

The Minefield Known as *Near Death Experiences*

by Jeremy James



The Greek historian, Herodotus, left a substantial record of events from ancient times. In one of his volumes he relates an account of a tyrant, Periander of Corinth, who intended to rule even more severely than his recently deceased father. He wanted to be absolutely certain that none of his subjects would ever dare to challenge his supremacy. Since the tyrant Thrasybulus, who ruled Miletus, had never faced any serious opposition, Periander sent an envoy to him seeking advice.

Thrasybulus took the envoy into a field of corn and, every now and then asked him, “What is it your master wants to know?” As he did so he walked through the field and whenever he spotted a stalk standing above the rest, he snapped the top off. The envoy became frustrated by his continued failure to answer the question. Finally Thrasybulus sent him back to his master.

Periander asked the envoy what advice he had received. The envoy confessed that he had received none. Periander then asked him what Thrasybulus was actually doing at the time, and the envoy told him of their the stalk-snapping stroll through the corn field. Once he heard this Periander understood what he must do. Thereafter, whenever he spotted a man of distinction in his realm, someone with qualities that made him stand out from the rest, he had him quietly arrested and executed.

We learn by experience, but when we find someone who already knows something that may assist us in life, we generally do the sensible thing and ask his advice. In this way, we may benefit from someone else's experience and avoid unnecessary heartache.

But there are severe limitations to this, as we shall soon see!

The power of deception

The people who rule the world today will eliminate anyone who stands in their way. However, most of the time this is not necessary. They prefer instead to rule by deception. They have set in place a pyramid of lies which holds most of humanity in a hamster wheel, where those who are most likely to challenge their authority are exhausted by endless distractions. A few may succeed in climbing out of the wheel, but another, more attractive, wheel awaits them.

This is how Satan controls his subjects. He knows that men are **“ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.” (2 Timothy 3:7)**. He exploits this propensity on a grand scale to keep humanity preoccupied with an ongoing quest for knowledge. Each learning experience brings with it a feeling that the truth is getting closer and closer. And the wheel keeps turning.



The truth they all seek is in God's Word, but the modern generation sought advice from the generations that went before them and were told to look elsewhere. In their experience, true knowledge had to be garnered gradually, through a careful study of science, philosophy, and the natural world. Why settle for something that was written two thousand years ago and miss all that has been written and learned since then?

Someone who really yearns for truth, they say, will not limit himself to a single text. No book can possibly hold all there is to know. Truth is vast and we must have the vision, the humility and the courage to pursue it.

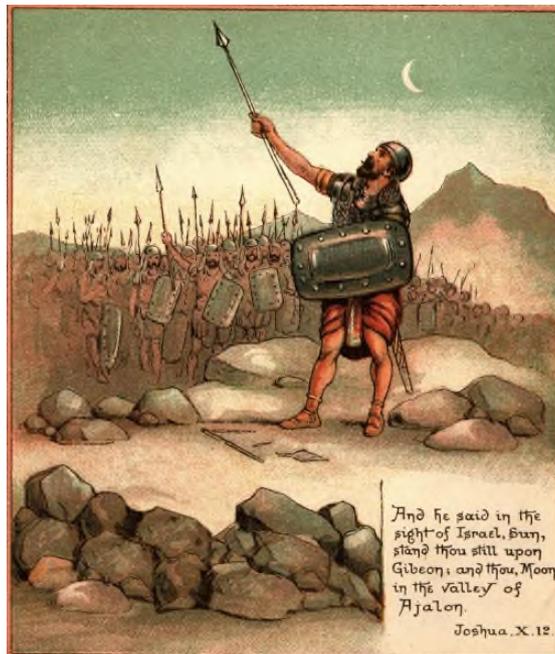
These are the tricks that the Enemy has been using to control mankind. Unless men are convicted of their fallen, sinful condition by the Holy Spirit, they will not repent and turn to Christ for salvation. The Word of God teaches all we need to know to find salvation and to walk thereafter in faithful obedience to His precepts. It is truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

The Enemy is constantly trying to keep us from God’s Word

The Enemy will do all he can to keep us from God’s Word. He will hide it, pervert it, mistranslate it, revise it, add to it, take from it, refute it with ‘science’, and do all he can to demean and trivialize it. As true believers, we already know this. The challenge, of course, is to see when and how he is doing this and not allow ourselves to forget that this program of deception is never-ending.

