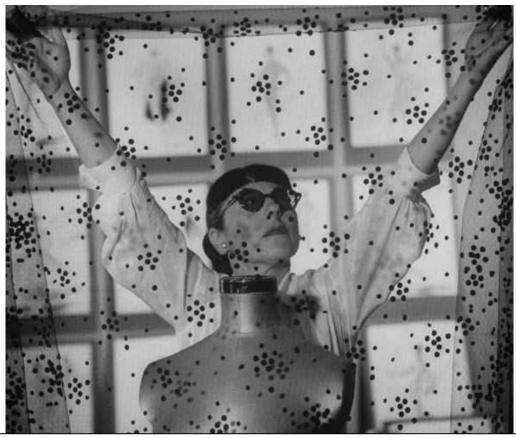
Floaters



Floaters are dark dots or particles in a person's vision that move around as though floating in the eye. They are created when tiny clumps form in the vitreous humor inside the eyeball and are generally harmless. Edith's floaters, however, were hardly harmless. They tended to leak out of her eyes and adhere to whatever object she was looking at. An unguarded glance in the Louvre one day turned the Mona Lisa into a study in pointillism. But that was nothing compared to the time she stared at the sun for two minutes. The resulting sunspots brought the Earth's electrical power grid to its proverbial knees and to this day continue to play havoc with its plasma environment!