



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 sightings concerning the NDE and related phenomena by promoting IANDS (International Association for Near-Death Studies), NDE researchers, experiencers, multimedia resources, and events.

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(1) Near-Death News

Archives 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.

News From P.M.H. Atwater - CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA - (P.M.H. Atwater's Website) The Sacred Journey Caribbean Cruise date has been moved up to September 18 - 26, 2005.

Advance orders available for Atwater's new book 'The New Children and The Fifth World, Prophecy and Evolution', due for release August 2005. Click on the link provided for more information.

'The Complete Idiot's Guide to Near-Death Experiences' is now out-of-print. The last remaining copies are available at a special discounted website price and personally autographed.

Have you witnessed a religious apparition? Perhaps of Jesus, Mary, Moses, etc? Irene Blinston of the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology in Palo Alto, CA, is conducting a research project on apparitions.

Have you seen the movie 'What the Bleep Do We Know?' yet? The sum of what comes from near-death experiences, death-bed visions, spiritual transformations, and from the depths of the new sciences and what has been discovered about the universe, is embraced in this film.

NDE Participants Sought for Research on the Effects of NDEs on Marriage - A research named Rozan Christian is exploring the effects of a potentially life-changing event on marriage.

White Noise - More Fact than Fiction - BALTIMORE, MARYLAND - During a brutal attack by the Rite 29 Corridor, Rapist, Sandi recalls the event with remarkable clarity.

Varied Readings on Arizona Psychic - TUSCON, ARIZONA - 'There is no question this is not a fraud - some people really can do this,' and Allison is one of them.

Hit Maker of the 1950s Sees Her Star Shine Once Again - HAVERHILL, NEW HAMPSHIRE - I had a near-death experience after my children were born.

Visions of Mum While Under 13-Tonne Bus - QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA - After the 13-tonne bus he was working on fell on top of him, Mr. Culvert clinically died four times.

Doctor Explores Belief of Rebirth in Judaism - MIAMI, FLORIDA - How does a Yale-educated doctor trained in forensic psychiatry become convinced he was a Babylonian priest in a former life?

Perspective Gained Through Life Trials - PROVO, UTAH - 'Technically I was gone, but then I got sent back,' he said.

A Talk With 'Hello From Heaven!' Author - TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA - One testimonial in 'Hello From Heaven!' tells of a woman who was sexually abused as a child by her alcoholic uncle.

Life After Death - BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND - Sitting alone with the body of her mother who had just died, Olivia Newton-John felt 'an incredible presence' in the room.

Scientists Claim That Brains Constructed Out of Tinkertoys Could Be Conscious - NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK - If we believe that consciousness is the result of patterns of neurons in the brain, our thoughts, emotions, and memories could be replicated in moving assemblies of Tinkertoys.

Humans Are Mere Simulations Actually Living in a Computerized Version of the World - LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM - All life on Earth is nothing more than an elaborate facade created by super-intelligent beings.

Devices Controlled By Thought Move Closer - LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM - Scientists in the US have shown that 'electroencephalographic' signals from the brain can be used to manipulate an external device.

Dead Caught Communicating on Tape - SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS - A new movie called 'White Noise' shows the dead communicating through high frequency waves.

Our Sixth Sense - ASPEN, COLORADO - Anthropologists believe that ancient knowledge of the movement of wind, sea and birds may have saved the five indigenous tribes on the Indian archipelago from the tsunami that hit the Asian coastline Dec. 26.

Near-Death Experiencer Foresaw Cataclysmic Disaster in Asia - SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA - On April 16, 2002, Kevin Williams published on his website the near-death testimony of Alan McDougall which contained the following vision of the future:

'While this omnipotent being was speaking, I could see a panoramic view of planet earth, as if I was a space man observing the course all the time from an orbiting space vehicle. The voice that I took as God, was not pleased with what was happening on our planet, and kept referring to humanity in the terms of "mere mortal man, I am displeased with you" (I cannot remember why he was displeased). While this unseen being "God" was speaking, the earth was revolving and stopping at intervals over each continent, in turn, where a startling message was given to each continent. What I can remember was that he was saying to humanity that he was displeased with their evil actions in some way. The frustrating part is that I could not retain all that was said to mere mortal man, by this being, while I was with him viewing the earth. I do, however, clearly, remember two warnings. One that a cataclysmic event would start from the Indian subcontinent. The other that the Middle East would be invaded by the peacekeeping efforts of man and that divine direct intervention would eventually come to the earth, sometime in the future, because of the unbelievable evil that some mere men were perpetuating and directly responsible for on earth (rape of the planet).'

U.S. Officials Must Prepare for Imminent East Coast Tsunami - HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA - Ned Dougherty, author "Fast Lane to Heaven", who foresaw the September 11 terrorist attack issued the following press release: "Warnings of U. S. East Coast Tsunami Resonate With Future Visions in 'Fast Lane to Heaven'."

Woman Who Had Near-Death Experience Has Ideas On World's Future - LATHAM, NEW YORK - More earth changes are likely to be ahead, says Sharon Ritchie, a California woman who had a near-death experience in 1999.

Arab Astrologer Predicts Bush Assassination - GRANTS PASS, OREGON - A Tunisian astrologer who reportedly predicted the deaths of Princess Diana, Yasser Arafat says President Bush will be killed by an assassin's bullet in 2005.

