

**REVEALING THE EXISTANCE
OF AFTERLIFE, HEAVEN
AND HELL THROUGH THE
COMPARISON OF THE BIBLE
AND THE TESTIMONIES OF
NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE**

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this research is to prove whether afterlife, heaven and hell really exist. This research is carried out through comparing the testimonies of 40 witnesses who underwent near-death experience to what the Bible says about heaven and hell.

There are some verses in the Bible that described heaven and hell. The Bible is the comparing tools for this research, so the key words in the Bible verses that describe how heaven and hell look like are underlined and collected. What the witnesses said in their testimonies during their near-death experience will be compared to the description of heaven and hell in the Bible.

The witnesses come from various countries, background and professions in the period of 128 years, from 1887 to 2015. Each testimony is analysed using qualitative approach to find out the key words of what they said that described heaven and hell.

The key words are classified into some categories and sub categories. The key words of the testimonies are compared to the key words of the Bible, and also compared the testimonies to each other. The result of the comparison is then analysed using quantitative approach. The number of the similarities are counted to know the percentage of each category.

Some of the main data is then presented in statistic (graphics) to reveal the similarities between the Bible and the testimonies. These similarities prove whether the Bible is true or not about afterlife, heaven and hell.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1. THE BACKGROUND

There is a fact that no one can deny “the death”. How powerful, rich and intelligent a person is, he cannot prevent himself for being died. There is a time limit for everyone living in this earth. The longest age the people ever live is around 100 years. But someone doesn’t need to be old to die. Everyone can die at any age and because of any case like illness and accident, even being murdered by someone else.

Since living in this earth is not eternal, the important question is if there is another life after this life in this earth has ended? All religions try to answer this question and they prepare their members to face the afterlife according to their belief and doctrine. Even the atheists have the concept of afterlife that it does not exist. Is it true or not?

As a Christian, my curiosity leads me to investigate the fact about afterlife through the testimonies of those who have undergone near-death experience, and to prove whether what the Bible says about heaven and hell are true or not if they are compared to these testimonies.

1.2. THE PROBLEM OF THE RESEARCH:

Afterlife is still a mystery. So, there are some questions that can be defined as the problems that will be investigated through this research. The problems are:

1. Does afterlife really exist?
2. Do heaven and hell really exist?
3. Does the Bible tell the truth about afterlife?

1.3. THE PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH

The purpose of this research is like the following:

1. To prove whether afterlife exists or not
2. To prove whether heaven and hell exist or not
3. To prove whether what the Bible says is true or not

1.4. THE BENEFIT OF THE RESEARCH

This research will answer the most common and basic question of all mankind about afterlife since everyone will die someday. This research is carried out in Christian point of view because the Bible will be the main reference to prove the existence of afterlife.

This research can be followed by the other religions with their “Bible” to prove whether the afterlife experienced by their religious members is in accordance with their teaching or their “Holy Book”

1.5. THE LIMITATION OF THE RESEARCH

There are so many testimonies about afterlife from various religions, even from the atheists.

This research is focused to prove the truth of the Bible about afterlife. So, the testimonies of afterlife that are taken for this research are only the testimonies that are in accordance with the Bible. The testimonies can be both from Christians and non Christians as long as what they testified is in accordance with what the Bible says about afterlife.

There are about 100 testimonies of afterlife in the period of 100 years from

various countries. These testimonies are in accordance with the Bible. But this research will only analyse 40 testimonies because this research is a part of book that has been previously published in Indonesia. The book is a compilation of near-death experience testimonies that was analysed at the end chapter of the book.

CHAPTER 2.

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

2.1. A RESEARCH ON WHAT THE PEOPLE BELIEVE ABOUT HEAVEN AND HELL

There was a research on what the people living in US believe about God, heaven and hell. This research was hold by Pewresearch.org in 2014. The result is like the table below:

**Belief in God, Heaven, and Hell
Among U.S. Adults by Religious Affiliation**

Religion (adult population %)	God	Heaven	Hell
Evangelical Protestant (26%)	99%	88%	82%
Catholic (21%)	97%	85%	63%
"Nothing in particular" (16%)	75%	50%	36%
Mainline Protestant (15%)	97%	80%	60%
Historically Black Protestant (7%)	99%	93%	82%
Agnostic (4%)	46%	14%	9%
Atheist (3%)	7%	5%	3%
Jewish (2%)	79%	40%	22%
Mormon (2%)	99%	95%	62%
Muslim (1%)	99%	89%	76%
Jehovah's Witness (1%)	99%	50%	7%
Hindu (1%)	88%	48%	28%
Buddhist (1%)	69%	47%	32%
Orthodox Christian (<1%)	96%	81%	59%

Source: Pew Research Center, Religious Landscape Study, 2014

2.2. WHAT IS NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE?

There are some definitions about Near-Death Experience like the following:

Wikipedia.org:

A near-death experience (NDE) is a profound personal experience associated with death or impending death which researchers claim share similar characteristics. When positive, such experiences may encompass a variety of sensations including detachment from the body, feelings of levitation, total serenity, security, warmth, the experience of absolute dissolution, and the presence of a light. When negative, such experiences may include sensations of anguish and distress

Dictionary.Cambridge.org:

An experience described by some people who have been close to death, in which the person feels as if they have left their body and are watching themselves from above.

Merriam-Webster.com:

An occurrence in which a person comes very close to dying and has memories of a spiritual experience (such as meeting dead friends and family members or seeing a white light) during the time when death was near.

Collinsdictionary.com:

A near-death experience is a strange experience that some people who have nearly died say they had when they were unconscious.

From this definition, we can conclude that near-death experience is a personal experience when someone has been closed to death, felt as if they left their body and watched themselves from above, they have memories of spiritual and strange experience during the time when they were unconscious and near to death. This experience can be positive or negative.

2.3. THE PREVIOUS RESEARCH ON NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE BY TWO MEDICAL DOCTORS

Near-death experience (NDE) has been a debate both by general people and the scientists. Many people think that it is a taboo, a mystery that can't be proven. It is beyond science. It is just a myth ever told by many religions. Science only deals with something that can be proved. According to Cambridge dictionary, *science is 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.* But two medical doctors have done a research on NDE. They are Dr Maurice Rawlings from US and followed by Dr Richard Kent from UK.

2.4. DR MAURICE RAWLINGS

Dr Maurice Rawlings was a cardiologist at the Chattanooga Hospital and Diagnostic Centre, Tennessee, United States. During the Second World War, Dr Rawlings had served in the US Army and Navy. He was promoted to be a private physician to leaders at the Pentagon. Dr Rawlings was also a personal physician for the 34th American president, president Dwight Eisenhower.

Dr Rawlings was a national instructor at the American Heart Association, with special expertise to teach methods to save patients from sudden death. He taught in various medical schools and hospitals, and conducted training for doctors and nurses in many countries related to his expertise in the field of heart disease. He was an Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Tennessee, a member of the International Committee for Cardiovascular Disease, a former chairman for the American College of Cardiology in the State of Tennessee, founder of the Medical Services Board for Emergencies in Tennessee and instructor of the advanced program for managing heart disease. He also wrote many articles about heart disease for medical journals in the United States.

As an expert doctor and teacher in the field of heart disease, Dr Rawlings has handled many patients who are on the verge of death. According to Dr Rawlings 50% of patients who died clinically when the heart stopped beating or flatline, could be saved by the resuscitation method or spur the heart with a pacemaker. Dr Rawlings was used to dealing with heart patients until one day there was something that bothered him when he was dealing with a heart patient named Charles McKaig. Since then he began conducting research by interviewing patients who were saved from clinical death.

Charles McKaig was a 57-year-old man whose job was delivering letters. Charles was immediately taken to the hospital when he had a heart attack and was treated by Dr Rawlings. The nurse put in a breathing aid and Dr Rawlings placed a pacemaker on Charles's chest to surprise and restore his heartbeat. Dr Rawlings was very surprised when the patient said, "Help me, help me, I don't want to go back to hell!" Every time Dr Rawlings stopped to regulate his pacemaker, Charles would become spasms, turn blue, stop breathing and his heart would stop beating. Then Dr Rawlings spurred his heart again to restore his heartbeat, so repeatedly. Every time the pacemaker stopped, Charles returned to hell. And each time his heart beat after a race, Charles cried out for help to get out of hell.

Charles's words about the hell he experienced were ignored by Dr Rawlings because he was very busy to save Charles's life. Dr Rawlings told Charles to be quiet

because he was concentrating on helping him. But Charles continued to say that he was in hell when his heart stopped beating and begged Dr Rawlings not to stop his pacemaker so he would not return to hell. Charles begged Dr Rawlings to pray for him.