One of the most tantalizing of his tricks is where he adds to God’s Word without appearing to do so. For example, he has added a “gap” – a great expanse of time – between the first and second verses of Genesis. Many believers have been taken in by this theory. Another example is the Nephilim seed theory in Genesis 6, which continues to fascinate many believers even though the fallen angels were never able to mate with mankind as this theory alleges. Humanity comprises only one blood: – **“And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth” (Acts 17:26)**. A third example is found in Joshua 10:13 which clearly states that the sun stood still in the sky, but the Enemy has managed to convince mankind – and, sadly, most believers alive today – that the LORD caused the *earth* to stand still, not the sun.

We must never underestimate the Enemy’s ability to deceive!

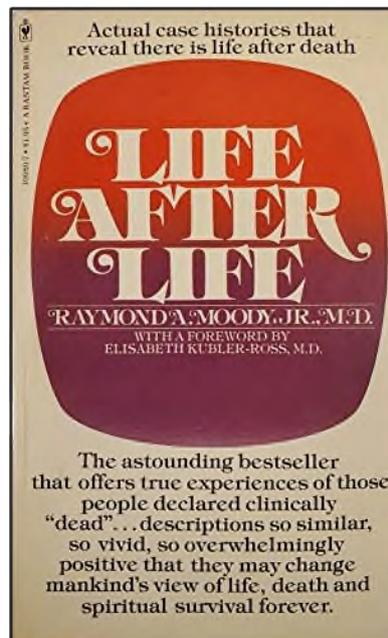


Joshua commands the sun to stand still.

The ‘Afterlife’

The spiritual subject that probably exercises the greatest grip over man’s imagination is life after death. It is therefore a prime area for deception. Consider the confusion wrought by the Enemy when he got the prelates in the Roman Catholic Church to believe that certain forms of communication with the dead were compatible with Scripture. This kind of deception, however, is too crude to work on born-again believers. They will see it for what it is, namely the vile sin of necromancy.

What the Enemy needs is a way to convey information about the “afterlife” which does not directly entail death or dying. For centuries he used accounts of celestial journeys by the mystics for this purpose. They claimed to have gone beyond the “veil” (whatever that is) and glimpsed the heavenly realm. If the mystics were Catholic and their writings had the *imprimatur* of a bishop, then their experiences were deemed valid by the Catholic community. Again, this strategy had little effect on true believers. They could see how Satan had defied God’s Word and infiltrated the mind of the mystics, giving each the ‘experiences’ that served his malign purpose.



A milestone in the annals of deception

A great leap ‘forward’ occurred in 1975 with the publication of ‘*Life After Life*’ by Dr Raymond Moody. Here is how the Amazon website describes this event in its biographical note on Moody:

Raymond Moody, M.D., Ph.D. is the bestselling author of eleven books which have sold over 20 million copies. His seminal work, *Life After Life*, has completely changed the way we view death and dying and has sold over 13 million copies worldwide. His latest book is *Glimpses of Eternity: Sharing a Loved One's Passage from this Life to the Next*.

Dr. Moody is the leading authority on the "near-death experience" – a phrase he coined in the late seventies. He is best known for his ground-breaking work on the near-death experience and what happens when we die. The New York Times calls Dr. Moody "the father of the near-death experience."

Moody was the originator of the concept of 'near death experience' [NDE]. It is generally understood to refer to an out-of-body experience, usually caused by trauma to the physical body, where the individual's soul travels into another dimension and encounters other beings, such as angels or departed loved ones. NDEs usually take place in a bright, celestial light, and infuse the participant with a great feeling of love and well-being. Many who report these experiences claim thereafter to have no fear of death and to approach life in a much more optimistic and joyful vein.



A typical near-death experience New Age graphic.

The occult background of the man who invented NDEs

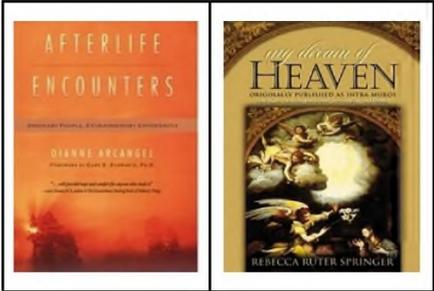
In our examination of this phenomenon, it will help if we look first at the man who brought it to a wider audience. Moody had good academic credentials, but his book was little more than a compilation of reports which he claimed to have received from people who had these experiences. It was impossible for anyone to check any of his cases or verify his methodology. If he was mistaken in any respect, or missed factors that could have affected his conclusions, there was no way of knowing. In short, *Life After Life* was little more than a collection of anecdotes, not a scientific study.