Notes from the Webmaster - Someone recently emailed to me the following question: 'Often times I wonder who am I supposed to be with my life. I'm talented, make good money but am very dissatisfied with my current results. How do we know what the "Being of Light" wants us to do? Can anyone help me? I'm not some crazy person, just a desperate man looking for meaning in my life.'

My answer to this question is the following: Although we are all on a mission from God, we generally cannot supposed to know what it is. There are many reasons for this but I suppose the main reason is that if we knew what our missions in life were, it would somehow not be as satisfying. It would be like receiving the answer to a test before you take it. For those people who have a near-death experience and are told they must return to life, it can be a miserable experience. After seeing the glory of heaven and the very face of God, they are told they have to go back to scrubbing their toilets, taking out the trash, going to work, changing the diapers, etc... It can be very devastating. About 4% of experiencers commit suicide because they can't take the apparent insignificance of physical existence. It is not uncommon for experiencers to become severely depressed. One man, in particular, discovered after his near-death experience that he couldn't watch TV anymore. He said that watching soap operas and sitcoms irritated him because they were so trivial and they were so false. He also couldn't watch his boxing anymore because of the violence. Another example is a minister named Ken Martin who learned after his near-death experience that everything in life was insignificant. In his testimony, he said that even his family, his ministry, his church, his calling, was "insignificant" compared to what he perceived on the Other Side.

But there is also a "flip-side" to this. Kimberly Clark Sharp once shared an interesting near-death testimony of a woman who saw herself as a child during her life review. The major lesson she learned from her life review was that even the seemingly insignificant things we do in life can be far more important than we can possibly imagine on the Other Side. During her life review, she saw an incident from her childhood when she saw a tiny flower growing almost invisibly out of a crack in the sidewalk. She bent down and cupped it in her hand and gave it her full unconditional love and undivided attention. During her life review, she discovered that it was this incident with the flower, which she had long ago forgotten about, was the most important event of her entire life. The reason was because it was the moment in her life where she expressed unconditional love in the greatest manner.

So the big lesson that people receive during their near-death experience is the supremacy of expressing unconditional love. Even the apparent insignificant acts of love which we perform has the power to alter the entire course of history and change the world for the good. Unconditional acts of love are the greatest things we can do in life - even if it is directed at a tiny flower.

So love is the answer to the question, "What is the meaning of life?" Any other answer pales in comparison to the supremacy of love. When we have our life review after death, it will be our acts of unconditional love which will be considered the greatest. It is how we are measured on the Other Side because love is the Almighty Universal Power connecting us all. Near-death experiences reveal that there is no other God but this love that is unconditional and pure. It is as simple and as profound as that.

While we must go about our daily routine -- doing our job, cleaning our toilets and scrubbing our toilets -- it is how much we love others that matters. Everyone's mission has to do with love. We are all here to experience and learn the many aspects of love in a world where there is very little of it compared to the Other Side. It is clear that even the absence of love makes the most difficult things seem to be the easiest. We are here to learn anywhere else. One thing is for sure: Love is to immense and profound to be fully understood in this world. But John Lennon was correct all along. All we need is love.

Peace and Light, Kevin Williams

(3) 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.

Marilynn Hughes - The author takes you on an out-of-body journey into the worlds of the galactic heavens -- the worlds beyond death. Traveling the road of terminal illness, you'll follow the footsteps of a soul preparing for death, learn from those who have already crossed over, and witness the after-death experience of a soul as she leaves this world.

The Key to Self-Discovery: There is Far More to You and Life Than You Ever Dared to Dream - by Russell C. Kick, Ph.D. In 1968, Russell had a NDE which changed his life. His purpose was to help others who were lost. He was told he would soon meet the woman who was to be his wife. Two weeks later he met Jane, his wife to be, and one month later, they were married. Over three decades later, they remain happily married. Since his NDE, Russell has researched the farther reaches of human potential and documented the truths he has discovered in his testimony.

Human Personality and Its Survival of Bodily Death - by Frederick Myers and Aldous Huxley F. W. H. Myers (1843-1901) was a classics scholar turned scientist by his interest in psychic phenomena and mediumship. An after-death communication from his first wife confirmed Myers' belief in the survival of human consciousness. In 1882, he co-founded the Society for Psychical Research and was a major contributor to its success for the next twenty years.

An Angel Treasury: A Celestial Collection Of Inspirations, Encounters and Heavenly Lore - by Jacky Newcomb 'A celestial collection of inspirations, encounters and heavenly lore for which people have said: "Jacky's words are as beautiful as the angels' music." Jacky's Newcomb book on angels yet made available to the public.' 'Jacky's book is inspirational, as well as a fascinating source of information and wisdom. "This is a book I will keep on my shelf forever and refer to over and over. It really is the ultimate book on angels.'

Physician-Assisted Dying: The Case for Palliative Care and Patient Choice - by Timothy E. Quill, M.D. and M. Pabst Battin, Ph.D. In counterpoint to "The Case against Assisted Suicide" introduced by H. H. Holmes and the Journal of the American Medical Association, this book presents the case for the legalization of physician-assisted dying. They argue that "putting "Death with Dignity" laws against palliative care is a false framing of the debate. Scholars, legal experts, and advocates examine ethical issues, end-of-life options, the views of patients and people with disabilities, and the Dutch and Oregon experiences.

(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.

SEPTEMBER 9 - 10, 2005 - IANDS Annual Conference - Check out the IANDS Conference information page.

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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 Ringo, 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 and Near Death Experiences by P.M.H. Atwater. Dr. Atwater provides compelling evidence for the existence of a generation of people who 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 the world-famous 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 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.