On Dr Rawlings's opinion, his patient's request was ridiculous because he was a cardiologist, not a priest. Then one of the nurses felt sorry for Charles and begged Dr Rawlings to heed the dying patient's request. Charles pleaded once again that Dr Rawlings would pray for him and the nurse looked at Dr Rawlings to grant the patient's request. Just for making his patient keep silent and not bothering him again, finally Dr Rawlings asked the patient to imitate the words of prayer he was saying. Actually Dr Rawlings himself thought that prayer was just nonsense. Thus the words said by Dr Rawlings and imitated by Charles, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Jesus please save my soul. Let me stay alive. But if I die, please save me from hell!" Dr Rawlings said that after Charles said the words of prayer, he calmed down. It looked that he did not wrestle with the experience of hell anymore.

Charles's life was finally saved. Sometime later after Charles was healthier, Dr Rawlings asked him about how his experience in hell had been said at that time, when his heart stopped beating and had a flatline or clinical death. Charles said that after saying the prayer by imitating Dr Rawlings' words, he did not experience hell anymore, instead he met his mother in heaven even though she had died. From that moment on, Charles became a genuine Christian.

Although listed as a Christian, but in fact Dr Rawlings have thoughts like atheists. The prayer which he initially thought was just nonsense and he said just to console his patient, not only saved Charles from hell and changed his life, but also changed Dr Rawlings himself. Both Charles and Dr Rawlings have been born again Christians ever since. And from that moment Dr Rawlings was interested in interviewing his patients who had survived clinical death. The results of interviews with these patients were then made into research and analysed by Dr Rawlings and his colleagues.

Dr Rawlings' initial research results showed that 18% of the 200 patients interviewed showed a 'hellish experience' when they experienced clinical death. This number increased when more doctors joined in this study and more information was collected from the ICU. The results of subsequent studies show that patients who experience hell while experiencing clinical death are increasing in number.

Dr Rawlings said that many patients who survived but experienced hell while experiencing clinical death, tried to hide this experience out of fear. When they were interviewed to recall their experiences, they screamed as they described the

fires of hell. Another Dr Rawlings patient who also experienced hell during clinical death was an actor from Houston. He was rushed to the hospital because there was a problem in the aortic artery. The actor told Dr Rawlings that at the time of clinical death, he felt slid down and flames were sprinkling around him. Then he saw a black creature man.

Another patient interviewed by Dr Rawlings was a doctor. He was watching a soccer game that was so exciting when suddenly his heart stopped beating and he was immediately rushed to the hospital from the sports stadium. The nurses immediately managed to do the defibrillation to save him. The doctor continued to shout, "I'm in hell!" His wife bowed down beside his bed. The doctor's wife was a Christian while the doctor did not believe in Christianity and even hated all Christians. But this experience had completely changed his life and he became a Christian.

Dr Rawlings found a case where a patient who had a clinical death was a blind person. When he was clinically dead, he said that he could see very clearly. He could see the doctors and nurses who were trying to save him, what they were doing and even what clothes they were wearing. But when he came back to live, he was blind again.

According to Dr Rawlings experiment, of those patients who could be saved from clinical death, 60% did not experience afterlife. Only 40% experience both heaven and hell. Some patients said that death was not painful, they just felt the sensation out of the body. If the patients were true Christians, they said that what they saw was the evidence of what they believed because they saw heaven and even met Jesus Christ. But for patients who had terrifying experiences, they were very afraid of death because they were afraid of the hell they had seen.

Dr Rawlings wrote several books on Near Death Experiences. These books were written based on his experience and research as a doctor who dealt a lot with heart disease patients who were on the verge of death, even dying clinically, but then had the chance to live again. From his research, Dr Rawlings proved that life after death existed and that not all life in the afterlife were pleasant. The following were the books by Dr Maurice Rawlings:

- "Beyond Death's Door"
- "To Hell and Back"
- "Life Wish: Reincarnation, Reality or Hoax? (Life Expectancy: Reincarnation, Reality or Fake News)"
- "Before Death Comes" (Before Death Comes)

A few years later Dr Rawlings advised the following:

“If you can save people before they die and give them the choice to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour, they will not be lost whether they live or die. That salvation will be with them forever. When they die, we don’t need to question where they will go because they will go to heaven with God. But for those who die on the streets, where will they go? This is the pastor’s fault, your fault and mine’s fault because we do not preach the gospel to them even though the gospel is a gift for all who want to receive it. “

Dr Rawlings died on January 5, 2010 in Tennessee, United States.

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2.5. DR RICHARD KENT

Dr Richard Kent was from UK. He married a nurse named Val. With his profession as a doctor, Richard was very accustomed to the death of patients at various ages. Since their 4-year-old patient died of leukemia, they have been trying to find out what the meaning of life was and where humans would go after death. They studied the Bible and got the meaning of life from the Bible. Richard and Val became born again Christians in 1974.

Dr Richard Kent became interested in researching the phenomenon of NDE (Near Death Experience) due to the influence of Dr Maurice Rawlings, a cardiologist who had previously conducted research on near-death in patients who experienced clinical death. Dr Richard said that when he interviewed his patients who were able to live again after experiencing clinical death, what they said was not caused by hallucinations, narcotics or changes in brain conditions. Apart from being a general practitioner, Dr Richard also worked in an anesthesia unit at the hospital. He was accustomed to patients who experienced clinical death due to heart attacks or other illnesses.

Dr Richard discovered the fact that the experiences told by these near-death patients were almost the same even though they did not know each other. Their experience was also in accordance with what was said in the Bible. These patients consider the experience they experienced when suspended animation was the most important thing in their lives. According to Dr Richard, this would not have happened if what they were telling was just a hallucination. Patients who experience near-death in general experience very radical life changes. Even they are willing to lose comfort from the financial side and relationships with others because of the changes they live. One of them is Dr Richard's patient named Shahid Siraj Din from Pakistan. He is willing to leave his very lucrative business as a property developer and prefers to become an evangelist with no income at all.

Most of the lifestyle changes of these patients who have suffered near death have been scorned by their family and friends, because they cannot understand the new passion of these patients to pursue spiritual things. These patients generally turn out to be very religious and lose interest in pursuing worldly matters. They also experience a dilemma. On the one hand they really want to share their experiences in the afterlife with family, friends and colleagues, but on the other hand they are aware that they will be laughed at and rejected if they do. Therefore, these patients usually keep these experience meetings for themselves. They said that they felt very relieved to be able to share their experiences in the afterlife with Dr Richard without fear of being ridiculed or ridiculed.

Dr Richard also experienced scorn and rejection because of his research and belief in the afterlife experience of his patients. Rejection mainly came from atheists. But Dr Richard personally believes that the phenomenon of near death or Near-Death Experience reveals a reality about the existence of life after death. Dr Richard believes that the afterlife is a reality, not only because it is revealed by the Bible, but also because research results from patients prove that heaven and hell exist because they have seen or experienced themselves during their clinical death.

Dr Richard's research is outlined in his books entitled 'The Final Frontier' and 'Beyond The Final Frontier'. Both of these books contain the testimonies of 51 patients who suffered near death and met Jesus Christ. They visited heaven and hell while experiencing clinical death. After retiring as a doctor, Richard served as a speaker at various conferences and evangelism. Richard and Val Kent have spoken in various places such as in England, the United States, Europe, Africa, the Caribbean, Pakistan, etc.

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2.6. BIBLE FIGURES WHO SAW HEAVEN

After life, heaven and hell are clearly revealed and described in the Bible. Some figures in the Bible also saw heaven through vision. Even Jesus Christ himself described the afterlife and the separate places between heaven and hell in the story of Lazarus and the rich man. (Luke 16:19-31).

Here are some Bible figures who got vision of heaven

Jacob

Jacob later given the name Israel, is regarded as a Patriarch of the Israelites and so is an important figure in Abrahamic religions, such as Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Jacob first appears in the Book of Genesis, the son of Isaac and Rebecca, the grandson of Abraham, and Sarah. Jacob had 12 sons that became the 12 tribes of Israel. Jacob got the vision of heaven when he was at Bethel.

Genesis 28:10-13

Jacob's Dream at Bethel

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. ¹¹ When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. ¹² He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ There above it^[a] stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying.

Ezekiel

Ezekiel was a prophet from the clan of Zadok and was taken as prisoner to Babylon. Ezekiel became a prophet for the Israelites who were exiled to Babylon in 593 BC. A portion of Ezekiel's vision is written as follows:

Ezekiel 1 : 26 – 28 (NIV)

²⁶ Above the vault over their heads was what looked like a throne of lapis lazuli, and high above on the throne was a figure like that of a man. ²⁷ I saw that from what appeared to be his waist up he looked like glowing metal, as if full of fire, and that from there down he looked like fire; and brilliant light surrounded him. ²⁸ Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the radiance around him.