We will now give a short quote from the Wikipedia entry on Moody. Before doing so we must define a little known term – *psychomanteum*. This is a dimly lit room in which the subject reclines in a comfortable chair and gazes for a time at a large mirror in front of him. The mirror is angled in the darkness so that it carries no reflections. The subject then waits expectantly for the spirits of the dead to appear in the mirror. (This is sometimes called scrying or mirror-gazing.)

Here is what Wikipedia says:

“Inspired by the Greek psychomanteums where the ancient Greeks would go to consult the apparitions of the dead (which Moody had read about in classic Greek texts that he encountered while a student at the University of Virginia), Moody built a psychomanteum in Alabama, which he calls the Dr John Dee Theater of the Mind. By staring into a mirror in a dimly lit room, Moody claims that people are able to summon visions of spiritual apparitions. Moody has also researched past life regression and believes that he personally has had nine past lives.”

So, from an early age, Moody had a keen interest in the occult and was actively involved in what we normally call ‘spiritualism’ or necromancy, seeking to communicate with the dead.

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Some of the papers on this website dealing with the deadly New Age deception.

The wicked sin of Necromancy

Every Christian should know that all such communication, where it occurs, is a great deception controlled by demons. The messages received in seances are demonic and have no connection whatever with the spirit of a departed loved one. Satan has made extensive use of this dangerous occult practice to gain even more control over his victims and to lure them down a dark path where they never see their own spiritual wretchedness or their need for a Savior. Whether they know it or not, people who make the terrible error of participating in seances or similar necromantic activity have also given the demons permission to follow them home and communicate with them in their dreams.

This is the spiritual foundation of the man, Dr Moody, who claimed to have identified NDEs and proved their validity. His book was a milestone in the annals of deception.

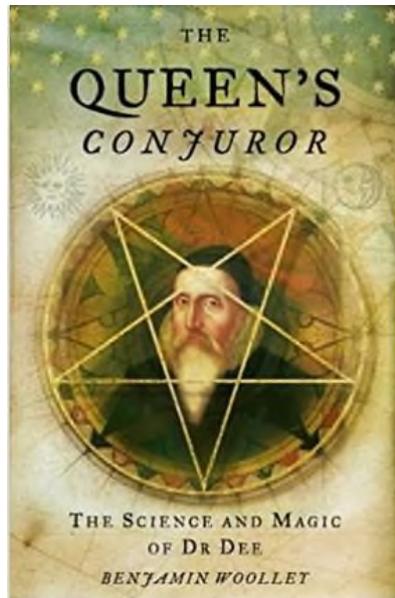
It doesn't take much discernment to see that *Life After Life* is a minefield and that its contents were almost certainly influenced by unclean or mischievous spirits. It may contain some truth, but how is anyone to know which parts (if any) are true and which are not? Someone who places their trust in Moody's assertions has entered very dangerous territory and, like it or not, has chosen to gamble with the destiny of his soul.



Detail from *The Crystal Ball* by Waterhouse (1902).

Moody called his psychomanteum the *Dr John Dee Theater of the Mind*. Dee was a high-ranking magus employed by Queen Elizabeth I of England. Many regard him as the foremost alchemist and sorcerer of his time. He received instruction from the fallen angels in *Enochian* magic, a branch of the dark arts dedicated to the summoning and evocation of demons. It says a lot about Moody and his true spiritual condition that he would esteem and honor a man like Dee.

In an interview which he gave in 1993, Moody said he wanted “to build a place where people could come and see their deceased relatives, and have visitations with them.” Many who came to his psychomanteum were even encouraged to take hashish to make them more receptive to communication from the spirits.



A new genre for the New Age

Moody's book spawned a whole genre of NDE-type literature, where authors give a detailed personal account of an amazing journey out of the body. These works are very popular and often rack up millions in sales. The authors generally go on the lecture circuit and come across as sincere, well-meaning servants of humanity. They claim to have been greatly blessed by their visit to heaven and to have undergone a profound spiritual transformation as a result.

