

Doctor Analyzes Thousands of Near-Death Experiences, Finds Proof of Afterlife

A Kentucky radiation oncologist who has spent the last 25 years studying near-death experiences says his research confirms that there is life after death.

Jeffrey Long, the founder of the Near-Death Experience Research Foundation, told Business Insider that he was studying how to best treat cancer using radiation when he stumbled across an article in the Journal of the American Medical Association describing near-death experiences.

“It stopped me in my tracks,” he explained. “All my medical training told me you were either alive or dead. There was no in-between. But suddenly, I was reading from a cardiologist describing patients who had died and then came back to life, reporting very distinct, almost unbelievable experiences.”

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Long said he began to study near-death experiences or NDEs from a scientific standpoint and realized there were a few common themes in the described experiences.

“No two NDEs are the same. But as I studied thousands of them, I saw a consistent pattern of events emerging in a predictable order. About 45% of people who have an NDE report an out-of-body experience,” he shared.

He added, “The person can see and hear what’s happening around them, which usually includes frantic attempts to revive them.”

“After the out-of-body experience, people say they’re transported into another realm. Many pass through a tunnel and

experience a bright light. Then, they're greeted by deceased loved ones, including pets, who are in the prime of their lives. Most people report an overwhelming sense of love and peace. They feel like this other realm is their real home," Long continued.

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While skeptics may scoff at the idea of these "experiences" and call them merely "hallucinations," University of Virginia Psychiatry Professor Jim Tucker, who authored the 2013 book *Return to Life*, told a South by Southwest panel in Austin, Texas, last year that it is physically impossible for a dying person to have fantasies or hallucinations, according to Business Insider.

"Critics often argue that dying people's brains play tricks on them, creating fantasies or hallucinations. However a near-death event compromises a person's brain function, whereas hallucinations are usually the result of an overactive sensory cortex (the part of the brain that receives and interprets sensory information). That would make it hard for a dying person to hallucinate," Tucker said.

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