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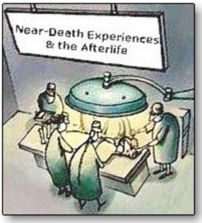

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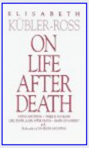
(1) Near-Death News

NEAR-DEATH NEWS

Archive of NDEs in the News - Read all the major news articles concerning the NDE and related phenomena from 1995 to current. This is a permanent archive to ensure that these news articles will always be available on the internet. The Near-Death News section of this Near-Death Newsletter will soon be available in syndication so stay tuned!

News From P.M.H. Atwater

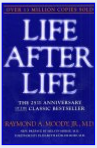
Recommended
NDE Books



On Life After Death

by Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

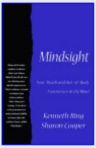
This is the world-famous best-seller by the woman who popularized the field of thanatology as a subject for general social commentary.



Life After Life

by Raymond Moody

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



Mindsight

(November 2005) **P.M.H. Atwater**

"Beyond the Indigo Children: The New Children and the Coming of the Fifth World" hit bookstores September 28th. Get a copy. I know you will be surprised by what is in the book! It is now time for all of us to move beyond labels such as indigo, crystal, star, sky, cosmic, and psychic, and take a real look at the REAL children now entering our world - and the Great Shifting occurring everywhere!

LATEST HEADLINES FROM P.M.H:

- The Effect of Human Thought and Emotions on Weather Patterns
- The Planetary Peace Gathering
- Books For People in Prison - Please Help
- Free Mandalas for Creative Spirits

FREEBIES FROM P.M.H:

- Free Indigo "Extras" (web page)
- Free Indigo "Extras" (PDF ebook)
- "The Challenge of Sept 11" (web page)
- "The Challenge of Sept 11" (PDF ebook)

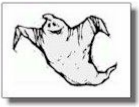
WHAT'S NEW ON P.M.H.'S WEBSITE:

- Article by P.M.H: "Earth Changes Have Begun"
- Book Review: "Talking with Angel: About Illness, Death and Survival," by Evelyn Elsaesser-Valarino
- Book Review: "Hear His Voice: The True Story of a Modern Day Mystical Encounter with God!" by Nancy Clark
- Upcoming Radio/Online Interviews

Halloween Special: A Spirit Photo

(CAUTION: This photo may shock you.)

(October 30, 2005) **Near-Death**



In the spirit of Halloween (pun intended), I found a photograph on the Internet which is the best "ghost" photo I have ever seen. A teen was murdered in his home and his mother was so despondent that she put her home on the market for sale and moved into an apartment. In the process of selling her home, she took a number of photographs of the interior of her home. When she received the developed photographs, she looked through them all to see how they turned out. When she came across one particular photograph, however, what she saw shocked her so much that she ... [Read more here]

■ Related items of interest:

Article:	"The Best Ghost Photos Ever Taken" from About.com
Website:	Credibility and Ghost Photos
Book:	"Real Ghosts, Restless Spirits, and Haunted Places"

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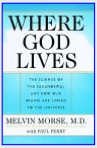
by Kenneth Ring, et al.

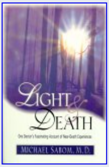
Dr. Ring and associates investigated the astonishing claim that blind persons, including those blind from birth, can actually "see" during a NDE. They present their findings in scrupulous detail and include fascinating case histories.



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

Near-Death Experiencers Wanted

(Submit your NDE testimony)

(October 30, 2005)

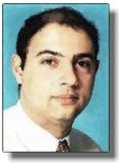
The following organizations are looking for NDErs to share their story:

- A top UK publisher is looking for personal NDE accounts preferably from experiencers living in the UK. Contact Tammy Cohen at tammymichael@btinternet.com.
- A national magazine called First For Women is seeking to interview women who have had a NDE. Send a photo and full contact info to: Christine Coppa, ccoppa@bauerpublishing.com, Bauer Publishing, Special Projects, 270 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 07632, phone: (201) 569-6699 x394, fax: (201) 569-6264.
- NDErs needed for interview for a History Channel documentary called "The History of Heaven" to be televised later this year. Please email Associate Producer Ann LeSchander at annbbbp@earthlink.net with your name, your testimony and your contact information.