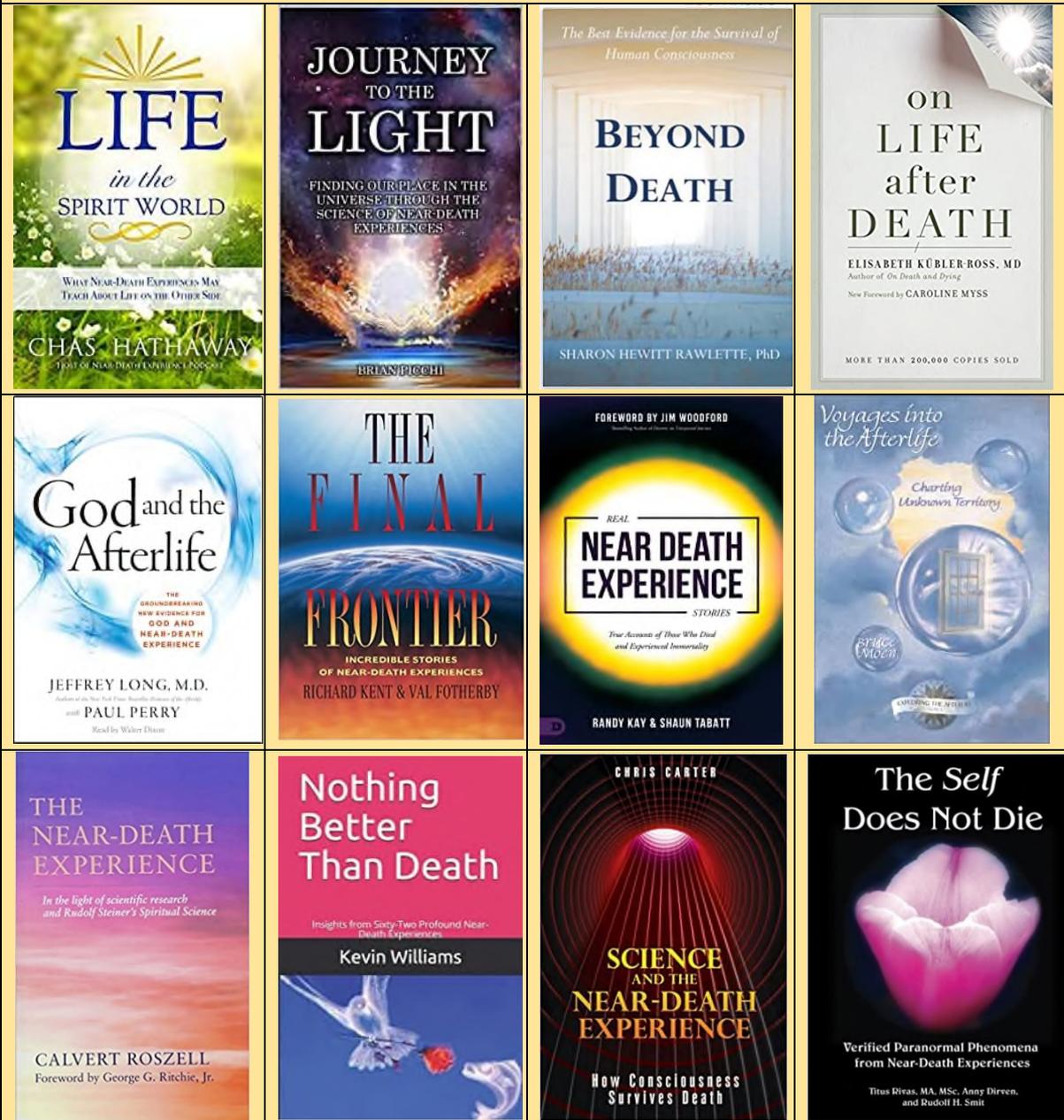
The main audience for this type of book is a follower of the New Age, and most of the authors are openly promoting New Age philosophy. As a result, books about NDEs have become an important conduit into neo-paganism and eastern mysticism.

Born-again Christians will not be fooled by the books listed on the next page. The clever discussion of “heaven” in each of them will be seen for what it is, namely a seductive substitute or counterfeit of Biblical truth.