This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. When I saw it, I fell facedown, and I heard the voice of one speaking.

Daniel

Daniel was a nobleman of Judah who was taken in captivity to Babylon. He got this vision around 553 BC.

Daniel 7: 1, 9-10

In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions passed through his mind as he was lying in bed. He wrote down the substance of his dream.

⁹ "As I looked,

"thrones were set in place,

and the Ancient of Days took his seat.

His clothing was as white as snow;

*the hair of his head was white like wool.
His throne was flaming with fire,
and its wheels were all ablaze.
¹⁰ A river of fire was flowing,
coming out from before him.
Thousands upon thousands attended him;
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.
The court was seated,
and the books were opened.*

Stephen

Stephen was an apostle who had a vision of heaven and was stoned by the Jews to be martyred. This story of Stephen took place in AD 35 and was written in the book of Acts.

Acts 7:55-56

⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

Paul

Paul was a Christian persecutor before he was converted and became an apostle. Paul wrote his vision of being in Macedonia for the Corinthians around 55-57 AD.

2 Corinthians 12:2 - 4

² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. ³ And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— ⁴ was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell.

John

John is one of the twelve apostles of Jesus Christ. At that time the Roman government banished John to the island of Patmos. It was there that John had many visions of heaven, hell and the end times. His vision was written in the book of Revelation around AD 95. Some of the vision he got is as follows :

Revelation 1:13-18

¹³ and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man,^[a] dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. ¹⁵ His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ told His disciples that He prepared the places for them in heaven

John 14: 2-3

² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

Jesus Christ himself described the afterlife and the separate places between heaven and hell in the story of Lazarus and the rich man.

Luke 16:19-31

The Rich Man and Lazarus

¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

²² "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send

Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

²⁵ "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

²⁷ "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

²⁹ "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'

³⁰ "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

³¹ "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

2.7. BIBLE VERSES ABOUT HEAVEN AND HELL

The following verses are some of the verses in the Bible that tell about heaven and hell. The details of the verses will be more explained at chapter 4, the findings of this research.

2.7.1. BIBLE VERSES ABOUT HEAVEN

Revelation 1:13-18

Revelation 4:1-11

Revelation 21

Revelation 22: 1-5

John 14: 2-3

According to the verses above, heaven can be described as follows: in the form of a kingdom, there is a city surrounded by high walls with 12 pearl gates, each with 3 gates on each side. The streets and houses in the city are made of gold and precious stones. There is a throne of God in heaven with constant worship. There is a paradise with a river and tree of life. There is incredible joy, feeling of pleasure, peace and unspeakable peace.

2.7.2. BIBLE VERSES ABOUT HELL

Revelation 20:15

Revelation 14:11

Mark 9 : 43 – 48

Matthew 25:41

Matthew 13:41-42

Matthew 25:30

2 Peter 2:17

Luke 16:19-31

According to the verses above, hell can be described as follows: the blackest darkness, lake of fire, eternal fire, torment, weeping and gnashing teeth and extraordinary thirst.

2.8. THE TERM 'HELL' BEFORE AND AFTER THE FINAL JUDGEMENT

The terms hell actually have different words in the original languages of the Bible i.e. Hebrew and Greek. Sheol is the Hebrew for hell, so is Hades in Greek. Sheol and Hades are hellish terms before the final judgement, where all the souls of sinners are after death. Final judgement according to the Bible is the end time when God will judge all mankind.

12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.
(Revelation 20:12)

Whereas Gehenna is hell in Greek which means the lake of fire, which is eternal punishment for the devil and his followers. Gehenna is hell after the judgment period. According to the Berean Bible Society, the word Sheol was written 65 times in the Bible, Hades was written 11 times and Gehenna was written 12 times. Sheol, Hades and Gehenna are often translated as hell. (Bedore, W.Edward, Hell, Sheol, Hades, Paradise, and the Grave, Berean Bible Society, retrieved 16th March 2020, <https://www.bereanbiblesociety.org/hell-sheol-hades-paradise-and-the-grave/>)

CHAPTER 3

DESIGN AND METHODOLOGY

3.1. RESEARCH METHOD

This research applied both qualitative and quantitative approach. First, the data is analysed using qualitative approach. Then, the findings are presented in quantitative statistics.

The data is the testimonies of near-death experiences. Each testimony will be analysed using qualitative approach to find out the key words stated by the one who underwent near-death experiences. The key words that state the description of heaven and hell then are compared to what the Bible says about heaven and hell.

There results of the comparison are classified, counted and presented in statistics.

3.2. POPULATION

There are too many testimonies about near-death experiences from various religions, even from the atheists.

This research limits the population with these criteria:

- The testimonies of afterlife, heaven and hell experienced through near-death experience, not testimonies got through visions. Near-death experience

is considered more valid experience rather than the vision because there are usually some witnesses who saw their death such as the family, friends, doctors and nurses.

- The testimonies of near-death experience that are in accordance with what the Bible says about heaven and hell. So, only the testimonies that stated what are written in the Bible are included in the population of this research.
- The near-death testimonies refer to Jesus Christ or Christianity although they were not Christians when they underwent the near-death experience.
- There was life-changing of the witnesses who underwent the near-death experiences to become better or wiser persons. Most of them even being called to be pastors.

There are about 100 testimonies about near-death experience, heaven and hell that is in accordance with the Bible in the period of 100 years, from 1887 to 2015. These testimonies were found on the net, both on Google (texts) and You tube (videos).

3.3. SAMPLE

40 testimonies will be taken among the population as the sample. Most testimonies came from USA. It does not mean there are more near-death testimonies in USA than in any other parts of the world. But there is an assumption that American witness tends to record their near-death experience using text, audio or video. Maybe there are many testimonies in Asia and Africa, but they have not been used to document their experience. So, the 40 samples were chosen to represent various countries where the witnesses live and the years when the near-death happened in the period of 100 years.

The 40 testimonies are the testimonies that are published on the net. It can be the testimonies in the form of texts or in the form of videos. Although many witnesses also wrote their testimonies in books, but what will be analysed is not their testimonies in their books but the testimonies on the net because they are briefer and more focused on the main idea of the testimonies, i.e. their experience while they were out of the body or their near-death experience

3.4. RESEARCH INSTRUMENTS

The instruments used here is the computer, PC or laptop and the internet connection, because the data is taken from the net, i.e. from Google and You tube.

The data is the testimonies of those who underwent near-death experience which are published on the net.

3.5. RESEARCH RESPONDENTS

The respondents of this research are 40 witnesses who underwent near-death experience, and their testimonies were recorded in texts or videos that are published on the net.

NO	NAMES OF WITNESS	COUNTRIES	DATE/ YEAR OF NEAR-DEATH
1	Zack Clements	Texas, USA	5 th May 2015
2	Javier Venegas	Bogota, Colombia	2013
3	Hanna Kristanto	Jakarta, Indonesia	22 nd Mei 2012
4	Richmond Gyimah	Ghana, Africa	9 th March 2009
5	Abraham Iply" George	Eskimo, Alaska	29 th Nov 2005
6	David Parnell	Tennessee, USA	21 st Feb 2003
7	Randall Rathbun	California,USA	Aug 2002
8	Tyrone Williams	California, USA	5 th July 2001
9	Daniel Ekechukwu	Nigeria, Africa	2 nd Dec 2001
10	Dominggus Kenjam	Jakarta, Indonesia	15 th Dec 1999
11	Boris Pilipchuk	Ukraine	27 th July 1998
12	Landon Kemp	North Carolina, USA	1997
13	Carl Knighton	Ohio, USA	1997
14	Emmanuel Twagirimana	Rwanda, Africa	1994

15	Theo Nez	New Mexico, USA	1995
16	Sherry Glover	Illinois, USA	4 th April 1993
17	Charles McKaig	Tennessee, USA	1993
18	Matthew Bostford	Michigan, USA	1992
19	Jim Wilhelm	Arizona, USA	1991
20	Yeo Toon Joo	Singapore	Nov 1991
21	Shahid Siraj Din	Lahore, Pakistan	6 th March 1990
22	Christine Eastell	United Kingdom	11 th Dec 1989
23	Jan Bostik	Czech Republic	11 th Aug 1988
24	Park Yong Gyu	South Korea	19 th Dec 1987
25	George Vruta	Bucharest, Romania	Feb 1986
26	Howard Storm	Kentucky, USA	1 st June 1985
27	Yong Thang	Myanmar	13 th Aug 1984
28	Ian Mc Cormack	New Zealand	March 1982
29	Veronika Ulrike	Frankfurt, Germany	1981
30	Bryan W. Melvin	Arizona, USA	1980
31	Timothy LaFond	Colorado, USA	27 th January 1977
32	Dr George Rodonaia	Moscow, Russia	1976
33	Dr Donald Whitaker	Oklahoma, USA	1975
34	Ronald Reagan	Tennessee, USA	1972
35	Rita Chuter	United Kingdom	1969

36	Mickey Robinson	Tennessee, USA	15 th Aug 1968
37	Betty Malz	Indiana , USA	1959
38	Kenneth E. Hagin	Texas, USA	1933
39	Mrs. Jang	Shan Tung, China	1904
40	George Lennox	Kansas, USA	1887

3.6. THE METHOD OF DATA COLLECTION

3.6.1. DATA FROM THE BIBLE

It is a comparison study that compares what are written in the Bible about heaven and hell and what are stated by the witnesses about heaven and hell they saw or experienced while they underwent near-death experience.

