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fully complete (or at least attempt to complete) the NDE Questionnaire for all NDE experiences we receive. The NDERF also provides a forum for people to share their near-death experiences. Membership gives you access to forum posting, and to the NDERF Yahoo Group. Membership is free. Our mailing address is: 1 Gaslight Lane, Lincoln, NE 68510. Our phone number is: 402-489-8908. Our fax number is: 402-489-8909. Our email address is: info@nde-research.com

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(July 1, 2005)

StarExponent

LifeNet, a non-profit agency that coordinates organ and tissue donation started a Web site in 2003 coordinated with the Department of Motor Vehicles. It provides information and the opportunity for people to register as donors online. Every person has the potential to save seven lives when they die by donating their heart, liver, pancreas, two kidneys and both lungs, LifeNet spokeswoman Dena Reynolds said. One person can also enhance the lives of 50 people in need of tissue donations, such as cornea replacements or skin for burn victims. The shortage of organ donors exists because many people don't document their wish to be a donor or believe in widely-held myths, Reynolds said. [Read more]

- Related items of interest:
  - Website: LifeNet

Remember Film Flam: How to Be a Modern Skeptic

(June 22, 2005)

Slate

[**Note:** This is an excellent article about the sad state of affairs of today's believers in the skeptic movement.]

James Randi had for decades used his insider's knowledge of the film-flam trade to humiliate a generation of psychics. Often among his targets was Uri Geller, an Israeli-born, disco-era mentalist who claimed, among other things, that he had the ability to soften metal and move a compass needle with his mind ... Since that glorious display of public humiliation, the Amazing Randi has taken on levitators, psychic surgeons, dowsers, and astrologers ... To us, Uri Geller seemed small-time: The enemies we faced in mind were fundamentalist ideologues, like the crew on the Kansas school board who have tried to demote evolution in the science curriculum. That's the conundrum of the modern skeptics movement: Intelligent Design theorists and deniers of global warming may very well be phonies and scoundrels, but no one is going to debunk them in the classic sense. You can't reveal their hidden microphones or mirror-filled sticks with sleight of hand. Intelligent Design, after all, is an attempt to recast (even to "rebunk") Creationism in scientific terms. The best weapon against it isn't dramatic exposé, but scientific argument. So a change in tactics makes sense for the movement. [Read more]

- Related items of interest:
  - Article: "Debunking the Pseudo-Skeptics and Debunkers of NDEs" by Kevin Williams
  - Article: "Debunking Common Skeptical Arguments Against Paranormal and Psychic Phenomena" by Winston Wu
  - Website: James Randi Educational Foundation's articles on NDEs
  - Article: Google search results - "James Randi" "near-death experiences"

Autopsy Shows Terry Schiavo was in Persistent Vegetative State

(June 16, 2005)

NEWS-HERALD

The autopsy released Wednesday on Terri Schiavo backed her husband's contention that she was in a persistent vegetative state, finding she was severely and irreversibly brain-damaged and blind as well. It also found no evidence that she was strangled or otherwise abused before she collapsed. Her husband maintains could not say for certain what caused her sudden 1990 collapse, long brought to have been brought on by an eating disorder. [Read more]

- Related items of interest:
  - Article: SourceWatch.com's archive of Terry Schiavo Circus atrocities
  - Article: A photo history of the Terry Schiavo Circus

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

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. Her latest books are entitled We Live Forever: The Real Truth About Death and The New Children and Near-Death Experiences. If you have a question which you would like her to answer for this column, just email your question to Kevin Williams at webmaster@near-death.com for consideration. For more information about Dr. Atwater's contribution to near-death studies, download her press kit here.

In this issue, P.M.H. answers the following question:

QUESTION: "I recently got a hold of one of your IANDS cassette tapes from your talk about "Revelations" at the 2004 IANDS conference in Illinois. I have been experiencing a lot of synchronicity lately about the coming earth changes, the next evolutionary step for humanity, and the year 2012. Hopefully, I will have enough free time to examine these things further. Someone asked me a question about 2012, which I thought would be a good question to ask you. With the elections over and the current danger of our Republican government turning our society into a Taliban society where women and gays' rights are suppressed and valuable stem-cell research possibly becoming a 'tool of Satan' by the far-right wingnuts, I am beginning to wonder if America is in fact losing its way. I voted for Bush because I am a fiscal conservative and military hawk, but now I am afraid that the radicals might try to take control of the Republican Party and impose their own interpretation of morality on people. I am glad the divisive election is over. I am not certain whether the bitter resentments from both sides are a healthy thing for our democracy." -- **Kendall**

- Read P.M.H.'s answers to these questions on her column page.
- Download this month's Column by P.M.H. in PDF ebook format.