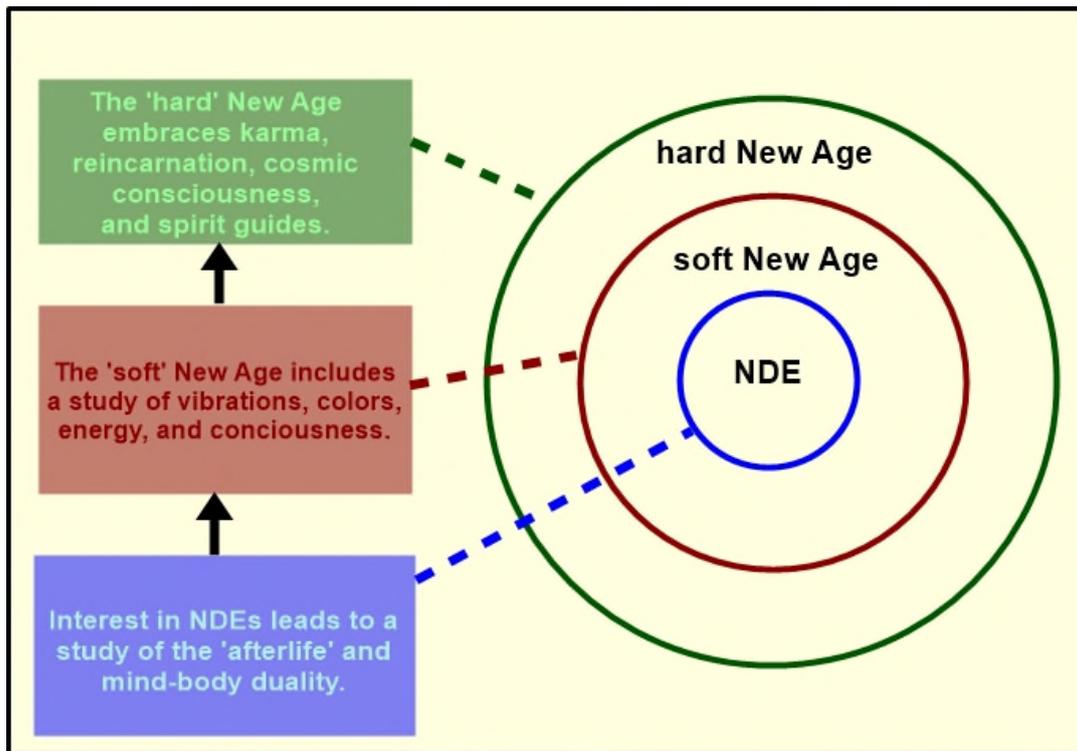
The chart on p.10 shows how a fascination with NDEs will lead to an interest in the softer aspects of New Age philosophy, such as vibrations, colors, energies and consciousness. This in turn will develop over time into an interest in ‘the journey of soul’, the structure or ‘planes’ in the ‘inner worlds’, and a growing curiosity about the ‘highly evolved’ souls who supposedly inhabit the upper reaches of Cosmic Consciousness.

All of this is profoundly anti-Christian! It serves only one purpose, to lead the unwary into the depths of hell.

A sample of the many, many books on the market dealing with NDEs



How many of these share the Gospel? How many teach that Christ is the way? How many warn of deception? How many warn of the 'New Age'? How many teach that sin is judged? How many teach that hell is real? How many teach that Christ alone decides who enters heaven? We suspect the answer is zero.



As I write this I am reminded of the admonition in the Book of Proverbs, where the callow youth is warned to steer well clear of the harlot's house. This warning pertains, not only to the flesh, but to the "fornication" – idolatry – which corrupts the soul:

**“Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant. But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell.”
(Proverbs 9:17-18)**

Those who defend NDEs

Defenders of NDE literature will argue that these experiences are reported by people of impeccable integrity and that they are a gift from God. It is only right and proper that they be recorded for posterity and shared with the world, giving hope to those who fear death or who may be mourning the loss of a loved one. They will also help atheists and agnostics to see that we survive death and that the loving God who made us will welcome us home when we die.

Really? The Bible itself tells us that none of these arguments have any validity. These defenders are making up their own religion – or adopting one that originated as far back as Babylon and ancient Egypt.

“...none can keep alive his own soul.” - Psalm 22:29

All of these books are based on the false premise that ‘good people’ go to heaven because they are ‘good’.

But they don’t! That’s the great lie of false religion. No man can save his own soul:

**“For by grace are ye saved through faith;
and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
Not of works, lest any man should boast.”
(Ephesians 2:8-9)**

Saving grace is found through faith in Christ, not in any other way. But NDE literature perpetuates ad nauseum the false notion that man can enter heaven without first coming to Christ.

