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PART I

The Angels Descend to Earth



Infinite Joy



On a heavenly plane,
A noble soul
Has been patiently waiting to descend to Earth.

Along with many angels,
This soul observes the Earth until day's end—
The mountains, forests, rivers, and fields;
The oceans, clouds, sky, and stars;
The struggles, hunger, discrimination, and illness;
The pain, anxiety, wrongdoing, and punishment;
The deep blue sky, and the multicolored rainbow;
The wind blowing through, and the light passing by.

Tirelessly, the angels and this noble soul
Observe the Earth.

With the new millennium,
A change is taking place on Earth—

A change toward great harmony and great
accomplishment.

Europe, Africa, Asia, North America, South America,
Oceania, Antarctica—

The angels

Ask the noble soul:

In which country will you land?

Solemnly, the soul answers:

I will land in Japan.

My mission is peace on Earth and the happiness of humanity.

*Life is eternal; I will dedicate my physical life to the peace
and happiness of humanity.*

With infinite joy,

I will land in Japan.

*A great many friends of mine are waiting there, enrobed in
light.*

*How many people have continued praying for world peace,
To welcome me on Earth?*

At long last, the place where I will descend has been prepared.

The time has come.

*It is time for me to work for world peace, along with my
light-filled friends.*

The angels agree:

*Yes, now is the time for you to take an active role.
Noble soul, go down to Japan and begin your work.
Let your life serve all humanity.
In Japan, everything is arranged for your arrival.*

The noble soul,

Looking ahead to its great work,

Nods reassuringly

And pronounces to the angels:

*Now, wearing the garment of the physical body,
I will descend to Earth.*

I will let all humanity know the joy of life.

I will let them know through my own actions

How precious, how marvelous, and how radiant life is.

*I will clear away the fixed ideas and self-trapping that now
prevail on Earth.*

Through my actions I will let it be known—

All things are bound to improve, they will absolutely improve.

I will let it be known that nothing is impossible in this world.

*I will let it be known that illness is a state of mind, and can
be healed through one's own inner power.*

*I will let the truth be known that all our thoughts become
reality.*

How wonderful to descend to Earth!

How grateful I am to have a role to play on Earth!

How radiant is life on Earth!

What a miracle it is to don the garment of the physical body!

*I will go and tell them what a precious thing the physical
body is!*

Divine angels, please observe

As I devote my life

To bring peace on Earth, and to guide humanity to happiness.