

NEAR DEATH EXPERIENCES

Elucidating Scripture

“KNOWING CHRIST & MAKING CHRIST KNOWN”

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NDEs **Academy Class**

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by Todd Burpo

Woman's view:

EMBRACED by the LIGHT

by Betty J. Eadie

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Atheist's view:

MY DESCENT into DEATH

by Howard Storm

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Patient's view:

MY GLIMPSE of ETERNITY

by Betty Malz

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DEFINITION OF NDEs

“A lucid experience associated with perceived consciousness apart from the body occurring at the time of actual or threatened imminent death”

by Jeffery Long, MD

Book: **EVIDENCE of the AFTERLIFE THE SCIENCE OF NEAR - DEATH EXPERIENCES** published in 2010
by HarperCollins, New York, NY 10022

Website: www.nderf.org

PROOF OF NDEs

1. Lucid Experience
2. Out of Body
3. Blind Sight
4. Impossibly Conscious
5. Perfect Playback
6. Family Reunion
7. From the Mouths of Babes
8. Worldwide Consistency
9. Changed Lives

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ELEMENTS OF **GOOD** NDEs

Elements of NDE¹	Frequency (n=62)
1 Awareness of being dead	31 (50%)
2 Positive emotions	35 (56%)
3 Out of body experience	15 (24%)
4 Moving through a tunnel	19 (31%)
5 Communication with light	14 (23%)
6 Observation of colours	14 (23%)
7 Observation of a celestial landscape	18 (29%)
8 Meeting with deceased persons	20 (32%)
9 Life review	8 (13%)
10 Presence of border	5 (8%)

NDE=near-death experience.

Table 2: Frequency of ten elements of NDE

THE LANCET • Vol 358 • December 15, 2001

van Lommel et al, Near-death experience in survivors of cardiac arrest: a Prospective study in the Netherlands, Lancet 358: 2039-45, 2001.

MEDICAL speculation about NDEs

1. Drugs

1.1. LSD, Morphine, Recreational drugs, Ketamine

2. Psychological

2.1. Transient Depersonalization, Memories of birth, Autoscopic Hallucinations

3. Physiological

3.1. Hypoxia

3.2. Endorphins

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symptoms of general hypoxia			
organ/function	light	medium	severe
mind or brain	euphoria, loss of orientation	vision difficulties, anxiety	dizziness, delirium, coma
gastro-intestinal tract	nausea	desire to vomit	vomiting
neurosensory tract	headache	chest pains	depression, irregular Cheyne-Stokes respiration, cessation
breathing	faster and deeper	apnea, after O ₂ intake	abrupt drop
arterial blood pressure	slightly increased (systolic and diastolic)	high	very weak, arrhythmic, vanishing
pulse	faster, sometimes irregular	slower, strained, irregular	relaxation, paralysis
muscles	lack of coordination	spasms, rigidity, convulsions	dark blue, blue-gray, then clammy
skin			
with normal Hb	lightly cyanotic (acc. to Hb content) warm, moist	blue-red deep cyanotic warm and moist	gray, clammy
with anemia	bluish, relatively dry	blue-gray, moist, sometimes heavy sweating	
pupils	irregular	alternating wideness	extremely dilated, rigid
venous pressure	somewhat higher	much increased	falling

HYPOXIA NOT a CAUSE of NDEs

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning (hypoxia):

Headache, nausea, vomiting, weakness and collapse often followed by coma & death

These symptoms (physical) are diametrically opposite from **GOOD** spiritual experiences of the soul.

Medical Common Sense

How many of you have ever said to your physician:

Yes, I am extremely ill and I feel the best & most alive I have ever felt.

Pharmacology of Hypoxia

(physical)

Euphoria

Loss of orientation

Vision difficulties

Anxiety

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Nausea, vomiting

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Chest pains

Near Death Experiences

(spiritual)

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Heightened Sensations: smell, touch, etc

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Amazing beauty

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BIBLICAL CONSISTENCY OF NDEs

1. Visits to Heaven
2. Souls returned to Bodies
3. Separateness of Body & Soul
4. Ever Living Soul after Bodily Death

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BIBLICAL VISITS TO HEAVEN

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|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. Man taken up to Heaven | 2 Corinthians 12:2-4 |
| 2. Lazarus & rich Man | Luke 16:19-31 |
| 3. Transfiguration of Jesus | Matthew 17:1-13, Mark 9:2-13 & Luke 9:28-36 |
| 4. Stephen's Vision | Acts 7:55-60 |

SEPARATENESS OF BODY & SOUL

It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body.

1 Corinthians 15:44

Wretch man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Romans 7:24

For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

2 Corinthians 5 : 10

Additional Bible refs:

Romans: 6:12, Romans 7:24, Romans 8:6-11

1 Corinthians 15:42-49, 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Ephesians 4:22-24

James 4:5, 1 Peter 2:11

SOULS RETURNED to EARTHLY BODIES

1. Resurrection of Jesus's Body & Spirit Matthew 28: 5-8, Mark 16:6 & Luke 24: 5-6
2. Jesus restores life to:
 - Widow's son from Nairn Luke 7:11-17
 - Jarius's daughter Matthew 9:18-24, Mark 5:21-24, Luke 8:40-55
verse 54 -55: "But taking the child by the hand he called , saying " Child arise." And her spirit returned and she got up at once"
 - Lazarus (dead 4 days) John 11:1-44
3. Prophets & apostles:
 - Elijah: son of Zarephath widow 1 Kings 17:17-22
 - Elisha: son of Shunammite woman 2 Kings 4:32-35
 - Peter: raised Dorcas Acts 9: 36-41
 - Paul: raised Eutychus Acts 20: 9-10

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EVER LIVING SOUL after BODILY DEATH

Jesus indicates as souls we will never die:

Whoever believes in me, though he dies (body) , yet shall he live (soul), and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die (soul).

John 11: 25-26

Truly, truly I say to you, if anyone keeps my word he will never see death

John 8:51, John 5:24, Matthew 16:28

One of the criminals who were hanged...said:“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. and Jesus said to him,“truly I say to you , today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Luke 23:39-43

Biblical Insights into Death

2 Men taken up by God:

Elijah: [2 Kings 2: 11](#); Enoch: [Genesis 5:24](#) [Hebrews 11:5](#)

Insights into Our Spiritual Side

You do not have a soul,
You ARE a soul,
You have a body.
by C.S. Lewis

BIBLE is the **Internal Medicine Text** for the **Soul**:
nutrition, exercise & eternal spiritual health.
by Our Heavenly Father

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