Out-of-Body or All in the Mind?

(Dr. Sam Parnia's NDE research)

(September 22, 2005)



Reports of OBEs and NDEs are often simply anecdotal, but the hospital environment allows Sam Parnia to monitor and compare oxygen, carbon dioxide and salt levels in the patients who did and did not have either experience. His study also involves a novel method of testing if the "self" actually does leave the body during an OBE. Sam has suspended boards below the ceiling and these have images on the upper side. The idea is that if people do look down from above, they may recall the extra information. As yet, no patients have reported seeing these images. Whether these phenomena are visions of a dying brain or paranormal activity, Dr Parnia says science needs to offer an explanation of what happens when we die. "I think that NDEs hold the key to finally solving this mystery. In studying them further we will be able to discover the true nature of the relationship between the mind and the brain and answer the wider questions regarding the existence of an afterlife." [Read more here]

- Related items of interest:

Article:	Is Out-of-Body All in the Mind?
Website:	Horizon Research Foundation
Book:	"What Happens After Death" by Sam Parnia

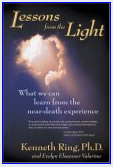
A Tunnel Back to Life

(Patrick Tierney's NDE)

(October 30, 2005)

I felt a pinch in my chest and I found myself in a tunnel, what seemed to be a tunnel. I walked or floated down the tunnel until I came to ... two more tunnels. One was very bright and the other one was black. So I took the one on the right, which was light, and suddenly appeared before a picket fence, similar to the fences you'd find around the old railway stations ... I was looking out on an area which was multi-coloured. The colours were beautiful. I can't describe them. The only way I could describe them - it was a very, very beautiful garden. What seemed a few seconds, my parents appeared from the side, were standing in front of me, smiling. My mother-in-law, she joined them. They're all smiling and I

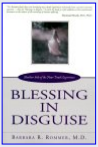
first book to seriously explore the relationship between the NDE and traditional Christian experience.


Lessons from the Light
What we can learn from the near-death experience
Kenneth Ring, Ph.D.
and Evelyn Elsaesser Valarino

Lessons from the Light

by Kenneth Ring, Evelyn Elsaesser Valarino

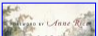
An outstanding book that presents intriguing evidence to support the theory that NDEs are an authentic, objective experience, and not the hallucination of a dying brain.



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.



- **Audio:** Listen to Newsweek's audio clip of Rev. Patricia Bulkley
- **Website:** International Association for the Study of Dreams
- **Book:** "Dreaming Beyond Death: A Guide to Pre-Death Dreams and Visions" by Kelly Bulkeley, Rev. Patricia Bulkley
- **Book:** Read the first chapter of "Dreaming Beyond Death" (PDF ebook)

Inside with Real-Life Ghost Whisperers

(Psychics James Van Praagh and John Holland)

(October 13, 2005)

"Our research strongly suggests that [Van Praagh] is actually receiving communication with the consciousness and energy of the person who died," says Dr. Gary Schwartz of the University of Arizona. "The simplest explanation that accounts for the largest amount of information is the survival of consciousness after death." Van Praagh is on a mission to help people understand that, so they can evolve to the next life without fear. "The dead have a lot to teach us," he says. "The dead always leave gifts behind. We have to be open to receiving them. We are all connected in some cosmic way. We are all one." "Mediums: We See Dead People" also follows John Holland to a restaurant in Little Italy where he "reads" the death of mobster Joey Gallo more than 30 years ago; we visit the home of psychiatrist Raymond Moody, who is the leading investigator of what he calls "life after life" and watch Pam Coronado as she works with police to help solve crimes. [Read more here]

🟥 Related items of interest:

- **Article:** Real-Life Ghost Whisperer: James Van Praagh
- **Article:** Is This Woman A Real-Life Ghost Whisperer?
- **Article:** On The Set of "Ghost Whisperer"
- **Website:** The Official Site of James Van Praagh

