

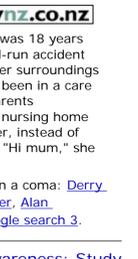
The **Near-Death Newsletter** is a free semi-monthly newsletter which is emailed to subscribers every 1st of the month and on every 15th of the month. The mission of this newsletter is to inform, enlighten, entertain, and aid the public in understanding the latest in all things concerning the **NDE** and related phenomena by promoting **IANDS** (International Association for Near-Death Studies), **NDE researchers**, **experts**, **multimedia resources**, and **events**.

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### (1) 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!

**Woman Wakes From 20 Year Coma**  
**AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND**  
A U.S. woman who has spent the past 20 years in a coma-like state has inexplicably awoken and can now speak, news reports said. Sarah Scantlin was 18 years old when, as a pedestrian, she was injured in a hit-and-run accident that left her in a semi-vegetative condition, aware of her surroundings but unable to speak or move. Since that time, she has been in a care centre in the Midwest US state of Kansas. Scantlin's parents unexpectedly received a phone call last week from the nursing home where their now 38-year-old daughter resides. However, instead of the call being about Sarah, it was actually from Sarah. "Hi mum," she said to her mother. [\[Read more\]](#)

Read testimonials from people who had NDEs while in a coma: [Derry Bresee](#), [Juliet Nightingale](#), [Nadia McCaffrey](#), [Rene Turner](#), [Alan McDougall](#). [Google search 1](#), [Google search 2](#), and [Google search 3](#).

**Brain-Damaged People Show Signs of Awareness: Study**  
**SOMERVILLE, NEW JERSEY**  
People with severe brain damage who appear to be completely unaware may in fact know what's going on around them but are unable to respond. The New York Times reported Tuesday. A study using magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) technology involved two young men determined to be minimally conscious. Doctors noted the patients' brain activity while a close relative recounted familiar experiences, comparing this activity to the same sharing of experiences among healthy people. [\[Read more\]](#)

**Dreams Can Come True - and Save Lives**  
**LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM**  
The twin worlds of dreams and reality can sometimes overlap - with extraordinary results. Take the case of a Mr. Boardman, who was saved from certain death by a dream. Mr. Boardman had been preaching one night in 18th century Mold and was making his way across the Dee estuary, when the tide came in quicker than he had anticipated and he found himself in a very perilous position. The water had soon risen up to his knees, and he gave himself up as lost. But then he saw two men running down a hill and, to his joy, he saw them get into a boat. He was rescued! ... One of his rescuers told him: "I dreamed I must get to the top of such a hill; when I awoke the dream made such an impression on me, I could not rest..." [\[Read more\]](#)

Read how our dreams are a connection to the afterlife.

**Was It a Dream, or Voice From Beyond the Grave?**  
**CHEBOYGAN, MICHIGAN**  
In 1985 I moved to Cheboygan and never heard from Joe again until few months ago. That kind of surprised me because Joe had died in 2002 and a few months ago was 2004. This is what happened: One night in November 2004 I had a dream. In the dream my Copper Country friend Joe is talking on the phone with me. This is what he says, "I'm living in the land of Beulah. It's a wonderful government. Let my wife know." ... After I mailed the letter, I kept wondering what Joe's wife's reaction must have been when she read it. Like, who goes to "Beulah" after they die? I also kept hoping that Beulah wasn't the name of one of Joe's old girlfriends. Anyway, yesterday I got a letter from Joe's wife and guess what one of her favorite songs is? Hold onto your socks ... It's none other than "Dwelling in Beulahland." [\[Read more\]](#)

**Science Points to a "Sixth Sense"**  
**NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK**  
Research in young volunteers points to some kind of "sixth sense" -- a mechanism in the brain that picks up on subtle clues, then sends out subconscious signals of trouble ahead. The finding could help explain certain intuitive phenomena seen among humans. For example, in the recent Asian tsunami, aboriginal people sought out higher ground in the moments before the disaster, as did many wild animals. Could subtle changes in weather or the environment have warned them early on? Just such an early warning system may exist in the anterior cingulate cortex, a brain area important in processing complex information, according to a report by psychologists at Washington University in St. Louis. Their findings appear in the Feb. 18 issue of the *Journal Science*. [\[Read more\]](#)

Read about the psychic connection to the afterlife.