It will help if we list just a few of the many false notions that permeate the NDE philosophy:

1. People of all religions have NDEs, therefore all ‘good’ people are saved.
2. The NDE has been shown to be a real, albeit temporary, death experience and not a vivid dream, vision, or hallucination of some kind.
3. NDEs are not influenced in any way by demonic factors and are completely trustworthy.
4. The person who undergoes an NDE is qualified to interpret the true meaning of his experience.
5. The NDE is proof that the person will later go to heaven when he eventually dies.

The level of discernment among Christians today is so low that many give credence to an NDE report, perhaps by another Christian, without testing what they are told against the flawless yardstick of God’s Word.

For example, did the person reporting the experience test it themselves while it was occurring? The first letter of John requires that they do this:

**“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits
whether they are of God: because many false prophets
are gone out into the world.” (1 John 4:1)**

And what is the test? John tells us:

“Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.” (1 John 4:2-3)

Nearly all NDEs involve a meeting or encounter of some kind with another being. These beings must be challenged! “Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that he came in the flesh?” I am fairly sure that 99 percent of all NDEs would collapse at this point. The experience would immediately cease.

Why am I so sure? Because God’s Word warns of these dangers. The Antichrist spirit is very active in the world today. The Enemy is using every possible type of deception to challenge, hide, distort or replace the Gospel. His servants are well capable of giving an “experience” if it will cause the recipient to reinterpret God’s Word and embark on a quest for ‘deeper’ truths.



The wildebeest may not be so fortunate next time.

But it’s so delicious, it *must* be true!

Many who have this kind of experience are overcome by its delectable setting, its sweet emotional content, and (in some cases) its overwhelming sense of tranquility. It couldn’t possibly have come from a source other than God, or so they believe.

They are also confident that they know how to interpret what happened to them. But NDEs are very similar to lucid dreams and may be grounded in the same mode of cognition. As such, an NDE needs to be interpreted, just like a dream. However, the Word of God tells us that the ability to interpret a dream correctly is not one we possess naturally in our fallen condition. It comes only from God:

“And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? tell me them, I pray you.” (Genesis 40:8)

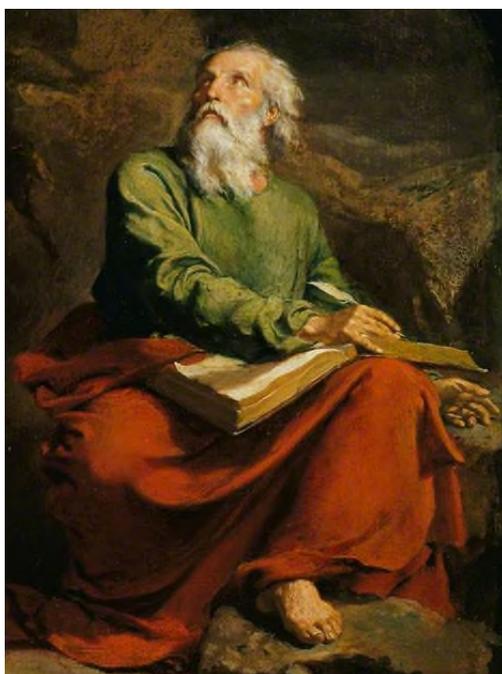
NDEs also appear to impart a feeling of immortality. The recipient believes thereafter that death is just an illusion, a transition phase as it were between one level of existence and another. This may well be the most dangerous deception of all since the recipient can no longer see or understand that the wages of sin is death:

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

One of the great lies of the New Age is that soul is immortal, that it is an eternally existing divine substance, a spark of God. This is used to justify the widely held belief that all souls are growing into a higher state of consciousness and learning to “realize” and manifest their divine nature.

The Bible teaches that man is a tri-partite, created being, and that at least two of those parts – the body and the soul – can be destroyed in hell (Matthew 10:28).

Satan lied to Adam and Eve in the Garden. He got them to believe they were little gods, that they could acquire secret knowledge, knowing good and evil, and that they would never die. NDEs feed very nicely into this awful deception. Recipients believe they have passed over the border of death and back again, just like little gods. They believe they are immortal and that they are privy to a secret knowledge which few men possess.



