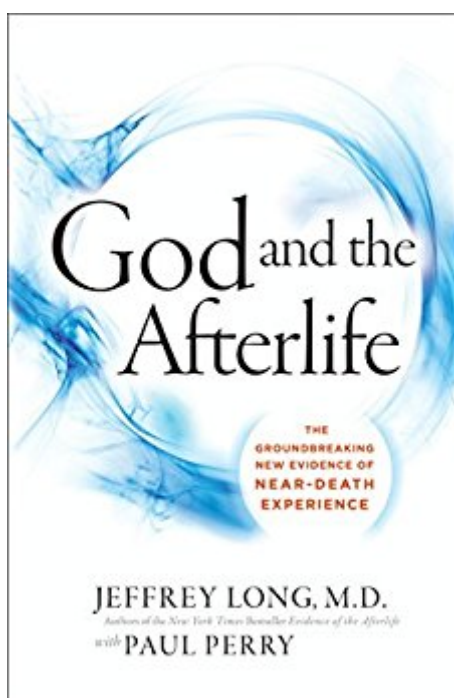


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God And The Afterlife: The Groundbreaking New Evidence For God And Near-Death Experience



Synopsis

Based on the largest near-death experience study in history, involving 3,000 people from diverse backgrounds and religious traditions, including nonbelievers, *God and the Afterlife* presents startling evidence that a Supreme Being exists—and there is amazing consistency about what he is like. In his bestselling book *Evidence of the Afterlife*, Dr. Jeffrey Long showed us that there is a strong scientific case for life after death. Now, he goes further, revealing evidence that God is real. At the Near Death Experience Research Foundation, Dr. Long studied the stories of thousands of people who have journeyed to the afterlife. Though there are a wide variety of differences in how people experience NDEs—some see a bright light, others go through a tunnel, still others experience a review of their life—he discovered that many of the accounts shared a remarkably similar description of God; a Supreme Being who radiated love and grace. Expanding on his analysis begun in *Evidence of the Afterlife*, *God and the Afterlife* is the first intensive exploration of the people who have reported going to the frontier of heaven, met God, and have returned to share their journey. Groundbreaking and profound, it provides new insight into the human experience and expands our notions of mortality, offering possibility, hope, and comfort.

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Customer Reviews

According to a Gallup poll, about 5% of the population has had a "life after life" experience. The author of this book, Dr. Jeffrey Long, is in Radiation Oncology, and has been studying Near Death Experiences for 15 years. He writes: "I was fascinated by the mystery of how people whose hearts had stopped were having conscious experiences that they often later considered to be the most profound of their life. 'With blood circulation stopped, shouldn't lucid and prolonged consciousness be impossible?' I asked myself....So if we are curious about what happens when we die, it makes perfect sense to listen to those who ACTUALLY nearly died or even experienced clinical death." In 1998 Dr. Long founded the Near Death Experiences Research Foundation. It has a website if you search it. With the accessibility of the internet, Dr. Long was able to reach out to many people who had experienced NDE, and has sent out a detailed questionnaire of 100+ questions to over 4000 people in 23 languages who have had NDE experiences. The questionnaire explores their NDE narrative, and changes which happened AFTER their NDE experience. Some reflections in Dr. Long's database by NDEers: "Leaving my body confirmed to me that we can exist outside of the physical body." "We definitely live on - eternally. There is NO death. Simply a passing or return to home." "I was aware that I was somewhere magnificent and when I was surrounded with people I knew were dead - I was filled with love and felt loved." What this book contains, says Dr. Long, is the largest scientific study of NDE's. His goal was to have a "scientifically rigorous view of the afterlife". He found the 12 most common elements of NDE's - although there are other common and not so common elements than these 12 - which happen in consistent order based upon surveys he has done: * out of body experience - 74.9% * heightened senses - 74.4% * intense and generally positive emotions - 77.7% * passing into or through a tunnel - 33.2% * encountering a mystical or brilliant light - 64.8% * encountering deceased relatives/friends or mystical beings - 57.8% * a sense of alteration in time and space - 60.5% * a life review - 21.8% * encountering otherworldly (heavenly) realms - 51% * encountering or learning special knowledge - 57.6% * encountering a barrier or boundary - 31% * a voluntary or involuntary return to body - 58.5% Dr. Long's focus in this book, in particular, is what did the NDE experiences indicate about God and "the remarkable world people discovered on the other side"? Many were aware of God or a Supreme Being during their experience. Some of what was reported by those who felt they encountered God during their NDE: God is everywhere and a part of everything. There were no limits on the power of God. God is eternal, powerful,

