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President's Message

CHALLENGING SITUATIONS

Being in a leadership position in an organization such as IANDS, and even just being visible on the Internet, can bring about challenging situations. In this President's Message, I describe one that is ongoing as of my writing.

Over the past few weeks, three IANDS members reached out to me separately to let me know that a person had contacted them via text or email and behaved in ways that resulted in their blocking further communication from the person. The problematic behavior included the person telling elaborate stories that the person later admitted were lies, initiating excessive contact and showing unwillingness to respect the social boundaries and limits they had specified, and impersonating me and others in emails to them. None of these members knew that each other—and I—had had a similar experience with the person.

In each case, the IANDS member spent emotional resources and extensive time before deciding to block further communication. In my conversations with these members, we've speculated that the person may be targeting near-death experiencers and others associated with IANDS because of the exceptional empathy we tend to have. The unfortunate reality is that some people—a small minority, thank heaven—prey on empathy and repay it with abuse. We also suspect that we may not be the only four IANDS members this person has contacted, and we discussed a wish to alert other IANDS members in hopes of saving them from the costs of responding to the person. That is the purpose of this Message.

Therefore, if you receive an email or text message:

- ⇒ From a source unknown to you, but seemingly credible by virtue of the purported author's fame or leadership position, saying they know a person who would like to contact you and asking if it would be OK for this person to contact you directly, or
- ⇒ That seems suspicious because the nature of the message and/or the grammar in the message do not seem to be characteristic of the purported author, ...I hope you will take a moment to check with me or the purported author, through a communication channel you know is legitimate, to check on the authenticity of the message. By doing so, you might avoid unnecessary temporal and emotional cost to yourself.

Not only the situations themselves can be challenging. It can also be challenging to understand the spiritual purpose of those who malevolently prey on people who have only benevolent intentions. Whatever the answer to that question, when such people prey, I pray—for their wellbeing and, if possible, their enlightenment. And I harken back to my assertiveness training principles to support the right of any person to refuse contact with someone whose actions they have found to be toxic. In this way, we can continue to fulfill our ideals to care both for others and for ourselves.

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WELCOME Returning Board Member!

Debbie James, MSN, RN, CCRN-K



Debbie James, MSN, RN, CCRN-K has worked in the Adult Critical Care arena for the last 44 years as a clinical nurse, nurse manager, nurse educator, and Clinical Nurse Specialist. She is a certified bereavement facilitator and formed two support groups in San Antonio: one for near-death experiencers (NDErs) and for organ donor families. After completing her master's thesis on NDEs and Disclosure, she served on the Board of the International Association for Near-Death Studies (IANDS) during 1995-2008, 2011-2017, and 2020-present; Debbie has been the IANDS Conference Coordinator during 1996-2006, and 2010; IANDS Conference Co-Chair, 2021; Education Committee Co-Chair, 2020-present and the Ethics Committee Co-Chair, 2020-present. Debbie co-authored and edited the first compilation of research on near-death experiences, *Handbook of Near-Death Experiences: Thirty Years of Investigation*.

Contact our IANDS Volunteer Co-Coordinators to assist advancing global understanding of NDEs as a source of meaning and inspiration for a better world



Lynn Fojas

Growing up Catholic with strict rules and beliefs, I've always had a strong feeling of the energetic field and a clear sense of knowing that goes beyond the logic mind. These intuitive gifts gave the opportunity to see beyond the physical world that eventually led to spiritualism. While I've encountered several NDEs, I still can feel and sense my first experience as a young child.

As a Reiki practitioner and Life and Manifestation Coach, there is great power with the Divine embodiment when we all come together to spread love and be of support to one another. I have a passion to make a difference in the world by helping people heal past trauma, in an effort to bring peace, hope, healing, and harmony in the emotional body.

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The message, "We don't die," is so important to get out. I have a passion to aid those NDErs and/or similar spiritual/metaphysical experiencers who own that message and those associated with the experiencers that need support. As a nonprofit, we need as many volunteers as possible to help. I've spent 25 years as a Pastor being supported by volunteers and now's "my" chance to support IANDS volunteers. I've also been a teacher, counselor, small groups coordinator, Pastoral Care administrator and retired 20 years military as a Senior Chaplain Assistant instructor trainer. Blessings of love and light,

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2022 IANDS Spring Symposium a Success!



