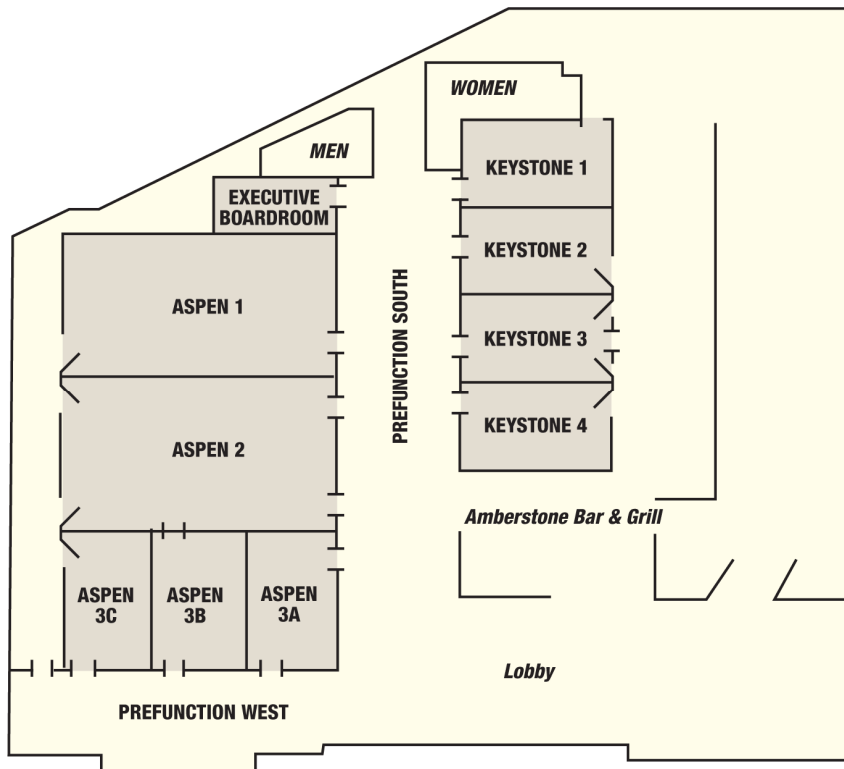


International Association for Near-Death Studies  
**Mysteries of Near-Death Experiences**  
 Perspectives from Experiencers, Science and Spirituality

IANDS 2010 Conference

### Conference Program Schedule

(schedule changes, if any, will be posted and announced in the ballroom at the beginning of each day's events)



**Meeting Room Assignments:**

**Keystone 1**  
 Wed: **Leaders Seminar**  
 Thu – Sat: **Experiencer Room**

**Keystone 2**  
 Fri – Sat: **Breakout 2 Sessions**

**Keystone 3 & 4**  
 Thursday: **Healing Sessions**  
 Fri – Sat: **Breakout 1 Sessions**  
 Sat Eve: **Closing & Special Event**

**Aspen 1 & 2**  
 Thu – Sat: **Ballroom Sessions**  
 Fri Eve: **NDE Classic Videos**

**Aspen 3A**  
 Thu – Sat: **Bookstore**

**Aspen 3B & 3C**  
 Fri Noon: **Lunch with a Speaker**  
 Fri Eve: **Fund Raising Dinner**  
 Sat Noon: **Lunch with a Speaker**

**Prefunction West**  
 Wed - Sat: **Registration**

AACN Contact Hours ← This program has been approved by the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) for 10 Contact Hours, Synergy CERP Category B, File no. 00016731. AACN approved sessions are marked with a gray background behind the speaker name and session title.

### Wednesday, September 1

Times	Registration	Keystone 1	
8:00am – 9:30am	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Keystone 1</b>	
9:00am – 4:00pm		<b>Leaders Seminar Day Program</b>	
7:00pm – 9:00pm		<b>Leaders Seminar Evening Program</b>	
7:00pm – 9:30pm	<b>Registration</b>		

