployment Register in Heaven?" "Did you even know that you had an Angel assigned to you, to watch over you, to help you, to bring your prayer requests to God and to bring back the answers?" "Are you aware of the extent of their power and strength or what they really look like?" Most people, including the Christian children of God don't give Angels a second thought. It's as if they were only a fairy tale to keep children happy.

HEBREWS 1-14 "For the Angels are only Spirit messengers, sent out to help and care for those who are to receive His salvation."

You can see from this Scripture that Angels are sent out by God to help - First of all to help you and secondly to care for, watch over and protect you - they are Spirit messengers.

A Child's Prayer

Most Christian children are taught, either in school or by their parents to pray the prayer to their Guardian Angel: "Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen."

A little child's prayer, that as we grow older, we grow out of, discard from our daily prayer and yet the effect of this prayer had a great impact on our lives. "Have you ever stopped to consider how often you have had a "near miss" with an accident or been almost killed?" "Perhaps you were about to step off a pavement and suddenly stopped. Just as you did a car came around the corner and if you had been on the road you would most certainly have been badly injured or even killed. You maybe thought ' I was lucky there', putting this incident down to luck or to premonition. You most likely did not put it down to angelic intervention by your Heavenly Bodyguard, prompting you to stop." "Or you may be saying, ' I stepped out onto the road and was badly injured and where was my so called Angel then?' I would like you to think back to a time when something did happen to you. Before it happened, did you perhaps have a vague sense that you should stop, a sort of warning, that you did not pay heed to? Ask the Lord to remind you of all the times you nearly had an accident or did have one through not listening to that quiet still voice within. I had one such warning and had I not paid heed to it, I would be dead today. I will explain more about that later.

Angels Have A Job to Do

Angels have a job to do, but they need our co-operation. They cannot interfere in our daily lives as such unless God directly instructs them to. The Bible has lots of stories of Angels having direct contact with people, giving them a warning or a message, but 90% of the time, their job is to quietly assist and help us. If Angels were to interfere in our lives, then they would be taking away our free will. If they could interfere, then don't you think that they would stop us from sinning? They do try but don't stop us because that would be interfering with our free will. God does not interfere with our free will and neither can an Angel cross over that boundary. I'm sure that many an Angel had a sore heart at some of the things we have done as they tried to guide us away from it and we went ahead and did our own thing anyway. It seems strange that Angels are mentioned 327 times in the Bible and you very rarely hear anyone talk about them. It's as if they had ceased to exist and yet many people the world over at this present time have had experiences of Angels.

I myself have had quite a few encounters with these Angelic Beings. The first time I saw an Angel was when three friends and I were ministering to God in music, song and praise in our parish community centre, St. Mary's in Creggan, Derry. During our praising and singing in tongues, I saw rows and rows of Angels, standing shoulder to shoulder. They were about 7 or 8 feet tall, with long hair and very broad shoulders. I couldn't see where one Angel began or ended because they seemed to merge into one another. Neither could I see their feet. I thought at first that I was just imagining things but Martin, one of the men who was with me at the time also saw them.

Another time when I saw Angels was when I was on a trip to Lourdes with the Creggan Prayer Group, led by Fr. Seamus Kelly. It was a very exciting ten-day overland trip with three

coach loads of people, visiting all the shrines of France. We arrived in Lourdes on the seventh day. I had been experiencing a lot of hassle from people who were supposed to be helping me on the trip. On our arrival in Lourdes other problems arose and I got very angry. I expressed my feelings to George, my traveling companion and he advised me not to do anything to show myself up. During that night I awoke and saw two Angels standing at the foot of my bed. One was facing me and the other one was facing sideways and somewhere away in the distance I could see what looked like an army in battle. I then looked back at the Angels at the foot of my bed and wondered if I should be afraid. The Angel who was facing me must have realised what I was thinking and I heard him say "no need to be afraid" I lay looking at them for about ten minutes and at George in the other bed and eventually fell asleep. When I awoke the next morning, I was singing and all the feelings of anger had gone - Praise God.

