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From the tiniest miracles to gigantic leaps of faith

The next time you see a white feather, it could be an angel trying to talk to you, says Victoria Mary Clarke

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This is a story about a man who talks to angels, and about the miracles that have happened to him. This story begins with a tiny miracle.

I was lying in my back yard the other day, talking to my angels. Asking for a bit of direction. All of a sudden, I was on my way to Temple Bar, to a creativity lecture that was supposed to be happening there.

At the hotel, I asked the receptionist where the 'Artist's Way' lecture was. She pointed me in the right direction. On the way in, I noticed a white feather on the carpet.

It quickly transpired that I was not at the 'Artist's Way' lecture. Instead, I was at a talk on how to communicate with angels. I shivered.

The man who was talking was a neatly dressed, chirpy Australian, and he was telling a story about how the angels had saved his life.

"I was driving on a country road," he said.

"And I fell asleep at the wheel. I went into a verge on the other side of the road. Then I realised I was heading for an electricity pole. I tried to steer away from it, but I couldn't manoeuvre the car. I knew I was going to hit the pole. But I knew that my time was not up.

"In that moment, my angels gave me a vision of the car coming to rest and me walking away from it, being helped by a man on either side. And I completely trusted them. Then a white light came down and swirled around me and I felt myself being wrapped in it like cotton wool.

"I slammed into the pole and the car stopped. I knew I was in serious trouble but I knew I wasn't going to die. I had trouble breathing, I had broken ribs, my lungs were filling up with blood and I knew I had internal injuries.

"But I saw myself walking away from the car. I saw two guys and they walked me around to the front of the car, exactly like in my vision. After they got me out, I tried to find them. But nobody was able to find them.

"In the hospital, I was in unbelievable pain. My lungs were so bad that they wanted to operate and remove most of them, and put me on a machine. But I refused to let them.

"After two days they X-rayed me again, and to cut a long story short, I had what looked like two brand new lungs!"

So what had happened, how did he get the new lungs?

"I stayed completely focused. I had been learning lots of different techniques for channeling healing energy through my body and visualising and I did all of them.

"And I trusted what the angels were telling me to do and it worked."

Later on, I asked the man, whose name was John Shortell, if he had any kind of proof to back up his story. He said yes, he had the X-rays, and that the doctor was also willing to testify that it was true.

I called John a few days later and arranged to meet him. He told me that he had grown up in a "very Irish" Australian family in Melbourne, and that his very Catholic mother had always believed, as he also learned to, in guardian angels.

"So I talked to my angel all the time. When I was at university I was a bit of a lad. Used to have a few beers and didn't do a lot of studying."

John got guidance from his angel, telling him which topics to cram, and so he passed the exams.

He did not always intend to travel around talking about angels -- he had worked in engineering for 10 years.

"It was great but I felt like there was something missing."

One night his sister called him and told him about a lecture she had been to about communicating with angels. So he checked out the lecture.

"And as soon as I walked in the room I just knew. This was what I was meant to be doing!"
The lecture had been given by an organisation called the Inner Peace Movement.

"This is an organisation of people who come together because they want to be able to work more closely with their angels, and find their own answers," he says.

John got up the courage to pack in his job and work full-time in the organisation, teaching people about angel communication and how to get their own guidance.

"I was asked to come to Ireland and straight away I got goose-bumps all over!"

"I knew I had to come to Ireland and share what I am involved in and how it has helped me," he says.

John is giving talks on angel communication in Cork on August 3, Limerick on August 5 and Dublin on August 10. Call 087-1492979 or log on to innerpeacemovement.ie

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