

A man with glasses, wearing a dark suit jacket over a teal shirt, is speaking and gesturing with his right hand. He has a white lanyard with a badge around his neck.

# GOD AND THE AFTERLIFE

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**SOCIETY  
FOR  
SCIENTIFIC  
EXPLORATION**

1  
00:00:04,610 --> 00:00:01,730  
maybe talking about near-death

2  
00:00:06,320 --> 00:00:04,620  
experiences today and some of the latest

3  
00:00:07,760 --> 00:00:06,330  
research that I've been doing involving

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00:00:09,890 --> 00:00:07,770  
near-death experience we've heard from

5  
00:00:11,330 --> 00:00:09,900  
several speakers already the near-death

6  
00:00:13,249 --> 00:00:11,340  
experiences are among the strongest

7  
00:00:15,589 --> 00:00:13,259  
evidence that we have a survival I

8  
00:00:18,019 --> 00:00:15,599  
couldn't agree more details coming right

9  
00:00:19,849 --> 00:00:18,029  
up here what exactly is a near-death

10  
00:00:21,740 --> 00:00:19,859  
experience I know most of you know a lot

11  
00:00:24,050 --> 00:00:21,750  
about near-death experience but just so

12  
00:00:25,939 --> 00:00:24,060  
that we're all on the same page at least

13  
00:00:28,310 --> 00:00:25,949

for my research purposes I look for two

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00:00:29,929 --> 00:00:28,320

things in a near-death experience your

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00:00:31,669 --> 00:00:29,939

near-death and that is you're so

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00:00:33,680 --> 00:00:31,679

physically compromised that you're

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00:00:36,440 --> 00:00:33,690

unconscious or may even be clinically

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00:00:38,990 --> 00:00:36,450

dead absent heartbeat absent spontaneous

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00:00:40,850 --> 00:00:39,000

respiration you're unconscious at this

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00:00:42,470 --> 00:00:40,860

point in time and so by dictionary

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00:00:44,779 --> 00:00:42,480

definition you shouldn't have any

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00:00:46,790 --> 00:00:44,789

experience when you're that close to

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00:00:48,260 --> 00:00:46,800

death and yet they do they have the

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00:00:49,610 --> 00:00:48,270

experience part of a near-death

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00:00:51,619 --> 00:00:49,620

experience and we'll talk more about

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00:00:53,569 --> 00:00:51,629

what the common elements are just a

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00:00:56,330 --> 00:00:53,579

minute here I want to emphasize no two

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00:00:57,650 --> 00:00:56,340

near-death experiences are the same but

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00:01:00,260 --> 00:00:57,660

when you study many near-death

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00:01:02,810 --> 00:01:00,270

experiences you can see this kind of

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00:01:05,030 --> 00:01:02,820

spectrum of elements typically occurring

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00:01:07,130 --> 00:01:05,040

in this order but not necessarily often

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00:01:08,990 --> 00:01:07,140

early in the experience there's what's

34

00:01:10,210 --> 00:01:09,000

called an out-of-body experience have

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00:01:12,560 --> 00:01:10,220

that life-threatening event

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00:01:15,020 --> 00:01:12,570

consciousness leaves the body typically

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00:01:17,210 --> 00:01:15,030

goes above it not always may go level

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00:01:19,550 --> 00:01:17,220

with body rarely even below the level of

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00:01:22,670 --> 00:01:19,560

the body there's heightened senses they

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00:01:24,440 --> 00:01:22,680

may have vision or hearing that super

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00:01:25,700 --> 00:01:24,450

normal there's intense and generally

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00:01:27,859 --> 00:01:25,710

positive feelings

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00:01:30,440 --> 00:01:27,869

peace and love are the two most common

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00:01:32,390 --> 00:01:30,450

words used to describe a near-death

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00:01:34,760 --> 00:01:32,400

experience as part of the intensity of

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00:01:37,219 --> 00:01:34,770

these emotions typically described as

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00:01:39,859 --> 00:01:37,229

unearthly in their intensity they may

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00:01:41,450 --> 00:01:39,869

pass into or through a tunnel often at

49

00:01:43,700 --> 00:01:41,460

the end of the tunnel is a mystical

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00:01:46,700 --> 00:01:43,710

brilliant light and then in an unearthly

51  
00:01:48,380 --> 00:01:46,710  
realm they may encounter mystical beings

52  
00:01:50,990 --> 00:01:48,390  
or deceased relatives we'll be talking

53  
00:01:53,090 --> 00:01:51,000  
about that a little bit later they they

54  
00:01:55,280 --> 00:01:53,100  
almost always have a sense of altered

55  
00:01:58,280 --> 00:01:55,290  
time or space typically with near-death

56  
00:02:00,830 --> 00:01:58,290  
experiences almost uniformly they'll say

57  
00:02:01,880 --> 00:02:00,840  
time doesn't exist time is not like it

58  
00:02:04,550 --> 00:02:01,890  
is in our earth

59  
00:02:06,520 --> 00:02:04,560  
everyday life they may see all or a part

60  
00:02:10,010 --> 00:02:06,530  
of their prior life and the life review

61  
00:02:12,680 --> 00:02:10,020  
counter unearthly heavenly realms if you

62  
00:02:14,420 --> 00:02:12,690  
will learn special knowledge often

63  
00:02:15,890 --> 00:02:14,430

there's a barrier which means near the

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00:02:17,840 --> 00:02:15,900

end of the experience they may have a

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00:02:20,360 --> 00:02:17,850

choice to come back to their earthly

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00:02:22,310 --> 00:02:20,370

life or stay in this unearthly beautiful

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00:02:23,840 --> 00:02:22,320

round interestingly the great majority

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00:02:25,430 --> 00:02:23,850

of people that have near-death

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00:02:27,080 --> 00:02:25,440

experiences when they're at that

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00:02:29,210 --> 00:02:27,090

boundary and they're involved in a

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00:02:30,979 --> 00:02:29,220

decision want to stay in that unearthly

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00:02:32,870 --> 00:02:30,989

realm you do not want to go back to the

73

00:02:35,030 --> 00:02:32,880

earthly life even though that's been

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00:02:37,250 --> 00:02:35,040

familiar for years two decades of all

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00:02:38,600 --> 00:02:37,260

their existence up until then and then

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00:02:41,960 --> 00:02:38,610

they return to their body either

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00:02:45,110 --> 00:02:41,970

voluntarily or involuntarily well a

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00:02:46,850 --> 00:02:45,120

little bit about hearing my first

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00:02:49,280 --> 00:02:46,860

near-death experience again I'm dr.

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00:02:52,250 --> 00:02:49,290

Jeffery long I'm a physician and medical

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00:02:54,470 --> 00:02:52,260

practice is radiation oncology and it

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00:02:56,090 --> 00:02:54,480

was many decades ago that I was back in

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00:02:57,290 --> 00:02:56,100

the days when we had paper journal to

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00:02:59,870 --> 00:02:57,300

remember that instead of reading it

85

00:03:01,070 --> 00:02:59,880

online but I was actually looking up a

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00:03:03,949 --> 00:03:01,080

new journal of the American Medical

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00:03:05,780 --> 00:03:03,959

Association an article about cancer as

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00:03:08,210 --> 00:03:05,790

part of my training and right now our

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00:03:10,670 --> 00:03:08,220

articles topline it had the term

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00:03:13,340 --> 00:03:10,680

near-death experience which I had never

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00:03:15,080 --> 00:03:13,350

heard I was fascinated stopped looking

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00:03:17,120 --> 00:03:15,090

for that article and read the article

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00:03:18,710 --> 00:03:17,130

and was immediately fascinated folks I

94

00:03:21,560 --> 00:03:18,720

mean how can you not be interested in

95

00:03:23,360 --> 00:03:21,570

what happens when we die I was amazed

96

00:03:25,039 --> 00:03:23,370

when I read that article and thought

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00:03:27,140 --> 00:03:25,049

after reading my very first article

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00:03:29,600 --> 00:03:27,150

first exposure to near-death experience

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00:03:32,509 --> 00:03:29,610

if this is for real this changes my view

100

00:03:35,300 --> 00:03:32,519

of the universe consciousness if you

101  
00:03:36,860 --> 00:03:35,310  
will this changed everything well many

102  
00:03:38,600 --> 00:03:36,870  
years later and a little bit of a

103  
00:03:40,610 --> 00:03:38,610  
computer geek I was able to set up a

104  
00:03:43,310 --> 00:03:40,620  
website the near-death experience

105  
00:03:45,470 --> 00:03:43,320  
Research Foundation and from the very

106  
00:03:47,569 --> 00:03:45,480  
inception of this website I had a very

107  
00:03:49,009 --> 00:03:47,579  
detailed questionnaire asking people to

108  
00:03:51,500 --> 00:03:49,019  
share not only a narrative of their

109  
00:03:54,080 --> 00:03:51,510  
experience but answer mini which is now

110  
00:03:56,569 --> 00:03:54,090  
up to over 140 questions about their

111  
00:03:59,270 --> 00:03:56,579  
experience so that we could learn about

112  
00:04:01,300 --> 00:03:59,280  
it and that started my indie research I

113  
00:04:04,190 --> 00:04:01,310

want to emphasize it's a public service

114

00:04:06,890 --> 00:04:04,200

we really have not solicited funds for

115

00:04:09,110 --> 00:04:06,900

that and we've we're entirely

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00:04:10,370 --> 00:04:09,120

