

聖智覺學苑 **Welcome to 1.6**

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Lecture Series #1

A Matter of Life and Death

Lecture 1.6 Unequivocal Evidences for Life after Death

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Human Consciousness Independent of the Brain

Six different lines of **Scientific** Evidences

Unequivocal Interpretations:

1. Near Death Experience (NDE)
2. Shared Death Experience (SDE)
3. Regressive Hypnosis
4. Rebirth

Empirical Observations:

5. Minimal brain
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Inadequate Definitions of Science

- Knowledge or a system of knowledge covering general truths or the operation of general laws especially as obtained and tested through scientific method – *Merriam-Webster dictionary* <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/science>
 - The intellectual and practical activity encompassing the systematic study of the structure and behavior of the physical and natural world through observation and experiment – *Oxford Dictionary*
 - Science is the pursuit and application of knowledge and understanding of the natural and social world following a systematic methodology based on evidence – *Science Council UK* <http://sciencecouncil.org/about-us/our-definition-of-science/>
 - (knowledge from) the careful study of the structure and behaviour of the physical world, especially by watching, measuring, and doing experiments, and the development of theories to describe the results of these activities – *Cambridge Dictionary* <http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/science>
- ✓ Falsifiable description of Reality – *Ching Lo 2016*

Science=Falsifiable description of Reality

Reality – physical, metaphysical

Description methods – qualitative description and/or quantitative measurement of phenomena resulting in the formulation of a hypothesis

Falsifiability – **testable predictions**. If prediction is tested correct, the hypothesis is elevated to a theory which remains falsifiable

Sir Karl R. Popper <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ztmvtKLuR7I>
http://www.stephenjygould.org/ctrl/popper_falsification.html

The meaning of “scientific”

Three citations on
scientific methods
of description and
falsifiability

Global Warming Realities

Root-cause analysis

and



a Happy Solution

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<http://www.amazon.com/global-warming-root-cause-ebon-product/B000000000>
\$7.95

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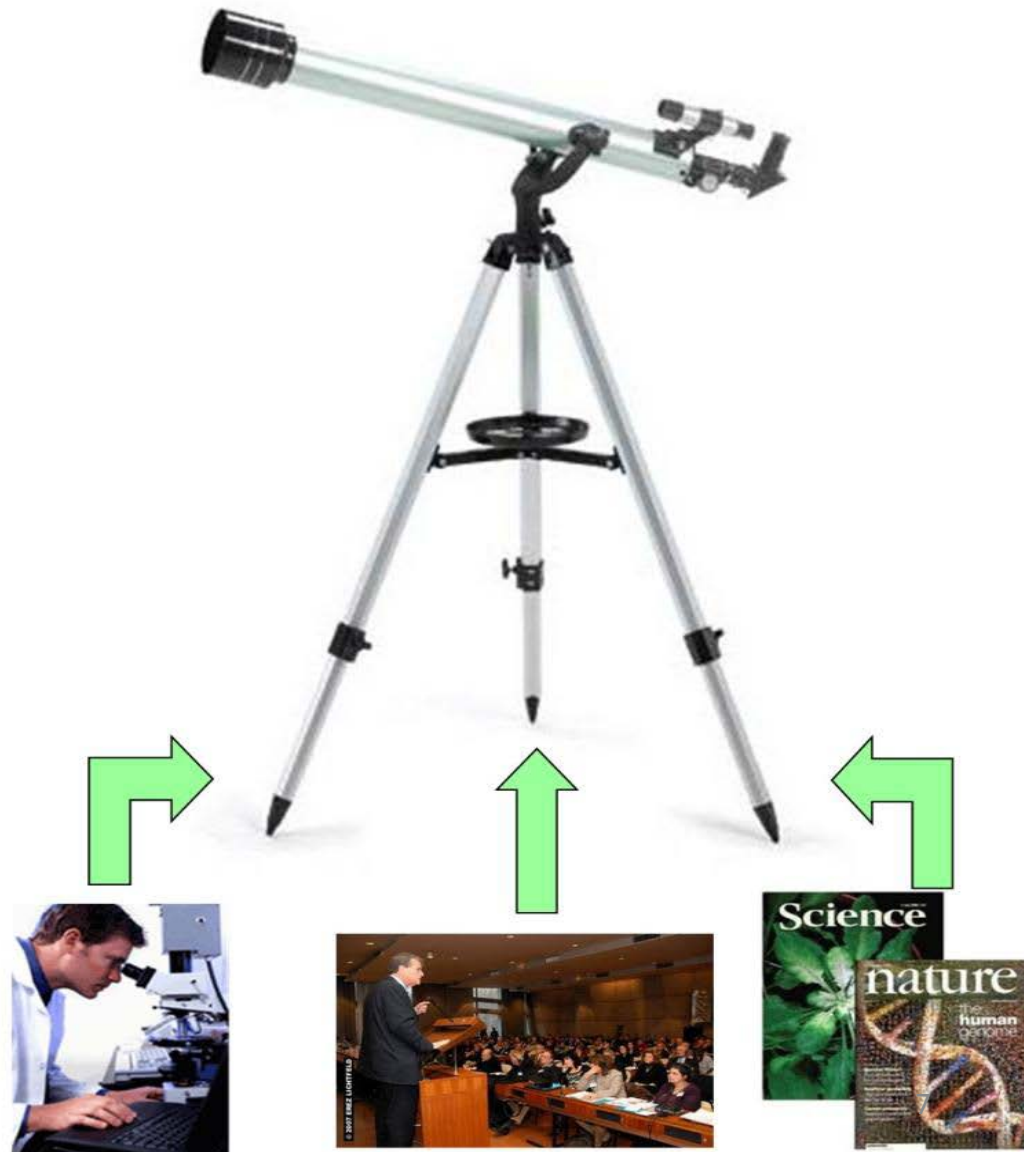
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The
Scientific
Method