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**Thursday, September 2**

<b>Times</b>	<b>Ballroom</b>	<b>Breakout 1</b>	<b>Breakout 2</b>
7:30am – 10:00am	<b>Registration</b>		
9:00am – 2:00pm		<b>Healing Sessions</b> (20 minute sessions starting approximately each half-hr)	
10:00am – 11:30am	<b>Maggie Callanan, RN</b> Final Gifts – Messages of Hope (includes book signing)		
11:30am – 1:00pm	Lunch Break		
1:00pm – 2:00pm	<b>Claude Swanson, PhD</b> What NDEs Can Teach Science About Higher Dimensions of Consciousness		
2:00pm – 2:15pm	Break		
2:15pm – 3:15pm	<b>Jan Holden, EdD</b> Facilitating Integration of Transpersonal Experiences		
3:15pm – 3:30pm	Break		
3:30pm – 4:30pm	<b>Affereffects Panel:</b> <b>Jessica Haynes</b> Death and Back, the Ultimate Journey <b>Viva Tapper, PhD</b> Living Up to the Light: An Invitation		
4:30pm – 5:15pm	<b>Poster Sessions:</b> <b>Desiree Brooker Kaczor</b> <i>NDEs: Challenging science to expand understanding of consciousness</i> <b>Karl Kehde</b> - <i>How to use NDE consciousness to get new and better ideas that heal ourselves and our relationships, and upgrade our organizations (IANDS)</i>		
4:30pm – 5:15pm	<b>Author book signings</b>		
4:30pm – 6:00pm	Free Time / Dinner		
6:00pm – 7:30pm		<b>Meet n Greet Social</b>	
7:30pm – 9:00pm	<b>Melvin Morse, MD</b> <i>Validating Non-Local Perception: Are NDEs "Real"?</i>		

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**Friday, September 3**

<b>Times</b>	<b>Ballroom</b>	<b>Breakout 1</b>	<b>Breakout 2</b>
7:30am – 9:00am	<b>Registration</b>		
8:30am – 9:00am	<b>Conference Opening</b> <b>Douglas Suggs &amp; Debbie James</b>		
9:00am – 10:30am	<b>Pim van Lommel, MD</b> <i>Non-local Consciousness</i>		
10:30am – 10:40pm	Break		
10:40am – 12:10pm	<b>NDErs – Panel A</b> <b>Zen Benefiel</b> – <i>The Messy Antics Complex: Mayhem to Practical Mystic</i> <b>Lynn Storey, PhD</b> – <i>Archetypal Motifs in NDEs</i> <b>Guy Vander Linden</b> – <i>NDEs and Grief</i>		
12:10pm – 1:30pm	Lunch	<b>Lunch with a Speaker</b> - PMH Atwater, Maggie Callanan, Jane Katra, Pim van Lommel, Melvin Morse	
1:30pm – 2:30pm	<b>Robert Caplan / Diane Corcoran, PhD</b> <i>Veteran NDEs / "Love" - Our True Identity</i>	<b>Scott Olsen, PhD</b> <i>NDEs and Initiation into the Mysteries</i>	<b>Ralph Becker, PhD</b> <i>NDEs and Cultural Struggle</i>
2:30pm – 2:45pm	Break		
2:45pm – 3:45pm	<b>PMH Atwater, LHD</b> <i>NDEs as Consciousness Breakthrough: The Next Step</i>	<b>Kenneth Arnette, PhD</b> <i>The Science of Spirit: An Introduction to the Theory of Essence</i>	<b>Dena Przybyla</b> <i>Using Meridian Therapies to Integrate NDE Wisdom</i>
3:45pm – 4:00pm	Break		
4:00pm – 5:00pm	<b>Jeff Long, MD</b> <i>NDEs: Evidence of the Afterlife</i>	<b>Judith Campbell, RN / Janice Holden, EdD</b> <i>NDEs: A Nurse's Personal and Professional Perspective</i>	<b>Newton Kondaveti, MD</b> <i>The Role of Guided Meditation and Integration of NDEs</i>
5:00pm – 5:15pm	Break		
5:15pm – 6:15pm	<b>Kimberly Sharp, MSW</b> <i>Beyond the Body – Differences between NDES and OBEs</i>	<b>Robert Mays, BSc / Suzanne Mays</b> <i>The Mystery of Physical Interactions in NDEs</i>	<b>Timothy J Green, PhD</b> <i>The NDE as One of a Variety of Ecstatic Experiences</i>
6:15pm – 7:00pm	<b>Poster Sessions:</b> <b>Desiree Brooker Kaczor</b> <b>Karl Kehde</b> (see Thurs descriptions)		
6:15pm – 7:00pm	<b>Author book signings</b>		
6:15pm – 7:00pm	Free Time / Dinner		
7:00pm – 9:30pm	<b>NDE Classic Videos</b> (7:30pm – 10:00pm)	<b>Fund Raising Dinner</b> with music by <b>Diane Willis &amp; Ralph Becker</b> + <b>fun tales</b> by past IANDS presidents <b>will be held Aspen 3B &amp; 3C</b>	