self-funded now that was a long time ago

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00:04:12,560 --> 00:04:10,380

in August 19

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00:04:15,500 --> 00:04:12,570

ninety-eight that in derf became a live

119

00:04:17,930 --> 00:04:15,510

website and amazingly over the years

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00:04:20,120 --> 00:04:17,940

we've now accrued over four thousand

121

00:04:22,550 --> 00:04:20,130

near-death experiences that are posted

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00:04:24,620 --> 00:04:22,560

on the website making this obviously by

123

00:04:26,690 --> 00:04:24,630

far the largest publicly accessible

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00:04:29,240 --> 00:04:26,700

database and near-death experiences in

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00:04:32,090 --> 00:04:29,250

the world just been an inspiration to a

126

00:04:33,980 --> 00:04:32,100

vast number of people I want to say at

127

00:04:36,290 --> 00:04:33,990

the beginning of this talk here it's a

128

00:04:38,270 --> 00:04:36,300

basic scientific principle that what is

129

00:04:40,360 --> 00:04:38,280

real is consistently observed and I'm

130

00:04:42,200 --> 00:04:40,370

about to describe some striking

131

00:04:44,390 --> 00:04:42,210

consistencies and consistent

132

00:04:46,550 --> 00:04:44,400

observations in near-death experiences

133

00:04:48,230 --> 00:04:46,560

out of thousands that have led me to

134

00:04:50,270 --> 00:04:48,240

firmly believe that near-death

135

00:04:52,790 --> 00:04:50,280

experiences and their consistent message

136

00:04:54,860 --> 00:04:52,800

of if you will survival is the real

137

00:04:57,350 --> 00:04:54,870

thing and I have to emphasize special

138

00:04:59,240 --> 00:04:57,360

thanks to my wife Jody she's a licensed

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00:05:01,880 --> 00:04:59,250

attorney but is so fascinated and

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00:05:03,410 --> 00:05:01,890

interested in the work that we do really

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00:05:05,240 --> 00:05:03,420

it's a soul calling and I think for both

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00:05:07,010 --> 00:05:05,250

of us so even though she's a licensed

143

00:05:10,190 --> 00:05:07,020

attorney she's not practice law and

144

00:05:12,290 --> 00:05:10,200

devotes her full time probably full time

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00:05:13,910 --> 00:05:12,300

and a half to these web near-death

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00:05:15,860 --> 00:05:13,920

experience and research related

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00:05:22,880 --> 00:05:15,870

activities that we do I could not do it

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00:05:24,980 --> 00:05:22,890

without Jody yeah that's for real so big

149

00:05:27,680 --> 00:05:24,990

thanks to Jody will what who has a

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00:05:30,260 --> 00:05:27,690

near-death experience anyway a Gallup

151  
00:05:32,450 --> 00:05:30,270  
poll published in 1982 suggested perhaps

152  
00:05:34,520 --> 00:05:32,460  
as many as five percent of the adults in

153  
00:05:37,190 --> 00:05:34,530  
the United States it had a near-death

154  
00:05:39,230 --> 00:05:37,200  
experience well the bottom line we can't

155  
00:05:41,390 --> 00:05:39,240  
really predict at the time of a

156  
00:05:43,100 --> 00:05:41,400  
life-threatening event who will have a

157  
00:05:44,870 --> 00:05:43,110  
near-death experience or what the

158  
00:05:47,510 --> 00:05:44,880  
content of a near-death experience will

159  
00:05:50,330 --> 00:05:47,520  
be near-death experiences can happen to

160  
00:05:52,160 --> 00:05:50,340  
children adults physicians scientists

161  
00:05:54,080 --> 00:05:52,170  
we've had near-death experiences from

162  
00:05:56,360 --> 00:05:54,090  
the clergy the religious atheists and

163  
00:05:57,950 --> 00:05:56,370

even many people who have never heard of

164

00:05:59,990 --> 00:05:57,960

a near-death experience and believe no

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00:06:01,350 --> 00:06:00,000

such thing as possible have a near-death

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00:06:03,839 --> 00:06:01,360

experience and then later

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00:06:05,670 --> 00:06:03,849

share with us I want to emphasize that

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00:06:08,100 --> 00:06:05,680

the great majority of people that have

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00:06:10,409 --> 00:06:08,110

that close brush with death do not have

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00:06:13,050 --> 00:06:10,419

a near-death experience only about 10 to

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00:06:15,360 --> 00:06:13,060

20 percent of those who nearly died have

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00:06:17,760 --> 00:06:15,370

a near-death experience and technically

173

00:06:19,409 --> 00:06:17,770

we don't know exactly why certain people

174

00:06:21,240 --> 00:06:19,419

have a near-death experience and why

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00:06:22,409 --> 00:06:21,250

don't although if there's some interest

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00:06:24,209 --> 00:06:22,419

in that we had a very interesting

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00:06:25,559 --> 00:06:24,219

near-death experience where we may have

178

00:06:27,390 --> 00:06:25,569

an answer to that question well the

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00:06:30,809 --> 00:06:27,400

bottom line is anyone can have a

180

00:06:33,510 --> 00:06:30,819

near-death experience okay here's what

181

00:06:35,309 --> 00:06:33,520

the skeptics think we do this right here

182

00:06:38,070 --> 00:06:35,319

is the fake near-death kit and there's

183

00:06:40,619 --> 00:06:38,080

your life and there's your cut okay

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00:06:42,600 --> 00:06:40,629

I have great news we don't do our India

185

00:06:43,950 --> 00:06:42,610

research this way I don't think anybody

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00:06:46,019 --> 00:06:43,960

else does it either but I think the

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00:06:50,339 --> 00:06:46,029

skeptics believe what we do so there you

188

00:06:53,070 --> 00:06:50,349

go moving on rapidly my first book I

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00:06:54,749 --> 00:06:53,080

published was some years ago evidence of

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00:06:57,899 --> 00:06:54,759

the afterlife the science of near-death

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00:06:59,399 --> 00:06:57,909

experience and worked my tail off to do

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00:07:01,559 --> 00:06:59,409

that I have a very busy medical practice

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00:07:04,499 --> 00:07:01,569

but somehow found the time to do that

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00:07:05,909 --> 00:07:04,509

and oops eight days later it was a New

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00:07:07,800 --> 00:07:05,919

York Times bestseller which

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00:07:10,170 --> 00:07:07,810

substantially changed my life and I've

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00:07:11,670 --> 00:07:10,180

been all sorts of media was I was

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00:07:14,700 --> 00:07:11,680

prouder to be on The O'Reilly Factor

199

00:07:17,369 --> 00:07:14,710

until recent events troubles we had but

200

00:07:19,170 --> 00:07:17,379

it's been a very fun and very joyful

201  
00:07:20,490 --> 00:07:19,180  
honored to be invited today talked to

202  
00:07:21,749 --> 00:07:20,500  
the New York Academy of Science and it's

203  
00:07:24,209 --> 00:07:21,759  
been a real adventure and I've had an

204  
00:07:26,100 --> 00:07:24,219  
opportunity literally to talk to tens of

205  
00:07:28,320 --> 00:07:26,110  
millions of people in various media

206  
00:07:30,119 --> 00:07:28,330  
events about near-death experiences in

207  
00:07:30,809 --> 00:07:30,129  
my research and we'll get into that

208  
00:07:33,959 --> 00:07:30,819  
shortly

209  
00:07:35,399 --> 00:07:33,969  
now I practice in Houma Louisiana which

210  
00:07:38,070 --> 00:07:35,409  
you've probably never heard of because

211  
00:07:39,959 --> 00:07:38,080  
it's a town of 32,000 that is about an

212  
00:07:41,640 --> 00:07:39,969  
hour away from Louisiana and

213  
00:07:44,159 --> 00:07:41,650

interestingly even a little bit south of

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00:07:46,019 --> 00:07:44,169

Louisiana so even from that small town

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00:07:48,059 --> 00:07:46,029

which is very conservative from a

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00:07:49,469 --> 00:07:48,069

religious point of view I was thrilled

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00:07:51,749 --> 00:07:49,479

to find that there was extraordinary

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00:07:53,760 --> 00:07:51,759

local interest people love this I talked

219

00:07:55,230 --> 00:07:53,770

to all sorts of groups down there it

220

00:07:58,170 --> 00:07:55,240

turned out to be a very very positive

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00:08:00,059 --> 00:07:58,180

part of my experience down there and

222

00:08:02,100 --> 00:08:00,069

actually helped my medical practices

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00:08:04,260 --> 00:08:02,110

don't make me swamp that's another story

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00:08:05,760 --> 00:08:04,270

well anyway we're going to get into the

225

00:08:07,980 --> 00:08:05,770

evidence that was in that first book

226

00:08:10,139 --> 00:08:07,990

that I wrote that had nine lines of

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00:08:10,559 --> 00:08:10,149

evidence the survey the largest survey

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00:08:14,010 --> 00:08:10,569

we had

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00:08:16,499 --> 00:08:14,020

