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James 'The Amazing' Randi is a stage magician who says he has a million dollars

for anyone who can convince him they have psychic powers. No one has even come close to winning, proof, say sceptical scientists, that there is no such thing as 'the paranormal'. But are they right? In this illuminating and often provocative analysis, Robert McLuhan examines the influence of Randi and other debunking sceptics in shaping scientific

opinion about such things as telepathy, psychics, ghosts and near-death experiences. He points out that scientific researchers who investigate these things at first hand overwhelmingly consider them to be genuinely anomalous. But this has shocking implications, for science, for society and for even perhaps for ourselves as individuals. Hence the sceptics' insistence that they should

rather be attributed to fraud, imagination and wishful thinking. However, this extraordinary and little understood aspect of consciousness has much to tell us about the human situation, McLuhan suggests. And at a time when militants are polarising the debate about religion, its mystical, spiritual element offers an optimistic and enlightened way forward. Randi's Prize is aimed at

anyone interested in spirituality or those curious to know the truth about paranormal claims. It's an intelligent and readable analysis of scientific research into the paranormal which, uniquely, also closely examines the arguments of well-known sceptics. *At Home with God* Omo Press The Near Death Experience: A Reader is the most comprehensive collection of

NDE cases and interpretations ever assembled. This book encompasses a broad range of disciplines: psychological researchers discuss cognitive models and Jungian theories of meaningful archetypal phenomena; the biological perspective describes how brains near death may produce soothing endorphins, optical illusions, and convincing hallucinations. Philosophers

present empirical analyses and images in archetypal theories, and the symbolic language of comparative phenomenological theories. Christian, Jewish and Mormon responses to NDEs outline the religious perspective, and the mystical and spiritual interpretations of NDEs are also explored. Routledge Close Connections will appeal to anyone interested in spirituality and its link to

<p>everyday life. For more than twenty-five years John Hatcher has studied the nature and purpose of physical reality by exploring the theological and philosophical implications of the authoritative Baha'i texts. His latest book explains how the gap between physical and spiritual reality is routinely crossed, and describes the profound implications that result from the</p>	<p>interplay of both worlds. <i>Randi's Prize</i> Hampton Roads Publishing Personalised accounts of out-of-body (OBE) and near-death (NDE) experiences are frequently interpreted as offering evidence for immortality and an afterlife. Since most OBE/NDE follow severe curtailments of cerebral circulation with loss of consciousness, the agonal brain supposedly permits 'mind', 'soul'</p>	<p>or 'consciousness' to escape neural control and provide glimpses of the afterlife. Michael Marsh critically analyses the work of five key writers who support this so-called "dying brain" hypothesis. He firmly disagrees with such otherworldly 'mystical' or 'psychical' interpretations, ably demonstrating how they are explicable in terms of brain neurophysiology and its neuropathological</p>
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disturbances. The original basis and thrust of Marsh's claim sees the recorded phenomenology as reflections of brains rapidly reawakening to full consciousness, consistent with other reported phenomenologies attending recovery from antecedent states of unconsciousness: the "re-awakening brain" hypothesis. From this basis, Marsh also offers a re-

classification of NDE into early and late phase sequences, thereby dismantling the untenable concepts of "core" and "depth" experiences. Marsh further provides a detailed examination of the spiritual and quasi-religious overtones accorded OBE/NDE, highlighting their inconsistencies when compared with classical accounts of divine disclosure, and the

eschatological precepts of resurrection belief as professed credally. In assessing the implications of anthropological, philosophical, and theological concepts of 'personhood' and 'soul' as arguments for personal survival after death, Marsh celebrates the role of conventional faith in appropriating the expectant biblical promises of a 'New Creation'.
The End of Death John

