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The Near-Death Newsletter is a free monthly newsletter from www.near-death.com. The mission of this newsletter is to provide the latest news on the subject of near-death experiences and related phenomena and to promote IANDS (International Association for Near-Death Studies), near-death researchers, experiencers, events, and multimedia resources. Although this newsletter is not affiliated with IANDS, the author of this newsletter, [Kevin Williams](http://www.near-death.com), is a member of IANDS and is dedicated to the IANDS mission. IANDS is the premier organization for near-death research. Membership gives you access to their prestigious [Journal of Near-Death Studies](http://www.near-death.com) and [Vital Signs](http://www.near-death.com) newsletter. You can [join IANDS at their website](http://www.near-death.com).

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DATE: **October 25-28, 2006**
EVENT: [2006 IANDS North American Conference](#)
VENUE: [University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas](#)
REGISTER: [Conference Registration Page on the IANDS website](#)

A once-in-a-lifetime conference on NDEs will be held on October 25-28 at the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, one of the world's largest medical complexes. Co-sponsored by the [International Association for Near-Death Studies](#) (IANDS), the conference will feature almost all of the world's leading NDE researchers presenting the most current research on near-death experiences. This type of gathering will not happen again for many years – most of the world's top investigators presenting cutting-edge research in a major medical facility.

For full details, schedules, and Registration for the October 25-28 Conference, go to www.iands.org.

Who Should Attend

Near-death experiencers, anyone dealing with death, grief and loss; members of the public interested in learning more about the latest research into NDEs; and healthcare professionals (medical, psychological, palliative care - many of whom may earn continuing education credit. Visit www.iands.org for details).

Keynote Speakers

[Raymond Moody, MD, PhD](#), the author who coined the term NDE in his 1975 book "[Life After Life](#)", will be a luncheon speaker. [Janis Amatuzio, MD](#), known as the compassionate oncologist and author of "[Forever Ours](#)", will be the Banquet speaker. Other keynote speakers include leading figures in the hospice, palliative care and gerontology professions [Maggie Callanan, RN](#), [Bruce Horacek, PhD](#), [Pam Kircher, MD](#), and [Alex Peralta Jr., MD](#).

Segment One: October 25 - 26, 2006

[NDE Research: The Scientific Foundation](#) - The first two days will offer comprehensive and critical reviews of all of the NDE research through 2005, presented by leading medical and academic researchers from around the globe. This conference segment is ideal for anyone who wants to gain a thorough understanding of NDEs and the current state of research, including those working in the medical, mental health, and palliative and pastoral care professions – and the general public.

Segment Two: October 27 - 28, 2006

[Implications and Applications of NDE Research](#) – The theme for the second segment is implications of NDE research and its ethical applications to palliative, end-of-life and other clinical care; education about NDEs; and future research directions. This conference segment will include many traditional features of IANDS conferences such as keynote speakers, concurrent presentation sessions, panels of NDE experiencers, sessions specifically for experiencers, and panels of experts discussing a range of NDE related topics. This two-day segment will be of interest to both health care professionals and the general public.

Special Instructions

We anticipate the conference will sell out so please register very soon to reserve a seat. You can save money on discounted advance registration. Attendees may register for the entire conference or for segments. For information and to register, go to www.iands.org.

IANDS Conference Links

- Conference Brochure (PDF): <http://tinyurl.com/pgpj2>
- Conference Web Page: <http://tinyurl.com/qwqlk>
- Presenter Bios: <http://tinyurl.com/prnln>
- Pricing Overview: <http://tinyurl.com/mojj3>
- Register Page: <http://tinyurl.com/p5rge>
- Continuing Education Info: <http://tinyurl.com/m2ndr>

Conference Venue Information and Links

--- Houston Hotel Location:

Houston Marriott Medical Center Hotel
6580 Fannin Street, Houston, TX 77030
Map: <http://tinyurl.com/qwm52>

--- Presentations Location:

MD Anderson Cancer Center
Hickey Auditorium, 1515 Holcombe Blvd #2, Houston, TX 77030
Map: <http://tinyurl.com/rak7n>

- M. D. Anderson Center Maps and Information: <http://tinyurl.com/qsewj>
- M. D. Anderson Center Driving Directions: <http://tinyurl.com/s67a4>
- M. D. Anderson Center Parking Information: <http://tinyurl.com/rxuhd>
- Houston Real-Time Traffic Report: <http://tinyurl.com/5ze3l>
- M. D. Anderson Center Map and Driving Directions: <http://www.tmcmaps.info/>
- M. D. Anderson Center Shuttle Map (PDF): <http://tinyurl.com/mzlwq>
- M. D. Anderson Center Buses and Other Transportation: <http://tinyurl.com/ozph3>
- Take a Virtual Tour of M. D. Anderson Center: <http://tinyurl.com/o3oy3>
- Houston Weather Information: <http://tinyurl.com/r6d27>

IANDS in the Spotlight

EAST WINDSOR HILL, CONNECTICUT (IANDS Website)
[IANDS](#) is the premier research organization in the field of near-death studies. If you haven't yet joined this wonderful organization, I encourage you to join online at their membership page. There are many benefits for being a member.