So, the first data must be from the Bible, as the main reference. The verses about heaven and hell are displayed. The words or phrases that describe the characteristics of heaven and hell are underlined. All the underlined words and phrases are rewritten as the points that reveal the characteristics or description of heaven and hell.

For example:

Revelation 21 : 18-21

¹⁸ The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. ¹⁹ The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, *²⁰ the fifth onyx, the sixth ruby, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth turquoise, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.*^[1] *²¹ The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.*

The description of heaven:

- The wall was made of jasper
- The city of pure gold
- The city foundations were decorated with precious stones

- 12 gates
- The pearl gates
- The golden road

3.6.2. DATA FROM THE TESTIMONIES

The data from the 40 testimonies are collected with the following steps:

1. The written testimonies (texts) found at Google are copied and making a word file for each testimony.
2. The video testimonies found at You tube are transcribed and making a word file for each testimony.
3. Making a list of the 40 witnesses, including their nationality, profession, cause of death and the date of year of their near-death experience.
4. Making a code for each witness, for example witness 1 = W1, witness 2 = W2.
5. Reading each testimony and finding out the key words stated by the witness that describe about heaven and hell they saw or experienced using qualitative approach.
6. Underline each word, phrase and sentence considered as the key words
7. Rewrite the underline words, phrases and sentences as the key words stated by the witness about heaven and hell they saw or experienced

For example, the testimony of Mrs Jang from Shan Tung Province, China in 1904 as being told to Ms Louisa Vaughan who was a missionary from USA. Mrs Jang died because of Tuberculosis but she came back to life. Ms Vaughan wrote this testimony on her book "Answered or Unanswered" pages 42-46, from which the quote is taken like the following:

"In the year of 1904, I held a meeting of several day's duration in the city of Wang Kia Kwan Dswang. My audience consisted of the most stupid and ignorant of Chinese women. Some of them were converts, but most of them came to hear the Gospel for the first time. Among these last was a Mrs. Jang, who seemed, if possible, a little more stupid than the rest.

..... Mrs. Jang had died at three o'clock the afternoon before, and her family, in accordance with Chinese custom, had immediately prepared her body for

burial. At about sunset they heard a noise in the death chamber. They supposed that the children or pigs or chickens (they have equal freedom in the houses of the poor) had gotten into the room. But when they opened the door they could scarcely believe their eyes. Mrs. Jang sat erect on the kang. She had removed her grave clothes and put on those she had been wearing before her death!

"I never taught Revelation in China and nothing had ever been told Mrs. Jang of the glories of Heaven as described in that book. She had instruction for only eight days in her life.

"This is her story as she related it to me: 'I remember seeing all the family around me crying. Then the Lord Jesus came into my room and took me by the hand and said, 'Come with me!' In a short time we were before a gate of pearl. It was the gate of Heaven. Angels opened it and we went in. I saw many beautiful houses all of pretty colours. I walked beside the Lord on the golden streets. Miss Vaughan, I was so glad you had told me to unbind my feet; I would have been so ashamed to walk beside my Saviour with little feet.

"Then we went on and I saw thousands of angels in a circle, singing and playing lovely music. In the midst was the throne of glory. The Heavenly Father sat upon it, and when I saw Him I was afraid. I hardly dared to lift my eyes'.

CODE	KEY WORDS
W39	a gate of pearl, the gate of heaven, beautiful houses, pretty colours, the golden streets, thousands of angels, singing and playing lovely music, throne of glory.

3.7. THE METHOD OF DATA ANALYSIS

As it is a comparison study, so it will compare what the Bible describe about heaven and hell and what the witnesses state about heaven and hell they saw or experience when they underwent near-death experience.

3.7.1. DATA ANALYSIS WITH QUALITATIVE APPROACH

The steps of analysis using a qualitative approach is like the following:

1. The description of heaven and hell in the Bible is classified into 2 main topics: heaven and hell

2. Both heaven and hell topics are classified into some categories
3. Each category is classified into sub categories that give more detail description about heaven and hell
4. Each sub category is supported with the Bible verses.
5. Drawing a table to display each sub category and the supporting Bible verses
6. Comparing the key words stated by the witnesses to the sub categories on the table
7. The verses are started from the sub categories, but the verses can also be started from the statements of the witness that are supported by the Bible verses.
8. Input the witness code into the table where the key words are matching with the sub categories
9. Some statements that are not supported by the Bible verses are also classified into sub categories as long as there are similarities with each other

For example:

Heaven

VERSES	DESCRIPTION	CODE OF WITNESS	NUMBER OF THE WITNESS
Revelation 21: 21	The golden road	W5 W11 W15 W24 W27 W39	6

Hell

VERSES	DESCRIPTION	NAME OF THE WITNESS	NUMBER OF THE WITNESS
Revelation 20:15	The lake of fire	W2 W4 W5 W8 W12 W15 W24 W27 W29 W35 W39 W40	12

Note: W = witness

3.7.2. DATA ANALYSIS WITH QUANTITATIVE APPROACH

After the data has been collected and classified into some categories using qualitative approach, then the data is counted and presented using quantitative approach, following these steps:

1. Counting the numbers of witnesses from each category, both the heaven and the hell categories.
2. Some witness experienced heaven, some experienced hell and some experience both heaven and hell during their near-death experience. Counting the total number of witnesses who experience heaven and hell
3. Comparing the number of the witnesses from each category with the total number to count the percentage of each category.
4. Presenting the result of the percentage of each category into a statistic table

CHAPTER 4

THE FINDINGS

4.1. BIBLE AS THE MAIN REFERENCE OF HEAVEN AND HELL

The Bible which is used here is the NIV Bible (New International Version)

4.1.1. VERSES IN THE BIBLE ABOUT HEAVEN

Revelation 1:13-18

13 and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man [a] dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. 14 The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. 15 His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. 18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

Description:

- A robe reaching down to his feet
- A golden sash around his chest
- The hair was white like wool and snow
- His eyes were like blazing fire
- His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace
- His voice was like the sound of rushing waters
- Coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword
- His face like the sun shining in all its brilliance
- Hold the keys of death and Hades

Revelation 2:7

7 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

Description:

The tree of life, paradise

Revelation 4:1-11

The Throne in Heaven

4 After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." 2 At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. 3 And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. 4 Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. 5 From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits[a] of God. 6 Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

In the centre, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered

with eyes, in front and in back. 7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. 8 Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

“Holy, holy, holy

is the Lord God Almighty;[b]

who was, and is, and is to come.”

9 Whenever the living creatures give glory, honour and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

11 “You are worthy, our Lord and God,

to receive glory and honour and power,

for you created all things,

and by your will they were created

and have their being.”

Description :

- A door standing open in heaven
- A throne with someone sitting on it looked like jasper and ruby
- A rainbow encircled the throne
- 24 elders surrounding the throne
- Dressed in white
- Golden crowns
- The 24 elders lay their crowns before the throne
- Day and night worships (continuous worship)

Revelation 7:9

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm

branches in their hands.

Description:

- A great multitude from every nation, tribe, people and language
- The throne
- White robes

Revelation 8:4

The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God's people, went up before God from the angel's hand.

Description:

The prayers of God's people, angel

Revelation 21

A New Heaven and a New Earth

21 Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth,"[a] for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' [b] or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

6 He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. 7 Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children. 8 But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

The New Jerusalem, the Bride of the Lamb

9 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." 10

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. 11 It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. 12 It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. 13 There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. 14 The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

15 The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. 16 The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia[c] in length, and as wide and high as it is long. 17 The angel measured the wall using human measurement, and it was 144 cubits[d] thick.[e] 18 The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. 19 The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, 20 the fifth onyx, the sixth ruby, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth turquoise, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.[f] 21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.

