

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Is There Really New Evidence on Life after Death?

It is clear that many people are given to “faddism.” It seems that almost any kind of an absurd idea, viewpoint, or practice can gain a following if it is widely presented. Sometimes, it seems that the farther a position is from the truth the larger will be the sales of the books which advocate it.

I have been hearing a great many claims of various people to the effect that they have experienced (1) death—the leaving of their physical bodies, (2) various experiences subsequent to death, (3) coming back to life and (4) living again (back in their physical bodies) and going about their usual human pursuits here on Earth. These claims are advanced, its advocates say, to confirm that there is life after death. In the light of plain Bible teaching that these claims are false.

In attacking the claim of “revival” to which I have referred above (There are a number of newly published books which are filled with such claims. I have examined a number of them.), I do not mean to deny that the spirit (or soul, the inner man) of a person survives the death of that person. That the soul does survive the death of the body is made clearly by Jesus Himself when He said, **“And be not afraid of them that kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul.”** (Matthew 10:28). If the soul (or spirit) died when the body died, then it would be possible for one human being to kill the soul of another. However, Jesus’ statement makes it clear that such is not the case. If man “A” by pulling the trigger of a shotgun, shoots and kills man “B” but man “A” has not killed the soul of man “B” (Jesus made clear that no man is able to do that to another); he has killed man “B’s” body—but certainly not his soul.

Again, in telling of the rich man and Lazarus, Jesus said, **“...and the rich man also died and was buried. And in Hades he lifted up his eyes ...and he cried and said, father Abraham, have mercy on me...”** (Luke 16:19). Among other things which are clearly taught in this passage are the following: (1) a man is conscious after his death, (2) he will experience anguish if he has been a wicked man, (3) he will remember earthly experiences and relationships. Obviously, the soul survives physical death and is conscious after death.

So, I have no quarrel with one’s trying to prove that the soul will survive physical death. What I do deny is the claim of a person who says that he died in some hospital room and that he (presumably his soul) floated up near the ceiling and could see the doctors and nurses trying to revive his dead body and could hear what they said while he (his soul) floated near the ceiling (“up past the light fixture”) and then later (that is, after having actually died) he (that is, his soul) came back into his dead body and, having “revived” (came back to life), then went on about the usual activities in which living human beings engage themselves (cf. Moody, *Life after Death*).

The Bible settles this matter when it plainly declares that **“it is appointed unto man once to die, and after this cometh judgment; so, Christ also, having been once offered to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time, apart from sin, to them that wait for him, unto salvation** (Hebrews 9:27-28). This passage makes clear: (1) that every man will die (of course, Jesus will come again while some are still living—they will not die, but will be changed, 1 Corinthians 15—this passage speaks in general terms), (2) that everyone who dies will die only one time (just as Jesus died on the cross but once)! This settles the matter: if a man dies, he will not be “revived” until the resurrection (John 5:28-29).

Thus, all of the claims of people who say they died following a heart attack (or during surgery, etc.) and then came back to life are false. Men should honor and respect the bible as the Word of God, learn what it teaches and then act in harmony therewith.

No hallucination or experience during the surgery or other experience of illness can be a substitute for the plain teaching of the bible. I, myself, recently had some very serious illnesses, but if I had died during one of them, I would remain dead (that is, my soul or spirit would be separated from my body, James 2:26), until the resurrection (John 5:28-29). That the soul survives physical death is clearly taught by the Bible. That anyone today has died and then “revived” (came back to life) the Bible clearly denies.

—Thomas B. Warren

Prayer Request

Patsy Mitchell will have a total knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, February 22nd, at MCH. After the surgery, she will have about six weeks of physical therapy. Keep Patsy in your prayers that everything goes well and she has a speedy recovery.

Amanda Sarabia, a friend and co-worker with Hannah Weakland, is having some serious medical problems and Hannah has requested prayers for her.

Concerns Update

Glenna Callendar is doing a lot better with her breathing since having her heart shocked. She is anxious to have the oblation done on March 17th. She thinks this will help her even more. Continue to keep Glenna in your prayers.

