Near-Death Experience Researcher Seeks Respondents for Online Survey as Part of New Study and Book

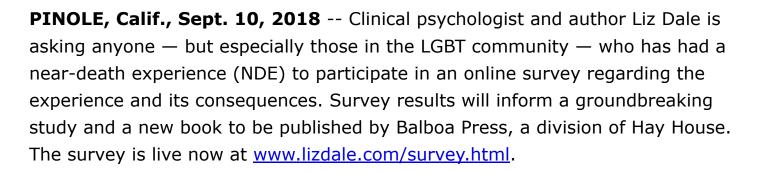
LGBT and non-gay near-death experiencers invited to participate in survey of NDE aftereffects

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As an example of the survey, three of sixteen "Yes/No" questions from the survey include:

- "Were there any changes in your personality since your NDE?"
- "Were there any changes in your religious or spiritual beliefs since your NDE?"
- "Were there any distressing aftereffects from your NDE?"

Dale's official site (<u>www.lizdale.com</u>) has become an important resource for those with academic or personal interests in the NDE phenomenon. It includes access to a <u>free ebook library of over 1,300 NDE related ebooks</u> to download, as well as links to LGBT-focused articles on <u>About.com</u>, <u>Wikipedia</u> and the <u>Open Directory Project</u>, among other information repositories. Dale anticipates that her new survey will make important contributions to the literature, as well as pave the way for future investigations.

The forthcoming book on NDE aftereffects will not be Dale's first; in 2000, she published "Crossing Over and Coming Home: Twenty-One Authors Discuss the Gay NDE as Spiritual Transformation," an excerpt from which captures the essence of this research and the intensely personal and profound nature of the stories people have shared with her:

"And then I felt the presence of Jesus Christ all around me. And I asked him, 'Do I really have to go back?' Then Christ said that he would send me guardian angels to aid me in my healing, and to guide and protect me. I awakened to find two men kneeling over me, with expressions of apprehension and concern on both their faces. For some reason I felt that they might be gay men. I felt very strongly that both men symbolized what would prove to be a succession of 'angels' that Christ had promised to send me." (a gay man's NDE, Dale, 2000)

The International Association for Near Death Studies is sponsoring a complementary NDE study. Interested parties can learn more at www.iands.org.

About the Author

Liz Dale, Ph.D. is a clinical psychologist whose expertise is near-death experience (NDE) research within the LGBT community. Upon learning that no such research existed, she contacted the LGBT community over a two-year period and published her findings in a groundbreaking book entitled, "Crossing Over and Coming Home" (Emerald Ink Publications, 2000).

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