Death as a Trip

(The Tibetan Book of the Dead)

(October 28, 2005)

The Tibetan Book of the Dead is a kind of Baedeker (i.e. travel guide) for the afterlife and, like the best guidebooks, its reassuring refrain is “Don’t panic!” After death, it says, you will be assailed by thunderous sounds and bewildering apparitions as first the peaceful deities rise before you, then the wrathful ones, who drink blood and eat the entrails of bloated corpses. If you are very unlucky, Yama (representing the forces of impermanence and the laws of cause and effect) will chop off your head, lick out your brains and drink your blood, then eat you. The trick is not to be afraid and to remember that you don’t have a body any more, so he can’t hurt you ... This idea fascinated Jung, who revered The Tibetan Book of the Dead as a great psychological work. According to Highest Yoga Tantra (from which The Tibetan Book of the Dead derives), only during the process of dying can we achieve liberation from the cycle of existence. Advanced yogis can make trial runs by inducing a deathlike state, but after death the rest of us must try to remember what we've read in The Tibetan Book of the Dead and put it into practice. [Read more here]

- Related items of interest:
  - **Article:** The Near-Death Experiences of Buddhists on near-death.com
  - **Website:** "The Tibetan Book of the Dead" on About.com
  - **Book:** "The Tibetan Book of the Dead" translated by Graham Coleman, Gyurme Dorje, Thupten Jinpa

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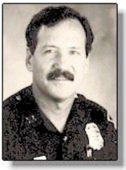
Homicide Police Captain Discusses Past Life as Artist Carroll Beckwith

(The Reincarnation of Captain Robert Snow)

(October 6, 2005)

NewsReleaseWire



Captain Snow did not believe in reincarnation when he went for a past life regression on a dare made by a fellow police officer. To his surprise, in the regression Snow had a vivid past life memory, which he states was "more real" than waking consciousness. In the memory, he saw himself as an artist painting a portrait of a hunchback woman. Snow remembered 20 specific details of this lifetime ... When Snow wandered into a small art gallery in the French Quarter, he was shocked to find the portrait of the hunchback woman, exactly as he had seen it during the past life regression. The portrait was done by the artist Carroll Beckwith. Snow found that Beckwith had a diary preserved at the New York Academy of Design and upon reading it, Captain Snow was able to validate all 20 memories from his past life regression, which led to his writing, "Looking for Carroll Beckwith." In this book, Captain Snow states he has proven reincarnation to be true and remarks that if his reincarnation case was presented in court, he would win "without plea bargaining." Captain Snow has the same facial features as Carroll Beckwith. [Read more here]

- Related items of interest:
  - **Website:** Robert Snow's Reincarnation Case in Detail
  - **Website:** The Official Site of Robert Snow
  - **Book:** "Looking for Carroll Beckwith: The True Story of a Detective's Search for His Past Life" by Robert Snow

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Rebirth: Girl Tracks Old Parents

(Some children remember having past lives)

(October 4, 2005)

TIMES OF INDIA

It was almost like living a miracle for a Gujjar family based in south Delhi -- a four-year-old angel called Manisha walked into their arms on the shraddh of their daughter who died about five years ago. Manisha, the little girl, claimed that she was their deceased daughter Suman, who had died of typhoid at the age of 15 on December 14, 2000. The infant, who apparently has vivid memories of her last birth, took to her "past-life parents" as her own. "She ran into our arms when she saw us. She pointed to me and said *voh nahi yeh mere papa hai* ," says Chaudhary Kamal Singh, her father of the last birth. [Read more here]

- Related items of interest:
  - **Article:** "Reincarnation" on Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

- **Website:** The Official Site of Carol Bowman
- **Book:** "Life Before Life: A Scientific Investigation of Children's Memories of Previous Lives" by Jim Tucker

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Ketamine Fact File

(An anesthetic that triggers OBEs and NDEs)

(October 7, 2005)