***Isaiah* by Meissonier (19th century)**

The Prophets of God

In saying this we are not denying that God can take men into heaven for a time and give them an experience which is far beyond anything we know here on earth. As Christians we are familiar with the heavenly journeys reported by prophets like Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Micaiah. But the only reason we can trust these accounts is that they are recorded in God's Word. It is essential that we understand this – it is the only reason. All other claims of this nature are purely speculative, anecdotal, and devoid of all spiritual instruction. We don't even know if they were of any spiritual benefit to the recipients.

The Apostle Paul made two statements about his visit to the third heaven (2 Corinthians) which should cause Christians to think very carefully about these experiences. The first is in verse 4:

**“How that he was caught up into paradise,
and heard unspeakable words, which
it is not lawful for a man to utter.”
(2 Corinthians 12:4)**

There is clearly a law which places a strict limitation on what one can reveal about a genuine visit to heaven. The law would appear to be so strict that it amounts to a prohibition unless the LORD gives express permission to disclose it.



***St Paul Writing His Epistles* by Valentin de Boulogne (17th century)**

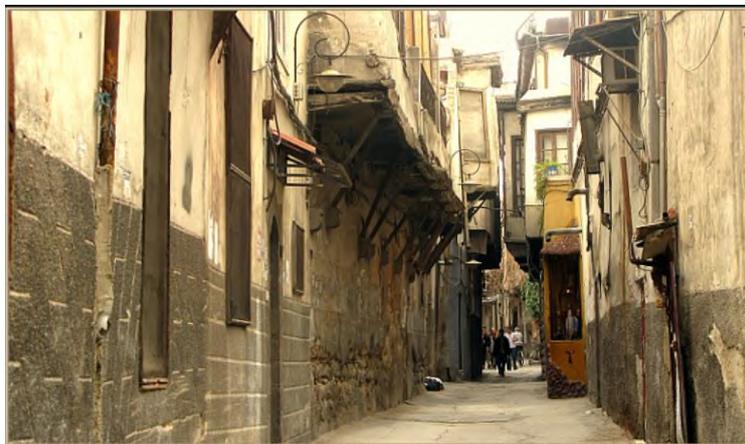
Some commentators try to maintain that the Greek word for “lawful” in this verse (*exesti*) should be understood to mean “possible”, but this is unwarranted. The word *exesti* is almost always translated “lawful” and is nowhere used in the sense suggested.

The significance of the other statement by Paul is often overlooked:

“I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)” (2 Corinthians 12:2-3)

Remember, this man was more knowledgeable in spiritual matters than virtually any man who ever lived. He had met and conversed with Jesus after his resurrection, not only on the road to Damascus but on several other occasions. His discernment in matters of doctrine and theology was astonishing. And yet he didn't know, either during or after his visit to heaven, whether or not he was in his physical body.

Now, if someone of Paul's spiritual stature can be uncertain about a detail like this, and even felt it was necessary to mention it twice, we must treat with the utmost caution any person who claims to have left his body and gone to heaven for a short time.



Street scene in old Damascus

The great gift to Christians

One of the most frequent criticisms that New Agers direct at Christians is that they take everything on faith and leave no room for experience. But this is an empty criticism. The Bible is immensely rational and urges believers to employ reason in all spiritual matters and to conduct a careful examination of the facts. This is abundantly obvious, for example, in the Book of Job, where five men conduct a close forensic analysis of a problem which was both hard to define and difficult to understand.

God gave us His Word so that we would have everything we needed to find Him, to know Him, to walk with Him, to love Him, and to serve Him. He left nothing out. For example the Apostle Paul affirmed three times in chapter 20 of Acts that he left out nothing that would benefit his disciples. All we need is there.

As born-again believers, we don't try to verify by experience the truth of what the LORD has said, though this is possible to some degree; rather we interpret our experiences through the truth of what He said.

The New Age movement will lead to the coming One World Religion, where experience will take precedence over the truth of God's Word. Men and women everywhere will be given signs and wonders and supernatural experiences. No doubt many of these will include NDEs or similar mystical excursions. They will be told that they no longer need faith (which is only for babies) but have taken the next step upward in their evolution. They now have personal experience and can prove the truth for themselves.

Christians often fail to take stock of the great gifts that God has given them, gifts which they may under-utilize or take for granted. Saints living in Old Testament times lacked at least one of these gifts, a remarkable gift which every believer enjoys today, or can enjoy if he so chooses.

The prophet Isaiah described the absence of this gift as follows:

“For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.” (Isaiah 64:4)

In the New Testament, the Apostle Paul made a monumental statement, a declaration which has been sorely neglected by the church for more than a century:

“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.”

