

# Is there life after death?

Week 5...

## IX: The Life Review

The majority of life reviews start with a question that is asked by this Being of Light. It's something to the effect of "What have you done with the life that I've given you?" It's not said in judgement but in love, to prompt reflection and learning. Regardless of cultural or religious upbringing, the life review is consistent around the entire world. People are shocked to see that their whole lives are reviewed before their very eyes. All the good and bad things that they've ever done are seen. While they seem very embarrassed in some parts, this Being of Light is very loving throughout the entire process. They "see" even their thoughts. They also see other people's thoughts and how their actions affected the other people, for the good or bad. Dr. Jeffrey Long notes that NDE'ers found that what they had thought were some of the most insignificant things, turned out to be very important in someone's life. But the opposite was also true. That what they thought was very important, turned out to be insignificant.

This is consistent with what the bible says in Luke 2:2-3..."...Whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light..." In Matthew 12:35-37, Jesus says, "A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him....But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgement for every empty word they have spoken...."

One Christian woman, Lindi, heard this Being of Light say, "Let's look at all the things you've done to serve Me..." She said it was all about relationships. There was almost nothing about what the world considers accomplishments or successes. Then the Voice said, "Welcome home, thank you for loving me so well." She realized Romans 8:1 that there is truly no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus (page 250, "Imagine Heaven" by John Burke).

Another woman said this (read Dr. Mary Neal's account from page 241). Also read atheist Howard Storm's account on page 238-240 and then realize what I'll share about him in the next section.

Those who experience the life review realize that this Being of light's love and compassion is not based on what they do. It is unconditional (John 3:17-18), whether they have been good or bad or anything in-between. This goes along with Ephesians 2:8-9. But it's important to realize that the life review is not a judgement, especially like the biblical judgements that will occur when we actually die...the judgements that will determine where we will spend eternity. Those judgements will be based on whether we have accepted Jesus into our lives to forgive our sins. The life review is just a clarifying reminder that God knows everything about us and that one day, we will have to give an account to Him. Some NDE

researchers say that there is no judgement for where we'll spend eternity but they don't understand what the bible teaches about judgement. There's no judgement at all until the story of Earth is complete and human history, as we know it, ends (Revelation 11:15-18).

Let me ask you this...who is Edward Kimball? (Read DL Moody's testimony). Then play the "Thank you" song by Ray Boltz. We'll see in the Life Review, how little things that we've said or done have affected other people. We'll be able to see their thoughts and actions because of what we've said or done. We may even see a cascading effect, where we'll see what someone who we affected, reaches out and affects someone else's life (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 1:3-4). We'll grieve our bad choices but Jesus will be loving us thru all of them (Romans 5:8). Try to think of when you gave comfort or encouragement or a good word from the Lord to someone, but maybe you didn't think that much of it. (Give some examples from our life...Katie Huff (Toner) and Kevin & Cheryl Shantz).

**X: Not all NDE's are pleasant.** (page 215-221) 23% of them are very traumatic, disturbing or terrifying according to "The Handbook of Near Death Experiences". Here are some examples...

Howard Storm, an atheist and professor of Art at Northern Kentucky University described his NDE like this:

He was in a hospital room unconscious when he felt his "being" separate from his body. He tried talking with the hospital staff and his wife but they couldn't hear him. Then he heard some people telling him to follow them. They looked like hospital staff, so he followed them. At first, they were polite but as time went on, they started being demanding. Then they started to get downright belligerent. They started fighting with him, It escalated to biting and tearing off parts of his skin. They laughed and swore at him. He had a hard time going on as the memory of what they did to him was too horrific to recall. Then he heard a voice that said "Pray to God". He was an atheist but in his desperation he prayed a very convoluted prayer. He prayed, "Yea, though I walk thru the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me. For purple mountain majesty, mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord...One nation under God. God bless America." And yes, God even answered a prayer like this. While the demons yelled even more, they began to back away. The more he prayed to God, the more they backed away to the point of not being there at all. He lay on the ground exhausted but he kept praying to Jesus. Then he saw a beautiful light that came forward and enfolded him with such love that he had never experienced before. He knew it was Jesus. Jesus asked him, "What have you done with the life that I have given you?" When he awoke, he devoted his life to Jesus. He went on to become a minister of the gospel.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J\\_Gmiff8Fkc&list=PL0D0C3045367D1C33&index=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_Gmiff8Fkc&list=PL0D0C3045367D1C33&index=1)

Another one was a prisoner who had grown up in an abusive, drug-fueled dysfunctional home. Since this was normal for him, this is how he treated others. A life of crime and drug addiction lead him to a prison sentence. Rather than go to prison, he committed suicide by slicing himself with a knife from his navel up to his rib cage. Immediately, he found himself tied up, bitten and torn apart by a vicious demon. Then another powerful spirit figure appeared that said "Because you have done this, you will be cut off from me forever". In the midst of this, he cried out, "Lord, help me". Then he was in a hospital bed with a pretty young nurse telling him, "We lost you for a while, but you're going to be all right now." Later in the day, another older nurse came by and told him, "You're going to be all right. We lost you for a while, but you're going to live. We've never seen anyone live whose liver has been so lacerated." He later inquired about the pretty young nurse. The staff was puzzled as there was no such person. He now thinks it

was an angel (Hebrews 13:2). The viciously angry spirit being who told him that he was cut off from him forever, he originally thought was God. But a minister told him that it was the devil, posing as an angel of light (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 11:14) and that God answered his prayer right away by returning him to his hospital room (from the book "Revealing Heaven" by John Price). He was eventually released from prison.