BBC NEWS

The anaesthetic ketamine is growing in prevalence on the UK dance scene, recent surveys have found. Best known by the street names K, Special K and Vitamin K, ketamine is a synthetic "dissociative" anaesthetic used for medical and veterinary purposes ... Ketamine is dose-specific so the amount taken determines the level of effect. At low doses the user may feel euphoric, experience waves of energy, and possibly synaesthesia - sensations such as seeing sounds or hearing colours. At higher doses the user might become paralysed, experience hallucinations and alternate realities, and a feeling of disassociation giving an "out of body" experience known as the "K-hole". Dr Susan Blackmore took ketamine in an experiment - hear her experiences by clicking the audio button above. "It is an extraordinary thing to be lying on your back, not to be able to move anything at all except your eyes ..." [Read more here]

■ Related items of interest:

- **Article:** Psychologist Susan Blackmore on taking drugs for inspiration
- **Article:** Dr. Karl Jansen's NDE / Ketamine Research on near-death.com
- **Book:** "Ketamine: Dreams and Realities" by Dr. Karl Jansen

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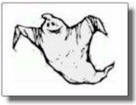
Web Site Takes Hauntings and Ghosts Seriously

(October 23, 2005)

South Bend Tribune



Spend some time on the Shadowlands Web site, and you'll hear plenty of ghost stories ... Carlson counts herself as one of those people. Now 43, she says she's dealt with ghosts ever since age 2, when she almost died while stricken with spinal meningitis. She recalls a "typical" near-death experience with a twist: moving through a dark tunnel toward a bright light, then seeing a woman who looked like her grandmother, and hearing the woman say "you have a lot of people to help and to make understand." Years later, she says, she was thumbing through a family photo album and spotted the mysterious woman. It was her great-aunt, she says, who had died years before her experience. That was the first of many encounters with ghosts, she says. Now, she spends much of her time looking for them as director of the Las Vegas Society for Supernatural Investigation. She also spends much time helping with the Shadowlands site, and takes seriously the ghost stories visitors submit. [Read more here]

■ Related items of interest:

- **Website:** The Official Site of the Shadowlands
- **Website:** South Jersey Ghost Research video archive

Experiences of Life, Death Shape Views in Oregon

(The doctor-assisted suicide debate)

(October 2, 2005)

StatesmanJournal

Bill Fox, 75, said he supports the law [doctor-assisted suicide] but that the safeguards -- such as requiring two doctors to ensure a patient is mentally competent and terminally ill -- are necessary. "A person in my stage now -- I have a few aches and pains -- no, I wouldn't want to do it now, and I shouldn't have the right to do it now," he said. "But if it got to the point of having a tremendous amount of pain, I'd like the choice. I won't say that I would run to my doctor and grab pills, but I would like the choice." Fox's decision to support the law is partly because he survived an auto accident that killed his wife and left him in a coma for three weeks when he was 35. "I had an out-of-body experience -- a near-death experience," he said. "I could look down at the operating table and see the doctors. There was a sense of peace and calmness and joy almost." His experience left him with no fear of death, so if someday he is in terrible pain and dying of a terminal illness, he said he wants the option of going to that peaceful place again." [Read more here]

- Related items of interest:
  - **Website:** Compassion in Dying's Political Action page
  - **Website:** Death With Dignity National Center
  - **Book:** All Titles on Euthanasia on Amazon.com

Deep Sleep Can Make You Practically Unconscious

(Is deep sleep an out-of-body experience?)

(September 29, 2005)

New research shows some levels of sleep are so deep you're practically unconscious. Researchers studied the brain activity of study participants when they were asleep and awake. They found that when participants were in the deepest levels of sleep, the brain was not sending messages to other areas of the brain like it did during wakefulness. Sleep basically cut off communication between areas of the brain ... In the study, researchers activated specific areas of the brain with magnetic stimulation, then using an EEG measured the response to the stimulation. (The "message" is sent along nerve pathways to many areas of the brain.) During the day, the stimulation was spread across the brain. During sleep, the stimulation was contained only to that region and was not passed along to other areas. According to the lead author, "the brain breaks down into little islands that can't talk to one another." [Read more here]