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**Saturday, September 4**

<b>Times</b>	<b>Ballroom</b>	<b>Breakout 1</b>	<b>Breakout 2</b>
7:30am – 9:00am	<b>Registration</b>		
8:30am – 8:45am	<b>Welcome Debbie James</b>		
8:45am – 10:15am	<b>Jane Katra, PhD</b> <i>The Amplitude of Illumination</i>		
10:15am – 10:30pm	Break		
10:30am – 12:00pm	<b>Research Panel</b> <b>Sastry Bhamidipati, PhD</b> – <i>Profound Non-ordinary States akin to NDEs in Pranahuti Aided Meditation</i> <b>Anil K Bheemaiah</b> – Investigation of NDEs in Drowning Cases <b>Ann Ellis, PhD</b> – Seven Mysteries of Profound Love <b>Rene Jorgensen</b> – Parallels between NDEs and Religion/Spirituality		
12:00pm – 1:30pm	Lunch	<b>Lunch with a Speaker -</b> PMH Atwater, Maggie Callanan, Jane Katra, Pim van Lommel, Jeff Long	
1:30pm – 2:30pm	<b>Jim Macartney, PhD</b> <i>NDE: Key to Untangling Scientific Paradox</i>	<b>Bob Coppes</b> <i>Get Aligned with the Light</i>	<b>Jody Long, JD</b> <i>The Miracle of Love - Soulmates</i>
2:30pm – 2:45pm	Break		
2:45pm – 3:45pm	<b>NDEs – Panel B with Debbie James, MSN, RN</b> <i>Transformed in the Light: Sharing Mysteries of the NDE</i>	<b>Ron Bugaj, MS, MA</b> <i>Modern Day Initiation into the Ancient Mystery Traditions</i>	
3:45pm – 4:00pm	Break		
4:00pm – 5:00pm	<b>Nancy Bush, MA</b> <i>Mystery and Ancient Voices: Biblical Visions and NDEs</i>	<b>Maureen McGill, MA / Nola Davis, NHA</b> Live from the Other Side	<b>Nancy Clark, PhD</b> Demystifying Death
5:00pm – 5:15pm	Break		
<b>ROOM CHANGES:</b>	<b>Breakout 1</b>	<b>Breakout 2</b>	<b>Experiencers Room</b>
5:15pm – 6:15pm	<b>Chuck Swedrock</b> <i>Embrace the Mystery: Without Ignorance There is No Discovery!</i>	<b>Ryan Rominger, PhD</b> Creative Spiritual Guidance, Expressive Arts and the NDE	<b>Dennis Purcell</b> Proposed Experiment to Detect One's OBE Consciousness
6:15pm – 7:00pm	<b>Author book signings</b>		
6:15pm – 7:15pm	Free Time / Dinner		
7:15pm – 7:45pm	<b>Closing Ceremony and Awards</b> with <b>Douglas Suggs, Debbie James, Diane Corcoran, Nancy Bush</b>		
7:45pm – ? pm	<b>Saturday Evening Special Event</b> – including a Western Dance Party with <b>Gregg Anderson</b>		

**ABSTRACTS**

**Thursday, September 2**

**10:00am – 11:30am Maggie Callanan, RN, CRNH – “Final Gifts – Messages of Hope”**

Maggie Callanan is a world-renowned speaker on topics relating to the care of the dying, as well as coping strategies for hospice staff and volunteers. Since becoming a hospice nurse in 1981, Maggie has studied, taught, and written about death and dying, including **the unique and symbolic communication of the dying**, which is often labeled as “confused language” and consequently often ignored by professional and family caregivers.

Maggie is the author of two books: *Final Gifts: Understanding the Special Awareness Needs and Communication of the Dying* and *Final Journeys: A Practical Guide for Bringing Care and Comfort at the End of Life*.

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**1:00pm – 2:00pm Claude Swanson, PhD – “What Near-Death Experiences Can Teach Science About Higher Dimensions of Consciousness”**

Claude Swanson is the author of the books "*The Synchronized Universe*" and the recently released *Volume II, "Life Force, The Scientific Basis"*. The author, Dr. Claude Swanson, is an MIT and Princeton educated physicist. Dr. Claude Swanson, has put together the "best evidence" showing that our present scientific paradigm is broken. He describes scientifically controlled remote viewing and ESP experiments, demonstrations of long-range healing, psychokinesis (mind over matter), scientifically controlled experiments in levitation, teleportation and out of body phenomena (OBE). In addition he discusses research in energy healing, showing how results are achieved over great distances, and can even project forward and backward in time. He describes experiments in which this energy alters radioactive decay, bends laser beams, and alters material properties. It even changes mass, weight and density of materials, effects which are supposed to be "impossible" according to Western science.