creative, immense love. God encompassed me. The only worthwhile things on earth reinforce connection to God. I was made in the image and likeness of God, and He lives in me. God was always with me. We are love - we are part of God. God is a living force - and it is love. Love is the greatest power in the universe. Love and unity at core of life's meaning. Love is the paramount element of reality. Presence of God is real - everything else minor field. God is the light. God is omnipresence, universality, oneness. We have never been apart from God. God is all-seeing and all-knowing. One chapter I found compelling covers purpose and meaning. Why are we here on earth? What are we supposed to be doing with this experience? Some answers from the NDE's: It's all about learning.- situations are not important. Love is the purpose. Help one another find joy. We are expected to learn. Earth is a school. Descriptions of God? Light, All, I AM, Presence, Energy, Mind, Order, One, no gender, all that is good. Love. God is real. No judgment. 96.2% said they were sure that experience was definitely real. One conclusion of the author Dr. Long? Life is not random. This is a fascinating addition to NDE studies. The focus on God and the afterlife is original and enlightening. I was riveted by the information in this book, and its implications for our lives. It's vastly comforting and instructive. I've read the classic LIFE AFTER LIFE by Raymond Moody, Dr. Eben Alexander's book, Mary Neal's book, and others, and found this one added to the narrative with its scholarly research on many NDE experiences. Four people I have known have had these experiences, and described similar elements. One was a co-worker at a tutoring company who was brought back to life after an automobile accident. He said he now has pre-knowledge of events which he didn't have before like when the phone is going to ring. Another was my boss at another company who passed on during child birth and was revived. Another was the mother of two of my students, and another the older mother of a very close friend. None of them offered up these experiences until I'd known them for quite a while. They were from differing faiths and backgrounds. They all said the next experience is wonderful, beautiful and vivid filled with love, and none of them wanted to return to this earthly experience. If you are interested in the Afterlife, this book provides an abundance of insights and information. Dr. Long says what fascinates him is how consistent the NDE experiences were in their view of God. You can go to his NDERF website and read many of the answers to his questionnaire by individuals describing their experiences. Amazing! You can spend hours there reading the individual accounts. Dr. Long does employ a methodology which screens out accounts which may not be NDE experiences which he describes in this book. Dr. Long ends this book by writing: "Near-death experiences reveal that death is not an end, but an opening to a wonderful afterlife. I believe this is profoundly good news for all of us."

It usually takes me a long time to read books. This book, to me, further proves the existence of God from a scientific standpoint. It has helped me gain a better understanding of what the afterlife is like and a deeper trust that God does exist.

If you are into NDEs, this is your book. I have read many of the NDE books out there as the subject fascinates me. I found it hard to put down and I could not wait to read more. So much great material by so many different people. I did not want it to end. After completing the book, I have been reading on his website as well. Buy this book, you won't be sorry.

Keeping in mind that the data set relied upon is not exactly up to snuff with a strict adherence to the scientific method, I still found this to be a phenomenal book with telling and insightful stories. Recently lost my other half and I got much more comfort from what I read in this book than expected. The results of the stories collected only augmented the more appealing aspects of various religious teachings I've encountered, whether Christian or Buddhist or Hindu or Wiccan or Native American, etc., and it offers a blanket reprimand against the more authoritarian and exclusionary nonsense of mainstream religions. We are all interconnected in the light of "God's" love.

Love it. Can't get enough of hearing about NDEs since the passing of loved ones. I know this is real. I experienced some of this myself. There is an afterlife for sure, but it is so intense that having a physical body holds us back from being there before we die. This only happened to me once, and I felt I should share it with the readers who are interested. We have an amazing afterlife to look forward to.

Near-death experiences only reinforce belief in the hereafter. Long's survey is fascinating and provides a clinical peek into that realm.

I highly recommend this real life account of people who experienced a near death experience. Written by Dr. Jeffrey Long about real people who experienced heaven. I won't disclose any more. Read the book!!

This book was a blessing to me. I enjoyed reading it and thoughtfully considered it for days afterward. I was impressed that it was a book about research findings, so that rather than hearing

one person's near-death story, we are able to compare and contrast multiple accounts, which I found very interesting and faith-promoting.

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