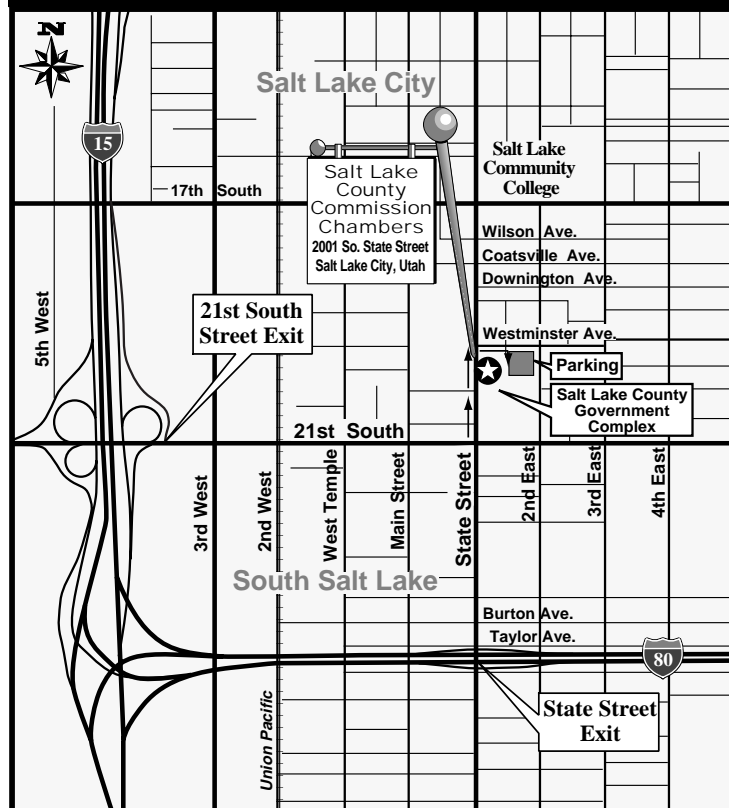




NEW MEETING DAY AND LOCATION STARTING IN JULY:
SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
SEPTEMBER 11, OCTOBER 9, NOVEMBER 22 (FRIDAY),
AND DECEMBER 11—7:00 TO 10:00 PM

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GUIDED BY ANGELS (CONTINUED)

She said, "My husband is more important."
During surgery, the doctor found Lee's appendix had ruptured on the previous Monday, filling his body with peritonitis, and he diagnosed his condition as terminal.
Lee doesn't remember much until the following Saturday. Although his body was ice cold with a temperature of only 85°, he was sweating and complained that his hospital room felt like a bake oven. Suddenly he was comfortable, able to breath, feeling no pain. He turned and saw his body laying on the bed. He heard a voice then saw his three guardian angels again. They communicated with thoughts. One said, "You are here too soon again. Your mission is not completed. In order to stay on earth, you will have to make periodic visits to your body to keep it alive. In the meantime, we are going to teach you." They traveled through a tunnel toward a light. On the other side, Lee saw rolling hills, pools, trees, and flowers, with a brightness that made earth seem dull.

There was a feeling of unconditional love. Walking through a garden, he felt a presence behind him, and he knew who it was before he turned around. He got a big bear hug from the Lord.

Lee went toward a beautiful, white building where he was given a life review. He was shown things that had happened earlier in his life and learned how to deal with them. He was instructed to use what he learned to help others deal with the same situations, especially people who were victims of child abuse and sexual abuse. The memory of what his total mission was removed, yet Lee says he is guided often in ways to fulfill it. He said that our mission on earth must be completed in certain steps, not rushed, but in proper order to be the most effective. He was promised that as soon as he completed his, he would be taken back home to that other world.

At 5:00 the doctor announced again that Lee would not live because his organs were shutting down and his temperature was still 85°. From above his body, Lee watched two elders from his church give him a healing blessing, and he saw his guardian angels put their hands on his head too. He was drawn back into his body, and when the blessing was over, he felt five pair of hands lift from his head.

A few hours later, he sat up and asked his wife what time it was. She was shocked to see him feeling so well. A nurse took his temperature and it was at 98.7°, and the only after effect he suffered was temporary paralysis to one leg. The next morning, when the doctor saw Lee, he said, "By all medical rights, you should be dead!"

SPECIAL THANKS TO . . .

ARVIN AND CAROL GIBSON for their dedication and hours of work to provide the Utah Power facility for IANDs monthly meetings. They are the secretaries of the Salt Lake Chapter of IANDs, spending hours behind the scene each month organizing the mailing list for the newsletter, corresponding with members who have had NDEs, keeping minutes of meetings, helping to arrange speakers . . . and much—much more. Arvin authored several books that have furthered the mission of IANDs of sharing information and offering support to those who have had NDEs

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WERE MOVING IN JULY!

