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Side one

  1. "Guru Sri Chinmoy Aphorism" (Coster, Santana) - 1:11
  2. "Angel of Air/Angel of Water" (Coster, Santana) - 9:55
  3. "Bliss: the Eternal Now" (Coltrane) - 5:33

Side two

  1. "Angel of Sunlight" (Coster, Santana) - 14:43
  2. "Illuminations" (Coster, Santana) - 4:18   *play*

Carlos Santana - guitar, Alice Coltrane - harp, piano
Tom Coster - electric piano, Hammond organ, piano
David Holland - acoustic bass
Jack DeJohnette – cymbals, drums
Julse Broussard – flute, soprano sax
Prabuddha Phil Browne – tamboura
Armando Perez - congas
Phil Ford - tablas

String Section:
Murray Adler   Concert Master
Ron Folsom, Bill Henderson' Nathen Kaproff, Gordon Marron, Paul Shure, Charles Veal -violins
Anne Goodman, Glenn Grab, Jackie Lustgarten, Fred Seykora - celli
Marilyn Baker, Myer Bello, Rollice Dale, Alan Harshman, Myra Kestenbaum, David Schwartz - violas
James Bond - bass

Illuminations is a 1974 collaboration between Carlos Santana and Alice Coltrane. Jazz musicians Jules Broussard, Jack DeJohnette and Dave Holland can also be heard, on

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saxophone, flute, drums and bass. Alice Coltrane delivers some harp glissando, while the string orchestra adds a serene mood to the music. Carlos Santana (whose Indian name "Devadip" appears on the sleeve) plays electric guitar in his own fashion, utilizing feedback, long notes and simple melodies, letting much space to the other instruments. The album is conceived as an instrumental jazz album, with lengthy solos on guitar, saxophone and keyboards. The introduction to "Angel of Air", with its violins, has been sampled by the Cinematic Orchestra.

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