Janice Miner Holden, EdD, LPC-S, ACMHP

By all accounts, the 2022 IANDS Spring Symposium, *What Near-Death and Related Experiences Reveal About the Relationship Between Mind and Brain*, produced in association with the UK-based Seeking-I project and held online February 11-13, was a success. Over 250 people registered for the event, and at any given time during the Symposium, over 100 people were watching. Feedback from several quarters has been exclusively positive.

Beginning with a philosophical overview of models of reality, philosopher **Bernardo Kastrup, PhD**, kicked off the symposium by presenting his argument that physicalism—the theory that everything is essentially physical and arises from physical sources—and its cousin, panpsychism, are not logically tenable, whereas analytic idealism—the theory that the universe is essentially experiential and that reality is a “spatially unbound, transpersonal field of subjectivity of which [individual minds] are segments” (www.britannica.com)—is logically tenable. Then neuroscientist and consciousness researcher **Marjorie Woollacott, PhD**, brought

attendees from the etheric realm of philosophy to the grounded realm of brain assessment—EEG, fMRI, etc.—during mystical experiences. Whereas a physicalist/materialist understanding of the brain would predict that these complex, profound experiences would be associated with increased brain activity, she showed how three conditions of mystical experience—meditation, psilocybin ingestion, and near-death experiences (NDEs)—are associated with decreased brain activity. This finding supports the theory that, rather than producing higher consciousness, the brain usually filters it out, and people are able to access higher consciousness when their brains “get out of the way.”

For the remainder of the first day and the entirety of the second, leading researchers on a variety of topics presented research results relevant to the mind-brain question. The speakers were organized with regard to chronology associated with death. Beginning with experiences that most people have while alive and well, research psychologist **Charles Tart, PhD**, presented evidence for what he calls “the big five” phenomena that transcend normal sensory and rational processes and, therefore, cannot be explained through brain function alone: telepathy—knowing what another person is experiencing, clairvoyance—knowing the conditions at a remote location, precognition—knowing future events, telekinesis—affecting the physical world without the use of physical force, and psychic healing—physical healing without normal means. Proceeding along the death-associated chronology, psychiatrist and NDE researcher **Bruce Greyson, MD**, discussed the experiences of people who report having briefly touched into death but then returned to life. He focused on evidence for veridical perception during NDEs, cases in which the experiencer perceived things or gained knowledge that, based on the condition and position of their physical body, they shouldn’t have been able to perceive or know, yet subsequently what they perceived or knew was corroborated by a credible third party to be correct. Next in the chronology are the experiences of people on their deathbeds: Biologist and parapsychology researcher **Michael Nahm, PhD**, discussed cases of terminal/paradoxical lucidity in which, for a brief period shortly before death, people with long-term, severe mental and physical disabilities suddenly

“lose” their disability and function normally. Shifting to the experiences of the caregivers of people on their deathbeds and others connected psychospiritually to the dying, social worker and psychotherapist **William Peters, MEd, MFT**, presented results from his Shared Crossing Research Initiative: cases in which the living person had in some way accompanied the dying person. He focused particularly on cases involving veridical perception.

Continuing our chronology on the second day, research psychologist **Callum Cooper, PhD**, described results of his and colleagues’ extensive research on after-death communication (ADC), in which a living person has an experience of direct contact with a physically deceased person; like speakers before him, he presented several cases of veridical perception. Then medium researcher **Julie Beischel, PhD**, described research on people who indirectly contact the discarnate (physically deceased people) through a medium of communication. She presented carefully controlled studies showing that some mediums can reliably produce specific information about a discarnate—information that cannot reasonably be attributed to any cause except actual conveyance from the discarnate to the medium. Proceeding along the chronology, the next topic was past life memories, but our speaker, psychiatrist and researcher **Jim Tucker, MD**, was ill and unable to present; when he recovers, he’ll record his presentation to include among the Symposium recordings. **Robert Mays, BSc**, and **Suzanne Mays, AAS, CMP**, closed the second day with their presentation, “NDE Evidence of the Localized, Individuated Mind Entity and its Relationship to the Brain.”