to that time had 617 respondents from

230

00:08:18,389 --> 00:08:16,509

our online survey these are sequentially

231

00:08:20,969 --> 00:08:18,399

shared near-death experiences so there's

232

00:08:22,949 --> 00:08:20,979

no file drawer effect but we're gonna go

233

00:08:24,929 --> 00:08:22,959

over all these nine lines of evidence

234

00:08:26,669 --> 00:08:24,939

that I think certainly it convinced me

235

00:08:27,869 --> 00:08:26,679

and I think a lot of other people and

236

00:08:30,779 --> 00:08:27,879

certainly those that have had near-death

237

00:08:32,670 --> 00:08:30,789

experiences that evident that after that

238

00:08:34,889 --> 00:08:32,680

near-death experiences are indeed

239

00:08:36,779 --> 00:08:34,899

evidence of an afterlife survival of

240

00:08:38,969 --> 00:08:36,789

consciousness if you will there

241

00:08:41,040 --> 00:08:38,979

certainly we speak their reality so

242

00:08:43,170 --> 00:08:41,050

let's dive right into it

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00:08:45,059 --> 00:08:43,180

ed Kelley said that there were two

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00:08:46,889 --> 00:08:45,069

aspects of near-death experience that he

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00:08:48,629 --> 00:08:46,899

thought was very evidential one was

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00:08:50,400 --> 00:08:48,639

near-death experiences during cardiac

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00:08:52,680 --> 00:08:50,410

arrest when consciousness should not

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00:08:54,569 --> 00:08:52,690

exist and the second being under general

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00:08:56,370 --> 00:08:54,579

anesthesia we're going to hit both of

250

00:08:58,230 --> 00:08:56,380

those but first let's talk about what

251  
00:09:00,480 --> 00:08:58,240  
happens when you have a cardiac arrest

252  
00:09:02,550 --> 00:09:00,490  
when you have a cardiac arrest your

253  
00:09:04,319 --> 00:09:02,560  
heart stops beating immediately when

254  
00:09:06,780 --> 00:09:04,329  
your heart stops beating blood stops

255  
00:09:08,819 --> 00:09:06,790  
going up to your brain ten to twenty

256  
00:09:10,439 --> 00:09:08,829  
seconds after blood stops flowing to

257  
00:09:11,100 --> 00:09:10,449  
your brain at the time of a cardiac

258  
00:09:13,800 --> 00:09:11,110  
arrest

259  
00:09:16,679 --> 00:09:13,810  
EEG measure of cortical brain electrical

260  
00:09:18,600 --> 00:09:16,689  
activity is absolutely flat it should be

261  
00:09:20,970 --> 00:09:18,610  
absolutely if that possible at that time

262  
00:09:23,249 --> 00:09:20,980  
to have a conscience at experience and

263  
00:09:25,650 --> 00:09:23,259

yet by the scores we have near-death

264

00:09:26,910 --> 00:09:25,660

experiences over the years describing

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00:09:29,220 --> 00:09:26,920

that out-of-body experience

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00:09:31,949 --> 00:09:29,230

consciousness over their body while they

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00:09:33,900 --> 00:09:31,959

are by all political measures dead an

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00:09:36,030 --> 00:09:33,910

absent heartbeat and yet there they are

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00:09:39,059 --> 00:09:36,040