(1 Corinthians 2:9-10)

Isaiah stated plainly what his contemporaries already knew, namely that man had no knowledge of heavenly things. He might use his fallen imagination to speculate or form an opinion, but he had no knowledge.

All of this changed utterly when Christ redeemed the world on Calvary. Through his death and resurrection he enabled the Holy Spirit to come and dwell in all true believers. It is this indwelling of the Holy Spirit which reveals to each of us **“the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.”**

The proponents of NDEs and the experiential philosophy of the New Age claim – falsely – that Christians take on trust everything they are told about heaven, but this precious passage of Scripture says otherwise! The Holy Spirit within us imparts a genuine knowledge of what God has prepared for us. As born-again believers we are able to appropriate this knowledge and enter more fully into **“the deep things of God.”**

The people who know nothing about heaven, as Isaiah says, comprise the rest of mankind. Even those who have NDEs have no knowledge of heaven. The Word of God clearly states that this knowledge is revealed only to those who love God:

“For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.” (1 Corinthians 2:11)

In case we missed the deep significance of this, the Word of God spells it out even more sharply in a later verse:

**“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”
(1 Corinthians 2:14)**

The knowledge of heaven that the Holy Spirit reveals to our spirit has nothing to do with NDEs or anything of that nature. If it did, then Christians throughout the centuries would have reported such experiences, and done so in vast numbers – but they didn't.



The rich man and Lazarus, the beggar.

If we look at the Roman Catholic Church, however, we find an extensive literature dealing with mystical-type experiences. Some of the Catholic mystics, such as Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross, were even made *Doctors* of the Roman Church, supreme authorities in theological matters. Their NDEs and supposed trips to heaven were used to qualify, amend, interpret or add to what God – our Creator! – gave us in His Word.

Born-again Christians can see the extreme danger in all of this. As soon as man starts to depend on “experience” and departs from the sufficiency and authority of God's Word, he is in trouble. Serious trouble.

NDEs are part of this ancient desire to make man the source of his own revelation.

A warning from Jesus

Jesus warned of the danger when he related the story of the rich man and the beggar. The former is in hell, suffering terribly, and anxious to alert his five brothers to the fate that awaited them unless they repented of their wicked lifestyle. He wants Abraham to send the beggar, Lazarus, to speak to his brothers. The sight of someone coming back from the dead and warning them of the fire of hell would surely make all the difference. Abraham said they already had the testimony of Moses and the prophets. This was all they needed. But the rich man was adamant. He was convinced that this additional element, the sight of someone coming back from the dead, would cause his brothers to mend their ways. Abraham gave a reply which ought to shock us even today:

**“And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.”
(Luke 16:31)**

Truth never comes from experience. It comes only through hearing and believing the Word of God.



“And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.” – Luke 16:24

While there *may* be a handful of exceptions, NDEs are a great delusion. They give the recipient a confusing, albeit absorbing, supernatural experience. Since it is virtually impossible to reconcile the vast majority of NDE reports with the Word of God, they invariably stoke a yearning for another experience, if only to answer the many questions raised by the first one.

Even though they generally excite an interest in the New Age, angels and spirit guides, defenders say, “Hey, why shouldn’t God give someone this wonderful experience?” But God is not the author of confusion. Neither will He do anything contrary to what He declared in 1 Corinthians 2:9-10.

CONCLUSION

The path to hell is paved with supernatural enticements. NDEs are a minefield. They are also a platform – an increasingly popular platform – for the Gnosticism of the New Age.

Christians who have allowed themselves to be distracted by NDEs and similar “signs” would do well to reflect on the following words of Jesus:

**“A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign;
and there shall no sign be given unto it,
but the sign of the prophet Jonas.”
(Matthew 16:4)**

The Sign of Jonas – the only sign that any Christian needs

**“For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the
whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days
and three nights in the heart of the earth.”
- Matthew 12:40**

Books about NDEs are a compilation of “signs”. As such they are a waste of time and, for undiscerning Christians, a harmful diversion from the only sign that matters. Christians should avoid these fables and ground themselves firmly in the Word of God. Unless we stand on the Rock in this tumultuous age, we risk being swept away. We should rejoice in our salvation and follow the wonderful counsel of Paul:

**“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom;
teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns
and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the
Lord.” (Colossians 3:16)**

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