The third day of the Symposium featured experiencers and professional practitioners with particular offerings on the mind-brain question. First, physicians **Eben Alexander, MD**; **Tony Cicoria, MD**; and **Bettina Peyton, MD**, described aspects of their NDEs that convinced them that their minds are more than their brains. Then evidential medium **Suzanne Giesemann** presented relevant cases from her mediumship practice. She was followed by three counseling professionals—**Graham Maxey, MDiv, MA, LPC**; **Jan Holden, EdD, LPC-S, ACMHP**;

and **Noelle St. Germaine-Sehr, PhD, LPC-S, ACMHP**—who have practiced Induced After-Death Communication to help the bereaved reduce the suffering of grief by facilitating ADC. They presented not only the experiences of their clients but also their own experiences in the process of providing this technique—both of which point to mind being more than brain. Finally, experienced out-of-body practitioners **Luis Minero** and **Jurgen Ziewe** described their extensive forays beyond their bodies.

Taken together, the data from these diverse sources point strongly toward a common conclusion about the relationship between mind and brain: that as complex and powerful as the brain is, the mind is far more than the brain with which it is closely associated during physical life. Two researchers—**Charles Tart** and **Julie Beischel**—independently expressed similar sentiments: frustration that so much attention is still being focused on whether mind is more than brain, when, in their views, the evidence justifies an incontrovertible conclusion, and that the focus should progress to the implications of that conclusion—for everything from moment-to-moment personal decisions to organizational and governmental policy. Attention to those implications may be the topic of a future Symposium.

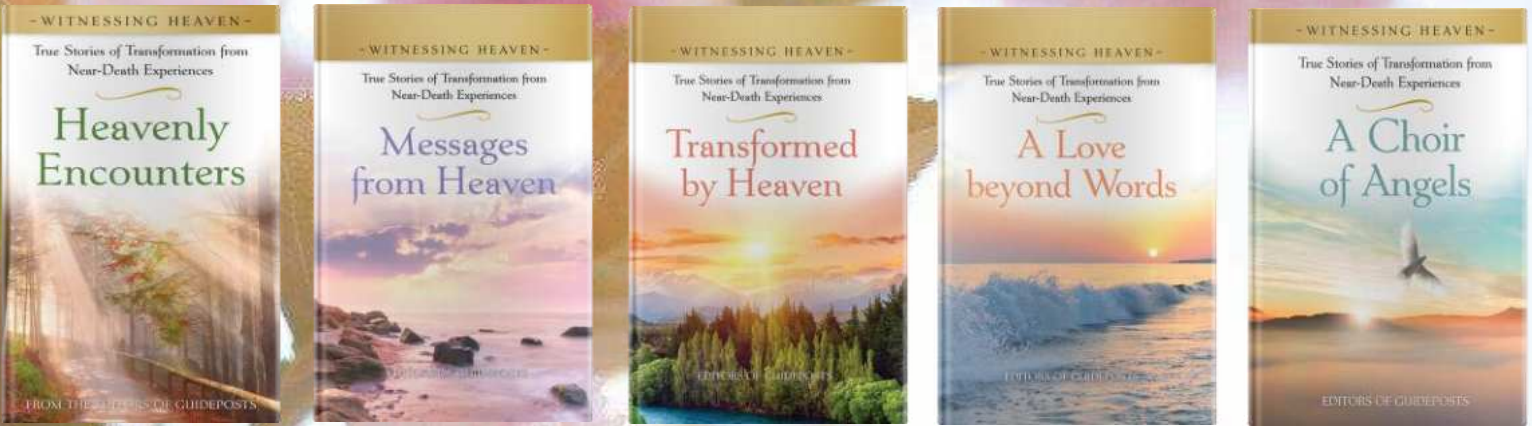
Special thanks go to so many people who made the Symposium possible: each of the wonderful speakers; organizers **Darren McEnaney** of Seeking-I and **Robert Mays** and **Marjorie Woollacott** of the IANDS Academic and Research Committee; the IANDS Board that supported the concept of the Symposium; and the ISGO production team including **Chuck Swedrock**, **Howie Hibbs**, and **Angela Harris**.