An Angel Saved My Life

I was formerly a Building Contractor and was renovating a house in Maureen Avenue in Derry. The house was empty except for my tools and scaffolding and building material. Men working for me had been digging the foundation for an extension to the house and had completed this work and had moved to another job, which I had on. I had arranged to meet a building control inspector, at eleven o'clock, as he was to check out the work done. We met outside the door of the house at Maureen Avenue, went into the house and out into the backyard, where he inspected the foundations. Then he asked if he could check out the rest of the house.

I led the way into the house again and started up the stairs. I had got to the second stair when I felt a hand on my chest, stopping me. There was no one there, but the invisible hand was stopping me from going any further up. I got afraid and asked Albert, the clerk of works, if he could leave as I was not

feeling too well. He agreed and together we left the house. I decided to go home instead of going back to work, because Rose and I had arranged to go on a Marriage Encounter weekend. During the Marriage Encounter weekend, I met God for the first time in my life and gave my life to Him. A few hours after Albert and I had left the house in Maureen Avenue, a man entered the house and went up the stairs and was shot dead by an undercover S.A.S. team, who had been hiding in the house for a few days. The man was a member of the IRA and unknown to me; he and some others had used the empty house to hide weapons in. If I had ignored my Angel's warning both Albert and I would have been shot dead. I believe that it was my Angel, because I did not have God in my life and the Angel was trying to keep me safe to go on this Marriage Encounter weekend, where I could give God a chance in my life. I have a lot to thank my angel for and even more so God, for assigning His Holy Angel to me.

Sr. Augusta Marie

My dear late friend, Sr. Augusta Marie, a convent of Mercy nun who was stationed in Drumalis Retreat Centre in Larne, introduced me to the Angels and to what they can do for you. She used to send her Angels on errands for her. She would tell her Angel to go to such and such a person and to give a message to that person's Angel to phone her and sure enough the next day they would call. I took her advice and started to do the same. People whom I wished to contact would phone me saying " I was just thinking about you and I decided to call and see how things were". It saved a lot on phone bills! When out driving, I always ask my Angel to get me a parking space and he always does. He's a good and hard worker, my Angel!

Angels can find lost love ones!

I was telling this to a friend of mine one night who expressed concern for her mother, Mary who was worrying about her

son whom she hadn't heard from in years. He had emigrated to Holland some years before and like so many before, he wasn't a great writer and after a while she heard nothing more from him. I told my friend to tell her mother to send her Guardian Angel to his Guardian Angel to prompt him to call home. She laughed but said ok. She would try it. I passed by her home a few days later and she knocked on her window and beckoned me to stop.

She came out smiling and said her mother had been in touch with her son. She then proceeded to tell me the story. Her mother sent her Guardian Angel to get her son to call. In the middle of the night she awoke with the feeling that she should call her son's old girlfriend in Holland. Her son and this girl had ended their relationship a few years beforehand. Whenever Mary had tried to get in touch with her son many times through this girl, she had always explained that he had not been in touch with her either. However, Mary had this urge to call her and she did so and apologised for calling her so late at night and asked if she had heard from her son again. The young woman replied, " You'll never believe this. Just half an hour ago your son knocked on my door and he's here now", and she called him to the phone. There was a great reconciliation that night.

Another case of angels working in this way concerns Josie who had a daughter who had emigrated to America and had not been heard from in over ten years. Rose, my wife, talked to her and told her about her angel and how she should send her angel to the daughter's angel and have him tell her to call. In the middle of that night her daughter called and they had a great reconciliation and the daughter arranged to come home for a visit a few months later.

Angels Have Names

We know of Michael the Archangel and Gabriel, who appeared to Mary and told her what was to happen to her - Luke 1: 26-38. But did you know or even think about it that your

own Guardian Angel has a name also and they like to be called by their names. Don't you like to be called by your name?