- P.M.H. Atwater's personal website
- P.M.H. Atwater's Marketplace of NDE-Related Items (a.p.ebiz services)
- P.M.H. Atwater's research page on www.near-death.com

(3) Books on the NDE

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

Newly Released NDE and NDE-Related Books on Amazon

On Grief and Grieving : Finding the Meaning of Grief Through the Five Stages of Loss

by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, David Kessler (Availability: Now)

Shortly before her death in 2004, Elisabeth Kübler-Ross and David Kessler, her collaborator, completed the manuscript for this, her final book. On Grief and Grieving is a fitting completion to her work. Thirty-six years and sixteen books ago, Kübler-Ross's groundbreaking On Death and Dying changed the way we talk about the end of life. Now On Grief and Grieving will profoundly influence the way we experience the process of grief. On Death and Dying began as a theoretical book, an interdisciplinary study of our fear of death and our resultant acceptance of it. It introduced the world to the now-famous five stages: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. On Grief and Grieving applies these stages to the process of grieving and sets forth together theory, inspiration, and practical advice, all based on Kübler-Ross's and Kessler's professional and personal experiences, and is filled with first topic-driven stories. It includes sections on sadness, haunting, dreams, coping, children, healing, isolation, and even the subject of sex during grief. "I know death is close," Kübler-Ross says at the end of the book, "but not quite yet. It lie here like so many people over the years, in a bed surrounded by flowers and looking out a big window . . . I now know that the purpose of life is more than these stages . . . It is not just about the life lost but also the life lived." In one of their final writing sessions, Kübler-Ross told Kessler, "The last nine years have taught me patience, and the weaker and more bed-bound I become, the more I'm learning about receiving love." On Grief and Grieving is Elisabeth Kübler-Ross's final legacy, one that brings her life's work profoundly full circle. [Read more]

Dreaming Beyond Death: A Guide to Pre-Death Dreams and Visions

by Kelly Bulkeley, Rev. Patricia Bulkey (Availability: Now)

Documented throughout time and across cultures, dreams experienced by those on the verge of death can offer profound insight into the process of dying and provide deep spiritual solace for the individual passing away. In Dreaming Beyond Death, Kelly Bulkeley and Patricia Bulkey bring together their diverse areas of expertise to create a guide to pre-death dreams that offers practical advice and provides a broader understanding of this phenomenon. Drawing from a rich understanding of dreaming in culture, history, psychology, and through modern dream study, this book explicitly addresses three common aspects of pre-death dreams and offers interpretations that will aid both the dying person and the caregiver. Rev. Patricia Bulkey's experience with the transformative possibilities of pre-death dreams as a hospice spiritual counselor lend this book a deeply personal and human touch, while Kelly Bulkeley's insightful analysis and intellectual framework make it easy to understand the deeper meanings behind this type of dreaming. A final chapter provides resources and concrete methods for a caregiver to respectfully guide a dying person through the dreaming process and, ultimately, to a sense of peace. [Read more]

- Related items of interest:
  - Website: The International Association for the Study of Dreams

Window to God: A Physician's Spiritual Pilgrimage

by Author (Availability: Now)

Author T. Lee Baumann was introduced to the Edgar Cayce material through the publication of his first book, "God at the Speed of Light." Upon that discovery, Dr. Baumann began to research Cayce's special gifts and the credibility of his readings, medical and spiritual. In this book Baumann takes many of the medical and spiritual readings and analyzes them through the use of scientific and experimental data, medical references, quantum physics texts, the world's major religions, and more. Baumann was continually amazed at the knowledge Edgar Cayce, a man with only an eighth-grade education, possessed. In this book you will read the words of a medical doctor and former skeptic as he explores the world of American most documented psychic and his amazing contribution to the medical and esoteric worlds, as T.L. Baumann opens the Window to God. [Read more]

- Related items of interest:
  - Article: T. Lee Baumann's "God at the Speed of Light" page

Soul Signs: An Elemental Guide to Your Spiritual Destiny

by Rosemary Altea (Availability: Now)

In Soul Signs, internationally renowned spiritual medium Rosemary Altea (The Eagle and the Rose) introduces us to a system of soul typing that encompasses all living beings and explores the true nature of the soul. Moving beyond the well known astrological and sun signs, Rosemary Altea has created an entirely new system for understanding our signs. She describes a constellation of qualities derived from the soul that explain our personality, our drive, and enable us to understand our most fundamental selves. Are you a strong willed, emotionally driven, perfectionist Retrospective soul? A thrill-seeking, nonconformist, romantic but fickle Traveler soul? What about your mate? There are 13 soul signs in all. Once readers learn the science behind soul typing, they will enjoy "typing" their friends, family, and even celebrities to better understand why some people seem so happy, others at war with themselves, and the most fun-who belongs together. [Read more]

- Related items of interest:
  - Website: Rosemary Altea's "Voice of the Spirit World"

(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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"Think of stepping on the shore and finding it heaven; of touching a hand and finding it God's; of breathing new air and finding it celestial; of waking up in glory and finding it home." - Dan Wylder.

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