22 I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. 25 On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. 26 The glory and honour of the nations will be brought into it. 27 Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Description :

- A holy city
- No tears
- No death
- No mourning, crying and pain
- The spring of the water of life
- A great and high mountain

- Great and high walls
- 12 gates, 3 gates at each side
- The gates made of pearls
- Angels
- 12 tribes of Israel were written on the gates
- 12 names of the apostles were written on the 12 foundations of the city walls
- The city was like a cube, it has the same length, width and height
- The wall was made of jasper
- The city was made of gold, as pure as glass
- The foundations of the city walls were decorated with precious stones
- Golden street as pure as transparent glass
- The city needs no sun or moon, the light is from God and the Lamb is the lamp
- No night

Revelation 22: 1-5

Eden Restored

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

Description:

- The river of the water of life, as clear as crystal
- The tree of life

- Fruit
- The throne of God and of the Lamb
- No need the light of the sun or a lamp, the Lord God gives the light

John 14: 2-3

2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

Description:

Rooms, place in heaven

Matthew 25:34-40

34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Description:

Kingdom

The Summary of the description of heaven

- A robe reaching down to his feet
- A golden sash around his chest
- The hair was white like wool and snow
- His eyes were like blazing fire
- His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace

- His voice was like the sound of rushing waters
- Coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword
- His face like the sun shining in all its brilliance
- Hold the keys of death and Hades
- A door standing open in heaven
- A throne with someone sitting on it looked like jasper and ruby
- A rainbow encircled the throne
- 24 elders surrounding the throne
- Dressed in white, white robes
- A great multitude from every nation, tribe, people and language
- Golden crowns
- The 24 elders lay their crowns before the throne
- Day and night worships (continuous worship)
- A holy city
- No tears
- No death
- No mourning, crying and pain
- The spring of the water of life
- A great and high mountain
- Great and high walls
- 12 gates, 3 gates at each side
- The gates made of pearls
- Angels
- The prayers of God's people
- 12 tribes of Israel were written on the gates
- 12 names of the apostles were written on the 12 foundations of the city walls
- The city was like a cube, it has the same length, width and height
- The wall was made of jasper

- The city was made of gold, as pure as glass
- The foundations of the city walls were decorated with precious stones
- Golden street as pure as transparent glass
- The city needs no sun or moon, the light is from God and the Lamb is the lamp
- No night
- The river of the water of life, as clear as crystal
- The tree of life
- Fruit
- The throne of God and of the Lamb
- No need the light of the sun or a lamp, the Lord God gives the light
- Rooms, places in heaven
- Kingdom
- Paradise

4.1.2. VERSES IN THE BIBLE ABOUT HELL

Revelation 20:15

15 Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 21:8

8 But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

Revelation 14:11

11 And the smoke of their torment will rise for ever and ever. There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or for anyone who receives the mark of its name.”

Mark 9 : 43 – 48

43 If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. [44] [a] 45 And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. [46] [b] 47 And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, 48 where

“the worms that eat them do not die,
and the fire is not quenched.’

Isaiah 66:24

24 “And they will go out and look on the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; the worms that eat them will not die, the fire that burns them will not be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind.”

Matthew 25:41-46

41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’44 “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ 45 “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ 46 “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Matthew 13:41-42

41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. 42 They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 25:30

30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

2 Peter 2:17

17 These people are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them.

2 Thessalonians 1:9

9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might.

Luke 16:19-31

The Rich Man and Lazarus

19 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. 20 At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores 21 and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. 24 So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

25 “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. 26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

27 “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, 28 for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

29 “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

30 “‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

31 “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

The summary of the description of hell

- The lake of fire
- The fiery lake of burning sulfur
- Torment
- No rest day and night
- The fire never goes out
- The worms do not die
- The fire is not quenched
- The eternal fire
- The eternal punishment
- The blazing furnace
- Weeping and gnashing of teeth
- The darkness
- Blackest darkness
- Thirst
- Agony in fire
- Everlasting destruction
- Shut out from the presence of the Lord

4.2. THE LIST OF THE WITNESSES

Here are 40 witnesses. They underwent near-death experience in the period of 1887 – 2015. They have different professions and background. Each witness is given a code:

W1 = witness 1

W2 = witness 2

W3 = witness 3

W4 = witness 4

And so on.

	NAMES OF WITNESS	COUNTRIES	PROFES- SIONS	CAUSE OF DEATH	DATE/ YEAR OF DEATH
W1	Zack Clements	Texas, USA	High school student	Heart attack	5 th May 2015
W2	Javier Venegas	Bogota, Colombia	Porter	Murder	2013
W3	Hanna Kristanto	Jakarta, Indonesia	Pastor	Heart attack	22 nd Mei 2012
W4	Richmond Gyimah	Ghana, Africa		Surgery	9 th March 2009
W5	Abraham "Iply" George	Eskimo, Alaska	Taking wood from the forest	accident	29 th Nov 2005
W6	David Parnell	Tennessee, USA	Jobless & drug addict	Commit suicide (shoot himself)	21 st Feb 2003
W7	Randall Rathbun	California, USA	Computer engineer at aircraft industry	Car accident	Aug 2002
W8	Tyrone Williams	California, USA	Barber	Car accident	5 th July 2001
W9	Daniel Ekechukwu	Nigeria, Africa	Pastor	Car accident	2 nd Dec 2001
W10	Dominggus Kenjam	Jakarta, Indonesia	Student of a theological seminary	Murder	15 th Dec 1999
W11	Boris Pilipchuk	Ukraine	High rank policeman	Brain bleeding	27 th July 1998
W12	Landon Kemp	North Carolina, USA	Elementary student	Car accident	1997
W13	Carl Knighton	Ohio, USA	Army	Drug overdose	1997
W14	Emmanuel Twagirimana	Rwanda, Africa	Businessman	Bomb explosion	1994

W15	Theo Nez	New Mexico, USA	Drunker & drug addict	Drug overdose	1995
W16	Sherry Glover	Illinois, USA	Police woman	Murder (shooting by gangster)	4 th April 1993
W17	Charles McKaig	Tennessee, USA	Postman	Heart attack	1993
W18	Matthew Bostford	Michigan, USA	Businessman	Murder (random shooting by a stranger)	1992
W19	Jim Wilhelm	Arizona, USA	Businessman	Accidentally got poisoned by insect killer poison	1991
W20	Yeo Toon Joo	Singapore	Businessman	Chronic sinusitis	Nov 1991
W21	Shahid Siraj Din	Lahore, Pakistan	Property developer	Heart attack	6 th March 1990
W22	Christine Eastell	United Kingdom	Business woman	Car accident	11 th Dec 1989
W23	Jan Bostik	Czech Republic	High school student	Drown in the river	11 th Aug 1988
W24	Park Yong Gyu	South Korea	Pastor	High blood pressure	19 th Dec 1987
W25	George Vruta	Bucharest, Romania	Drunker	Cancer	Feb 1986
W26	Howard Storm	Kentucky, USA	Professor at the university	Appendicitis rupture	1 st June 1985
W27	Yong Thang	Myanmar	Farmer	Critical illness	13 th Aug 1984
W28	Ian Mc Cormack	New Zealand	Diver & surfer	Being stung by poisonous jellyfish	March 1982
W29	Veronika Ulrike	Frankfurt, Germany		Struck by lightning	1981

W30	Bryan W. Melvin	Arizona, USA	Worker at building construction	Cholera decease	1980
W31	Timothy LaFond	Colorado, USA	Worker at fire engine factory	Got electric shock	27 th January 1977
W32	Dr George Rodonaia	Moscow, Russian	Doctor & scientist	Being hit twice by a car (murder)	1976
W33	Dr Donald Whitaker	Oklahoma, USA	Doctor & businessman	Pancreas decease	1975
W34	Ronald Reagan	Tennessee, USA	Jobless & drug addict	Fighting	1972
W35	Rita Chuter	United Kingdom	House wife	Heart attack during surgery	1969
W36	Mickey Robinson	Tennessee, USA	Parachutist	Plane crash	15 th Aug 1968
W37	Betty Malz	Indiana , USA	House wife	Appendicitis rupture	1959
W38	Kenneth E. Hagin	Texas, USA	High school student	Heart problem	1933
W39	Mrs. Jang	Shan Tung, China	House wife	Tuberculosis	1904
W40	George Lennox	Kansas, USA	Prisoner	Landslide accident at a coal mine	1887

4.3. ANALYSE THE WITNESSES' PROFILE

40 witnesses who underwent near-death experience came from different background in the period of 128 years (from 1887 to 2015). Here is the profile of the witnesses viewed from some categories.