- Related items of interest:
  - **Article:** Dreams and the Near-Death Experience on near-death.com
  - **Article:** One Woman's Veridical OBE During Sleep
  - **Article:** Dream Lucidity and Near-Death Experience

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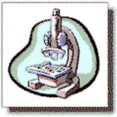
12 Things that Science Can't Explain ... But That Happen Anyway

(Out-of-Body Experiences is one of them)

(September 30, 2005)

THE REMOTE VIEWER



In the past three decades scientific evidence has accumulated showing that the present scientific paradigm is broken. In the hard sciences: (1) **DARK MATTER** of an unknown form makes up most of the matter of the universe. (2) **THE LAW OF GRAVITY** appears to be seriously broken. (3) **COLD FUSION**. (4) **CHARGE CLUSTERS**. Under certain conditions, billions of electrons can "stick together" in close proximity, despite the law of electromagnetism that like charges repel ... (5) **COSMOLOGY**. (6) **SPEED OF LIGHT**, once thought unbreakable, has been exceeded in several recent experiments. (7) **ESP**. Large-scale experiments by the Princeton PEAR Lab as well as other laboratories have proven that ESP is a real, statistically verifiable scientific phenomenon. (8) **PSYCHOKINESIS**, or Mind Over Matter. (9) **REMOTE VIEWING**. (10) **TIME AND PROPHECY.** One unusual aspect of ESP, remote viewing and psychokinesis is that "time" doesn't seem to matter. (11) **OUT-OF-BODY EXPERIENCE**. (12) **GHOSTS**. [Read more here]

- Related items of interest:
  - **Website:** The Official Site of Dr. Claude Swanson
  - **Book:** "The Synchronized Universe: New Science of the Paranormal" by Dr. Claude Swanson

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Name That Metaverse

(Virtual Reality as Another Dimension)

(October 6, 2005)

cnet NEWS.COM

When tens of thousands of people can gather in a fully 3D environment to buy and sell fanciful clothing, defy gravity by flying, make friends from all over the world, build residential communities, speculate on land prices, and create and license software, what do you call it? For three years, Linden Lab, the publisher of "Second Life," has grappled with that question. "Second Life" is one of a very small number of so-called virtual worlds that eschew the traditional medieval fantasy-based role-playing game play common to such online blockbusters as "World of Warcraft," "EverQuest" and "Ultima Online." As such, Linden Lab is loathe to call "Second Life" a game, despite the accessibility of such a term. [Read more here]

- Related items of interest:
  - **Article:** The Pros and Cons of Virtual Reality
  - **Article:** Brave New World
  - **Website:** "Second Life" Virtual World
  - **Website:** Nick Bostrom's "Simulation Argument"
  - **Book:** "Glimpses of Heaven, Visions of Hell: Virtual Reality and its Implications" by Barrie Sherman, Phil Judkins
  - **Book:** "Maya: The World as Virtual Reality" by Richard L. Thompson

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Blind Woman Recognises Colour by Touch

(NDErs also experience synesthesia)

(October 2005)

ANANOVA

A blind woman has baffled scientists after proving on TV that she can distinguish between colours by touch. Gabriele Simon, 48, from Wallenhorst in Germany, revealed her ability in her country's most popular TV show Wetten dass. She used her fingertips to recognise the different colours of various t-shirts and blouses while blindfolded. She said: "I took me 20 years to master this skill. It is a combination of pure learning and concentration." Ms Simon added: "This ability really gives me more independence, as I don't need to ask my mother about what to wear anymore." [Read more here]

- Related items of interest:
  - **Article:** Wikipedia on "Synesthesia"
  - **Article:** Google search results for "synesthesia" "near-death"
  - **Book:** "Synesthesia: Perspectives from Cognitive Neuroscience" by Lynn C. Robertson, Noam Sagiv

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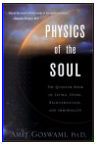
Quantum Immortality - A Thought Experiment

(Is immortality possible in the quantum realm?)