with a lucid organized experience and

270

00:09:41,460 --> 00:09:39,069

what they're observing later verified I

271

00:09:42,990 --> 00:09:41,470

asked in a survey question about their

272

00:09:45,360 --> 00:09:43,000

level of consciousness and alertness

273

00:09:47,879 --> 00:09:45,370

surely after they're physically

274

00:09:48,900 --> 00:09:47,889

unconscious or clinically dead that

275

00:09:51,329 --> 00:09:48,910

should alter their level of

276  
00:09:53,040 --> 00:09:51,339  
consciousness but paradoxically among

277  
00:09:54,990 --> 00:09:53,050  
those that had near-death experiences

278  
00:09:57,540 --> 00:09:55,000  
and responded to the survey question

279  
00:09:58,889 --> 00:09:57,550  
nearly 3/4 said they were actually

280  
00:10:00,660 --> 00:09:58,899  
during the experience having more

281  
00:10:03,480 --> 00:10:00,670  
consciousness and alertness than usual

282  
00:10:04,710 --> 00:10:03,490  
only about 20% said normal consciousness

283  
00:10:06,720 --> 00:10:04,720  
and alertness and even though they're

284  
00:10:08,550 --> 00:10:06,730  
physically unconscious look at that only

285  
00:10:10,800 --> 00:10:08,560  
five percent said that their experience

286  
00:10:12,660 --> 00:10:10,810  
involved them with less consciousness

287  
00:10:15,629 --> 00:10:12,670  
then again comparison to their earthly

288  
00:10:17,309 --> 00:10:15,639

everyday life near-death experiences

289

00:10:20,040 --> 00:10:17,319

seemed to be a very special type of

290

00:10:21,710 --> 00:10:20,050

memory they're remembered verbatim years

291

00:10:23,480 --> 00:10:21,720

two decades later and that's been

292

00:10:27,470 --> 00:10:23,490

proven in several good prospective

293

00:10:29,329 --> 00:10:27,480

studies the second thing that I think is

294

00:10:31,309 --> 00:10:29,339

fascinating about near-death experience

295

00:10:34,129 --> 00:10:31,319

we heard about a lot of body experiences

296

00:10:36,110 --> 00:10:34,139

well that's very common in near-death

297

00:10:38,269 --> 00:10:36,120

experiences to have that separation of

298

00:10:40,939 --> 00:10:38,279

consciousness go above the physical body

299

00:10:42,889 --> 00:10:40,949

and then they can see it here ongoing

300

00:10:46,009 --> 00:10:42,899

earthly events while they're unconscious

301  
00:10:48,170 --> 00:10:46,019  
or clinically dead about 45 percent of

302  
00:10:50,990 --> 00:10:48,180  
near-death experiences describe ongoing

303  
00:10:53,150 --> 00:10:51,000  
earthly events as part of their in de my

304  
00:10:54,410 --> 00:10:53,160  
research question is very simple what

305  
00:10:56,749 --> 00:10:54,420  
they're seeing when their consciousness

306  
00:10:58,939 --> 00:10:56,759  
is apart from their body is real is it

307  
00:11:01,249 --> 00:10:58,949  
validated well there was a good

308  
00:11:03,559 --> 00:11:01,259  
prospective study by st. Bowman sarkari

309  
00:11:05,569 --> 00:11:03,569  
that suggested that what they were

310  
00:11:07,730 --> 00:11:05,579  
observing is certainly very accurate and

311  
00:11:09,829 --> 00:11:07,740  
there's a dr. jane holden who reviewed

312  
00:11:11,920 --> 00:11:09,839  
all india literature up to her

313  
00:11:14,990 --> 00:11:11,930

publications some years ago and found

314

00:11:17,449 --> 00:11:15,000

92% of these out-of-body observations

315

00:11:19,400 --> 00:11:17,459

described during near-death experiences

316

00:11:20,929 --> 00:11:19,410

were without any accuracy she'd call

317

00:11:22,970 --> 00:11:20,939

them inaccurate if there was even a

318

00:11:25,610 --> 00:11:22,980

single detail that didn't jibe with

319

00:11:28,850 --> 00:11:25,620

consensus reality and for my study we

320

00:11:30,139 --> 00:11:28,860

found 287 near-death experiences that

321

00:11:32,420 --> 00:11:30,149

described these an out-of-body

322

00:11:34,790 --> 00:11:32,430

observations my researchers questioned

323

00:11:38,059 --> 00:11:34,800

very simple was that absolutely accurate

324

00:11:40,369 --> 00:11:38,069

verbatim and I found 97.6 of these

325

00:11:42,650 --> 00:11:40,379

out-of-body observations or without any

326  
00:11:45,049 --> 00:11:42,660  
apparent inaccuracy whatsoever and this

327  
00:11:46,549 --> 00:11:45,059  
includes remarkably people that have

328  
00:11:48,710 --> 00:11:46,559  
their consciousness separate from the

329  
00:11:50,780 --> 00:11:48,720  
body and then travel a considerable

330  
00:11:52,970 --> 00:11:50,790  
distance from the physical body far

331  
00:11:55,309 --> 00:11:52,980  
outside of any physical awareness we

332  
00:11:57,559 --> 00:11:55,319  
actually had presented on television a

333  
00:11:59,809 --> 00:11:57,569  
case report of this type of phenomenon

334  
00:12:01,369 --> 00:11:59,819  
where the person coded in the operating

335  
00:12:03,799 --> 00:12:01,379  
room had a near-death experience

336  
00:12:06,199 --> 00:12:03,809  
consciousness left the operating room

337  
00:12:08,780 --> 00:12:06,209  
arena and went down into the hospital

338  
00:12:10,579 --> 00:12:08,790

cafeteria from that vantage point he was

339

00:12:12,679 --> 00:12:10,589

able to see and hear what his family

340

00:12:14,329 --> 00:12:12,689

members were talking about while he was

341

00:12:16,280 --> 00:12:14,339

under anesthesia while he was what

342

00:12:18,170 --> 00:12:16,290

coated in a completely different part of

343

00:12:20,299 --> 00:12:18,180

the hospital what he saw it heard

344

00:12:22,759 --> 00:12:20,309

verbatim accurate down to fine details

345

00:12:24,980 --> 00:12:22,769

that is anecdotal but that is not a rare

346

00:12:26,900 --> 00:12:24,990

phenomenon Indies at all we have scores

347

00:12:29,439 --> 00:12:26,910

and scores of near-death experiences

348

00:12:31,819 --> 00:12:29,449

with that SAF same type of phenomenon

349

00:12:32,350 --> 00:12:31,829

absolutely inexplicable by brain

350

00:12:34,240 --> 00:12:32,360

function

351

00:12:37,000 --> 00:12:34,250

as we know it today by physical brain

352

00:12:39,370 --> 00:12:37,010

function oh here we go again

353

00:12:41,829 --> 00:12:39,380

okay well alright if you are reading

354

00:12:44,680 --> 00:12:41,839

this so here's here's how we don't do

355

00:12:46,900 --> 00:12:44,690

research is for everybody a person walks

356

00:12:48,759 --> 00:12:46,910

out of a room and says why did this guy

357

00:12:51,280 --> 00:12:48,769

so we don't do this so here's an

358

00:12:52,480 --> 00:12:51,290

operating room and so you could there

359

00:12:55,180 --> 00:12:52,490

have been some interest in placing

360

00:12:56,769 --> 00:12:55,190

targets for prospective indi study and

361

00:12:57,940 --> 00:12:56,779

that's not exactly how it's done that's

362

00:12:59,440 --> 00:12:57,950

the good news

363

00:13:01,720 --> 00:12:59,450

moving on once again moving along

364

00:13:03,490 --> 00:13:01,730

rapidly well a line of evidence number

365

00:13:05,199 --> 00:13:03,500

three are near-death experiences in the

366

00:13:07,720 --> 00:13:05,209

blind I had the opportunity

367

00:13:09,250 --> 00:13:07,730

well blind is different there's

368

00:13:11,350 --> 00:13:09,260

different types of blindness you can be

369

00:13:13,060 --> 00:13:11,360

born blind or develop lioness later in

370

00:13:15,100 --> 00:13:13,070

life you can be totally blind or

371

00:13:17,050 --> 00:13:15,110

partially blind the sternest test

372

00:13:18,220 --> 00:13:17,060

obviously it would be someone born

373

00:13:20,650 --> 00:13:18,230

totally blind

374

00:13:25,180 --> 00:13:20,660

well enter Vicky who I interviewed who

375

00:13:27,880 --> 00:13:25,190

was born at 26 weeks gestation back in

376

00:13:29,829 --> 00:13:27,890

the 50s they put him in oxygen tents and

377

00:13:32,620 --> 00:13:29,839

basically fried the retina leaving them

378

00:13:34,720 --> 00:13:32,630

totally blind from early infancy we

379

00:13:37,350 --> 00:13:34,730

don't do that anymore but suffice it to

380

00:13:40,300 --> 00:13:37,360

say Vicky totally blind throughout life

381

00:13:41,680 --> 00:13:40,310

was involved in a car crash I know what

382

00:13:43,900 --> 00:13:41,690

you're thinking no she wasn't driving

383

00:13:45,280 --> 00:13:43,910

she was a singer and very talented and

384

00:13:48,939 --> 00:13:45,290

she was being driven home by an

385

00:13:50,710 --> 00:13:48,949

inebriated patron who crashed and for

386

00:13:52,960 --> 00:13:50,720

the first time she had vision unlike

387

00:13:55,509 --> 00:13:52,970

anything she'd had in her life she was

388

00:13:57,850 --> 00:13:55,519

physically over her body while I was in

389

00:13:59,710 --> 00:13:57,860

a gurney in the emergency room and you

390

00:14:01,030 --> 00:13:59,720

could just imagine her first reaction to

391

00:14:03,550 --> 00:14:01,040

that kind of vision well you probably

392

00:14:05,769 --> 00:14:03,560

can't I didn't she was horrified vision

393

00:14:08,290 --> 00:14:05,779

was so unknown and unfamiliar too or it

394

00:14:10,300 --> 00:14:08,300

scared her and it was only after a while

395

00:14:11,800 --> 00:14:10,310

that she correlated her long hair which

396

00:14:13,660 --> 00:14:11,810

she knew by sense of feel and

397

00:14:15,370 --> 00:14:13,670

interestingly her father had have given

398

00:14:17,170 --> 00:14:15,380

her her ring which she only knew again

399

00:14:19,569 --> 00:14:17,180

by sense of feel that she now was able

400

00:14:21,550 --> 00:14:19,579

to see so folks when she went through

401  
00:14:24,340 --> 00:14:21,560  
and had a stunningly detailed near-death

402  
00:14:26,639 --> 00:14:24,350  
experience her vision and it was what's

403  
00:14:29,530 --> 00:14:26,649  
often observed in near-death experience

404  
00:14:31,720 --> 00:14:29,540  
360-degree vision which is actually a

405  
00:14:34,780 --> 00:14:31,730  
more correct term would be spherical up

406  
00:14:37,060 --> 00:14:34,790  
down right left forward backward

407  
00:14:39,400 --> 00:14:37,070  
basically processing a spherical visual

408  
00:14:41,230 --> 00:14:39,410  
field all simultaneously it was

409  
00:14:43,090 --> 00:14:41,240  
fascinating to me to talk to Vicky and

410  
00:14:44,900 --> 00:14:43,100  
explain that our visual field was pie

411  
00:14:46,250 --> 00:14:44,910  
shaped and I'd still