4.3.1. THE WITNESSES' PROFILE BY COUNTRIES

NO	COUNTRY	CODE OF WITNESS	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
1	USA	W01, W06, W07, W08, W12, W13, W15, W16, W17, W18, W19, W26, W30, W31, W33, W34, W36, W37, W38, W40	20	50%
2	UK	W22, W35	2	5%
3	Germany	W29	1	3%
4	Indonesia	W03, W10	2	5%
5	Colombia	W02	1	3%
6	Ghana, Africa	W04	1	3%
7	Eskimo, Alaska	W05	1	3%
8	Nigeria, Africa	W09	1	3%
9	Ukraine	W11	1	3%
10	Rwanda, Africa	W14	1	3%
11	Singapore	W20	1	3%
12	Pakistan	W21	1	3%
13	Czech Republic	W23	1	3%
14	South Korea	W24	1	3%
15	Romania	W25	1	3%
16	Myanmar	W27	1	3%
17	New Zealand	W28	1	3%
18	Russia	W36	1	3%
19	China	W39	1	3%
		TOTAL RESPONDENTS	40	

According to the data above, 50% of the witnesses came from USA. It does not mean that near-death experience happens more often in USA compared to other countries, but it tends that US and Europe people like to write or make a video recording of their testimonies and upload them at Google or You Tube, as well as writing their testimonies and publishing their books. Maybe there are many near-death experiences happen in other countries but the testimonies are not well documented. The testimonies are only spoken among themselves then disappear.

4.3.2. GROUPING THE WITNESSES' COUNTRIES BY THE CONTINENTS

NO	CONTINENTS	COUNTRIES	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
1	North America	USA, Eskimo (Alaska)	21	53%
2	South America	Colombia	1	3%
3	Europe	UK, Germany, Russia, Czech Republic, Romania, Ukraine	7	18%
4	Asia	Pakistan, South Korea, China, Singapore, Indonesia, Myanmar	7	18%
5	Africa	Ghana, Nigeria, Rwanda	3	8%
6	Oceania	New Zealand	1	3%
		TOTAL	40	

4.3.3. GROUPING THE WITNESSES ACCORDING TO THEIR AGE

NO	AGE	CODE OF WITNESS	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
1	Under 11	W12	1	6%
2	11 - 19 years old	W23, W36, W38	3	18%
3	20 - 29 years old	W04, W10, W18, W28, W29, W31, W37	7	41%
4	30 - 39 years old	W02, W11, W16, W35	4	24%
5	40 - 49 years old		0	0%
6	50 - 59 years old	W07, W17	2	12%
7	Above 60 years old		0	0%
		TOTAL	17	

There are only 17 testimonies which mentions the age of the witnesses. But from this data we can see that the ones who underwent near-death experience vary from kids, teenagers and adults.

4.3.4. THE WITNESSES' PROFILE BY PROFESSIONS

NO	PROFESSIONS	CODE OF WITNESS	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
1	Students	W01, W10, W12, W23, W36, W38	6	15%
2	Businessmen/ Business women	W14, W18, W19, W20, W21, W22	6	15%
3	Blue collar workers	W02, W05, W08, W17, W30, W31,	6	15%
4	Jobless & drug addicts	W06, W15, W25, W34	4	10%
5	Scientists	W07, W32, W33	3	8%
6	Pastors	W03, W09, W24	3	8%
7	Housewives	W35, W39	3	8%
8	Police	W11, W16	2	5%
9	Army	W13	1	3%
10	Farmers	W27	1	3%
11	University professor	W26	1	3%
12	Prisoner	W40	1	3%
13	Surfers	W28	1	3%
14	Parachutist	W36	1	3%
15	Unknown	W29	1	3%
		TOTAL	40	

The witnesses came from very different professions, from scientists and businessmen to jobless, drug addicts and prisoner. Here there are 15 different professions among the witnesses.

4.3.5. THE CAUSE OF THE WITNESSES' DEATH

NO	THE CAUSE OF DEATH	CODE OF WITNESS	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
1	Car accident	W05, W07, W08, W09, W12, W22	6	15%
2	Heart problem	W01, W03, W17, W21, W35, W38	6	15%
3	Being murdered	W02, W10, W16, W18, W32	5	13%
4	Drug overdose	W13, W15	2	5%
5	Apendicitis rupture	W26, W37	2	5%
6	Cancer	W25	1	3%
7	Tuberculosis	W39	1	3%
8	Pacreas problem	W33	1	3%
9	Chronic sinusitis	W20	1	3%
10	Cholera	W30	1	3%
11	Critical illness	W27	1	3%
12	Brain bleeding	W11	1	3%
13	High blood pressure	W24	1	3%
14	Surgery	W04	1	3%
15	Got electric shot	W31	1	3%
16	Struck by lightning	W29	1	3%
17	Being stung by poisonous jellyfish	W28	1	3%
18	Plane crash	W36	1	3%
19	Fighting	W34	1	3%
20	Drown in the river	W23	1	3%
21	Bomb explotion	W14	1	3%
22	Commit suicide	W06	1	3%
23	Got poisoned by insect killer poison	W23	1	3%
24	Landslide accident at a coal mine	W40	1	3%
		TOTAL	40	

From this data we can see that the witnesses' death was mostly because of car accidents and heart problem. The cause of death above can be summarized like the following:

THE CAUSE OF DEATH	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
Accident	13	33%
Various illness	17	43%
Murder	5	13%
Overdose	2	5%
Suicide	1	3%
Bomb	1	3%
Fighting	1	3%
TOTAL	40	

4.4. THE KEY WORDS ABOUT HEAVEN AND HELL STATED BY THE WITNESSES

Each testimony was analysed using qualitative approach to find out the key words that stated what the witnesses saw or experience about heaven and hell when they underwent near-death experience. Here is the summary of the key words from 40 witnesses/

CODE OF WITNESS	KEY WORDS STATED ABOUT HEAVEN AND HELL BY THE WITNESSES	SAW/ EXPERIENCE
W1	Meeting Jesus Christ, Jesus communicated to him, angels	Heaven

W2	<p>Meeting the Messiah (Jesus Christ), the Messiah wearing a yellowish-white robe and wearing new sandals that are very nice, cannot see the face of the Messiah, beautiful meadows, the place is very pleasant, waterfalls and water flowing so pure, trees, beautiful horses and donkeys, angels, people praying to God, meeting relatives who have passed away, peace.</p> <p>Fire and brimstone, souls wailing, crying, screaming and begging to be removed from that place, very frightened, seeing people he knew in hell, souls drowned in fire.</p>	Heaven & Hell
W3	<p>Meeting Jesus Christ, meeting father and brother who have passed away, a very beautiful house, a wall of precious stones, a beautiful choir, a garden with green grass, flowers and a very beautiful river, communicating with Jesus, unable to see the face of Jesus, command to preach the gospel when she has returned to the earth.</p>	Heaven
W4	<p>Moving very fast upward, a very beautiful garden with flowers, trees and paths in the garden, angels, altar with blood poured out, a very large house made of glass, people dressed in white and looked very happy, prayers that ascended to heaven, kingdoms of heaven, palaces, white thrones, thrones of Jesus Christ, 24 elders who worshiped and threw their crowns, worship in heaven, Jesus's face radiating the glow of glory</p> <p>Walking down, tunnels very dark, very hot, foul odors, screams, crying and screaming, fire everywhere, confinement, torture, curses, lake of fire, priests in hell.</p>	Heaven & Hell

W5	<p>An extraordinary man shining and full of love, joy and peace, a path made of gold, sparkling land, a very bright place and the source of light was Jesus Christ, people from various nations, people in white robes looks radiant, everyone looks young, meeting family and relatives who have passed away, communication with the mind, infants and young children are cared for by angels</p> <p>Slides down, into darkness, a very foul odor, shortness of breath due to the toxic air, screams and snapping of teeth from millions of people from various nationalities, Christians in hell, varying degrees of torture, worms come out from the eyes, nose, mouth and ears, thirst</p>	Heaven & Hell
W6	Millions of people screaming because of extreme suffering, screams were very loud and terrible, a very dark place, extraordinary fear, Meeting the figure of Jesus Christ and all fear was gone.	Hell
W7	<p>Feeling himself in chains and unable to free himself, sliding down very fast to a place that was very dark and filled with smoke, crippling fear, screams of terrible pain from millions of people, a sea of fire.</p> <p>Meeting God the Father, not being able to see His face, heaven is a vast place, pleasant and full of harmony, hearing praise and worship, a center of learning in heaven, a very beautiful tapestry embroidered, orchards with fruit that is very fragrant, beautiful flowers, all things shining and transparent like clear glass and shining, the throne of God is very beautiful and noble, angels.</p>	Hell & Heaven