(October 10, 2005)

QUANTUM BIOCOMMUNICATION



Imagine that a physicist detonates a nuclear bomb located beside her. In almost all parallel universes, the nuclear explosion will vaporize the physicist. However, there should be a small set of alternative universes in which the physicist somehow survives (ie. the set of universes which support a "miraculous" survival scenario). The idea behind quantum immortality is that the physicist will remain alive in, and thus able to experience, at least one of the universes in this set, even though these universes form a tiny subset of all possible universes. Over time the physicist would therefore consider herself to be living forever ... Proponents point out that while it is highly speculative, quantum immortality violates no known laws of physics. [Read more here]

- Related items of interest:
  - **Article:** The Man Who Would Murder Death
  - **Book:** "Physics of the Soul: The Quantum Book of Living, Dying, Reincarnation and Immortality" by Amit Goswami

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Scientists Able to Move an Object Without Touching

(September 7, 2005)

scotsman

Scientists at Edinburgh University have developed a way of moving an object without touching it, in breakthrough research which could be as revolutionary as the discovery of electricity. The team of researchers has been able to move objects across flat surfaces and even up a slope with nothing more than a light beam. In the future, the technology could be developed to make molecular machines, and with research could eventually lead to the development of artificial muscles which can perform specific physical tasks. Scientists believe such machines could one day be used to control the movement of drugs around the human body, making sure they go exactly where they are needed. And they could also find their way into "smart" materials, which can change their properties in response to a stimulus such as light. [Read more here]

- Related items of interest:

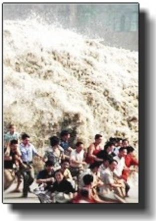
- **Book:** ["The Pk Man: A True Story of Mind over Matter" by Jeffrey Mishlove, John E. Mack]

Get Prepared: Preparedness An Everyday Task for Everyday Life

(How to survive the coming Earth changes)

(October 30, 2005)

American Red Cross



Being prepared for emergencies is crucial at home, school, work and in your community. Disaster can strike quickly and without warning. It can force you to evacuate your neighborhood, workplace or school or can confine you to your home. What would you do if basic services -- water, gas, electricity or telephones -- were cut off? Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone right away. Therefore, the best way to make you and your family safer is to be prepared before disaster strikes ... Possible disasters include blackouts, chemical emergencies, drought, earthquakes, fires, floods, heat waves, hurricanes, mudslides, terrorism, thunderstorms, tornadoes, tsunami, volcanoes, wild fires, and winter storms.

[Read more here]

Related items of interest:

- **Product:** "The Guide" Survival Kit by Basic Outdoor Life Sustainment
- **Product:** Adventure Medical Backcountry First Aid Kit

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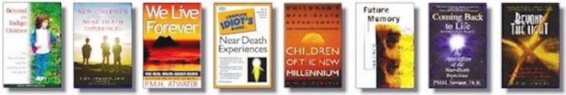
(2) Q & A with P.M.H. Atwater, L.H.D.

An in-depth look at the near-death phenomenon



In this section of the newsletter, P.M.H. Atwater will answer questions submitted to her from subscribers to this newsletter. Atwater's contribution to near-death studies is considered to be one of the most important as her first two books, *Beyond the Light* and *Coming Back to Life*, are considered to be the "Bibles" of the NDE by researchers and enthusiasts. If you have a question that you would like her to answer for this column, just email your question to Kevin Williams at webmaster@near-death.com for consideration.

KEEP
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QUESTION: "A woman whose sister had an abortion years ago, then in recent years became very religious and was feeling guilty and troubled about the abortion she once had, contacted me to see if there were any insights in near-death research that might help her sister. "I have never really done much research about abortions except that I know the Bible is actually pro-choice because of all the abortions "God" caused in the Old Testament, and the abortions which the prophet Moses prayed would happen to Israel's enemies which "God" answered (See 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14). And I know about the story of Josiane Antonette who had an abortion which resulted in a near-death experience - a wonderful one. I am pro-choice myself and believe NDErs in general support pro-choice. But to find out, I spent most of the day searching case histories concerning abortions and miscarriages. I stumbled across one particular near-death experience involving a miscarriage that, truly, was one of the best cases I had ever heard of. It was so full of insights, so very touching, it just "blew" me away. Then I discovered to my complete amazement that I had been reading about your near-death experience. You! One of the many aspects to your testimony that amazed me was that you chose not to have an abortion, yet you stated that you would defend any woman's right to choose to have one. This was all the confirmation I needed to answer the woman concerned about her sister. But, I'd like to ask you, is there a NDE-position on abortion? What have you found in your research?" -- ***Kevin Williams***