412  
00:14:49,190 --> 00:14:46,260  
you know she ever believed me because

413  
00:14:50,810 --> 00:14:49,200

for some total of seven detailed vision

414

00:14:54,110 --> 00:14:50,820

was spherical as so many near-death

415

00:14:55,820 --> 00:14:54,120

experiences report well certainly we now

416

00:14:57,380 --> 00:14:55,830

I've asked the most recent version of

417

00:14:59,180 --> 00:14:57,390

our questionnaire for near-death

418

00:15:00,800 --> 00:14:59,190

experiencers the difference between

419

00:15:02,930 --> 00:15:00,810

their earthly everyday vision and their

420

00:15:04,880 --> 00:15:02,940

vision during Indies we now have a

421

00:15:07,070 --> 00:15:04,890

series of we're developing of people

422

00:15:09,620 --> 00:15:07,080

that were either severely visually

423

00:15:11,360 --> 00:15:09,630

impaired or actually blind and had an in

424

00:15:13,970 --> 00:15:11,370

to eat but let's give an example of that

425

00:15:16,490 --> 00:15:13,980

marta marker shared her in de and this

426

00:15:18,380 --> 00:15:16,500

portion of the narrative marta was a

427

00:15:20,270 --> 00:15:18,390

five year old girl and parents don't

428

00:15:21,680 --> 00:15:20,280

ever let your kids go out in the lake if

429

00:15:24,170 --> 00:15:21,690

they're blind here's what can happen

430

00:15:26,060 --> 00:15:24,180

Marta's own words by the way I slowly

431

00:15:28,340 --> 00:15:26,070

breathed in the water and immediately

432

00:15:30,590 --> 00:15:28,350

lost consciousness a beautiful woman

433

00:15:32,900 --> 00:15:30,600

dressed in bright white light pulled me

434

00:15:35,330 --> 00:15:32,910

out and looking into my eyes asked me

435

00:15:37,430 --> 00:15:35,340

what I wanted I was completely satisfied

436

00:15:39,350 --> 00:15:37,440

and could think of nothing until it

437

00:15:41,810 --> 00:15:39,360

occurred to me to take a trip around the

438

00:15:44,390 --> 00:15:41,820

lake I did so and saw a detail I would

439

00:15:46,670 --> 00:15:44,400

have never seen in real life I could go

440

00:15:49,790 --> 00:15:46,680

anywhere even to the tops of trees by

441

00:15:51,770 --> 00:15:49,800

simply intending to do so I was legally

442

00:15:54,350 --> 00:15:51,780

blind and for the first time I saw

443

00:15:57,890 --> 00:15:54,360

leaves on trees birds feathers birds

444

00:15:59,570 --> 00:15:57,900

eyes details on telephone poles and in

445

00:16:02,150 --> 00:15:59,580

people's backyards that was far more

446

00:16:03,920 --> 00:16:02,160

acute than 20/20 vision things we take

447

00:16:06,560 --> 00:16:03,930

for granted birds feathers birds eyes

448

00:16:08,390 --> 00:16:06,570

telephone poles fascinating if you've

449

00:16:10,160 --> 00:16:08,400

never seen it before in your life as was

450

00:16:12,890 --> 00:16:10,170

true for Marta during her near-death

451  
00:16:15,800 --> 00:16:12,900  
experience at the age of five but a

452  
00:16:18,260 --> 00:16:15,810  
fourth line of evidence again and Kelley

453  
00:16:19,850 --> 00:16:18,270  
talked about a very powerful and

454  
00:16:21,530 --> 00:16:19,860  
persuasive line of evidence so what

455  
00:16:23,990 --> 00:16:21,540  
about near-death experiences that occur

456  
00:16:25,850 --> 00:16:24,000  
while you're under general anesthesia it

457  
00:16:28,010 --> 00:16:25,860  
helps for me to be a physician when

458  
00:16:29,540 --> 00:16:28,020  
reading these accounts I know darn good

459  
00:16:32,150 --> 00:16:29,550  
and well what kind of surgeries are done

460  
00:16:34,820 --> 00:16:32,160  
under general anesthesia anesthesia and

461  
00:16:36,230 --> 00:16:34,830  
which ones possibly surgery may

462  
00:16:40,250 --> 00:16:36,240  
potentially be done in her local

463  
00:16:41,710 --> 00:16:40,260

anesthesia so I found 23 experiences of

464

00:16:45,040 --> 00:16:41,720

from your own near-death

465

00:16:47,319 --> 00:16:45,050

clearly under general anesthesia at the

466

00:16:49,059 --> 00:16:47,329

time they had their experience of course

467

00:16:50,740 --> 00:16:49,069

don't forget under general anesthesia

468

00:16:53,679 --> 00:16:50,750

they're very careful to monitor

469

00:16:55,900 --> 00:16:53,689

heartbeat and very few get up if you

470

00:16:57,730 --> 00:16:55,910

code during a operation while you're

471

00:17:00,160 --> 00:16:57,740

there general anesthesia it's very well

472

00:17:02,290 --> 00:17:00,170

documented in addition when you're under

473

00:17:04,480 --> 00:17:02,300

general anesthesia it should be

474

00:17:06,789 --> 00:17:04,490

absolutely impossible to have a lucid

475

00:17:09,220 --> 00:17:06,799

organized consciousness and yet they do

476

00:17:11,169 --> 00:17:09,230

I found 23 people that were solidly

477

00:17:13,059 --> 00:17:11,179

convincingly having their near-death

478

00:17:15,699 --> 00:17:13,069

experience at the time they were under

479

00:17:17,860 --> 00:17:15,709

general anesthesia they do occur and

480

00:17:20,049 --> 00:17:17,870

their typical near-death experiences and

481

00:17:23,230 --> 00:17:20,059

in fact my survey questionnaire at the

482

00:17:25,240 --> 00:17:23,240

time had 33 questions that specifically

483

00:17:28,149 --> 00:17:25,250

addressed the content if you will the

484

00:17:30,520 --> 00:17:28,159

elements of a near-death experience 32

485

00:17:33,340 --> 00:17:30,530

of the 33 elements comparing the

486

00:17:35,320 --> 00:17:33,350

anesthesia in the e group to into ease

487

00:17:38,169 --> 00:17:35,330

occurring under all other circumstances

488

00:17:41,140 --> 00:17:38,179

32 of the 33 elements occurred equally

489

00:17:43,120 --> 00:17:41,150

often interestingly the those Indy's

490

00:17:44,890 --> 00:17:43,130

under anesthesia statistically were more

491

00:17:47,770 --> 00:17:44,900

likely to have a tunnel experience I

492

00:17:49,539 --> 00:17:47,780

don't exactly know why but the critical

493

00:17:51,430 --> 00:17:49,549

question I asked about their level of

494

00:17:53,500 --> 00:17:51,440

consciousness and alertness compared to

495

00:17:55,149 --> 00:17:53,510

their earthly everyday life the same

496

00:17:57,789 --> 00:17:55,159

level of consciousness and alert there's

497

00:17:59,799 --> 00:17:57,799

no statistical difference among those

498

00:18:01,510 --> 00:17:59,809

having their India under anesthesia and

499

00:18:04,029 --> 00:18:01,520

those having Indies under all other

500

00:18:07,029 --> 00:18:04,039

circumstances I submit to you you could

501  
00:18:08,770 --> 00:18:07,039  
look at that very loved that single

502  
00:18:11,110 --> 00:18:08,780  
question right there and single handedly

503  
00:18:12,909 --> 00:18:11,120  
proved that you can have consciousness

504  
00:18:14,649 --> 00:18:12,919  
apart from the physical brain as it's

505  
00:18:16,000 --> 00:18:14,659  
understood because these are patient

506  
00:18:18,070 --> 00:18:16,010  
these are all people that had Indies

507  
00:18:20,350 --> 00:18:18,080  
they were coded and they were under

508  
00:18:22,810 --> 00:18:20,360  
general anesthesia I submit to you it is

509  
00:18:24,669 --> 00:18:22,820  
doubly impossible to have any kind of

510  
00:18:26,460 --> 00:18:24,679  
memory at that point in time and yet

511  
00:18:29,049 --> 00:18:26,470  
they did and that is I think

512  
00:18:31,240 --> 00:18:29,059  
single-handedly some of the strongest

513  
00:18:33,640 --> 00:18:31,250

evidence that you can you near-death

514

00:18:34,930 --> 00:18:33,650

experiences are for real consciousness

515

00:18:36,530 --> 00:18:34,940

could exist apart from the physical

516

00:18:38,720 --> 00:18:36,540

brain functioning is

517

00:18:41,120 --> 00:18:38,730

nationally understood but there's more

518

00:18:44,300 --> 00:18:41,130

oh boy here's another one okay here we

519

00:18:47,480 --> 00:18:44,310

go here's a hey I have to reassure

520

00:18:49,040 --> 00:18:47,490

everybody I as a physician lights don't

521

00:18:51,620 --> 00:18:49,050

fall from the ceiling in operating rooms

522

00:18:53,120 --> 00:18:51,630

and on patients so don't worry about

523

00:18:54,980 --> 00:18:53,130

this happening

524

00:18:56,510 --> 00:18:54,990

ten-to-one that when he comes he'll tell

525

00:18:58,220 --> 00:18:56,520

when those stories about seeing a bright

526  
00:18:58,700 --> 00:18:58,230  
light at the end of the tunnel okay here

527  
00:19:01,310 --> 00:18:58,710  
we go

528  
00:19:03,440 --> 00:19:01,320  
once again addressing the skeptics

529  
00:19:07,310 --> 00:19:03,450  
thought about how we do India research

530  
00:19:10,430 --> 00:19:07,320  
anyway well we got here okay speaking of

531  
00:19:11,930 --> 00:19:10,440  
India skeptics it has been amazing in

532  
00:19:13,520 --> 00:19:11,940  
the over eighteen years that I've been

533  
00:19:15,920 --> 00:19:13,530  
doing this research that there have been

534  
00:19:18,470 --> 00:19:15,930  
well over 20 some would argue over 30

535  
00:19:20,600 --> 00:19:18,480  
different skeptical explanations of

536  
00:19:22,510 --> 00:19:20,610  
near-death experience just about any

537  
00:19:25,760 --> 00:19:22,520  
conceivable physiological psychological

538  
00:19:27,470 --> 00:19:25,770

cultural explanation has been proposed

539

00:19:29,150 --> 00:19:27,480

by some skeptic at some time or another

540

00:19:30,740 --> 00:19:29,160

now why are there so why are there so

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00:19:32,600 --> 00:19:30,750

many different skeptical explanations

542

00:19:35,090 --> 00:19:32,610

the answer is very simple

543

00:19:37,540 --> 00:19:35,100

the skeptics themselves as a group are

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00:19:39,680 --> 00:19:37,550

unable to agree on any one or several

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00:19:41,990 --> 00:19:39,690

explanations of near-death experience

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00:19:44,510 --> 00:19:42,000

that makes sense even to the skeptics

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00:19:46,400 --> 00:19:44,520

themselves and it goes on and on every

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00:19:48,350 --> 00:19:46,410

year a new skeptical explanation is

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00:19:50,150 --> 00:19:48,360