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A groundbreaking collection of contemporary essays from leading international scholars that provides a balanced and expert account of the resurgent debate about substance dualism and its physicalist alternatives. Substance dualism has for some time been dismissed as an archaic and defeated position in philosophy of mind, but in recent years, the topic has experienced a resurgence of scholarly interest and has been restored to contemporary prominence by a growing minority of philosophers prepared to interrogate the core principles upon which past objections and misunderstandings rest. As the first book of its kind to bring together a collection of contemporary writing from top proponents and critics in a pro-contra format, The Blackwell Companion to Substance Dualism captures this ongoing dialogue and sets the stage for rigorous and lively discourse around dualist and physicalist accounts of human persons in philosophy. Chapters explore emergent, Thomistic, Cartesian, and other forms of substance dualism—broadly conceived—in dialogue with leading varieties of physicalism, including

animalism, non-reductive physicalism, and constitution theory. Loose, Menuge, and Moreland pair essays from dualist advocates with astute criticism from physicalist opponents and vice versa, highlighting points of contrast for readers in thematic sections while showcasing today's leading minds engaged in direct debate. Taken together, essays provide

nuanced paths of introduction for students, and capture the imagination of professional philosophers looking to expand their understanding of the subject. Skillfully curated and in touch with contemporary science as well as analytic theology, *The Blackwell Companion to Substance Dualism* strikes a measured balanced between advocacy and criticism, and is a first-rate resource for

researchers, scholars, and students of philosophy, theology, and neuroscience. *Close Connections* Wipf and Stock Publishers This dramatic and sustained response to decades of research into near-death experiences (NDEs) is the first book to credibly bridge the gap between the competing factions of science and spirituality. Neither a religious argument touting NDEs as hard

evidence for God, nor a scientific rebuke to religious interpretations, it balances investigation of these much-reported yet baffling phenomena, and brings fresh urgency to the study of a life beyond. *The Message of Rainsnow* Harvest House Publishers "The Harvest Handbook of Apologetics is a rich and unparalleled resource. The writers here are among the best in this discipline and

will add to your thinking in enriching ways." —Ravi Zacharias "This long-overdue volume is crucial to the next generation of missionaries and apologetic evangelists." —Norman L. Geisler "Some of the most well-known scholars of our time. This is a must-read for anyone who seeks to share the gospel and defend the faith!" —Josh McDowell Do You Truly Understand Your Faith? Can You

Defend It? Scripture calls every believer—including you—to be prepared to defend the faith (1 Peter 3:15)? From the preacher to the churchgoer, the teacher to the student, *The Harvest Handbook™ of Apologetics* is the comprehensive resource all believers need in a world full of uncertainty and relentless criticism. This collection of well-reasoned, Scripture-based essays comes from respected Christian

<p>apologists and Bible scholars, including... Norman L. Geisler Josh McDowell Gary R. Habermas Walter C. Kaiser, Jr. Ron Rhodes Edwin M. Yamauchi John Warwick Montgomery William A. Dembski Randy Alcorn Stephen C. Meyer Randall Price Ed Hindson What is the evidence for Jesus's existence? How can you address the seeming contradictions in the Bible? How can you best explain</p>	<p>the relationship between science and faith? You'll discover concise and convincing responses to these questions and many more. Defending your faith is a lifelong quest, and this handbook is the perfect guide to help you skillfully answer the topics people ask about. Prepare to "contend for the faith" you call your own (Jude 3)—and become equipped to evangelize with wisdom</p>	<p>and passion. <i>Making Sense of Near-death Experiences</i> Wipf and Stock Publishers From biblical times through the Middle Ages and the Reformation, the Christian religion enjoyed a sturdy belief in God, consistent with human knowledge of the universe. But modern science then introduced a new picture of this world, at odds not only with the old world picture but with the miracle-working God</p>
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of ancient Scripture. Of the many different responses to this conflict, three stand out: i) To deny the religious view of God and the world; or ii) To deny many solid findings of generations of scientists concerning the evolution of stars, the Earth, and life; or iii) To deny little, yet to affirm little in religion—to repeat ancient rituals without serious conviction. Lee Adams Young, a physicist and Bible scholar,

claims to replace this chaos with an orderly view of God and the world—in only 437 pages! He makes three main points: 1. The Bible consistently but falsely split the world into two separate realms: Heaven and Earth. God rarely—or never—left his celestial throne room to visit the Earth. The steeples of traditional churches pointed toward this Sky God, and the Lord's