W8	<p>Feeling underground, in a large cave, a dark place, the senses become ten times stronger (what he feels, smells, hears, sees and touches), slimy black water and foul odors, hear the screams of people who are in pain due to torture, seeing many dead people arriving in hell, tunnels, creepy giant creatures, the upper end of the tunnel is the earth.</p>	Hell
W9	<p>Angels, communication with the mind, many people were clothed in light and shone like the sun. They were worshipping God. These people come from various nationalities and ages, none of them look too young or too old, worship God, meeting Father Abraham, very beautiful mansions, hearing very beautiful singing and worship, flowers praising God.</p> <p>The gates of hell, the terrible screams and cries, total darkness, many people who suffer torture in different groups with different forms of torture, bodies that are destroyed and re-formed repeatedly without stopping, seeing some people he knew in hell including Christians and pastors, constant torture, wailing and snapping of teeth.</p>	Heaven & Hell
W10	<p>Angels, beautiful gardens, bright lights, houses with rooms, crowds singing songs praising God, very bright lights, notebooks of deeds, meeting the Lord Jesus, Lord Jesus wearing a white robe and riding a white horse, Lord Jesus ordered him to return to earth.</p>	Heaven

W11	A shining and very comfortable place, golden stairs with glorious splendor, angels winged with white clothes and gold belts, radiant face, eyes like lanterns and feet like copper, wingless angels singing hymns and psalms, very bright, warm, soothing, full of joy and peace, filled with extraordinary joy, can see 360 degrees without looking back, white horse, big city, moving without touching the ground, high walls of various colors, the foundation of the city consists of 12 precious stones, 12 pearl gates, the names of 12 tribes of Israel written on the gate, inscriptions bearing the name of a apostles, cities of gold, streets of transparent gold like glass, there are many houses, trees with fruit like a large pear, transparent heavenly bodies, no disappointments, disturbances and discomfort, no lights and sun but there are a very bright, comfortable light, meeting and chatting with God.	Heaven
W12	Meeting his father and several others who have passed away, seeing his two siblings who have not been born to earth when his mother suffered two miscarriages, communication with the mind, meeting Jesus Christ.	Heaven
W13	Torment, fire, no way out, no hope, pitch black dark, shakes, going down and down into a deep pit, extraordinary smell of rottenness, demons tug and nag at him, hearing demons said "We got you. You belong to us", lost souls in torment in the lake of fire, the hand of God snatch him out of hell.	Hell
W14	Angels, heaven's gates, heavenly bodies, meeting Jesus Christ, nails / crucifixion scars on Jesus' body, very fragrant flower gardens, heavenly cities, very beautiful houses, lakes, seeing people he knows who have passed away, very bright lights Disgusting place, continual (eternal) punishment.	Heaven & Hell

W15	<p>Total darkness, demons, descending paths, abyss with flames, human souls in torment of flames, screams, no way out, thousands of holes with flames in them, shown his past on a giant screen like television.</p> <p>Meeting the Lord Jesus, His hair is golden white. Jesus wore a golden white shirt and gold sandals. Jesus walked and spoke very softly. The voice of God the Father is like the roar of water, the gates of heaven, the streets are made of gold, a group of white-robed people from various nations, everyone looks so happy and radiating love on his face, throne, meeting acquaintances who have passed away and the prophets in The Bible, everything is so beautiful, feels incredible joy and peace, is given the revelation that this time is the end times.</p>	Hell & Heaven
W16	A very dark place, thousands of souls who suffered greatly, forever separated from God, no more chance to beg for forgiveness.	Hell
W17	<p>A hell is a very scary place (it is not described in details by him but he was very scared).</p> <p>Meeting both his biological mother and stepmother who has passed away, down a road - each side is very brightly colored, the light (the rays of the Holy Spirit) shading and looking after him, feeling very happy and very safe.</p>	Hell & Heaven

W18	His hands and feet were chained in a dark cave, realizing that he will be there forever, evil spirits insulting, judging and torturing him, eternal punishment and no way out, flames flowing like magma scorched his feet but then the flesh on his feet formed again and burning again and again, feelings of alienation, emptiness and despair. A gigantic hand shining down from above, the hand curled around his waist and raised it up. At that moment his chains broke, the darkness and the atmosphere of hell vanished. Hearing the most beautiful music, an angel choir. Hearing the voice that speaks to him. The sound sounded like a bolt of lightning, the rumbling of water and lightning, a combination of the three. The voice said, "Now is not your time yet"	Hell
W19	A very beautiful and loving light, a "Person" figure, a joy that is difficult to explain with words, a light that speaks with soft words, extraordinary comfort, a green pasture, very tall grass (about 4 feet height and 6 inches width), amazingly beautiful colours and indescribable in human words, such a beautiful setting with stones glittering like gems glowing in a riverbed, so happy, peace and feeling loved, music sounds unbelievably beautiful and incomparable with music on earth, beautiful stone walls about one and a half miles, the loud voices of people who are talking, chatting and worshipping God with a very pure voice.	Heaven
W20	Total darkness, sucked into a dark tunnel, no way out, rediscovered his sinful life, realizing he was dead, hearing the voice of Satan, ridicule, eternal punishment.	Hell

W21	Angels, new bodies, shown the past life, flying at high speed to heaven, very peaceful, meeting Lord Jesus, Jesus' face radiating light, Jesus' white robe shining like a crystal, hearing the prayers of his cousin.	Heaven
W22	<p>Going down to a pit that is very deep, very dark and misty, very frightened, there is no way out, despair, people who are suffering and tortured, the presence of Satan, Satan says that he belongs to him.</p> <p>Meeting Jesus Christ, Jesus in His glory, feeling the love and peace of Jesus. Jesus said that he must return to earth to witness hell and salvation in Jesus.</p>	Hell & Heaven
W23	Feelings of happiness, joy and extraordinary excitement, meeting Jesus Christ, Bright light, feeling very loved, feeling home.	Heaven

W24	<p>Seeing the earth from a distance, angels, golden paths, very bright light, a group of people dressed in white, flying, 12 gates of heaven, hearing songs of worship, the beauty of heaven beyond words, hearing the voice of God speaking to him, the voice of God is loving and gentle, shown three different places in heaven, angels looking after children, shown about materials to build a house in heaven, beautiful flower garden, flower fragrance, gemstone houses, tall skyscraper houses, all people look young and healthy, big and gloomy houses for the souls who do not get the heavenly rewards, beautiful houses for the true servants of God.</p> <p>Hell is very spacious, half of the hell is red and the other half is pitch black, a place of burning sulfur that is unimaginably hot, people were thirsty and asking for water, saw some groups of places of punishment, saw many priests and church activists in hell saw the world leaders in hell, insects, saw people who were tortured by Satan, various forms of torture that are very terrible.</p>	Heaven & Hell
W25	<p>A very dark place, there is no way out, see souls whose suffering is beyond what can be imagined by humans, suffering that has lasted for thousands of years, there is only evil, hatred and suffering, God's light penetrates the darkness, God's light illuminates and frees it from that place.</p>	Hell
W26	<p>A dimly lit, damp and dirty room, a darker place, creatures like people dressed in grey, tortured, shown his past.</p> <p>Meeting Jesus, bright lights, angels, mind communication, feeling very loved.</p>	Hell

<p>W27</p>	<p>A place filled with blazing fire, feeling very frightened, hearing thousands of souls screaming in pain, hearing a voice that said, "This is hell!" bottomless pit.</p> <p>Angels fly up and down while singing hymns to God. a very strong light, thousands of people in white robes who sing and worship God, very joyful, everyone seems to rejoice, there is no sadness, no difficulty, no pain, no hunger and no fatigue in heaven, a place filled with God's glory, peace, no words that can describe the beauty of heaven, there is no sun but the place is very bright because of the light that comes from God, the place is bright but not hot, the road is made of gold, the house is sparkling because it is made of beautiful gemstones, meeting Jesus Christ, was asked to return to earth and warn people so that they will not end in hell, being told that Jesus' second coming to the earth is drawing near.</p>	<p>Hell & Heaven</p>
<p>W28</p>	<p>A place shrouded in darkness, feeling the sensation of having a body but nothing physical can be touched, frightening cold, feeling being watched, visited by the devil, communication with the mind, a very frightening and disgusting place, realizing he was in eternal punishment, no way out.</p> <p>The light is very bright and sparkling, the waves of light that bring warmth, perfect peace and joy, meeting God, His face is very sparkling indescribably, pure love, feeling very loved, his broken heart was healed, Jesus is the door, Paradise, green meadows and trees, grass that radiates light and life, clear water flowing in the meadows, mountains and bright blue sky, sparkling flowers, asked whether he was willing to return to the earth.</p>	<p>Hell & Heaven</p>