raised and I feel like raising my hand

550

00:19:51,740 --> 00:19:50,160

and saying okay your explanations right

551  
00:19:53,330 --> 00:19:51,750  
are you going to tell all these other 20

552  
00:19:55,310 --> 00:19:53,340  
people that their explanation is wrong

553  
00:19:57,350 --> 00:19:55,320  
but we haven't had that dialogue it

554  
00:19:59,990 --> 00:19:57,360  
would be fascinating but suffice it to

555  
00:20:01,640 --> 00:20:00,000  
say skeptics can't explain any of the

556  
00:20:04,250 --> 00:20:01,650  
lines of evidence we're going over today

557  
00:20:06,020 --> 00:20:04,260  
let alone the totality of them I just

558  
00:20:09,980 --> 00:20:06,030  
condensed line of evidence for the

559  
00:20:11,210 --> 00:20:09,990  
reality of India 5 6 & 7 life review we

560  
00:20:13,040 --> 00:20:11,220  
found it to be so-called perfect

561  
00:20:15,500 --> 00:20:13,050  
playback during the life review which

562  
00:20:18,050 --> 00:20:15,510  
only about 15% of people having in Indy

563  
00:20:20,600 --> 00:20:18,060

have they may see a part or even all of

564

00:20:22,850 --> 00:20:20,610

their prior life long forgotten memories

565

00:20:24,800 --> 00:20:22,860

may be recalled I have yet to have a

566

00:20:27,410 --> 00:20:24,810

near-death experience where they were

567

00:20:29,720 --> 00:20:27,420

aware of a memory from say toddlerhood

568

00:20:31,100 --> 00:20:29,730

or early childhood they saw during their

569

00:20:33,200 --> 00:20:31,110

life review and an NDE

570

00:20:35,330 --> 00:20:33,210

that they later went back and asked

571

00:20:37,310 --> 00:20:35,340

often their parents or others to see if

572

00:20:39,740 --> 00:20:37,320

it really happened I was told yes it did

573

00:20:41,630 --> 00:20:39,750

so even long forgotten memories seem to

574

00:20:43,610 --> 00:20:41,640

be remembered and seen and can be

575

00:20:44,120 --> 00:20:43,620

validated by the near-death experiencer

576

00:20:46,250 --> 00:20:44,130

after the

577

00:20:48,110 --> 00:20:46,260

recover from what nearly killed them we

578

00:20:52,190 --> 00:20:48,120

talked about countering deceased loved

579

00:20:54,170 --> 00:20:52,200

ones I did a study in my survey and I

580

00:20:55,880 --> 00:20:54,180

was curious now if all other forms of

581

00:20:58,190 --> 00:20:55,890

altered consciousness that I'm aware of

582

00:21:00,020 --> 00:20:58,200

as a physician if you encounter another

583

00:21:01,790 --> 00:21:00,030

being in that form of altered

584

00:21:04,010 --> 00:21:01,800

consciousness it's going to be like say

585

00:21:05,840 --> 00:21:04,020

the bank teller you did business with

586

00:21:07,730 --> 00:21:05,850

that day or the family member you said

587

00:21:09,710 --> 00:21:07,740

hi to before you went up to your bedroom

588

00:21:11,090 --> 00:21:09,720

and code it or something but it's going

589

00:21:12,680 --> 00:21:11,100

to be somebody who's alive in the

590

00:21:15,340 --> 00:21:12,690

forefront of consciousness interestingly

591

00:21:17,840 --> 00:21:15,350

in my study of near-death experiences

592

00:21:20,090 --> 00:21:17,850

only 4% of the beings that they

593

00:21:23,000 --> 00:21:20,100

encounter were actually alive at the

594

00:21:25,010 --> 00:21:23,010

time of their near-death experience 96%

595

00:21:26,960 --> 00:21:25,020

of the time they weren't and in fact we

596

00:21:29,630 --> 00:21:26,970

have a small series of people that had

597

00:21:31,580 --> 00:21:29,640

actually died but the near-death

598

00:21:33,410 --> 00:21:31,590

experiencer did not know they died at

599

00:21:35,240 --> 00:21:33,420

the time they had they're in de and they

600

00:21:37,460 --> 00:21:35,250

only found out about it later and yet

601  
00:21:38,990 --> 00:21:37,470  
there they were encountering that person

602  
00:21:40,460 --> 00:21:39,000  
who died and they didn't even know of it

603  
00:21:42,710 --> 00:21:40,470  
during the indeed we have a few

604  
00:21:44,660 --> 00:21:42,720  
interesting anecdotal cases of

605  
00:21:46,370 --> 00:21:44,670  
encountering siblings who died that they

606  
00:21:49,370 --> 00:21:46,380  
didn't even know of until they met them

607  
00:21:52,730 --> 00:21:49,380  
in the end EE and the gender was always

608  
00:21:54,170 --> 00:21:52,740  
accurate and validate that you're not

609  
00:21:56,960 --> 00:21:54,180  
speaking of children near-death

610  
00:21:59,300 --> 00:21:56,970  
experiences and children are in some way

611  
00:22:00,650 --> 00:21:59,310  
an ideal study group my study group was

612  
00:22:03,140 --> 00:22:00,660  
people that had their near-death

613  
00:22:05,360 --> 00:22:03,150

experience aged 5 and younger median age

614

00:22:08,570 --> 00:22:05,370

of three and a half years old these were

615

00:22:10,610 --> 00:22:08,580

very young that young a kid they're

616

00:22:12,620 --> 00:22:10,620

practically in some significant ways

617

00:22:14,120 --> 00:22:12,630

culturally a blank slate they probably

618

00:22:15,560 --> 00:22:14,130

don't know much about religion they

619

00:22:17,240 --> 00:22:15,570

don't understand much about death

620

00:22:19,630 --> 00:22:17,250

they've almost certainly not heard about

621

00:22:22,280 --> 00:22:19,640

a near-death experience and yet when I

622

00:22:24,380 --> 00:22:22,290

surveyed the folks that had into East

623

00:22:28,340 --> 00:22:24,390

aged five and younger versus all other

624

00:22:30,560 --> 00:22:28,350

age six and older I found that we talked

625

00:22:32,540 --> 00:22:30,570

about those 33 questions pertaining to

626  
00:22:34,220 --> 00:22:32,550  
near-death experience elements no

627  
00:22:36,470 --> 00:22:34,230  
statistical difference between those two

628  
00:22:38,390 --> 00:22:36,480  
groups of young children and older

629  
00:22:41,240 --> 00:22:38,400  
children adults even very very young age

630  
00:22:43,160 --> 00:22:41,250  
still seems to not substantially modify

631  
00:22:44,450 --> 00:22:43,170  
the elements that occur with the

632  
00:22:46,400 --> 00:22:44,460  
near-death experience which is

633  
00:22:48,050 --> 00:22:46,410  
interesting now here's an interesting

634  
00:22:50,720 --> 00:22:48,060  
one well what about near-death

635  
00:22:53,180 --> 00:22:50,730  
experiences around the world thanks

636  
00:22:55,970 --> 00:22:53,190  
largely to the heroics of Jody we have

637  
00:22:58,160 --> 00:22:55,980  
the Ender website translated into

638  
00:22:59,780 --> 00:22:58,170

amazingly 30 different non-english

639

00:23:02,570 --> 00:22:59,790

languages and by the way we don't use

640

00:23:04,460 --> 00:23:02,580

Google for translation or Internet

641

00:23:06,320 --> 00:23:04,470

sources all of these are hand

642

00:23:08,270 --> 00:23:06,330

translated by volunteers who've

643

00:23:10,520 --> 00:23:08,280

literally had hundreds that have helped

644

00:23:12,620 --> 00:23:10,530

us translate portions of the enders

645

00:23:14,630 --> 00:23:12,630

website including the survey that we

646

00:23:16,610 --> 00:23:14,640

asked into a huge number of different

647

00:23:18,350 --> 00:23:16,620

languages so we have gotten hundreds of

648

00:23:21,140 --> 00:23:18,360

near-death experiences from all around

649

00:23:23,300 --> 00:23:21,150

the world and we really get are by the

650

00:23:26,000 --> 00:23:23,310

way when you get a non-english in DVD

651  
00:23:27,440 --> 00:23:26,010  
we'll always post it both and again they

652  
00:23:30,950 --> 00:23:27,450  
have to get approval to post it which

653  
00:23:33,260 --> 00:23:30,960  
over 95% of people do but we then have

654  
00:23:35,480 --> 00:23:33,270  
volunteered human translators translate

655  
00:23:37,310 --> 00:23:35,490  
it and we post both the English

656  
00:23:38,990 --> 00:23:37,320  
translation as well as the original

657  
00:23:42,170 --> 00:23:39,000  
language version of the near-death

658  
00:23:44,180 --> 00:23:42,180  
experience we have 70 80 thousand unique

659  
00:23:45,920 --> 00:23:44,190  
visitors on our website of it month and

660  
00:23:47,840 --> 00:23:45,930  
we figure if there's any significant

661  
00:23:50,360 --> 00:23:47,850  
inaccuracies and translation we'll hear

662  
00:23:52,160 --> 00:23:50,370  
about it and the translation seems to be

663  
00:23:54,200 --> 00:23:52,170

very very good well anyway this is by

664

00:23:56,150 --> 00:23:54,210

far the largest cross-cultural study of

665

00:23:59,120 --> 00:23:56,160

near-death experiences ever it was ever

666

00:24:01,940 --> 00:23:59,130

even possible absolutely in conclusion

667

00:24:05,840 --> 00:24:01,950

the unique content is strikingly similar

668

00:24:07,580 --> 00:24:05,850

language gets in the way but even in DES

669

00:24:08,870 --> 00:24:07,590

from non-western countries appear

670

00:24:10,580 --> 00:24:08,880

strikingly similar

671

00:24:12,230 --> 00:24:10,590

and certainly the implications are

672

00:24:13,520 --> 00:24:12,240

enormous all of this evidence is

673

00:24:15,440 --> 00:24:13,530

converging on the thought of your

674

00:24:16,850 --> 00:24:15,450

spiritual beings having a human

675

00:24:19,250 --> 00:24:16,860

experience here

676  
00:24:21,290 --> 00:24:19,260  
number 9 both prospective and

677  
00:24:23,840 --> 00:24:21,300  
retrospective studies all find huge

678  