My angel's name is Garth. Rose's angel's name is Clarence. My daughter Roisin's angel's name is Trabbo. How, you may be asking do you know their names? Simple- you ask them and they will tell you. Roisin's was the most beautiful experience of finding out her angel's name that I have ever heard. Rose was having a bath and Roisin was outside the door. She was five years old at the time and you know what kids are like. Questions, questions all the time. Rose was talking to her about her Guardian Angel and Roisin asked what was her angel's name and Rose said that she didn't know and that she should go and ask her angel herself and that he would tell her. So she sent Roisin into the bedroom to ask.

Two minutes later she came back and said that his name was Jesus. Rose told her "no", that wasn't her angel's name, but God's name and that she must have made it up. She told her to go back into the bedroom and this time she was to listen really hard, like you were trying to hear the T.V. with the sound turned down. Once again Roisin sailed off and came back five minutes later and said that her angel's name was Trabbo. Rose was shocked because it's not a name that a child would make up like John or Paul, a common name. So she told her to always call her angel by that name when she was talking to him, just like he told her.

A few weeks later Rose thought that she would try Roisin out and if she made up the name herself, she would not remember it. So she called her in and asked her what name did she call her Guardian Angel and she replied immediately - Trabbo and has never forgotten it.

So angels do talk to us and if we listen hard we'll hear them also. Now go and ask your angel what their name is, before you go any further. To address your angel by name means

that he is real to you. It is more personal for me to say 'Garth, I need you to do this for me ' than to just be impersonal. We are on first name terms.

We Need All the Help We Can Get.

We need all the help we can get these days, especially if you are trying to rear children and we especially need all the spiritual and supernatural help that is available to us. God expresses His great love for us in many ways and this is another way that He shows His personal love for us by giving us supernatural bodyguards. The power that one angel has is colossal. In 2 Kings: 19-35, we are told "that very night the angel of the Lord killed 185,000 Assyrian troops". One angel was able to kill 185,000 men in one night. You have a personal bodyguard capable of doing the same thing and even more. That's only talking about physical strength and power, but they have much more supernatural power available to them. Hebrews 1-14 "Angels are only spirit messengers sent out to help and care for those who are to receive His salvation". If God in His great love for us, His children has given us mighty angels as our helpers, then it is time we paid heed to them and asked them to help us out in times of need. You have to keep reminding yourself of the fact that angels are real and that they are there to protect and care for you. Would you be frightened if you lived alone but knew that you had an angelic bodyguard you could call on? I don't think so.

We need all the help we can get when rearing children. Rose and I have often had to send our angels out to bring our kids home when they were out too late and we were starting to worry about them. We would say "Garth, Clarence, go and get the kids home" and within twenty minutes they would be safely home. Many, many times we have had to do this. Rearing teenagers can be especially difficult and we need all the help we can get to do it. Angels make great babysitters! At times when our kids decided to skip school, I might be driving along the street and next thing I would get this urge to

go a different direction and would turn the car and drive along. Next thing I would spot one of my kids and his friends running away - they know the sound of my car- and I would catch them. Almost every time my kids took time off school, my angel warned me and they were caught out. The angels have also warned us when our kids were in some kind of trouble. We would get an urge to pray for them and they would arrive home later on and tell us about something dangerous that was about to happen to them and they were saved from it.

God Loves You

God loves you and the extent of his love is enormous. He not only gave His Son for you and His Holy Spirit to you, He also gave you a supernatural, super powered angel to watch over you, as your own personal bodyguard. They are not only great bodyguards, but are a fantastic help in recovering lost property. My wife, Rose lost a valuable notebook and everyone in the house took the rooms apart systematically and no one could find it. The living room was especially given a very thorough going over, but to no avail. Then Rose remembered to ask Clarence, her angel to find it for her. A short while later Rose looked and the notebook was found sitting on top of the glass lid of the hi-fi system in plain view of everyone. I myself had checked there as had every other member of the family and had found nothing there. The only explanation was that Clarence had put it there.