Starting in July, IANDS meetings will be held at a different place and date (see back of newsletter).
June's meeting will still be Thursday, June 13 at Utah Power, 72 N. Holden Street, Midvale Utah



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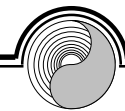
IANDS HAPPENINGS

Bill English, president of the Salt Lake Chapter Board of IANDS will be our guest speaker at **June's** meeting. He had an NDE in July 1991 as the result of an All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) accident in Idaho. **Tom Christenson**, Bill's cousin, will also tell his perspective of the accident and the changes he observed in Bill after the NDE.

Dr. Harold Widdison will be our guest speaker at **July's** meeting. He is a professor in the Sociology Department of Northern Arizona University and is on the board of the Arizona Chapter of IANDS. He is authoring a book of his NDE research to be published in 1997.

Elane Durham who had an extensive NDE, will speak at **August's** meeting. She is the Vice President of IAND's, Salt Lake Chapter and was on the International Board of Directors for several years. She was the Midwest Regional Coordinator, working with Dr. Kenneth Ring, Raymond Moody and others formulating chapters throughout the country.

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RETURN FROM A FIERY INFERNO

JOHN HERNANDEZ Spoke at April's meeting, telling about his NDE that occurred while he was part of a elite "hot-shot" crew, fighting a wilderness fire in 1989. He enjoyed fighting fires because he liked the adrenaline rush that came with pushing mortality to its limit. On the morning of his NDE, he felt a sense of foreboding and indicated to his wife that he might never see his family again. He found that many others on the crew also felt uneasy.

A helicopter dropped the crew of about forty to forty-five into the fire area, and they started down a steep slope, with one-half the fighters in front, making a fireline and the other half behind, doing a burnout. Part way down the hill, the wind changed to an upward direction. The trees in front of them erupted into flames. The turbulence was fierce, and the fiery inferno forced the fire fighters back up the hill.

John struggled upward and felt the lack of oxygen sucking his life away when he suddenly found himself above his body that lay in a trench. He wondered where all the action went because it was so calm and peaceful. Looking around, he saw other fire fighter standing in the air. He saw a Native American man rise from his body and come over next to him. He had been born with crooked feet, and John motioned down at them saying, "Look—they're perfect."

A bright light appeared. It parted, and John saw numerous people, many who were his deceased relative, and pets were there along with members of his family. His great-great grandfather who died when John was nine-years-old, appeared as an old man so he could be easily recognized, then changed to look younger, about thirty. He told John that they had the ability to appear in forms so they could be recognized. He also told him that he had been assigned to look after him during his lifetime on earth.

John said that he learned that God exists and is in charge, there is a Jesus Christ, and Satan is real, and the struggle between him and mortals is real.

While visiting his ancestors, John asked about Heaven and Hell, he was shown a dark, cold place where those who had committed heinous acts were confined. He said that people on earth can be forgiven if they repent, and there is a

judgement, with no arguments because each person's actions will be replayed to them.

John learned that when mortals come to earth, they forget what they knew in their premortal life. The earth is a mirror image of that premortal place, so when mortals visit places on earth that are the reflection of places there, they have a sense of déjà vu when they are allowed a glimpse of those forgotten memories. There was no language barrier there because there is a universal communication and everyone heard their own language.

John said he moved as quickly as he had thoughts, and there was a lot of love and no contention. He didn't want to leave, but his great-great grandfather told him it wasn't his time yet, that he had to return to earth. He was told that there were no guarantees, and if he blew it, he couldn't return to that beautiful place. He said he didn't want to go back to his body if it was badly burned, and was promised that it wouldn't be, that God would use this to show his power over the elements. He was also told that there was no guarantee that there wouldn't be fatalities, because the others had their free agency and could chose to not return to earth. John felt a responsibility to complete his assigned mission so he returned.

As it turned out, all the crew members returned, each having had an NDE. They discovered the fire was still burning, so hot it had melted their tools, yet none of the crew were burned, except for singed hair. They were able to walk through the flames to the top of the hill, not feeling the heat. Although they were from many races, men and women of different religions or no religion, after they reached summit, everyone fell to their knees in thankful prayer for their preservation.

Suddenly the fighters could feel the flames again, and they hiked out to a ranch in the area where they called to be picked up and taken back to their base camp. John still fights fires but is more careful now because he has better understanding of the importance of life and doesn't need careless thrills anymore.

From his NDE, John learned that love and acceptance of each other are the most important things on earth. He emphasized that *we lived before we came here, we live now, and we will continue to live.*

During his NDE, John asked numerous questions. Some of the answers he received were:

- Free agency is a number-one issue, and wrongs are allowed to happen because of this agency.
- Everyone has equal chances to make good choices and will be judged on how they use their agency.
- Not only will people be judged for their actions, they are accountable for how they react to situations that they face .
- Punishment for suicide depends on the motivation. Those who chose to take "the easy way out" were shunned, while those who committed suicide because their frame of mind was not normal and would not have done it other wise were not shunned
- There were beings of both genders in the spirit world, and men and women were equal. Women in that spiritual realm are concerned how men treat women on earth. He learned that because God places women in a position of high esteem, men will be judged harshly if they mistreat them.
- Marriage relationships are especially important, and couples should learn to get along, be kind to each other and not push each others buttons.
- Husbands and wives will be judged jointly and will both be held responsible for how they raise their children.
- Sometimes we recognize people on earth because we knew them as

premortals before we came here.