IANDS Links of Interest

- Home page: <http://www.iands.org>
- Join IANDS: <http://www.iands.org/joincard.html>
- Subscribe to IANDS Mailing List: <http://tinyurl.com/a9l9q>
- IANDS Online Store: <http://tinyurl.com/8cxns>

News from IANDS

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- Latest News: <http://www.iands.org/news/latest/>
- Research News: <http://www.iands.org/news/research/>
- Education News: <http://www.iands.org/news/education/>
- Conference News: <http://www.iands.org/news/conference/>
- IANDS Press Kit: <http://tinyurl.com/grfr4>

IANDS Multimedia NDE Products

- IANDS Online Store: <http://iands.org/shoppingcart/>
- New IANDS Multimedia Downloads: <http://tinyurl.com/7gypm>
- MP3s from IANDS: <http://tinyurl.com/8u37n>
- IANDS Conference presentations - <http://iands.org/conference/index.php>
- IANDS NDE research resources - <http://iands.org/resources.php>
- IANDS NDE Brochures (FREE) - <http://iands.org/brochures.html>
- IANDS Selected NDE Bibliography - <http://iands.org/bib.html>
- IANDS Comprehensive Bibliography - <http://iands.org/bibcd.html>
- Journal of NDE Studies - FREE by joining IANDS
- Vital Signs Newsletter - FREE by joining IANDS
- Guide to NDEs (480 pages) - FREE by joining IANDS
- NDEs: Index to the Periodical Literature - <http://iands.org/bibcd.html>
- NDE documentary - <http://tinyurl.com/mh8yc>

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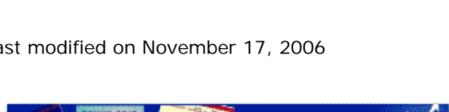
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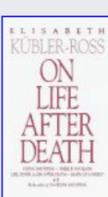
"Death is nothing more than a doorway, something you walk through."
- George Ritchie, M.D.

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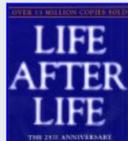
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Recommended NDE Books



[On Life After Death](#)
by Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

This is the world-famous best-seller by the woman who popularized the field of thanatology as a subject for general social commentary.



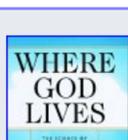
[Life After Life](#)
by Raymond Moody

Dr. Moody investigated more than 100 case studies of people who experienced an NDE and in 1975 published this best-seller.



[Mindsight](#)
by Kenneth Ring, et al.

Dr. Ring and associates investigated the astonishing claim that blind persons, including those blind from birth, can actually "see" during an NDE. They present their findings in scrupulous detail and include fascinating case histories.



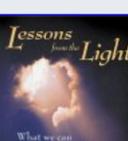
[Where God Lives](#)
by Melvin Morse

Dr. Morse presents the scientific evidence of life after death which is being overlooked by skeptics such as the existence of a location in our brains that communicates with God and the universe.



[Light and Death](#)
by Michael Sabom

Dr. Sabom combined scientific research and dramatic narrative in the first book to seriously explore the relationship between the NDE and traditional Christian experience.



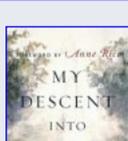
[Lessons from the Light](#)
by Kenneth Ring, Evelyn Elsaesser Valarino

An outstanding book that presents intriguing evidence to support the theory that NDEs are an authentic, objective experience, and not the hallucination of a dying brain.



[Blessing in Disguise](#)
by Barbara Rommer

Even the most horrifying NDEs are a spiritual wake-up call that causes the person to stop, look back, and review past choices which makes it the ultimate learning experience.



[My Descent Into Death](#)
by Howard Storm

An atheistic professor dies, goes to hell, is rescued by Jesus, is shown the future, returns to life, then becomes a minister.



[Ordered to Return](#)
by George Ritchie

This is the profound NDE testimony which inspired Raymond Moody to begin his groundbreaking research of the NDE.



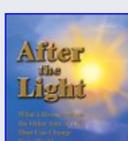
[Embraced by the Light](#)
by Betty Eadie

A woman and professor one of the most detailed and profound NDE ever documented and becomes a New York Times bestseller.



[When Ego Dies](#)
by Diane Corcoran, et al

A compilation of NDE and mystical conversion experiences described in their very own words.



[After The Light](#)
by Kimberly Clark Sharp

Kimberly's profound life-changing NDE led her to conclude that death is not to be feared; therefore, a life without fear can be lived to the fullest.