These are just a few of the areas where new research is defying the old beliefs of conventional science. It points the way to a new, expanded science which, instead of denying the role of consciousness and spirit, begins to integrate these forces into a larger, more highly evolved and integrated world view. The truly "unified field theory" must explain and understand both science and consciousness. In doing so, it begins to heal the ancient rift between science and spirituality. And in the last chapter of the book, he proposes some ways to modify and expand present science to begin to achieve these goals.

Some of the best proven paranormal phenomena are those of ESP, remote viewing, psychokinesis, and some group consciousness experiments. There are also rigorous experiments showing that energy healing has real benefit, although as with all the paranormal forces, our science does not understand the nature of the force. Evidence is also described for astral or out of body travel, the near-death experience, levitation and teleportation. Certain gifted individuals have been able to master these forces and produce them at will. They are known as "adepts" and are also discussed in the book. In modern times a tradition still exists of the yogi, India's "spiritual superman," who evokes some of these powers. The tradition and methods of training and development of these abilities is also described.

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**2:15pm – 3:15pm Janice Holden, EdD – “Facilitating Integration of NDEs and Other Transpersonal Experiences through an Exceptional Human Experiences Autobiography”**

Integration of near-death and other profound experiences into one's identity and daily functioning is an ongoing process that may be facilitated by developing one's Exceptional Human Experience Autobiography (EHEA). In this presentation I provide excerpts from my Powerpoint EHEA and guidelines for audience members to develop their own and/or their constituents' EHEAs through their preferred medium such as Powerpoint, writing, audio, or video.

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**Thursday, September 2 (continued)**

**3:30pm – 4:30pm Aftereffects Panel:**

**Jessica Haynes – “Death and Back, the Ultimate Journey”**

How I got my life back when it seemed impossible. How I have helped thousands not fear death and embrace loving life. How to explain the conundrum between fate and free will. Miracle healings, including my own. Creating what you want can be easier than you think.

**Viva Tapper, PhD – “Living Up to the Light: An Invitation”**

A Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner describes her NDE, the aftereffects and ongoing integration weaving comparisons and contrasts from science and spirituality perspectives in understanding. A proposal for continued research and theory development that informs practice and education is necessary to provide illumination, meaning, and utilization of these mysteries for all.

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**4:30pm – 5:15pm Poster Sessions:**

**Desiree Brooker Kaczor – “NDEs: Challenging science to expand the understanding of consciousness”**

Near Death Experiences (NDEs) have been reported throughout time and across all cultures. The elements of these experiences are consistent regardless of gender, age, or profession. There is a large body of information now accumulated that point to genuine evidence for a non-physical reality and paranormal capacities of the human being that challenge the understanding of consciousness. This large body of information is culminating from psychologists, philosophers, religious leaders and scientists as well. Yet, mainstream science ignores, rejects, or isolates paranormal and religious (mystical) experiences because they threaten scientific biases and the “common-sense conception” of the world. A recent article appearing in the BBC news focuses on the possibility that an accumulation of carbon dioxide in the brain may be associated with or a causal indication for the experience of NDEs reported by cardiac arrest experiencers who have been revived through resuscitation. The purpose of this paper is not to deny the possibility of anoxia’s association with a NDE or OOB (out of body) experience in such patients. The purpose is to challenge the presentation of such information provided by a body of professionals who are forsaking the quality, consistency, and frequency of exceptional events that have altered states of consciousness and brought new positive values to those who are experiencers. To embrace the richness and conviction found within the subjective reports of NDE or OOBs will assist all branches of science in the undertaking of the pursuit to solve the mystery of consciousness.

**Karl Kehde – “How to use NDE Consciousness to get new and better ideas that heal ourselves and our relationships, and upgrade our organizations (i.e. IANDS)”**

During an NDE, many people awaken into the Universal Consciousness of Divine Love. Depending upon our understanding of this consciousness and our intention, we can shift to it and get ideas that bring more peace, love, and harmony into our lives and heal us, our loved ones, our relationships, and our organizations. This presentation details a process for shifting our consciousness to the Universal Consciousness to get better ideas.

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**7:30pm – 9:00pm Melvin Morse, MD – “Validating Non-Local Perception: Are NDEs ‘Real’?”**

**INTRODUCTION:** “But was it real, Dr. Morse” asked one child of his NDE. Another confidently told me “it was realer than real”. Near death experiences are spiritual experiences with enormous personal meaning for the individual who has them. They often impart a type of knowledge and information that cannot be understood in any other way. The same information processed rationally and intellectually might not be understood by the individual.