Terresia Weaver had her third chemo treatment last Monday. Her white blood cell count was better. Her whole treatment cancer marker was down from 22.8 to 14 which is good. Please continue to keep Terresia in your prayers that she is able to beat this cancer.

Hazel Cavanaugh, who is dealing with shingles, seems to be doing much better now and was able to be at worship services last Sunday.

Prayer List

Dr. Hank Abrams; Wayne Anderson; Betty Branson; Bill and Mary Brown; Glenna Callendar; Hazel Cavanaugh; LaDonna Chism; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Doug Guynn; Rosanna Herrera; Tiffany Horton; Lon Howard; Elaine Huntington; Ora McAfee; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Cain Pilgrim; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Chasidy Rayos; Carlos Reyes; Daniel Reyes; Lisa Salas; Amanda Sarabia; Benny & Lajanna Simms; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Lisa Wells; Janet Wesson; Charles Wood; John Wood, Julia York.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Glenna Callendar; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw

Youth

Bible Quiz Question ... (Multiple Choice)

What did Peter do when he realized it was Jesus standing on the shore while the disciples were fishing?
(a) He asked Him to do something about their lack of fish; (b) he walked to shore on the water; or (c) he plunged into the sea.

Last Week's Quiz Answer...

Pilate wrote... "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews" on the cross. (John 19:19)

Events

Watch "***In Search of the Lord's Way***" Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9.

Office News

We are in need of a Wednesday night teacher and helper for the "**two-year old's**" class and also a helper for the Sunday class.

The Lawsuit Over a Penny

In 1973, the price of copper was starting to increase dramatically. To cut costs, there was a proposal sent to Congress to produce aluminum pennies instead of copper. The Mint made about 1.6 million of the pennies and brought them to Congress for approval. They were rejected. So, all the coins were taken back and destroyed, except for a few. Randall Lawrence inherited one of these coins from his father, a former Mint official. Since this penny is extremely rare, it was valued at \$2 million at auction.

The problem started when the federal government demanded the penny be turned back over to the Mint. Since Lawrence was about to sell the penny at auction, he decided to sue the federal government in hopes of keeping it. The prosecutors' claim was that all coins from the U.S. Mint remain government property and cannot be handed down as souvenirs by government employees to their children; Lawrence lost and had to surrender the coin and was likely stuck with some hefty legal fees.

About 2000 years ago, there was also someone who lost a coin of great value. Luke 15:8-9 details it out, "Or what woman, if she has ten silver coins and loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost!"

In both stories, great effort was put forth to get the coin back into their possession. In the parable in Luke, however, Jesus ties it in with something that far surpasses the value and importance of any coin, "In the same way, I tell you there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:10).

Without a doubt, a person's soul is easily more evaluable than any coin or possession (Matthew 16:26). A person's soul is more precious even than the earth itself. Let us keep this perspective in mind, putting souls above all else. Then, we can join in with the sweet celebration in heaven when someone makes the most important decision in life and chooses to be faithful (Acts 2:38; 2 Peter 3:9).

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February 20, 2022	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Cody Wesson	Oliver Hernandez
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	Jr. Munoz	Jackie Perkins
Second Prayer	Oliver Hernandez	Tom Sorenson
Closing Prayer	Bill Brown	Jon Roemisch
Lords Supper		Richard Siler
<u>Scripture Reading:</u>	<u>Jeff Wesson</u>	Communion
	Larry May	(In Library)
	Gary Loving	
	Tommy Garcia	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Larry May 638-3990 —*Deacon:* Jacob Carson 940-3775—*Pulpit:* John Wood 413-7444—*Table:* Richard Siler 556-2151 —*Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332 — *Collections:* Tommy & Richard

Sunday AM

"All it Takes to Fall Away"
(2 Thessalonians 2:1-12)

Sunday PM

“Life as God Wills It”

(Part 2)

(Proverbs 3:5)

Our Records

Bible Class... 63

Morning Worship...96

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Wednesday...57

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