If you are seeking a concise, evidence-based treatment of the mind-brain question, I think you’ll find that the 2022 IANDS Symposium represents one-stop-shopping to meet your inquiry needs.

The Symposium recordings are accessible now—free for six months to anyone who registered for the Symposium, and available for purchase by anyone else.

LINK TO SYMPOSIUM RECORDINGS:

<https://iands.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/iands/event.jsp?event=238&>



Guideposts is creating a ten book series called *Witnessing Heaven: True Stories of Transformation from Near-Death Experiences* and their fifth book in the series was just released in January 2022.

The first five books in the series are titled: 1) *Heavenly Encounters*; 2) *Messages from Heaven*; 3) *Transformed by Heaven*; 4) *A Love beyond Words*; and 5) *A Choir of Angels*.

The series features detailed first-hand NDE accounts, along with remarkable stories of personal interactions with spiritual beings. Guideposts is hoping that the series will help people toward a better understanding of death, consciousness, afterlife, God and angels. References to scientific research and ground-breaking studies of NDEs are included, as well as how these inspiring accounts changed the outlook and lives of the experiencers.

They feature the NDEs and/or spiritual experiences of IANDS members Alma Blasquez, Nadia McCaffrey, Sharon Milliman, Linda Jacquin, Yolaine Stout, Barbara Bartolome, and Kimberly Clark Sharp.

A wonderful in-depth overview of NDEs by Dr. Jeffrey Long is also included.

[Link to PDF by Dr. Jeffery Long](#)

<https://nderf.org/>

All five books are available in ePDF (\$9.99), ePUB (\$9.99), Hardcover (\$17.95), and a Series Subscription (\$15.95) at www.shopguideposts.org



IANDS Members Awarded Prizes in 2021 Bigelow Proof of Afterlife Essay Contest



by Robert Mays, BSc, and Suzanne Mays, AAS, CMP

Seven IANDS members were awarded over \$400,000 in prizes in the 2021 Bigelow Institute for Consciousness Studies (BICS) essay contest, writing on *What is the best available evidence for the Survival of Human Consciousness after Permanent Bodily Death?* The essays were limited to 25,000 words.

Twenty-nine prizes were awarded totaling \$1.8 million: first prize was \$500,000; second prize \$300,000; third prize \$150,000. Eleven runner up essays earned \$50,000, and fifteen honorable mention essays earned \$20,000. The IANDS members and their essay titles were:

- **Pim van Lommel** – second prize \$300,000: *The Continuity of Consciousness: A concept based on scientific research on near-death experiences during cardiac arrest.*
- **Jeffrey Long** – runner up prize \$50,000: *Evidence for Survival of Consciousness in Near-Death Experiences: Decades of science and new insights.*

- **David Rousseau and Julie Billingham** – runner up prize \$50,000: *What would have to be true about the world? On evidence for the possibility of consciousness surviving death.*
- **Elizabeth Krohn** – runner up prize \$50,000: *The Eternal Life of Consciousness.*
- **Robert and Suzanne Mays** – honorable mention prize \$20,000: *There is no death: Near-death experience evidence for survival after permanent bodily death.*

It is interesting to note that the award-winning IANDS members used evidence derived primarily from near-death experiences (NDEs), especially veridical NDEr perceptions observed while out-of-body.

The Bigelow Institute for Consciousness Studies was founded in June 2020 by aerospace entrepreneur Robert T. Bigelow to support research into both the survival of human consciousness after physical death and, based on data from such studies, the nature of the afterlife. The essay contest was announced in February 2021. Prospective authors had to demonstrate having been involved for at least the past five years in research in a field related to survival. About 1,000 researchers qualified to enter the contest. Only 205 essays were submitted and only 29 essays were selected for awards.

The award ceremony was held at the Bigelow Aerospace facilities in Las Vegas on December 4, 2021.