As a result however, those who have had the experiences often wonder if the NDE was a dream or a drug induced hallucination. There is reason to believe that the information processed by the NDE is not the same area of the brain which gathers input from ordinary reality. We all agree “ordinary reality” is

real, as we pretty much all see, hear, taste and touch the same things, and can compare notes. In doing so, we achieve a consensual reality.

However, if, for example, one purpose of the NDE is to teach us lessons of love, then obviously such lessons may present in a highly personal way. The experience is still very real. However my idea of a comforting person helping me with the dying process, and my concept of a heaven and a “god” may be very different from another’s. This is precisely the teaching of many NDEs, that there are many ways to understand god and the meaning of life. However, it can be confusing nevertheless, in that the “heaven” one child visits may be completely different from another child’s vision of heaven. Yet both are presenting in a completely real manner, with that internal quality of “realness” which is really the only test we have of ordinary consciousness.

A REVIEW OF NON LOCAL PERCEPTIONS: Non local perceptions involve the accurate perception of this reality, with the vivid perception of another reality either superimposed over this one, or intermingled with it. This is what differentiates them from hallucinations. Hallucinations typically are distortions of this reality. Recent brain research documents that certain non-local perceptions such as medium-ship and meditation are the result of normal brain function, with specific assigned brain structures.

Non-local perceptions include 1) The near death experience 2) Past life memories 3) Lucid Dreaming 4) Medium-ship experiences 5) Angel encounters 6) Spiritual visions 7) Controlled Remote Viewing (CRV) Experiences, among others.

### ABSTRACTS Friday, September 3

**9:00am – 10:30am Pim van Lommel, MD – “Non-local Consciousness: A new concept on the continuity of our consciousness based on recent scientific research on near-death experiences in survivors of cardiac arrest.”**

Dr. van Lommel’s book has been published in the English language by Harper Collins in June 2010, entitled: ***Consciousness beyond Life: The Science of the Near-death Experience.***

According to our current medical concepts, it is not possible to experience consciousness during a cardiac arrest, when circulation and breathing have ceased. But during the period of unconsciousness due to a life-threatening crisis like cardiac arrest patients may report the paradoxical occurrence of enhanced consciousness experienced in a dimension without our conventional concept of time and space, with cognitive functions, with emotions, with self-identity, with memories from early childhood and sometimes with (non-sensory) perception out and above their lifeless body. In four prospective studies with a total of 562 survivors of cardiac arrest between 11% and 18% of the patients reported a near-death experience (NDE), and in these studies it could not be shown that physiological, psychological, pharmacological or demographic factors could explain the cause and content of these experiences.

Since the publication of these prospective studies on NDE in survivors of cardiac arrest, with strikingly similar results and conclusions, the phenomenon of the NDE can no longer be scientifically ignored. It is an authentic experience which cannot be simply reduced to imagination, fear of death, hallucination, psychosis, the use of drugs, or oxygen deficiency, and people appear to be permanently changed by an NDE during a cardiac arrest of only some minutes duration. According to these studies, the current materialistic view of the relationship between the brain and consciousness held by most physicians, philosophers and psychologists is too restricted for a proper understanding of this phenomenon. There are good reasons to assume that our consciousness does not always coincide with the functioning of our brain: enhanced consciousness can sometimes be experienced separately from the body. I have come to the inevitable conclusion that most likely the brain must have a facilitating and not a producing function to experience consciousness. By making a scientific case for consciousness as a nonlocal and thus ubiquitous phenomenon we must question a purely materialist paradigm in science.

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**Friday, September 3** (continued)

**10:40am – 12:10am NDErs Panel A:**

**Zen Benefiel – “The Messy Antics Complex: Mayhem to Practical Mystic”**

The Shift – Challenge to Change. Okay, so there are no veils. I don't need to be 'The One.' So what's next? Our minds want to categorize and label instead of just listening and observing. How do we integrate the NDE into our daily living and working environments?

**Lynn Storey, PhD – “Archetypal Motifs in NDEs”**

Archetypes reside within the deepest level of our unconscious. NDErs characteristically experience anywhere from two to five or more of these archaic psychic expressions. Archetypal motifs are universal and represent recurring themes that can be found in the most ancient of human myths and religious stories.

**Guy Vander Linden – “NDE and Grief”**

Besides the help and assistance to NDE, our organization has focused on how NDE can accompany the bereaved after suicide, deaths of children and others .... Life after death and the light are great help to us in this work.

