



The Near-Death Experience

Most common shared characteristics:

1. Beyond description
2. A dark tunnel
3. Sounds
4. Light
5. Life review
6. Non-physical body
7. Different dimension

Source: Raymond Moody, *Life After Life*

Questions arising from a four-year study of cardiac arrest patients by Dutch cardiologist Pin van Lommel:

1. How can people experience consciousness while they are unconscious during a cardiac arrest (a clinical death)?
2. What is consciousness and where is it located?
3. What is my identity?
4. Who is doing the observing when I see my body down there on the operating table?
5. What is life?
6. What is death?

Source: Tijn Touber, "Life Goes On," *Ode* magazine, issue 29, Nov. 2005. This article is based on an interview with Pim van Lommel and his study of near-death experiences: "Near-death experience in survivors of cardiac arrest: a prospective study in the Netherlands" published in *The Lancet*, Dec. 15, 2001.

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