The meaning of “scientific”

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**Tripod of science
emphasizes
falsifiability**

- **Research**
- **Conference**
- **Peer-reviewed
publication**



The meaning of “scientific”

1. **Tripod of science** – Research, conference, and peer-reviewed publication *Ching Lo*

Philosophy tradition rely on dialectics – rational argumentation based on critical thinking (logic, rhetoric, cognitive biases, fallacies, etc.)

2. **Scientific Method** <https://explorable.com/what-is-the-scientific-method> *Martyn Shuttleworth*

3. **Critical Thinking about Science**

<http://criticalthinkeracademy.com/courses/critical-thinking-about-science> *Kevin deLaplante*

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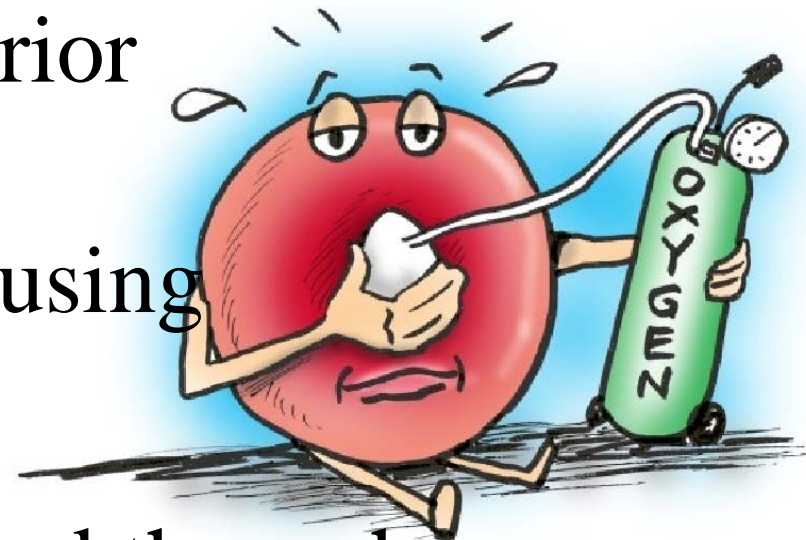
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Objection to NDE being unequivocal evidence

1. Patient's previous NDE knowledge:

- Common NDE features prior to cardiac arrest incidence
- Mistaken memory of prior knowledge as NDE
- Oxygen deprivation causing confusion



2. False Memory synthesized through juxtaposition of hospital room layout.

Stringent Criterion for Unequivocal NDE

Veridical = coinciding with reality . Veridical NDE = “Dead” patient’s ability to acquire verifiable specific, detailed information that the patient has NO conceivable means of knowing.

e.g. seeing events at some distant location, such as another room of the hospital while they are unconscious or clinically dead.



Unequivocal Veridical NDE Cases

Sacred Heart Hospital, Spokane, Washington, Dr. Lloyd Rudy...sticky notes the nurses stuck on ...things no way he could have known.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JL1oDuvQR08>

Barrow Neurological Institute, Phoenix, Arizona, neurosurgeon Dr. Robert F. Spetzler performed a brain operation on Pam Reynolds Lowery ...no brain-wave activity...clinically dead... there was no way she could hear and see... describe the shapes and sizes of the surgical instruments ...conversations between the operating room staffs. <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/day-i-died/>

Rijnstate Hospital, Arnhem, Holland, cardiologist Dr. Pim van Lommel... displayed 3 critical signs of clinical death...deep coma... “You're the one”...describe accurately what the doctors and nurses.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=avyUsPgluQ0> 21:55

Critical Lessons Learnt from NDE Studies

1. Something happens after death.
2. That something is consciousness.
3. That consciousness is capable of perceiving physical realities.
4. The clinically dead person's perceptions are independent of the 6 senses i.e. eyes, ears, nose, tongue, touch, brain.