Guy VANDER LINDEN is president and founder of LIMEN (IANDS-FLANDERS). It was founded in 1997. The headquarters is in Brussels, Belgium.

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**1:30pm – 2:30pm Robert Caplan & Diane Corcoran, PhD – Veteran NDEs / “LOVE: our true identity, purpose and meaning for being human”**

Robert Caplan: This presentation will address my knowing of my/our true identity. Neither science, medicine, philosophy or religion pragmatically personalizes being in this life. My NDE continues to reveal purpose, meaning and presence 53 years later. I will present four aspects of LOVE relevant to daily existence.

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**1:30pm – 2:30pm Scott Olsen, PhD – “NDEs and Initiation into the Mysteries”**

Common features occur in NDEs and Initiation into the Mysteries. Both involve visionary epiphanies, Beings of Light, zest for life, no fear of death, blind see, and often a transformative awareness of the mathematics of Nature. Should we be content with the accidental, or reinstitute intentional induction of this awareness?

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**1:30pm – 2:30pm Ralph Becker, PhD – “NDEs and Cultural Struggle”**

Death experiences and generally the image of death are heavily imprinted by cultural conceptions, though the encounter with one's own death can even cause an individual rebellious attitude towards traditional death ideas. This lecture is about the tension between traditional and individual death encounters.

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**2:45pm – 3:45pm PMH Atwater, LHD – “NDEs as a Consciousness Breakthrough: The Next Step”**

I am now convinced the near-death experience is not some kind of anomaly, but, rather, is part of the larger genre of transformations of consciousness. It's time to step up - to view the phenomenon in light of that truth and change how we conduct our research accordingly. The big clue most people miss is stress, and the intensity that comes from that stress. The entire pattern of aftereffects and the degree to which they change people, can be traced to that factor - intensity. That's what shifts us into what science calls a "colloidal condition." Once we understand what that is, everything else begins to make sense - things like future awareness, synchronicity, intuitive abilities, spiritual insights, and the deeper structures of near-death scenarios, cultural differences, heaven/hell states, temporal lobes in the brain, the limbic system, pineal gland, sensitivity, DNA, and things dark. We then begin to realize that the heart is the true arbitrator, the guide through the memory fields of our own soul and through the ethers of our universe.



More is at foot here than a personal experience. What else lies at the core of this phenomenon will be hinted at, as we attempt to . . . see beyond mystery.

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Friday, September 3 (continued)

**2:45pm – 3:45pm Kenneth Arnette, PhD – “*The Science of Spirit: An Introduction to the Theory of Essence*”**

Studies have verified the authenticity of the NDE. However, placing it in the context of physics has been practically ignored. Such a scientific foundation lends even more credibility to the NDE. I will introduce my *theory of essence*, which establishes connections between various NDE phenomena and classical and modern physics.

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**2:45pm – 3:45pm Dena Przybyla – “*Using Meridian Therapies to Integrate NDE Wisdom*”**

The NDE offers many benefits as well as specific challenges for the experiencer. A class of healing tools called Meridian Therapies including EFT (Emotional Freedom Techniques) can help make integration easier for the experiencer and also help embed the positive qualities of the NDE in both experiencers and non-experiencers.

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**4:00pm – 5:00pm Jeff Long, MD – “*NDEs: Evidence of the Afterlife*”**

Six hundred thirteen sequentially shared near-death experiences were reviewed. All NDEs had a NDE Scale score of seven or higher. Nine lines of evidence were found that points to the conclusion that NDE is a real experience of profound significance and meaning, and also provides evidence of life after death.

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**4:00pm – 5:00pm Judith Campbell, RN / Janice Holden, EdD – “*NDEs: A Nurse’s Personal and Professional Perspective*”**

After eighteen years as an ER nurse, Judith had an NDE – and another six years later. Judith will describe her NDEs and how they influenced her nursing. She will discuss the extent of her medical colleagues’ NDE knowledge, attitudes, and skills, and she and Jan will discuss implications for continuing education for nurses and other healthcare professionals.

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**4:00pm – 5:00pm Newton Kondaveti, MD – “*The role of Guided Meditation in understanding and integration of Near Death Experiences*”**

The Guided Meditation which enables a person to go into an altered state of consciousness and helping the NDEer to revisit the memory. By re-experiencing every detail of the memory will make the person release any buried painful sensations and emotions and finally integrate the NDE from spiritual perspective.

