



What about Near Death Experiences?

1. Definition

A near-death experience (NDE) is a personal experience associated with impending death, encompassing multiple possible sensations including detachment from the body, feelings of levitation, total serenity, security, warmth, the experience of absolute dissolution, and the presence of a light.

2. Popularity of the NDEs

Amazon.com returns 3057 titles on the subject of “Near Death Experiences” The most notable being *Life After Life* (1975) by psychiatrist Raymond Moody
Featured in such films as: *Flatliners* (1990) *Enter the Void* (2009) *The Lovely Bones* (2009) *Dragonfly* (2002) *Resurrection* (1980) *Bliss* (1985) *Heaven is for Real* (2014)

3. What the Bible describes is a PDE (pre-death experience) or NDA (near death awareness)

Acts 7:54-60 Stephen saw “the glory of God and Jesus” before his death
Note Jesus is standing – every other NT reference He is sitting at God’s right hand
Proves that a view to the other side is at least possible as God wills

4. Conclusions

We are always eager for information from life after death – Go to Bible first
Too subjective to “prove” heaven or afterlife is true
Know that God cares for the dying (Psalm 116:15)

Bottom Line

Be thankful that God cares for His own in this life, in the next, and in the journey between them.