ANSWER: "I discuss abortions, missing twins, miscarriages, and that sort of thing in-depth in my book *"The New Children and Near-Death Experiences."* Episodes children have reveal all kinds of things - some we applaud because their stories seem to confirm our most cherished beliefs, and others send shock waves through us because they challenge us in ways that are troubling **. . .** [**Read more here**]

Links of Interest:

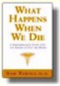
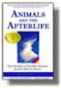
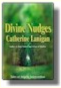
- **P.M.H. Atwater's Column Archives**
- **Download this Month's Column by P.M.H. as a PDF Ebook**
- **The Official Site of P.M.H. Atwater: www.pmhatwater.com**
- **P.M.H. Atwater's Marketplace** (a public service)
- **P.M.H. Atwater's Research on near-death.com**

(3) Books on the NDE

At the Near-Death Online Store you can find NDE products such as books, documentaries, movies, music, magazines, and journals. More NDE media products are coming.

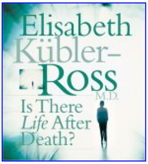
New NDE Books Coming Soon!

The following NDE Books are due for release on **January 2006**:

	"What Happens when We Die: A Groundbreaking Study into the Nature of Life and Death" by Sam Parnia
	"Conversations on Consciousness: What the Best Minds Think about the Brain, Free Will, and What It Means to Be Human" by Susan Blackmore
	"Animals and the Afterlife: True Stories of Our Best Friends' Journey Beyond Death" by Kim Sheridan
	"Divine Nudges: Tales of Angelic Intervention by Catherine Lanigan

Is There Life After Death? (2 Compact Discs)

by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross (Availability: Now)



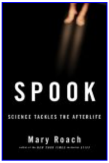
Elisabeth Kübler-Ross M.D.
Is There Life After Death?

In 1969, Dr. Elisabeth Kübler-Ross changed the way we think about the final stage of our lives with her revolutionary book, "On Death and Dying." Now, in this landmark recording, this revered researcher speaks about her largely private revelations, observations, and conclusions on life after death. Dr. Kübler-Ross, the first scientist to embark upon a genuine inquiry on the similarities between near-death experiences of people all over the world, gathered empirical data and personal impressions from countless studies that informed her opinions on what awaits us all when we leave this life. From her family archives comes a rare published audio of this trailblazing author speaking in her own words, as she engages the oldest question of all: Is There Life After Death? [Read more here]

- Related items of interest:
  - **Article:** Elisabeth Kubler-Ross on near-death.com
  - **Website:** The Official Site of Elisabeth Kubler-Ross
  - **Book:** All Titles by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

Spook: Science Tackles the Afterlife

by Mary Roach (Availability: Now)



Roach travels the world in search of answers: she heads to India to conduct research with a doctor who investigates cases of children whose families claim they are reincarnations of people from nearby villages and have the memories to prove it; she goes to the University of Arizona and meets with mediums currently working today; she tries her hand at telecommunication with the dead in the forests of California; and she even tries her hand at getting in touch with her own inner medium at a school in England. Roach is dogged in her approach as she examines each phenomenon through the lens of scientific fact. In the end, she usually walks away skeptical. The journey itself, however, is gripping, and Roach's witty asides liven up an already interesting and unusual read. [Read more here]

- Related items of interest:
  - **Article:** A Book Review of "Spook" by Skeptic's Dictionary
  - **Website:** The Official Site of Mary Roach's Spook Site
  - **Website:** The Official Site of Mary Roach's Stiff Site