Prayer still speaks of a Father in Heaven. The result has been a disconnect between God and the believer—a chasm bridged only by armies of angels and other intermediaries, or via long-distance calls. The solution, according to At Home with God: Here and Now, is to proclaim (as does science) that there is only one realm of reality. God should be seen as dwelling in

this world, says Young—indeed, within each of us, available for direct communication and personal support. Prayer should take the form of face-to-face communication with a person no farther away than the other end of a park bench. 2. The Bible consistently and correctly insists upon the inseparability of the human body and soul. So does Aristotle, and the latest

Catholic Catechism. Alas, in postbiblical times many Jews and Christians have come to believe that at death the human soul could detach itself from the body and ascend to Heaven. Young responds as follows: a. If there is no Heaven, the latter step has no meaning. We are face to face with God now in this life. Because we already live in a sacred world, one need not die in order to

reach the divine. b. The notion of a soul that can function independently of bodily support goes against ancient and modern awareness of the influence of bodily conditions on thinking and memory. c. Near-death experiences (NDEs) are reports from the living, not from those who died. Medical research shows that NDEs are triggered, not by the objective peril of death, but

by the subjective fear of death. d. Human faith in an afterlife can blunt the human need to put interpersonal relationships in order in this life. We must mend our personal fences now—there is no second chance, as the Hebrew Bible says. 3. The God depicted in Young's book is entirely consistent with modern science. That God is seen as the essential governor of nature, whose regularities

people depend on and science describes. This book is recommended to all who seek a religious faith based on reality, not makebelieve; a faith grounded in ancient wisdom yet believable in this modern age. **Closer to the Light** Wipf and Stock Publishers Closer to the LightMacmillan Reference USACloser to the LightCloser to the lightCloser to the LightIndepend

ently Published *The Blackwell Companion to Substance Dualism* Thomas Nelson This book provides a concise introduction to the main ideas and issues in philosophical theology. While covering a wide range of classic and contemporary perspectives, the text stresses a historical approach, focussing primarily on the development of philosophical theology in

the Judeo-Christian tradition. *Changes of Mind* Xlibris Corporation Testimonies about near-death experiences. What does the Bible say? Can these experiences be deceptive and consequential? What heaven and hell are like. *God and Reason, Second Edition* Wipf and Stock Publishers This volume presents the narrative of the author's personal spiritual

journey, which is marked by numerous constructive life-changing paranormal experiences that can only be accounted for as special initiates of the divine spirit providing intimations and illuminations. These events are set in the context of the rich literature available, which reports similar events in the lives of many other persons, under both normal and extreme circumstances. The author, a clinical

psychologist and pastoral theologian, interprets this broad panoply of psycho-spiritual data in terms of psychological science and biblical perspectives. He concludes that the divine spirit is pervasive throughout the universe and present in all the dynamics of life forms, constantly endeavoring to communicate with humans. Thus, the paranormal may well be more normal than the

normal human experience and the veil between time and eternity, between the mundane and transcendent worlds, and between life and the life to come is apparently more permeable in both directions than we suppose. The Harvest Handbook of Apologetics ATRI Publishing Near death experiences fascinate everyone, from theologians to sociologists and

neuroscientists. This groundbreaking book introduces the phenomenon of NDEs, their personal impact and the dominant scientific explanations. Taking a strikingly original cross-cultural approach and incorporating new medical research, it combines new theories of mind and body with contemporary research into how the brain functions. Ornella Corazza analyses dualist models

of mind and body, discussing the main features of NDEs as reported by many people who have experienced them. She studies the use of ketamine to reveal how characteristics of NDEs can be chemically induced without being close to death. This evidence challenges the conventional 'survivalist hypothesis', according to which the near death experience is a proof of the existence of an afterlife.

This remarkable book concludes that we need to move towards a more integrated view of embodiment, in order to understand what human life is and also what it can be. Ornella Corazza is a NDE researcher at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London. In 2004-5 she was a Member of the 21st Century Centre of Excellence

(COE) 'Program on the Construction of Death and Life Studies' at the University of Tokyo. **Light from the Other Side** Diane Goble Examines why parapsychology has been held in disdain by scientists, philosophers, and theologians, explores the evidence for ESP, psychokinesis, and life after death, and suggests that these phenomena provide support for a

meaningful postmodern spirituality. **Science and the Near-Death Experience** Closer to the Light The scientific evidence for life after death