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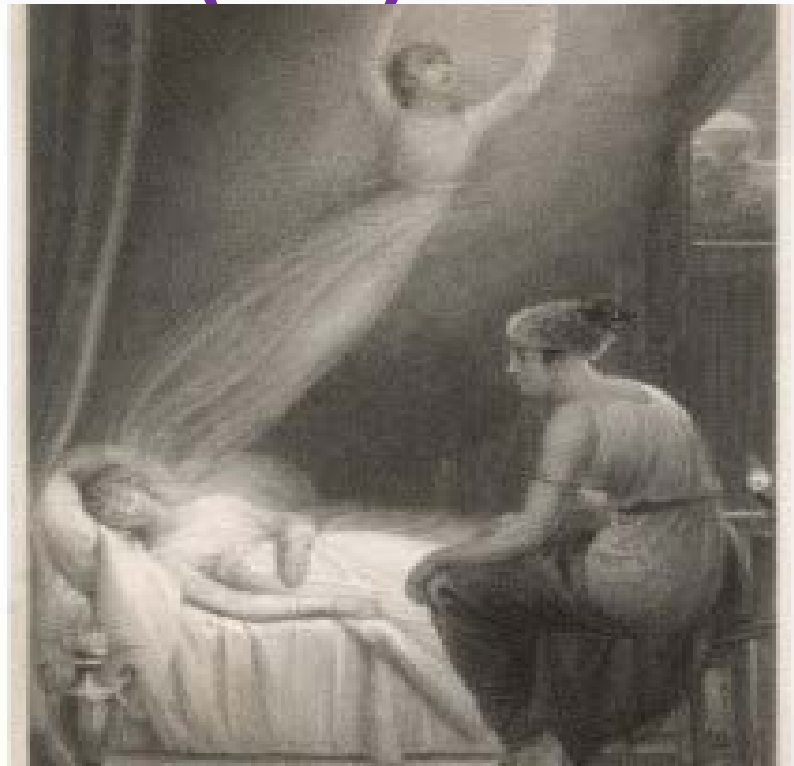
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Unequivocal Share Death Experience SDE

Healthy onlookers by the bedside of a dying person sharing the death experience.

Raymond Moody, MD PhD hundreds of SDE:

- 1) Seeing spirit exit the body
- 2) Seeing apparitions entering the room
- 3) Hearing exquisite music
- 4) Seeing extraordinary light
- 5) Out-of-body perception of space geometry
- 6) Co-view the deceased panoramic life review
- 7) Accompany the deceased partway to the light

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Unequivocal Hypnotic Regression

Many Lives, Many Masters, by Brian Weiss, MD, 1988 published by Simon & Schuster, a Touchstone Book. Last chapter "Afterword" on p.217 ... a Chinese surgeon, who had never left China and did not speak English at all, who during regressive hypnosis started speaking fluent English which he had no way of learning before the incident.

Xenoglossy = speaking a foreign language not normally learned

Unequivocal veridical information under hypnosis

p.54-55... messenger through patient reveal personal and confidential information about Dr. Weiss's family.

“Your father's name is Avrom and your daughter is named after him”

“Your son's death is due to his heart, for it was backwards, like a chicken”. Dr. Weiss's first born son died 23-days old from a defect 1/10 million. The pulmonary veins enter the heart on the wrong side as if the heart is turned around backward.

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4. **Rebirth** Where reincarnation and biology intersect – *Ian Stevenson* 1997 ISBN 0-275-95188-X

Empirical Observations:

5. **Minimal brain** Is your brain really necessary
http://www.rifters.com/real/articles/Science_No-Brain.pdf
Sheffield University Research Chair of Pediatrics John Lorber studied a student IQ 126 brain 1mm (normal brain 4.5 cm brain tissue)
6. Terminal lucidity

Terminal lucidity

Definition: **The unexpected return of mental clarity and memory shortly before death in patients suffering from severe psychiatric and neurologic disorders.** Terminal lucidity:

A review and a case collection, Nahm et al 2012 Arch. Gerontology Geriatrics 55(1): 138-142 <http://deanradin.com/evidence/Nahm2011.pdf>

e.g. Complete remission of cognitive deficits in patients suffering from brain abscesses, tumors, strokes, meningitis, dementia or Alzheimer's disease, schizophrenia, affective/mood disorders.

Chawla et al 2009. Surges of electroencephalographic activity at the time of death: a case series. J. Palliat. Med. 12, 1095–1100. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19803731> 7

cases of life support withdrawal, no blood pressure

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Consciousness Independent of the Brain =
Soul = Ghost = Spirit = 8th Sense = Out-
of-body ability to perceive and remember
physical realities = mind/body dualism

Baggage of Misinformation:

- Ghost \neq God
- Buddhist no-self doctrine
 - 1) means no soul
 - 2) ethical dilemma for karma pay back

Soul/body dualism

7-6 Centuries BC Chandogya Upanishad *Part 8, Chapter XII – The Incorporeal Self, Paragraph 3*

http://www.consciouslivingfoundation.org/ebooks/13/CLF-chhandogya_upanishad.pdf

~424-347 BC Plato *Soul transmigrate to bodies*
Metempsychosis (Greek: μετεμψύχωσις) Republic X, 611

384-322 BC Aristotle *souls are not capable of existence and activity apart from the body*

<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/ancient-soul/#4>

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