



Truth Nuggets

Life After Death

The deer leaped in front of my motorcycle. Next, it all went black. My first thought was, “I’m dead. Transitioning wasn’t bad at all, and I’m pain-free, so peaceful. But where was Jesus (Yahshua)?” Then I heard Him.

He quoted the story of the good Samaritan, then said that I wasn’t ready. I had to return. He healed me completely, except for a broken bone in the lower part of my left leg. But promised that would heal over time. Meanwhile, I was to slow down, spend more time in the Word, and with my new bride. Then I awoke.

I passed out after pulling myself to the side of the road. Next I knew, a good Samaritan had stopped.

That was my “Near Death Experience, (NDE).” Indeed it is given ONCE for man to die, (Hebrews 9:27). Is death when the breath stops?...or the heart?...or when brain waves go flat? or is it as the NDE testimonies report...a point where if they go on, they know they will never be able to return into their mortal bodies? It is rare that any want to come back. Even I didn’t want to, though at the peak of youthful happiness on earth. The peace I experienced in my NDE was too precious to trade, but I had no choice, and most NDEers don’t.

This was not my first encounter with the other side. A few years prior I was at University, needing encouragement as my 3-roommates immersed themselves in drugs, alcohol, & immorality. One night I was given an encouraging vision. In it I was at the bottom of a steep hill adorned in thick clover and dandelions. At the top was Jesus/Yahshua in a white robe. I excitedly started charging upward. I found that I could leap high & long...so exhilarating! He had arms wide-open as our laughter filled the air, yet, as in the NDE above, communication was by thought.

The dandelions & clover were about 2-feet thick, giving a vibrant dark green color, spotted with translucent amber blossoms dripping with fragrant nectar. There was no sun, yet the entire sky was a warm, bright-glowing, golden color.

My next leap would land me in His arms. I thought, “Once I hug you, I’m not letting go!” Right before contact I woke up. But I carried an inner knowing, an inner strength & peace that carried me through the rest of those college years.

Years later I glimpsed the other side yet again. It was about 3-months after my father passed away. He had been my primary spiritual mentor. We had a special bond. At

night, in a dream-vision, he appeared, floating high above my bed. I asked what message he had, questioning if his appearance was even scriptural, (not conscious that it was a dream-vision). He said, that I didn't know the power & love of God. Next, he surprised me with a glimpse of his father in the background. I never knew him, because he had taken his life when my dad was young. And his reputation was not good. I was shocked to see him on the right side.

Again dad spoke, but this time by thought-to-thought, "You don't understand the power & love of God." And so that was the day I aggressively became a "truth-seeker," knowing that there was so much more to develop in my relationship with my Creator & with His Son, and in understanding the Word, and walking in His Spirit. I soon discovered Psalm 62:11, Paraphrasing, it says that God speaks the first time (then repeats spirit-to-spirit), that we have much to learn about the power & love of God!

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Not all NDE are pleasant, and some are interpreted through cultural & religious perspectives. For more, we recommend a book by pastor John Burke, "Imagine Heaven," and the sequel, "Imagine the God of Heaven," both filled with dozens of NDE testimonies.