- Often couples make premortal covenants to find each other during mortality, and when they find each other they know they are supposed to be together for eternity.
- Premortals make promises to deity concerning things they are to accomplish on earth.
- Spirits come to earth to gain a body. They want to come here and will accept bad conditions to do so.
- Life starts at conception, and unborn spirits are able to visit their unborn body like we visit an unfinished house.
- Spirits are full grown when they enter their infant body at birth.
- Some people are born with disabilities so thy can have certain experiences that can only be provided by those bodies.
- Everyone must give up ill feeling toward each other. These feelings cause illness and shorten life.
- People in the spirit world can petition for those on earth to live longer or die sooner so they can fill certain needs or do jobs that must be done.
- There is enough food, necessities and room for everyone on earth, but because of the wickedness of some leaders, people suffer. Those leaders will be held responsible for their greed.
- There are many different races on earth because at the Tower of Babel, not only were languages changed, but also color and facial features.

LIFE AFTER LIFE

MARTIN TANNER hosted March's meeting. He presented a video by Dr. Raymond A. Moody entitled, "Life After Life." Danion Brinkley, George Ritchie, Viola Horton, Pamela Lewis and Dr. George Rodonia shared their NDEs.

Dr. George Rodonia was a Russian scientist who was killed by the KGB, using a car as their weapon. At first he was scared to be without a body, but after he experienced the freedom of his soul, he thought it was exciting. While he was dead, he was told that his parents were also killed by the KGB when he was small. He found this information comforting because he had been told that his parents had abandoned him. While his spiritual body wandered through the hospital, he heard an infant crying uncontrollably because it had a fractured hip, and the doctor and parents couldn't determine what was wrong with it, what caused it so much pain. Dr. Rodonia communicated with the infant, telling it to stop crying, that it wasn't helping because they didn't understand what was wrong—so it did.

He came back to life three days later in the morgue, when an attendant started his autopsy. After returning to life, he told the doctor what was wrong with the baby, that it had a fractured hip. The doctor was surprised to discover that Dr. Rodania's diagnosis was correct.

GUIDED BY ANGELS

LEE SILLYMAN, the guest speaker at May's meeting, told of his three NDEs. The first occurred when he was nineteen while undergoing knee surgery. Neither Lee nor the doctor were aware that he had a heart murmur.

During the operation, Lee found himself floating above the operating table and his body. Later, he asked

the doctor why he had angrily yelled, "Why didn't you tell me you had a heart murmur?" when Lee didn't know he had one.

The doctor said, "You, couldn't have heard me. You were under an anesthetic."

Lee replied, "I was floating above your head."

During the first NDE, Lee met his guardian angels. He had three of them, with

one as the leader. He knew they had been his best friend for eternity. The angels had all previously lived on earth.

Lee's second NDE happened when he was twenty-two and living in a small town in northern Missouri. One summer evening, severe chest pains hit him, extending down both arms and up his neck. His mother-in-law gave him a drink of wine and instructed him to rest. The next day, Lee went to work where the pain started again. Flushed with white

My guardian angels met me, and I knew we had been best friends for eternity.

around his lips, he said, "I'm having a heart attack." He passed out. The pain disappeared, and he found himself out of his body. He saw a nurse come up the stairs and heard her say to his aunt, "Call the paramedics. Your nephew is having a heart attack."

Lee again met his guardian angels. He stayed close to his body because he was told it wasn't his time to go yet. He woke up fifteen minutes later.

The third NDE which was much

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more extensive than the first two, occurred in April 1991 in Missouri. One morning at work, Lee got sick and passed out three times. His wife took him to the hospital where they misdiagnosed his condition as a stomach flu and sent him home, where he laid in bed for three days. On Thursday, his wife called to check on him, and he told her that he better go back to the hospital, but he was too weak to drive.

When she went to leave work, her supervisor said, "If you leave, you're fired!"

AUGUST'S SPEAKER

ELANE DURHAM appeared on numerous television programs, including *Oprah Winfrey*, *Ancient Prophecies*, and *Discovery*. She has been a guest on radio talk shows and at conferences. She was part of a research pool for studies of NDEs under the direction of Dr. Bruce Grayson at the University of Connecticut Medical Center. Her experience is written up in many books, magazines and research papers. She is authoring a forthcoming book to be released later this year entitled "Heavenly Visions," written about her experience.