**Monkeys Control Robotic Arm With Brain**  
**WASHINGTON, DC**  
With the help of a computer, monkeys using only their brain signals are now able to move a robotic arm to feed themselves pieces of fruit and vegetables, researchers report. The achievement could mark a major advance in the development of brain-controlled artificial limbs for people, the scientists said. "The beneficiaries of such technology will be patients with spinal cord injuries or nervous system disorders such as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis [ALS]," project senior researcher Andrew Schwartz, professor of neurobiology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, said in a prepared statement. [\[Read more\]](#)

**Local Medium Uses Power To Help Authorities**  
**DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**  
Much like Allison Dubois in NBC's "Medium," Anne Poole uses a power she doesn't entirely understand to help authorities solve hard-to-crack crimes ... Poole discovered her power at age 10, and now police departments across the country have used her clairvoyance to help find bodies and crime scenes or create profiles of killers ... In a test where a subject is asked to use his or her mind to send images shown on a screen from one room to another, the average person acting as a receiver correctly picks the image about a quarter of the time, which researchers say amounts to random chance. When Poole is the receiver, she gets it right more than half the time. [\[Read more\]](#)

**Psychics Led Police to Schoolgirl's Killer**  
**LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM**  
A garage worker who raped and murdered a schoolgirl was caught after his victim's mother turned to psychic detectives for help. Police had run out of leads in the hunt for the killer of Susanne Erbe, 16, but he was tracked down after her mother, Sigrid, got in touch with mediums who allegedly made contact with the spirit of the dead girl. Ms Erbe, 45, told a court in Mannheim, Germany, she had been sceptical about the psychics' planned seance. But she went on: "Susanne told me her killer was a Croatian man in his mid-20s. They were even able to work out where to look for him. They said he could be found at a garage in Mannheim." [\[Read more\]](#)

**Our Multi-Dimensional Nature as a Soul: An Introduction to Life Between Lives Spiritual Regression**  
**MORTON GROVE, ILLINOIS**  
Based upon his hypnotic regressions with over 7,000 Life Between Life clients, Dr. Michael Newton has described a realm of spirit which is consistent with, yet far more elaborated, than that found in the NDE and OBE literature. His writings are among the most significant, in terms of both the depth and inspiration, of any you will find in the metaphysical and spiritual literature regarding the Path of the Soul and life after death. [\[Read more\]](#)

See also "A Conversation With Gary Zukav."

**Last Fatima Virgin Witness Dies**  
**LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM**  
The last surviving witness to whom the Virgin Mary is said to have appeared in a series of apparitions in Portugal in 1917 has died aged 97 ... She was one of three shepherd children who claimed they spoke to the Virgin Mary near Fatima town over six months. The apparitions turned Fatima into one of Catholicism's most revered sites. The Virgin Mary is said to have revealed prophecies of key 20th Century events, including the end of World War I, the start of World War II and the rise and fall of Soviet communism. [\[Read more\]](#)

Read more about the Fatima after-death communications.  
Read the Vatican's publishing of the Third Secret of Fatima.  
Read about corresponding prophecies revealed from NDEs.

**Near-Death Experimenter Who Foretold 9-11 Warns of U.S. East Coast Tsunami**  
**SOUTHAMPTON, NEW YORK**  
From [Ned Dougherty](#), author [Fast Lane to Heaven](#) ... During the first experience on Long Island, New York, I was clinically dead in an ambulance when I had visions of global geopolitical and geophysical events that I understood would occur in the future. In March, 2001, my non-fiction book, *Fast Lane to Heaven*, was published containing many of these future visions, including that a major terrorist attack would befall New York City or Washington, DC, severely impacting the way we lived in the United States. Several pages of the Future Visions chapter clearly describe the rise of terrorism in the world and current global geopolitical events, particularly in the Middle East. The book also contained predictions of future earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and tidal waves as a result of a shifting of the Earth axis. In the last few days, scientists have been suggesting that the recent 9.0 Asian earthquake may have caused the Earth axis to shift ... In the book, I described the vision of a massive tsunami descending on the U.S. eastern seaboard. I was specifically shown this event taking place on Eastern Long Island, in New York City, and Miami in order for me to comprehend the scope and magnitude of this future event. [\[Read more\]](#)

News: "Scientists Warn of East Coast's Vulnerability To Tsunamis."  
Read Ned Dougherty's "Fast Lane To Heaven."