Links to the 29 BICS essays are here:
bigelowinstitute.org/contest_winners3.php

The essays will be published in sets of five to six volumes, which will be given free of charge to university libraries, hospices, and to some religious institutions.

The importance of NDE research in advancing our understanding of survival

One of the honorable mention essays, co-authored by researchers Arnaud Delorme, Dean Radin, and Helané Wahbeh of the Institute of Noetic Sciences (IONS), provided an interesting insight into what sort of evidence would be most persuasive of survival for academic scientists and scholars. In their essay, titled “Advancing the Evidence for Survival of Consciousness,” the authors concluded that a controlled, prospective experiment that would result in veridical out-of-body perceptions during a near-death experience would be most persuasive, followed by experiments involving mediumship and reincarnation.

Controlled, prospective experiments resulting in veridical out-of-body perceptions of visual targets have not proved very successful so far (Mays & Mays, 2015). However, less restrictive studies that collect and corroborate veridical out-of-body perceptions “in the wild,” that is, where they happen to occur in various hospital units, have been very successful (Sartori, 2008, 2014; Bellg, 2015). Furthermore, the book *The Self Does Not Die* (Rivas et al., 2016) documents many more cases of corroborated out-of-body perceptions and already provides this type of persuasive evidence of survival. The second edition of *The Self Does Not Die* is planned for later this year and will contain 10–12 additional veridical cases.

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Robert and Suzanne Mays with Robert Bigelow



Did you know about IANDS new(ish) service called ISGO? ISGO stands for IANDS Sharing Groups Online, and provides events, courses, and sharing groups about near-death and related experiences. It is where the IANDS community meets. We invite you to talk with us in this warm, welcoming space where you can sit face-to-face with other people and listen to their experiences that validate your own, learn from them, and share your own experiences and knowledge about the vast array of topics that surround near-death and related experiences.

IANDS Sharing Groups Online (ISGO) is like a local peer-to-peer sharing group, but can be attended from the comfort of your home. Discussions range from what happens when you die to alien encounters, and beyond. A consistent thread throughout every sharing group is the sense of safety, hope, and validation that people feel. If you are in search of an understanding community, please give ISGO a try. Our sharing groups are free.

You can also learn from in-depth discussions on trending topics about near-death, out-of-body, shared-death, spiritually transformative, and other extraordinary experiences from top researchers and experiencers through our live talks, series, and courses. These are also great for finding solutions to after-effects, pre-birth memories, parenting as an experiencer, and other issues that experiencers grapple with throughout their lifetime. Additionally, the IANDS Book Club meets every Tuesday evening and is truly a club that is open to everyone. No membership to IANDS is required and it is free to attend the first three Tuesdays which are read-along nights. The fourth Tuesday of the month, for a nominal fee, you get to meet the author face-to-face!

With over 250 live events each year and 15 sharing groups per month, you're sure to find something you love. Plus, our over 170 videos on demand means you can continue to learn at your own convenience. As an IANDS Subscriber, supporting level or higher member, please enjoy the coupon code IANDSmember for \$10 off any purchase so that you can try something new at ISGO. Head on over to isgo.iands.org and check us out!

