

# HOW ABOUT THOSE ANGELS?

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The strange lower body of the creatures that adorn the United Grand Lodge of England seal comes from a small part of a description of “spiritual beings” in the Bible (Ezekiel 1:7): “And their feet were straight feet and the sole of the foot was like the sole of a calf’s foot...”

The rest of the description is impossible to understand so it appears early brethren just ran with what they could envision and gave the “beings” the entire lower body of a calf.

What we end up with is termed a *chimera* (an organism composed of two or more genetically distinct tissues, as an organism that is partly male and partly female, or an artificially produced individual having tissues of several species).

Although the intention and Biblical credibility can be justified, this type of imagery brings about all kinds of negative speculation; goats come to mind. Perhaps it’s time move away from art of this nature. Whatever Ezekiel saw, I am sure it was totally different to these absurd depictions. One might note that the “entities” have a navel, indicating a biological birth (as opposed to spiritual birth) of some sort. Yes, I agree it’s just “symbolism,” but people have changed and this sort of thing does not put our Order in a good light.

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