**A Lucky Break on Friday the 13th, 2029: Giant Asteroid Will Narrowly Miss Earth**  
**MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA**  
A HUGE asteroid expected to fly by Earth in 2029 will be visible from Europe, Africa and Asia -- but not Australia, scientists said yesterday ... Named 2004 MN4, it was discovered last June and then seen again in December when scientists said it had the highest odds of hitting Earth ever given to an asteroid. Subsequent observations refined its future path. NASA scientists said on April 13, 2029, the asteroid will be about 36,350 kilometers from Earth's center. Of the 10 known closest asteroid fly-bys, 2004 MN4 is by far the largest object, said Steve Chesley of NASA's jet propulsion laboratory. [\[Read more\]](#)

Visit NASA's Near-Earth Object Project.

**Coming Soon: Immortality?**  
**NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK**  
The claims are fantastic, but Kurzweil is no crank. He's a recipient of the \$500,000 Lemelson-MIT prize, which is billed as a sort of Academy Award for inventors, and he won the 1999 National Medal of Technology Award. He has written on the emergence of intelligent machines in publications ranging from *Wired* to *Time* magazine. The Christian Science Monitor has called him a "modern Edison." He was inducted into the Inventors Hall of Fame in 2002. Perhaps the MIT graduate's most famous inventions is the first reading machine for the blind that could read any typeface. During a recent interview in his company offices, Kurzweil tipped green tea and spoke of humanity's coming immortality as if it's as good as done. [\[Read more\]](#)

**Car Crash Victim Gives 20 People Chance of New Life**  
**LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM**  
A pretty 23-year-old girl killed in a car smash has given up to twenty people the chance of a new life. Blonde graduate Clare Ekins was carrying an organ donor card when she died instantly in a head-on crash as she drove to work. Because she was young, fit and healthy her tissues were ideal for transplants - and her parents gave the go-ahead. Dad, Graham, 54, a headmaster, told yesterday how he and teacher wife Evie, 53, had no hesitation. He said: "We knew how strong her feelings were. Clare thought society should help others and wanted to do her bit." [\[Read more\]](#)

Donate life by becoming an organ donor.

**Sign a Petition For Congress to Undo Global Warming**  
**WASHINGTON, DC** ..... (Environmental Defense League)  
The evidence for global warming includes: record heat waves and melting ice shelves; the year 2004 was the fourth warmest year on record. The 10 hottest years on record have all occurred since 1990. Global warming is the most serious threat to the Earth. But we can undo it. Tell Congress to pass the McCain-Lieberman Climate Stewardship Act by signing a petition. Then tell your friends. [\[Read more\]](#)

**TV Special on Heaven Reveals Startling New Evidence of Life after Death**  
**DENVER, COLORADO**  
The world premiere of the special entitled "The Search for Heaven," which airs on the PAX-TV Network during February 2005 Super Saturday, February 19 from 9 - 10 PM EST/PST, examines the ancient biblical view of death in light of new scientific evidence, and several remarkable true-life dying experiences ... Cardiologist [Michael Sabom](#), shares the astonishing account of Pam Reynolds' near-death experience while connected to a vast array of bio-monitors during surgery which prove scientifically that her visions were not the result of brain seizure, drug induced hallucinations or from external stimuli ... Another medical expert and author of "God at the Speed of Light," Dr. T. Baumann advances the new theory that God is actually light! Baumann asserts, "I feel there is a common element to balance the arguments for near death experiences and the existence of heaven. The common element is light...light is omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent and has a consciousness." [\[Read more\]](#)

Reserve your DVD copy of "The Search For Heaven"

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### (2) Books on the NDE

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

**My Descent into Death: A Second Chance at Life**  
by [Howard Storm](#) ..... (Availability: Now)  
This is one of the greatest NDE stories ever told. It was first released on July 10, 2000, and now a second edition will be released this February 15th. Not since Betty Eadie's "Embraced by the Light" has a NDE story been so utterly different from most others or more compelling. Perhaps no one but [Howard Storm](#) has fallen to such great depths, then risen to such great heights, and lived to tell about it. Rather than being welcomed by light beings immediately after death, Howard was tortured by monstrous beings of depravity. But a simple childhood prayer allowed him to be rescued by Jesus himself and taken to heaven. As it was with [Betty Eadie](#), Howard's story is a great message of hope and a great message of redemption. [Anne Rice](#), who wrote the Foreword of Howard's book, had this to say about it: "This is a book you devour from cover to cover, and pass on to others. This is a book you will quote in your daily conversation. Storm was meant to write it and we were meant to read it." Anne Rice read the manuscript and was so overwhelmed, she volunteered to provide the foreword. [\[Read more\]](#)