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**5:15pm – 6:15pm Kimberly Sharp, MSW – “*Beyond the body but not over the line, experiential differences between NDEs and OBEs*”**

Research has given scant interest to the differences between a near-death experience (NDE) and a non-life threatening out of body experience (OBE). This presentation compares the NDE to the OBE from the vantage point of personal experience, including the author’s decades of clinical interviews with adult and children.

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**5:15pm – 6:15pm Robert Mays, BSc / Suzanne Mays – “*The Mystery of Physical Interactions in NDEs and their Implications for Consciousness*”**

The mind is separated from the body during NDE and appears not to interact with physical objects or in-body persons. However, subtle interactions are reported, including being seen by animals, tickling a person’s nose and “merging” with an in-body person. These interactions have implications for understanding how the mind interacts with the brain and produces consciousness.

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**5:15pm – 6:15pm Timothy J Green, PhD – “The Near-Death Experience as One of a Variety of Ecstatic Experiences: The Implications for the Field of Near-Death Studies”**

The NDE will be presented as one of a variety of experiences best described as ecstatic (from the Greek work *ekstasis* meaning “to step outside oneself). Other ecstatic episodes include OBEs that occur at times other than apparent physical death, lucid dreams, and shamanic journeys. Because these other ecstatic experiences have no foreseeable dangers or negative consequences associated with them, and because recently developed or reintroduced techniques exist to teach people how to enter into the ecstatic state of consciousness, the possibility of using these methods to induce or facilitate the ecstatic state of consciousness in large numbers of people has become a real possibility. The implications of this for the field of near-death studies are discussed.

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**Saturday, September 4**

**8:45am – 10:15am Jane Kutra, PhD – “The Amplitude of Illumination: The Emergence of Energy Consciousness Through NDEs”**

The development of the human being is the passing from one state of consciousness to another, sequentially and in stages, through a series of shifting values: Instinctual, emotional, intellectual, and conscious evolution: intentional action for transformation from one level of being to another.

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**10:30am – 12:00pm Research Panel moderated by Janice Holden, EdD**

**Sastry Bhamidipati, PhD – “Experiences of Profound Non-ordinary States akin to Near Death Experiences in Pranahuti Aided Meditation (PAM) and Consciousness Transformations”**

This research study examines the phenomenon of “profound non-ordinary states” akin to that of Near Death Experiences (NDE) experienced spontaneously by the beginner practicants in the system of Pranahuti Aided Meditation (PAM) during meditation sessions. These profound non-ordinary states reported include extra-ordinary sense of stillness, peace, silence, love and bliss and out of body experiences. The second part of the study explores transformations experienced.

**Anil K Bheemaiah – “The NDE of Drowning: a theoretical and experimental investigation into the NDE of revived drowning cases”**

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**Ann Ellis, PhD – “Seven Mysteries of Profound Love”**

Based on a study of 132 near-death experiences of love on the other side, it is shown that that love is substantially different from any love known on earth. There are many aspects of the profound love that can be identified: its qualities, nature, source, certainty of no death, difficulty of describing, conclusions associated with it. It is also shown that the mystical branches of the world’s religions reflect the same conclusions.

**Rene Jorgensen – “Parallels between NDEs and Religion/Spirituality”**

I will present the results of my study of 16 NDEs investigating the parallels to religion/spirituality. Through a high average score of 21 (Greyson Scale) and a 15-page long questionnaire, the depth of the study suggests a universal core element that can help the NDEr understand and integrate the experience.

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**1:30pm – 2:30pm Jim Macartney, PhD – “NDE: Key To Untangling Scientific Paradox”**

Much like Einstein chasing a light beam that transformed physics, the NDE can lead us to unravel mysteries of the mind. Rather than posing an enigma to science, the NDE itself serves as a template for resolving paradoxes nagging today’s sciences. Therapeutic and research implications of a model based on the template will be addressed.

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**Saturday, September 4** (continued)

**1:30pm – 2:30pm (Robert) Christophor Coppes – “Get Aligned with the Light”**

We are part of a unity universe, which surpasses our material four-dimensional world. In it we are thoroughly interconnected. Through this we have a creative but also a potentially destructive power within us. Therefore, it is best for us to be aligned with The Light so to create positive ripples.

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**1:30pm – 2:30pm Jody Long, JD – “The Miracle of Love - Soulmates”**

Why is love such a mystery? It is to most people, but not to NDErs. It is through the NDEr descriptions of love and loving actions that we can approximate what “love times a million” is or might feel like. Then one can appreciate the new research on Soulmates.