- Explains why near-death experiences (NDEs) offer evidence of an afterlife and discredits the psychological and physiological explanations for them
- Challenges materialist arguments against consciousness surviving death
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Examines ancient and modern accounts of NDEs from around the world, including China, India, and many from tribal societies such as the Native American and the Maori. Predating all organized religion, the belief in an afterlife is fundamental to the human experience and dates back at least to the Neanderthals. By the mid-19th century, however, spurred by the

progress of science, many people began to question the existence of an afterlife, and the doctrine of materialism-- which believes that consciousness is a creation of the brain-- began to spread. Now, using scientific evidence, Chris Carter challenges materialist arguments against consciousness surviving death and shows how near-death experiences (NDEs) may truly provide a

glimpse of an awaiting afterlife. Using evidence from scientific studies, quantum mechanics, and consciousness research, Carter reveals how consciousness does not depend on the brain and may, in fact, survive the death of our bodies. Examining ancient and modern accounts of NDEs from around the world, including China, India, and tribal societies such

as the Native American and the Maori, he explains how NDEs provide evidence of consciousness surviving the death of our bodies. He looks at the many psychological and physiological explanations for NDEs raised by skeptics--such as stress, birth memories, or oxygen starvation--and clearly shows why each of them fails to truly explain the NDE. Exploring the similarities between NDEs

and visions experienced during actual death and the intersection of physics and consciousness , Carter uncovers the truth about mind, matter, and life after death. *Blinded by the Light* Simon and Schuster THE MESSAGE OF RAINSNOW, a book which stands by itself, is the inspirational and practical sequel to THE JOURNEY OF RAINSNOW. While the first book presented an esoteric chronicle filled

with insights for our times, THE MESSAGE OF RAINSNOW crystallizes the unfolding consciousness of THE JOURNEY into a pragmatic blueprint for achieving global transformation . As many other books, it upholds the values of community, spirituality, and respect for nature, seeing, in these elements, the pillars of our collective salvation. Unlike other books, however, this one seeks not

only to promote these invaluable ideals, but to build a concrete bridge from where we are now, to where we must go: to the new world of the future in which these cherished, but distant, ideals will finally become reality. Most importantly of all, THE MESSAGE OF RAINSNOW seeks to awaken, and to create the living people who will become the embodiment of these indispensable

ideals: the advanced guard of our world's march to life. It is a journey, and a privilege, which begins by reading this book. **The Facts on Near Death Experiences** Routledge A near-death experience (NDE) is a phenomenon whereby powerful physical and emotional sensations and visions are experienced by someone who is either close to death or has been declared clinically

dead. This is a guide to the theory and evidence underlying the phenomenon of NDEs. **Christian Citizenship Training Course, Vol. 2, Form #12.008** University Press of America Blinded by the Light sounds an alarm for all who are confused by various reports of Near Death Experiences (NDEs). Lawrence discusses the characteristics of NDEs, including the dark tunnel,

the out-of-body experience, the Being of Light, and theological claims such as reincarnation, universal salvation, and the divinity of humanity.

No One Has to Die Alone

John Wiley & Sons
Never-before-released research proves the dead communicate with us As a former hospice worker and director of the Elisabeth Kübler-Ross Center, Dianne Arcangel was

certain that visitations from beyond death provided comfort and hope for loved ones still grappling with their loss. As a researcher, however, she was unable to find specific data to measure that comfort and hope. To remedy this lack of information, she created the Afterlife Encounters Survey, a five-year, international survival study. Afterlife Encounters reveals the results of this

landmark study and, for the first-time, offers a systematic categorization of such encounters, explaining when these encounters are most likely to occur and what type of apparition is likely to appear. Afterlife Encounters presents not only the data, but also the stories beyond the numbers, as friends and family members relate their visitation experiences in their own words.

Included are amazing stories of the dead returning to tell loved ones that they had been murdered and who it was that killed them; apparitions revealing where family treasure was buried; even one spirit who provided a remarkable account of the tragedies of 9/11—weeks before those events occurred. The stats and stories that Arcangel shares are certain to stay with you for a long time, as will her eye-opening conclusion: afterlife encounters provide real, lasting comfort and hope to an astounding 97 percent of those loved ones who experience them.

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