00:24:25,610 --> 00:24:23,850  
changes in the lives of people after

679  
00:24:27,860 --> 00:24:25,620  
they have near-death experiences they're

680  
00:24:29,720 --> 00:24:27,870  
changed often profoundly and they're

681  
00:24:30,170 --> 00:24:29,730  
changed over appropriate for the rest of

682  
00:24:32,360 --> 00:24:30,180  
their life

683  
00:24:33,920 --> 00:24:32,370  
typically the changes progress this is

684  
00:24:36,020 --> 00:24:33,930  
just some of a listing of the more

685  
00:24:38,510 --> 00:24:36,030  
common after effects that are we call

686  
00:24:40,190 --> 00:24:38,520  
them after Indies now here's a real

687  
00:24:42,080 --> 00:24:40,200  
interest when getting away to my more

688  
00:24:43,730 --> 00:24:42,090

recent research here's a question number

689

00:24:46,430 --> 00:24:43,740

two a sort of line of evidence number

690

00:24:48,320 --> 00:24:46,440

ten this is real easy if you want to

691

00:24:51,200 --> 00:24:48,330

find out if near-death experiences real

692

00:24:53,590 --> 00:24:51,210

asked our most recent survey as at the

693

00:24:56,600 --> 00:24:53,600

time the crows enclosed and cruel had

694

00:24:58,460 --> 00:24:56,610

1122 people that had responded to it and

695

00:24:59,299 --> 00:24:58,470

we asked them very directly how do you

696

00:25:01,269 --> 00:24:59,309

currently

697

00:25:03,980 --> 00:25:01,279

the reality of your experience a

698

00:25:05,450 --> 00:25:03,990

whopping 95.5%

699

00:25:07,610 --> 00:25:05,460

out of the four options declared that

700

00:25:10,190 --> 00:25:07,620

their experience was definitely real a

701  
00:25:12,799 --> 00:25:10,200  
much smaller percentage with others of

702  
00:25:14,509 --> 00:25:12,809  
the other three options selected and I

703  
00:25:16,879 --> 00:25:14,519  
would submit to you out of respect for

704  
00:25:19,009 --> 00:25:16,889  
people's ability to generally understand

705  
00:25:20,690 --> 00:25:19,019  
reality if you skeptics want to

706  
00:25:22,820 --> 00:25:20,700  
represent the near-death experiences are

707  
00:25:24,619 --> 00:25:22,830  
not real they should present strong

708  
00:25:26,539 --> 00:25:24,629  
evidence that near-death experiences are

709  
00:25:28,759 --> 00:25:26,549  
not real and as we've discussed they

710  
00:25:30,919 --> 00:25:28,769  
aren't even close line of evidence

711  
00:25:32,899 --> 00:25:30,929  
number eleven it's what I call shared

712  
00:25:35,060 --> 00:25:32,909  
near-death experiences these are two or

713  
00:25:38,869 --> 00:25:35,070

more people simultaneously with the

714

00:25:40,369 --> 00:25:38,879

life-threatening event and they have

715

00:25:43,519 --> 00:25:40,379

both heaven near basically a near-death

716

00:25:45,980 --> 00:25:43,529

experience and are aware of each other I

717

00:25:48,259 --> 00:25:45,990

have 15 we call shared near-death

718

00:25:50,480 --> 00:25:48,269

experiences they do occur and they're

719

00:25:52,279 --> 00:25:50,490

typical into ease and I can't do better

720

00:25:54,889 --> 00:25:52,289

than to give you an example right here

721

00:25:57,109 --> 00:25:54,899

William him again his near-death

722

00:25:58,879 --> 00:25:57,119

experience I was taking my girlfriend to

723

00:26:01,159 --> 00:25:58,889

this is in Canada by the way to her

724

00:26:03,680 --> 00:26:01,169

parents home in Welland I went to sleep

725

00:26:05,029 --> 00:26:03,690

while driving then I was aware that we

726

00:26:07,249 --> 00:26:05,039

were out of our bodies and quickly

727

00:26:09,560 --> 00:26:07,259

flying up towards space holding hands

728

00:26:11,869 --> 00:26:09,570

we flew straight up for a minute or so

729

00:26:14,480 --> 00:26:11,879

when we started to see a park or country

730

00:26:17,180 --> 00:26:14,490

one side like landscape suddenly we were

731

00:26:19,009 --> 00:26:17,190

intercepted by four creatures - flanked

732

00:26:21,289 --> 00:26:19,019

each of us and began to gently separate

733

00:26:23,600 --> 00:26:21,299

us they overwhelmed at the feeling of

734

00:26:25,730 --> 00:26:23,610

highest love and compassion and was well

735

00:26:28,489 --> 00:26:25,740

beyond anything we could experience on

736

00:26:30,830 --> 00:26:28,499

earth a divine love we therefore had no

737

00:26:32,359 --> 00:26:30,840

resistance to their effort I recall

738

00:26:34,820 --> 00:26:32,369

feeling sort of like a baby in the

739

00:26:37,310 --> 00:26:34,830

mother's arm but it's hard to accurately

740

00:26:39,739 --> 00:26:37,320

describe two of them moved her upward

741

00:26:41,960 --> 00:26:39,749

toward the distant landscape and two

742

00:26:44,629 --> 00:26:41,970

moved me back down when I felt so much

743

00:26:46,700 --> 00:26:44,639

loved peace and comfort and apparent

744

00:26:49,180 --> 00:26:46,710

protest and say no please let me hear

745

00:26:52,580 --> 00:26:49,190

but hearing inwardly without ears or

746

00:26:54,619 --> 00:26:52,590

psychically that I could not stay next I

747

00:26:56,869 --> 00:26:54,629

could see my car in flames for maybe a

748

00:26:58,669 --> 00:26:56,879

quarter of a mile above I felt a

749

00:27:00,799 --> 00:26:58,679

sensation of following and awakened in

750

00:27:04,220 --> 00:27:00,809

the car the front of the car was on fire

751  
00:27:06,529 --> 00:27:04,230  
I moved her from leaning on me as she

752  
00:27:07,490 --> 00:27:06,539  
was when I fell asleep knowing that her

753  
00:27:09,560 --> 00:27:07,500  
body was in the empty

754  
00:27:12,500 --> 00:27:09,570  
shall I have left her above with those

755  
00:27:14,450 --> 00:27:12,510  
beings first obvious via a fiance was

756  
00:27:17,060 --> 00:27:14,460  
dead and then a shared near-death

757  
00:27:19,910 --> 00:27:17,070  
experience so that's some pretty

758  
00:27:21,860 --> 00:27:19,920  
powerful evidence right there going very

759  
00:27:24,200 --> 00:27:21,870  
quickly in the limited time I have some

760  
00:27:25,760 --> 00:27:24,210  
of my most recent I consider a line of

761  
00:27:28,250 --> 00:27:25,770  
twelve for the reality of near-death

762  
00:27:29,750 --> 00:27:28,260  
experience if there's a now everyone in

763  
00:27:32,150 --> 00:27:29,760

this room has got to be thinking Jesus

764

00:27:34,340 --> 00:27:32,160

I'm convinced their science survival our

765

00:27:37,250 --> 00:27:34,350

consciousness goes on what does that

766

00:27:40,070 --> 00:27:37,260

mean where do we go float around what's

767

00:27:42,170 --> 00:27:40,080

next well near-death experiences have

768

00:27:43,810 --> 00:27:42,180

some suggestion as to what so these

769

00:27:46,040 --> 00:27:43,820

qualitative we might be going on

770

00:27:48,050 --> 00:27:46,050

certainly an important question I have

771

00:27:50,000 --> 00:27:48,060

on my mind is there's an afterlife is

772

00:27:51,980 --> 00:27:50,010

there a god well I think we've seen some

773

00:27:54,170 --> 00:27:51,990

very powerful evidence that there's that

774

00:27:57,170 --> 00:27:54,180

afterlife oh here we go I think this is

775

00:27:58,550 --> 00:27:57,180

last one of these but here's a God so

776

00:28:00,710 --> 00:27:58,560

this is not again how we did the

777

00:28:04,670 --> 00:28:00,720

research here's God and just follow the

778

00:28:06,500 --> 00:28:04,680

life the lightest piece okay so I

779

00:28:08,120 --> 00:28:06,510

published it in my most recent book God

780

00:28:09,890 --> 00:28:08,130

and the afterlife some evidence we'll

781

00:28:11,570 --> 00:28:09,900

get into that briefly the graphics are

782

00:28:14,210 --> 00:28:11,580

solely due to Jody because she thought

783

00:28:16,280 --> 00:28:14,220

it would be cool with my wife reviewed

784

00:28:18,590 --> 00:28:16,290

all into Eastern sequentially over about

785

00:28:22,430 --> 00:28:18,600

three years and methodology first-person

786

00:28:25,220 --> 00:28:22,440

in des indes scaled as a methodology I

787

00:28:27,980 --> 00:28:25,230

reviewed all Indies that describe an

788

00:28:30,140 --> 00:28:27,990

awareness or encounter of God or G -

789

00:28:31,640 --> 00:28:30,150

deed that occurred only during their

790

00:28:34,700 --> 00:28:31,650

near-death experience and not in any

791

00:28:36,770 --> 00:28:34,710

other time I found 277 near-death

792

00:28:38,270 --> 00:28:36,780

experiences describing that awareness or

793

00:28:40,370 --> 00:28:38,280

encounter during their experience

794

00:28:43,760 --> 00:28:40,380

interestingly encountering God during a

795

00:28:45,110 --> 00:28:43,770

near-death experience obviously is again

796

00:28:47,420 --> 00:28:45,120

what impressed me was a striking

797

00:28:49,930 --> 00:28:47,430

consistency across all these hundreds of

798

00:28:52,850 --> 00:28:49,940

people describing God it seemed to be

799

00:28:55,669 --> 00:28:52,860

separate from prevailing conventional

800

00:28:57,140 --> 00:28:55,679

police again I said it's not in common

801  
00:28:59,630 --> 00:28:57,150  
there's the key question I asked in the

802  
00:29:01,310 --> 00:28:59,640  
most recent version of the survey during

803  
00:29:03,560 --> 00:29:01,320  
your experience did you encounter any

804  
00:29:06,080 --> 00:29:03,570  
specific information and awareness that

805  
00:29:07,970 --> 00:29:06,090  
God or a Supreme Being beings to being

806  
00:29:10,580 --> 00:29:07,980  