When Rose drops the backs of her earrings on the floor, she immediately asks Clarence to find them and the next thing she just puts her hand on them. The times when she doesn't ask him, she can never find them. One time after we had come back from a holiday in Lanzarote, I misplaced our passports. We searched everywhere for them and the last place I knew I had definitely had them was at the airport in

Belfast. There was no sign of them anywhere. After days of searching and even phoning the airport and the Post Office to see if they had been found and handed in, I still hadn't found them. Then one night Rose asked Clarence where our passports could be and she heard a voice say "in the second drawer". She looked and there they were in an envelope. Praise God for His wonderful helpers. How often have you lost something valuable and have never found it. Did you think of asking your angel? Angels cannot read your mind, neither can the devil, only God can do that. So you have to talk to your angel if you want them to do something for you ask respectfully.

I Am Sending an Angel before You

Exodus 20-23: "See, I am sending an angel before you, to lead you safely to the land I have prepared for you. Reverence him, obey all his instructions and do not rebel against him for he will not pardon your transgressions - he is my representative, he bears my name.

So you can see from this scripture that the angels' job was to go before the Israelites, to lead them safely to where they were going. They also had to show that angel reverence and respect. They also had to obey them, which meant they must have talked to them. They were God's representatives, bearing God's name. Has the job which angels have been given since the beginning of time suddenly ended? I think not, but sadly we seem to have no knowledge of them. They have become redundant, unemployed.

I Don't Need You Now

I was in a friend's home one night, praying with him and his family, when I sensed Rose's angel speaking to me and telling me that she wanted me to come home. I stopped talking and stood up and was preparing to leave, when I heard the words

"it's ok. Now, I don't need you".

Just then my friend's youngest daughter arrived home. I was introduced to her and they said that I had been praying with them and asked her if she would like a prayer also. I talked to her about having Jesus come into her life and about the Baptism in the Spirit and she asked if she could have both. I laid hands on her and she fell to the floor under the power of the Holy Spirit. She lay resting in the Holy Spirit' for about twenty minutes and then started speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave her words. Her family watched in amazement.

They themselves had received all that was happening to the younger girl but what I didn't know was that this girl was pregnant, wasn't married and was going with an older married man. The family was shocked because after all she was in sin', as far as they were concerned and God was giving to her what they had received earlier. Then the Lord revealed to me that the girl was pregnant and that the family had turned against her and were condemning her. I said to them what the Lord had revealed to me and everyone burst into tears.

Then the father ran over to her and put his arms around her and said, "if God can forgive and love you, then who am I not to". Then the mother came to her and apologised to her for all that she had said previously and asked her for forgiveness. The whole family was then reconciled together. Such great healing took place that night. [Later on the girl had her baby and ended the relationship with the married man]. God showed all of them that there is much rejoicing in heaven over one soul returning to Him. He didn't condemn the girl either but gave her his Holy Spirit and the gift of tongues also. Maybe we shouldn't be too hasty to condemn someone in that positions either. God's mercy is far bigger than ours is His love is unconditional.

"I don't need you now", the voice said. When I returned Rose and the kids were still sitting up and I asked her if she had sent her angel to me to tell me to come home and she said she had. I then asked if she, five minutes later said, "I don't need you now" and she had answered "yes". The kids just sat there, their mouths hanging open in amazement. I asked Rose why she had said to her angel that she didn't need me then and she went on to explain. "I was sitting telling the children about their Guardian Angels and about how they can do things for us.

Then I said I'll show you, and I asked Clarence to go and tell you that I needed you to come home and then said to wait and see and their Dad would be home very soon". But five minutes later our sister-in-law came in for a chat and Rose said, "I don't need him now". That's when I heard her angel say, "I don't need you now". The children certainly had the proof that angels exist and that they do work for you.

Why do we not hear much about angels these days? The simple fact is that not very many people are interested either in God or in his angels. The world is turning away from holy things and turning to immorality, rebellion and to the occult and seeking only self-pleasures.

What about your angel, are you going to take him off the Unemployment Register and give him a full time job again?

Amen

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