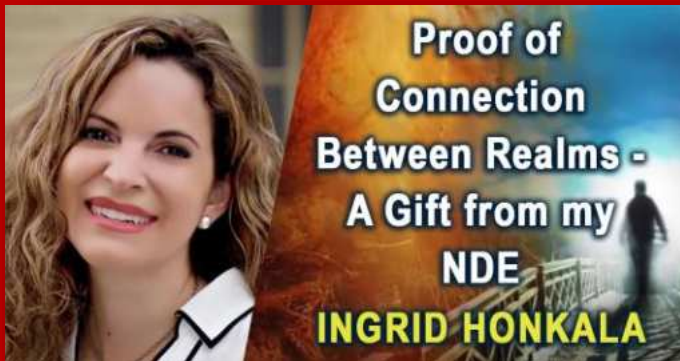
Joyful regards, Angela Harris

Executive Director, IANDS Sharing Groups Online

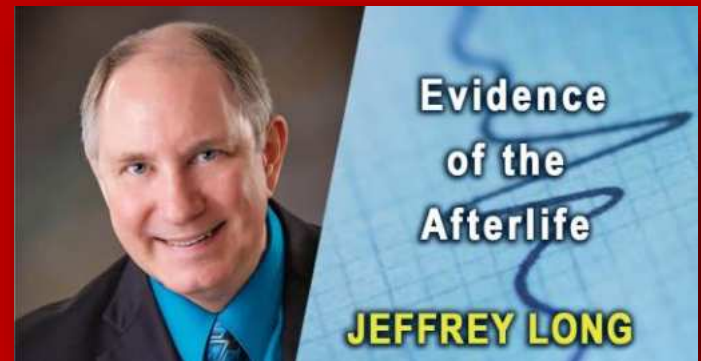
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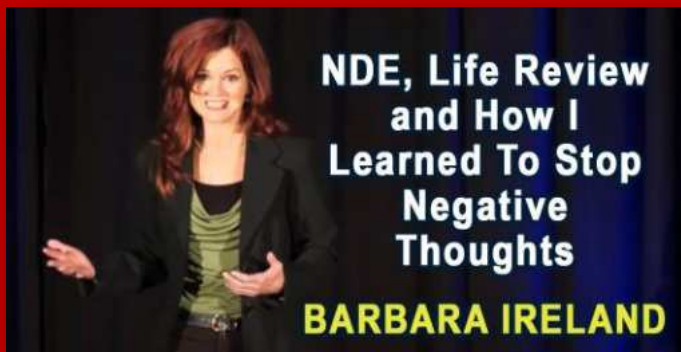
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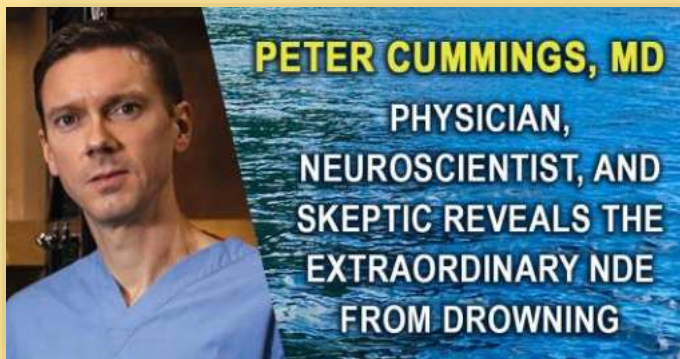


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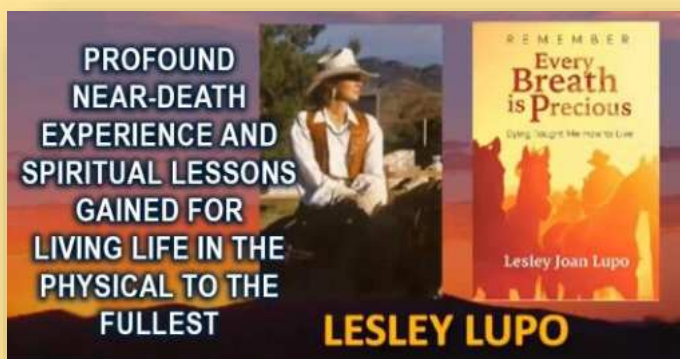
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PROFOUND TRANSCENDENT EXPERIENCE

My name is Finley Eversole. Assuming I make it, in 11 days I will turn 88. I was forced into hospice care 7 months ago after being told I had a 95% blockage of an artery into my heart (due to covid shutdown). Yet I'm still here and still teaching and writing.

I just watched a lengthy program on YouTube with Dr. Jan Holden, Dr. Anoop Kumar, et al. I've also just made contact with Anoop's support group.

More than 51 years ago, at age 36, I had a spontaneous hour-long transcendent experience that turned my life around 180 degrees. I've been on a deeply committed Path ever since. I'll briefly describe some of that experience, then go into my reason for writing.