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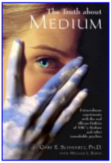
The Truth about Medium: Extraordinary Experiments with the real Allison DuBois of NBC's Medium and other Remarkable Psychics

by Gary E. Schwartz, William L. Simon (Availability: Now)

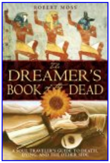


Every Monday night millions of Americans tune into Medium, NBC's new hit drama featuring Allison DuBois, an ordinary woman who helps police solve baffling crimes through her ability to communicate with the dead. What most don't know is that this fictional character is based on a true-life medium named Allison DuBois, who is a consultant to the show. For the past four years, DuBois has been the subject of rigorous scientific experiments conducted at the University of Arizona by Harvard-trained psychologist Gary Schwartz. The Truth about Medium chronicles many of those experiments and reveals hard laboratory evidence that psychic ability and mediumship are real. [Read more here]

- Related items of interest:
  - **Website:** The Official Site of Gary E. Schwartz
  - **Website:** The Official Site of Allison DuBois

The Dreamer's Book of the Dead: A Soul Traveler's Guide to Death, Dying, and the Other Side

by Robert Moss (Availability: Now)


ROBERT MOSS
The DREAMER'S BOOK of the DEAD
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In The Dreamer's Book of the Dead, Robert Moss explains that we have entirely natural contact with the departed in our dreams, when they come visiting and we may travel into their realms. As we become active dreamers, we can heal our relationship with the departed and move beyond the fear of death. We also can develop the skills to function as soul guides for others, helping the dying to approach the last stage of life with courage and grace, opening gates for their journeys beyond death, and even escorting them to the Other Side. [Read more here]

■ Related items of interest:

- **Website:** The Official Site of Robert Moss
- **Book:** All Titles by Robert Moss on Amazon.com

Afterlife Encounters: Ordinary People, Extraordinary Experiences

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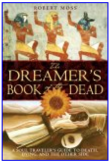
by Dianne Arcangel, Gary E. Schwartz (Availability: Now)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Afterlife Encounters is the culmination of the Afterlife Encounters Survey, Arcangel's five-year, international survival study. Arcangel presents all-new, first-hand accounts from individuals who've experienced visitations from the dead. Afterlife Encounters reveals the results of that study and, for the first-time, offers a systematic categorization of such encounters, explaining when these encounters are most likely to occur, and what type of apparition is likely to appear. Arcangel's eye-opening conclusion is that Afterlife Encounters provide lasting comfort to those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. [Read more here]

■ Related items of interest:

- **Website:** The Official Site of Dianne Arcangel

Induced After-Death Communication: A New Therapy for Healing Grief and Trauma

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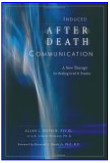
by Allan Botkin, R. Craig Hogan (Availability: Now)



Induced After-Death Communication is a new therapy that has helped thousands of patients permanently assuage their grief by allowing them private communication with their departed loved ones. Botkin, a clinical psychologist, created the therapy while counseling Vietnam vets in his work at a North Chicago VA hospital. Induced After-Death Communication presents the story of how Botkin initially made his discovery and includes 84 cases of patients who have experienced the therapy's profound healing effects. After more than two decades as a clinical psychologist specializing in the treatment of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Botkin founded the Center for Grief and Traumatic Loss. [Read more here]

■ Related items of interest:

- **Article:** Dr. Allan Botkin's research on near-death.com
- **Website:** The Official Site of Dr. Allan Botkin

(4) IANDS in the Spotlight

International Association of Near-Death Studies 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. Their quarterly newsletter Vital Signs alone is worth becoming a member. You will also be receiving the only scholarly journal in NDE studies, the Journal of Near-Death Studies. Visit their website by checking out the excellent links below.

Get a free copy of "The Complete Idiot's Guide to the Near-Death Experience when you join IANDS. P.M.H. Atwater's 480-page book has been called the "Encyclopedia of the NDE." This offer is good while supplies last. Go to IANDS's join page for more information about becoming a member.

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