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**2:45pm – 3:45pm NDErs Panel B: – “Transformed in the Light: Sharing Mysteries of the NDE”  
moderated by Debbie James, MSN, RN**

IANDS mission is to respond to needs for information and support concerning near-death and similar experiences. This conference is intended to encourage thoughtful exploration of all facets of near-death and similar experiences. IANDS facilitates support. Near-death and similar experiences can raise deeply troubling questions for many experiencers. Aftereffects of the NDE can be disturbing to the individuals, their families, friends and caregivers.

Other information about near-death and similar experiences to experiencers, caregivers, researchers, and the public will be featured. (Panelists to be chosen from conference attendees, usually first-time speaking about their experience in a conference setting.)

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**2:45pm – 3:45pm Ron Bugaj, MS, MA – “Modern Day Sacred Initiation into the Ancient Western Mystery Traditions in the Great Pyramid of Egypt”**

This presentation vividly illustrates a spontaneous initiation into the sacred wisdom of Ancient Western Mystery Traditions. The initial mystical experience, triggered by an existential life crisis and confrontation with death while on field assignment at the University of Cairo, opened the author’s mind to visionary encounters with the Mysteries of Light.

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**4:00pm – 5:00pm Nancy Evans Bush, MA – “Mystery and Ancient Voices: What Biblical Visions and NDEs Have in Common.”**

Some of the visions described in the Hebrew Bible and New Testament share a lot with today’s near-death experiences. Those similarities and their influence on three thousand years of Western culture may surprise you.

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**4:00pm – 5:00pm Maureen McGill, MA / Nola Davis, NHA – “Live from the Other Side”**

We will present a collection of documented experiences from those who have communicated with the deceased. The stories include how people moved towards **resolution after death, experiences during death watches, visits from deceased family members, and visits from people who have become messengers for the other side.** In short, this presentation discusses resolving grief, demystifies death and creates a clear awareness of the other side.

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**4:00pm – 5:00pm Nancy Clark, PhD – “Demystifying Death”**

Humans are increasingly experiencing the mysteries on the other side of the veil while in physical bodies. Is there a difference in spending hours there (NDE) as opposed to making the longer transition called death? Share perspectives with one who lives in conscious awareness and spends time with individuals who have crossed in death. Learn about the soul’s plan for birthing the physical experience as well as birthing into spirit. Discover why millions are choosing to leave in natural disasters.

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**ABSTRACTS**

**Saturday, September 4** (continued)

**5:15pm – 6:15pm** **Chuck Swedrock – “Embrace the Mystery: Without Ignorance There Is No Discovery”**

The human quest for meaning and purpose in life is documented throughout recorded history and even beyond that through legends and myth. Yet, an examination of extraordinary human experiences such as near-death and similar encounters with non-ordinary consciousness poses the seemingly paradoxical question of “why is there any ‘mystery’ in this quest at all?”

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**5:15pm – 6:15pm** **Ryan Rominger, PhD – “Creative Spiritual Expression: Spiritual Guidance, Expressive Arts, and the Near-Death Experience”**

Discussion of definitions & histories of Spiritual Guidance & Expressive Arts. Discussion of application of material to working with individuals who have had an NDE.

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**5:15pm – 6:15pm** **Denis Purcell, MSEE – “Proposed Experiment to Detect One’s Consciousness when it is Outside the Body”**

There are many accounts of veridical perception from a standpoint outside the body during an OBE and/or NDE. Also, there are many photographs of “orbs: in association with possible discarnate consciousnesses. K. Osis and D. McCormick were able to detect deflection in strain gauges in the context of an OBE projection by Alex Tanous from Maine to New York City in 1980. These effects were measured with strain gauges surrounded by a Faraday Cage – indicating that the consciousness involved (i.e., that of Alex Tanous) was not electromagnetic in itself but rather produced kinetic effects from an associated EMF generated in the Cage. Other experiments in China and at SRI suggest that a photomultiplier tube can magnify small amounts of light given off by the presence of one’s consciousness in a remote viewing context.

An experiment is proposed here in which the sensors of these two types are used in ICUs and any anomalous readings are correlated with EKG and EEG or other brain activity monitors (in the case of cardiac arrest). These signals can be processed by software in an attached computer to enhance signal strength over background noise. If reliable patterns emerge and are associated with the area(s) of a target or the surrounding environment, they can be imaged on a video display screen and compared with any subsequent account of an OBE and/or NDE related by the subject. These sensor readings may record an EMF which is correlated but not necessarily identical with one’s consciousness at the time of the “projection”.

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