The summer of 1969, on a lark with no preplanning, I took off and hitchhiked several thousand miles around North America over the next 4 months. I was in the student lounge at Berkeley with a group of students when I watched the moon landing. When I returned to NYC and found an apartment on Washington Place in the Village, I began slowly to realize that my hitchhiking adventure had been the externalization of a quest that began to turn inward. The following spring, I suddenly began to have an experience which, for the first 2 or 3 seconds, made me think I'd gone insane. But as the experience unfolded, it proved to be the most profound experience of my 88 years.

It began with me seeing a tiny point of the most brilliant light I'd ever seen, with millions of tiny waves of light streaming out from it to what seemed like infinity, then back again. Then several things took place concurrently: I realized I was hearing the cosmic OM (what Pythagoras called the Music of the Spheres and Hindus call the Celestial Song). It seemed to contain in itself all music that had ever been or could ever be. Asked to describe it, I've only said that Beethoven's greatest symphonies sound like a 2-year-old beating on a tin can with sticks by comparison. Along with the OM, I felt the absolute unconditional Love many NDErs describe. And I also saw Life as flowing rivers and streams of Living Light into,

through and out of all existing Forms. I instantly understood that there is no death anywhere in the cosmos. At that point I became aware that the walls of my apartment were nothing more than translucent living light. From that point on, I was accorded vision after vision. I understood that at every moment of what we call time, everything is exactly as it is supposed to be. At the very end, I was given a brief glimpse of humanity at the end of its evolution on this planet, and we existed together in a universal brotherhood of complete harmony. Not a single discordant vibration existed on the planet.

So REAL and Profound was that experience that this world no longer felt real to me at all. It was like a vague floating dream. For a year afterwards I could not function, hold a job, and barely cared about eating, with the result that I went from 175 to 132 lbs. in six months and had multiple illnesses compounding each other. For months after that, a prominent New York doctor saw me weekly and ran weekly tests, but nothing she did improved my health, and friends were told I would not survive. Then through a mutual Greek friend, I found a 76-year-old spiritual healer living on Long Island. He told me to relax every evening for 30 minutes around 6 PM and he would do healing work on me. In fact he did it at 9 AM and 6 PM every day. When I saw my doctor 5 days later and all the tests on me were run twice, she asked, "Finley, are you doing drugs?" I said, "No. Why do you ask?" And she said, "I've run all your tests twice, and they show that you have made a 95% recovery in the past week. That's medically impossible. I've never seen anything like it." I then told her of the spiritual healer, and she said, "Whatever he is doing is working, so tell him to keep it up."

Shortly after that is when I decided to teach myself meditation. At that point in my life I'd never met a meditator. I've now been meditating daily for 51 years.

So that's how my spiritual Journey began. I had no idea what had happened to me, so I began looking for books that might explain it. The first one I found was

Dr. Richard Maurice Bucke's Cosmic Consciousness: A Study in the Evolution of the Human Mind, and the next was Paul Brunton's The Quest of the Overself: The Classic Work on How to Achieve Serenity of Mind. These were good starters, but my journey eventually took me to the most profound teachings I know of.

I explored Hindu and Buddhist teachings, Blavatsky's Secret Doctrine and many other works. But the core of my spiritual studies eventually became the 18 books by the Master of Wisdom, Djwhal Khul (DK), dictated to Alice A. Bailey. My guess is that you probably know something of these books, but just in case, I would recommend as starters: Initiation Human and Solar, The Reappearance of the Christ and A Treatise on White Magic -- which is very relevant to consciousness studies.

Far and away the most difficult book I've ever read is DK's A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, which is more than 1300 pages, and which I've read 6 times. The middle section which deals with the nature of mind and creative power of thought, while not written for most intelligent people but for disciples on the Path, is the best study of Mind and Thought Energy I know of anywhere. DK writes, "The brain exists because the mind exists and needs an instrument on the physical plane through which to work." Consciousness itself stems from the Soul, enters through the top of the head to the pineal gland in the brain, and from there works throughout the nervous center.

My years of teaching deal with the unity of all things: matter, emotions, mind, thought, soul, intuition, spiritual will and Life itself in terms of the fundamental Laws of the Universe. So, for me, science and spirituality are one and the same, and all things proceed according to fundamental solar and cosmic Laws.