**Free Book: "The Complete Idiot's Guide to the Near-Death Experience"**  
by [P.M.H. Atwater](#) and [David Morgan](#) ..... (Availability: Now)  
Join IANDS and receive a free copy of P.M.H. Atwater's 480-page "encyclopedia of the NDE." "The Complete Idiot's Guide to the Near-Death Experience" has been called "The Ultimate NDE Guide." Ken Ring, Ph.D. had this to say about Atwater's guide: "This book by PMH Atwater is to me the definitive work on near-death experiences, and stands somewhere between being a Bible for the field and an encyclopedia of it. It is a tremendous achievement - and its warm, uncompulsively readable, engaging, provocative and fun as well." This offer is good while supplies last. Visit IANDS join page for more information about becoming a member: [\[Read more\]](#)

**Free Ebook: "Tranceformers: Shamans of the 21st Century"**  
by [John Jay Harper, Ph.D.](#) ..... (Availability: Now)  
[John Jay Harper](#) is a clinical hypnotherapist in Spokane, Washington who has written an ebook that integrates the NDE within the framework of both science and religion; specifically it is a theory on the operation of cosmic consciousness itself. His passion for learning about the hereafter was inspired by a 1988 after-death visitation with a deceased colleague - an experience which changed him from skeptic to mystic. It was this close encounter and the myriad of questions it generated which relentlessly drove him to solve the riddle of life after death and publish his findings. His book has recently been released as an ebook which is the only version that reflects Earth's changes and includes overall major textual improvements. His ebook is available for immediate purchase and download at his website. [\[Read more\]](#)

"Tranceformers: Shamans of the 21st Century" (paperback)  
[John Jay Harper's Science of Soul Online Store](#)

**Is There Life After Death?: An Examination of the Empirical Evidence**  
by [David Lester](#) ..... (Availability: Now)  
There exists a large body of research on topics relevant to the question of life after death. This book objectively examines that research, drawing together the observations of social science regarding such phenomena as reincarnation, near-death experiences, deathbed visions, cases of possession by dead spirits, and apparitions of the deceased. It considers possibilities including survival of consciousness and survival of personality, and reflects on the logical problems inherent in any model of postmortem survival." An extensive bibliography lists hundreds of studies of phenomena that suggest the possibility of life after death. [\[Read more\]](#)

**Soul Journeys: My Guided Tours Through the Afterlife**  
by [Rosalind A. McKnight](#) ..... (Availability: Now)  
Take a fantastic voyage through other dimensions. McKnight was one of the first, and most successful, researchers to work with Robert Monroe and the Monroe Institute in Virginia. She spent eleven years doing research in a laboratory setting. With the help of Monroe and his Hemi-Sync technology that put her into altered states of consciousness, she explored and reported on various levels of non-physical reality. Written for every soul on the planet, these unforgettable adventures emphasize that all of us have angels and spirit guides waiting to help us discover the inner workings of the multiple worlds in which we exist and to which we will all one day journey. [\[Read more\]](#)

**Grief Dreams: How They Help Us Heal after the Death of a Loved One**  
by [Tina J. Wray](#) and [Ann Back Price](#) ..... (Availability: Now)  
The authors present four basic categories of grief dreams -- the visitation dream, in which the deceased simply spends time with the griever; the message dream, in which counsel is given; the reassurance dream, in which the dreamer feels comforted about the fate of the dead person or her own ability to cope; and the trauma dream, in which the dreamer relives some unpleasant aspect of the death or of experiences with the dead person in life. Suggestions are then given for using the messages of these dreams and for understanding the nature of the grieving process. [\[Read more\]](#)

### (3) IANDS in the Spotlight

**International Association of Near-Death Studies website**  
IANDS is the premier 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. Also, learn how you can [raise funds for IANDS near-death research](#) by merely doing your usual online shopping (and at no extra cost to you - but you get many benefits!).



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"Message and Meaning:  
Using the Near-Death Experience as a Tool for Living"  
Check out the [IANDS Conference information page](#).

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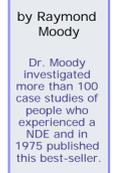
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## Recommended NDE Books



**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 a 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 a NDE. They present their findings in scrupulous detail and include fascinating case histories.



**The New Children and Near-Death Experiences**  
by P.M.H. Atwater

Dr. Atwater provides compelling evidence for the existence of a generation of children who experienced a NDE and represent the spiritual evolution of the human race. Atwater shows that understanding the NDEs of children can help us prepare for a quantum leap in the evolution of humanity.



**Where God Lives**  
by Melvin Morse

Dr. Morse presents 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.



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