

Supernatural and the Senses

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I was a christian during much of my teens. At one point a woman told me that she had seen angels, and I believed her. I pressed her on what it was like and in the end she admitted it was not a "seeing" seeing as an experience on the sensory cortex but rather a feeling of someone being present, and, in one case, a sensation like someone putting a hand on her shoulder.

If you have a dualist worldview it might make sense that you can think of things like that as a kind of evidence, like seeing with the soul.

Also: after being told this, I wanted very badly to experience angels too. I can empathize with wanting this, perhaps to the extent that you tell others that you have done so in order to feel it by proxy if that makes sense. Like a teenager telling their peers that they have totally had sex/smoked weed/whatever.

A lot of words to say that I agree with your "immaturity" assessment.

Mental illnesses *generally* don't create visual hallucinations, mostly auditory ones.

It does not make sense to believe in miracles reported by others unless them lying or being deluded would be more miraculous than the miracle they are describing, to paraphrase Hume.