I'm in my 7th year of teaching a couple dozen adults in Georgia where I now live.

One of the things that has to be taken into consideration in understanding mind, consciousness, soul, NDEs, etc. is reincarnation. The very first thing I figured out at the outset of my spiritual Journey at 36 is that reincarnation is the ONLY true view of life, death and rebirth of all the views humanity has held, because it is 100% consistent with every law of the universe, both those known to modern science, and those taught within the Wisdom Sciences.

About 3 months ago, after seeing her NDE account on YouTube, I contacted a young woman in Chicago who had derived a very clear and accurate understanding of many things from her NDE. But realizing she had no awareness of the Wisdom Tradition stretching back into the night of time and predating all the world's religions and great philosophies, I contacted her and have since been gradually introducing her to several schools of thought. At 42 and married with 4 children, she recently quit the regular job she had held for 10 years and is opening a healing center in Chicago.

So, my aim so long as I'm still in this aging vehicle, is to keep spreading what I've learned over a lifetime.

I've written the above to indicate to you, which I'm sure you knew anyway, that profound NDE-like experiences can happen without having to nearly die. But that's a topic in itself. The Neoplatonic philosopher, Plotinus, had 3 such transcendent experiences in his lifetime, more than anyone else I've ever studied. In spite of 51 years of meditation, I've never again come anywhere close to my spontaneous transcendent experience at age 36.

I'm hoping that something in this email might prove of value to you and the people you work with.

My transition could take place at any time now, but I'm enjoying every day and have no fear of passing. The hospice minister who was sent to counsel me after I got out of the hospital last spring, was amazed at my lack of fear at the prospect of passing. He said nearly everyone he has counseled is terrified of dying. I said, "That's because churches have been teaching heaven and hell for nearly 2,000 years." There is absolutely nothing to fear in passing. I took care of my parents full time for the final 11 years of their lives and was with both as they passed. But that's another story not needed here.

If interested, you can see my books on Amazon. All of my work is forward-looking toward the solving of world problems in preparation for the spiritual growth that will be in the ascendancy in the new age.

Keep up your good work.

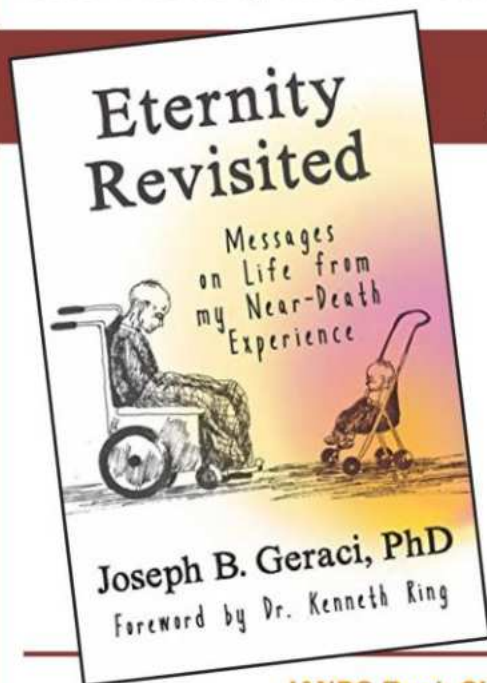
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Researching NDEs has been a passion for **Associate Professor Ionel Mohirta, PhD** from Danubius University Romania (and Vice President of European Transpersonal Psychology Association) for over 20 years. He has followed with great interest the articles and conferences promoted by IANDS.



Together, with a team of doctors, psychologists and artists, Associate Professor Mohirta, participated in the

making of a documentary film about the NDE phenomenon in Romanian society.

This film, produced by Calin Tertan, PhD, named "**Death ... full stop or just a comma**" shows 10 cases of people who have gone through a NDE.

Click here to view the film: <https://youtu.be/KUUusYAubnU> which we've been told was a great success both nationally and internationally, winning the first prize at the Switzerland Film Festival. (<https://postimg.cc/qt7hGLmF>).





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