straight out of the dictionary for God

807  
00:29:12,440 --> 00:29:10,590  
either does or does not exist I asked

808  
00:29:13,970 --> 00:29:12,450  
you to binary forms I knew the skeptic

809  
00:29:14,960 --> 00:29:13,980  
would say you're only asking if they

810  
00:29:16,730 --> 00:29:14,970  
encounter to God

811  
00:29:18,470 --> 00:29:16,740  
information about God you didn't ask

812  
00:29:20,690 --> 00:29:18,480  
there's information that there's no God

813  
00:29:22,160 --> 00:29:20,700

so I asked it that way here's the

814

00:29:24,020 --> 00:29:22,170

statistics right there we had a

815

00:29:26,390 --> 00:29:24,030

narrative response after this and I can

816

00:29:28,490 --> 00:29:26,400

assure you the text box following this

817

00:29:30,950 --> 00:29:28,500

question essentially everybody answering

818

00:29:32,659 --> 00:29:30,960

yes was saying yes they actually didn't

819

00:29:34,460 --> 00:29:32,669

count information or awareness that God

820

00:29:36,110 --> 00:29:34,470

exists in other words they were not

821

00:29:38,299 --> 00:29:36,120

saying they encountered information that

822

00:29:40,760 --> 00:29:38,309

God does not exist

823

00:29:41,900 --> 00:29:40,770

is the consistency observed and when God

824

00:29:42,530 --> 00:29:41,910

is encountered in a near-death

825

00:29:44,600 --> 00:29:42,540

experience

826

00:29:46,820 --> 00:29:44,610

explainable by preexisting religious or

827

00:29:48,820 --> 00:29:46,830

cultural belief very good question

828

00:29:51,980 --> 00:29:48,830

I don't think so for my evidence

829

00:29:53,780 --> 00:29:51,990

atheists may encounter God and we have

830

00:29:55,640 --> 00:29:53,790

about a dozen of them to describe that

831

00:29:57,740 --> 00:29:55,650

very young children may encounter gods

832

00:29:59,780 --> 00:29:57,750

or not enough thought much about God or

833

00:30:02,360 --> 00:29:59,790

don't have a preconceived notion of what

834

00:30:04,520 --> 00:30:02,370

God would be very commonly God was

835

00:30:06,620 --> 00:30:04,530

described as not what they expected from

836

00:30:09,039 --> 00:30:06,630

the earthly life they often would use

837

00:30:11,210 --> 00:30:09,049

the terms unearthly for what they

838

00:30:13,400 --> 00:30:11,220

religious background and I ran the

839

00:30:15,169 --> 00:30:13,410

statistics on this whether they were a

840

00:30:17,750 --> 00:30:15,179

liberal moderate or conservative

841

00:30:19,220 --> 00:30:17,760

fundamentalist had no statistical

842

00:30:21,409 --> 00:30:19,230

correlation at all whether they

843

00:30:22,789 --> 00:30:21,419

encountered God again the life changes

844

00:30:25,130 --> 00:30:22,799

they had after they encountered God

845

00:30:27,950 --> 00:30:25,140

certainly suggested that they had God

846

00:30:29,840 --> 00:30:27,960

clearly I mean evidence of survival off

847

00:30:31,340 --> 00:30:29,850

the scale as far as I'm concerned we

848

00:30:34,010 --> 00:30:31,350

have powerful evidence that their

849

00:30:34,490 --> 00:30:34,020

survival the near-death experiences are

850

00:30:36,799 --> 00:30:34,500

real

851  
00:30:38,289 --> 00:30:36,809  
the skeptics all explanations that have

852  
00:30:40,850 --> 00:30:38,299  
people tried for literally decades

853  
00:30:42,230 --> 00:30:40,860  
cannot explain these other than what

854  
00:30:44,510 --> 00:30:42,240  
people that have had these near-death

855  
00:30:46,909 --> 00:30:44,520  
experiences personally believe and that

856  
00:30:48,470 --> 00:30:46,919  
I was a real visit to an unearthly realm

857  
00:30:51,050 --> 00:30:48,480  
of existence thank you very much

858  
00:30:53,780 --> 00:30:51,060  
[Applause]

859  
00:30:56,990 --> 00:30:53,790  
after itemizing all of the benefits do

860  
00:30:58,700 --> 00:30:57,000  
you recommend not trying this yeah I

861  
00:31:00,020 --> 00:30:58,710  
reckon me I don't try this is not

862  
00:31:02,450 --> 00:31:00,030  
something you try at home

863  
00:31:04,430 --> 00:31:02,460

yeah near-death experiences should not

864

00:31:06,860 --> 00:31:04,440

be induced in fact I would be suspicious

865

00:31:08,870 --> 00:31:06,870

from from my research on this that if

866

00:31:11,810 --> 00:31:08,880

someone tried to induce an Indian that

867

00:31:13,670 --> 00:31:11,820

they would not be successful one of the

868

00:31:15,170 --> 00:31:13,680

near-death experiencers encountered God

869

00:31:17,330 --> 00:31:15,180

here and there near-death experience and

870

00:31:18,500 --> 00:31:17,340

was basically asking why me why did I

871

00:31:20,120 --> 00:31:18,510

hit you why did I have a near-death

872

00:31:22,460 --> 00:31:20,130

experience it was so blissful and

873

00:31:24,620 --> 00:31:22,470

wonderful and God's response I think was

874

00:31:27,770 --> 00:31:24,630

revealing and said is almost exactly

875

00:31:30,380 --> 00:31:27,780

quote love falls on everyone equally

876  
00:31:32,720 --> 00:31:30,390  
this is simply what you needed to live

877  
00:31:34,310 --> 00:31:32,730  
your earthly life so I think Indies are

878  
00:31:36,470 --> 00:31:34,320  
basically a gift I think that was the

879  
00:31:38,360 --> 00:31:36,480  
rosetta stone of understanding why some

880  
00:31:41,030 --> 00:31:38,370  
have been DS and some don't why some

881  
00:31:43,340 --> 00:31:41,040  
have different content yes ah please

882  
00:31:45,590 --> 00:31:43,350  
clarify something about your survey it

883  
00:31:47,630 --> 00:31:45,600  
sounds like you're doing online surveys

884  
00:32:00,550 --> 00:31:47,640  
and how do you verify that the people

885  
00:32:07,570 --> 00:32:03,020  
we go we spend a lot of effort to

886  
00:32:12,200 --> 00:32:09,830  
people spend a huge amount of time

887  
00:32:15,080 --> 00:32:12,210  
answering over 140 different questions

888  
00:32:16,610 --> 00:32:15,090

and filling out a huge narrative if we

889

00:32:19,040 --> 00:32:16,620

have a few falsified near-death

890

00:32:20,540 --> 00:32:19,050

experiences if they are so uncommon as I

891

00:32:22,370 --> 00:32:20,550

believe they are less than a few percent

892

00:32:24,710 --> 00:32:22,380

for people to go through all that by the

893

00:32:26,210 --> 00:32:24,720

way they're not recognized by name when

894

00:32:28,160 --> 00:32:26,220

they're posted on the NDE they gained

895

00:32:30,830 --> 00:32:28,170

absolutely nothing monetarily or in

896

00:32:33,170 --> 00:32:30,840

terms of recognition we believe the

897

00:32:35,300 --> 00:32:33,180

consistency is so overwhelmingly there

898

00:32:38,570 --> 00:32:35,310

from those that share their experiences

899

00:32:40,370 --> 00:32:38,580

honorably with integrity that we believe

900

00:32:41,990 --> 00:32:40,380

it's a real thing furthermore what we're

901  
00:32:43,610 --> 00:32:42,000  
observing in our very large group of

902  
00:32:45,550 --> 00:32:43,620  
near-death experiences seems to be

903  
00:32:47,270 --> 00:32:45,560  
strikingly consistent with what other

904  
00:32:49,550 --> 00:32:47,280  
researchers and what other organizations

905  
00:32:52,070 --> 00:32:49,560  
are seeing when they ask for near-death

906  
00:32:52,480 --> 00:32:52,080  
experiences and post their accounts as

907  
00:32:54,790 --> 00:32:52,490  
well

908  
00:32:57,340 --> 00:32:54,800  
so I'm confident that this is that this

909  
00:32:59,620 --> 00:32:57,350  
is a real thing yeah I used to describe

910  
00:33:01,480 --> 00:32:59,630  
it as going into a shamanic state when

911  
00:33:03,400 --> 00:33:01,490  
being type one diabetic my blood sure

912  
00:33:05,710 --> 00:33:03,410  
would go very very low it's almost like

913  
00:33:07,840 --> 00:33:05,720

I'd be lifted out to a cloud but my

914

00:33:09,640 --> 00:33:07,850

feeling was that it was very gradual it

915

00:33:11,610 --> 00:33:09,650

wasn't in one state or not so I'm

916

00:33:13,840 --> 00:33:11,620

wondering if there's some studies on

917

00:33:15,370 --> 00:33:13,850

areas of the brain that light up when

918

00:33:18,280 --> 00:33:15,380

people are having near-death experiences

919

00:33:20,080 --> 00:33:18,290

and if there's any work with how to

920

00:33:22,950 --> 00:33:20,090

stimulate this kind of sensory awareness

921

00:33:25,630 --> 00:33:22,960

for we've got some great great questions

922

00:33:27,520 --> 00:33:25,640

there's no work work done to the best of

923

00:33:28,660 --> 00:33:27,530

my knowledge on like functional imaging

924

00:33:30,730 --> 00:33:28,670

that people have a near-death experience

925

00:33:33,430 --> 00:33:30,740

of course this is unexpected

926

00:33:34,590 --> 00:33:33,440

they're critically ill so are medically

927

00:33:38,350 --> 00:33:34,600

speaking we're all worried about

928

00:33:40,180 --> 00:33:38,360

resuscitating so it would be it would be

929

00:33:41,920 --> 00:33:40,190

fascinating if somebody could actually

930

00:33:44,560 --> 00:33:41,930

do that there was at least one study

931

00:33:46,450 --> 00:33:44,570

that did the EEG measurements on that

932

00:33:48,340 --> 00:33:46,460

group that had indies and did not

933

00:33:50,440 --> 00:33:48,350

suggest that there might be a different

934

00:33:52,960 --> 00:33:50,450

temporal lobe but I think what you're

935

00:33:54,550 --> 00:33:52,970

suggested there is a very important