W29	Tunnels leading to deep abyss, horrors that cannot be described by words, large gates that read “Welcome to Hell”, evil spirits, dark and frightening places, people screaming in pain, very frightening creatures, very smelly rotten, hard to breathe, lake of fire, people curse Jesus because of the terrible pain they experience, the cave that has no way out, people are tortured by evil spirits, feeling the experience of torture in the cave and pain all over her body, snakes everywhere, everyone is busy with their own pain, endless suffering, fear that is very tense, meeting Jesus Christ in hell, His presence radiates a light that is amazing, the difficulty of words to describe about Jesus.	Hell
W30	<p>Shown his past, tunnels, rotten odour, strange noises, strange transparent and very smelly creatures, feeling very frightened, a place full of suffering, cube-shaped prisons, ugly and good-looking creatures, eternal suffering and despair, the hand of God brought him out of hell.</p> <p>Dazzling bright light in shades of colours, astounding songs, People in white robes and emitting light, cannot see His face (Jesus Christ), shown his past, being shown the holes of Jesus’ hands and feet, mind communication, Jesus is the door, feeling loved.</p>	Hell & Heaven
W31	Darkness, hearing terrible screams from people who experience unimaginable torture, fear, being shown the sins he committed since the age of five years until the time of his near-death at the age of 27 years, feeling eternity and realizing that he will be condemned forever, seeing evil spirits in a very bad form, being mocked by evil spirits, there was no hope there, feeling God’s hand descending to that place and touching his left shoulder, feeling God’s fingers on his shoulders and pulling him out of hell.	Hell

W32	Shown his past life, total darkness, fear, realizing that he no longer has a physical body, seeing the light of God, the light of Life	Hell
W33	Darkness, untold terror, deep dark terror, the most horrifying, terrifying experience	Hell
W34	Tunnels, screams, cries and screams of thousands of people, rotten odour, smelling the burned flesh, volcanic soil that is open with fire, seeing people in smoke and fire, people who are burning but not burnt out, knowing some people who have passed away and are in the fire, hearing people calling his names, seeing people in pain, frustration, loneliness, despair and extreme suffering, no way out.	Hell
W35	Feeling downward, very frightened, the smell of sulphur, the lake of fire, the tormented people, hearing the screams and seeing the indescribable horrors, feeling unbearable heat, being tormented by demons, eternal punishment, a very terrible thing beyond description, seeing her father in hell, mind communication with her father.	Hell
W36	Feeling immortality, very bright colours, sharper and deeper thoughts and feelings, white light radiating like gold, meeting God but not being able to see His face, feeling God's love, power and wisdom that comforted, the happiest experience. Darkness, emptiness and eternal nothingness, terrible despair.	Heaven & Hell
W37	Paradise, hills, pasture, flowers, angels, no pain, heavenly bodies, mind communication, seeing animals, beautiful music, a city with gates, the throne of God, bright lights.	Heaven
W38	Feeling sucked down into a big pit, extraordinary darkness, hot, dancing flames, flame like a giant, eternity, caves, gate of hell, no way out, scary creature	Hell

W39	Meeting Jesus Christ, a pearl gate of heaven, many beautiful houses with pretty colours, golden streets, thousand of angels singing and playing lovely music, throne of glory and the heavenly Father sat upon it.	Heaven
W40	<p>Wide and narrow paths, dark valleys, terrible creatures, dark valleys, gate of hell, groans and heart-wailing shouts from those who ask for water, indescribable thirst, dark passageway, lake of fire and brimstone with waves of fire, the people who are drowning in the waves of fire, the people are cursing God, eternal punishment</p> <p>A very beautiful city, a gate, walls of jasper, a vast plain covered with beautiful flowers, the fragrance of flowers, the beautiful river of life, the sea of glass, angels, beautiful song of angels, meeting his mother who has passed away.</p>	Hell & Heaven

4.5. SUMMARY OF THE COMPATIBILITY BETWEEN THE TESTIMONIES AND THE BIBLE

The following is a summary of what were seen or experienced by those who have undergone near-death experience compared to what was written in the Bible about heaven and hell. There are also some parts which are not recorded in the Bible but they were seen or experienced by some witnesses

4.5.1. THE SUMMARY OF WHAT THE WITNESSES SAW OR EXPERIENCE ABOUT HEAVEN

ABOUT GOD

VERSES	DESCRIPTION	CODES OF THE WITNESS	NUMBERS OF THE WITNESS
Ezekiel 1: 26 – 28 1 John 1 : 5	Very bright light. God is Light.	W05, W07, W10, W14, W15, W17, W18, W19, W21, W22, W23, W24, W25, W26, W27, W28, W29, W30, W36, W37	20
Revelation 1 : 14 Daniel 7 : 9	His hair is white	W11, W15	2
Revelation 1 : 14	His eyes are like fire	W11	1
Revelation 1 : 15 Revelation 10 : 1	His feet are like bronze glowing in a furnace	W11, W18	2
Revelation 1 : 15	His voice is like the sound of rushing waters	W07, W15, W18	3
Matthew 11 : 29	Jesus is gentle and humble	W05, W15, W19,	3
Revelation 1 : 16 Revelation 10 : 1	His face shines like the sun	W11, W21	2
	Could not see His face	W02, W03, W07, W24, W28, W30, W36	7

Revelation 1 : 13 Daniel 7 : 9	He clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around His chest	W02, W03, W10, W11, W15, W21 W28,	7
	Meeting Jesus Christ	W01, W02, W04, W05, W06, W10, W12, W14, W15, W21, W22, W23, W26, W27, W29, W39	16
Revelation 1 : 17	Communication with God	W01, W03, W05, W07, W11, W15, W18, W24, W27, W28, W29, W30	12
John 10 : 9	Jesus is the door/ the gate to the green pasture	W28, W30	2
John 20 : 24 – 29	Holes in His hands because of being crucified	W14, W30	2

THE CITY OF HEAVEN

VERSES	DESCRIPTION	CODES OF WITNESS	NUMBER
Matthew 19 : 14 Matthew 25 : 34 Luke 13 : 39 I Corinthians 6 : 10 Galatians 5 : 21 Ephesians 5 : 5	Heaven is a kingdom	W04	1

Revelation 4 : 3 Psalm 11 : 4 Daniel 7 : 9, Matthes 25 : 31 Revelation 4 : 5 Revelation 5 : 13 Revelation 20 : 11 Revelation 22 : 1,3	Throne in heaven, white throne	W04, W07, W15, W37, W39	5
Revelation 21 : 2, 10-11 Revelation 22 : 1, 3 Hebrew11 : 10, 16 Hebrew 12 : 12, 22 Hebrew 13 : 14	City of heaven, holy city, city with the glory of God.	W11, W14, W37, W40	4
Revelation 21 : 16	The city is like a cube	W11	1
Revelation 21 : 12, 13	The gates of heaven, 12 gates, 3 gates at each side	W11, W14, W15, W24, W37,W40	6
Revelation 21 : 21	The gates made of pearls	W11, W39	2
Revelation 21 : 12	12 tribes of Israel are written on the gates	W11	1
Revelation 21 : 18	The city is pure gold, like clear glass.	W04, W07, W11	3

Revelation 21 : 12	It has a great and high wall	W11, W19	2
Revelation 21 : 18	The wall is made of jasper	W03, W19, W24, W27, W40	5
Revelation 21 : 19 – 20	The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone.	W11	1
Revelation 21 : 14	The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb	W11	1
Revelation 21 : 21	The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.	W05, W11, W15, W24, W27, W39	6
Revelation 21 : 23 Revelation 22 : 5	The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp	W05, W11, W27	3
John 14 : 2-3	Rooms / beautiful houses	W03, W04, W07, W09, W10, W11, W14, W24, W27, W39	10

THE PARADISE

VERSES	DESCRIPTION	CODES OF WITNESS	NUMBER
Revelation 2 : 7 Luke 23 : 43 John 10 : 9 2 Corinthians 12 : 4 Psalm 23 : 2	Paradise, pasture	W02, W03, W04, W07, W10, W14, W19, W24, W28, W40	10
	The smell of flowers and fruits is very fragrant	W07, W14, W24, W40	4
Revelation 7 : 17 Revelation 21 : 6 Revelation 22 : 1	The springs of living water, the river of the water of life	W02, W03, W14, W19, W28, W40	6
Revelation 22 : 2 Revelation 2 : 7	The tree of life	W02, W04, W11, W28	4
Isaiah 65 : 25	The wolf and the lamb shall graze together, animals, wild animals that become tame	W02, W04, W10, W37	4
Revelation 21 : 10	A great and high mountain	W28	1

PRAISE AND WORSHIP IN HEAVEN

VERSES	DESCRIPTION	CODES OF WITNESS	NUMBER
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Revelation 4 : 9 Nehemiah 6 : 9 Revelation 5 : 9-13 Revelation 7 : 12	Glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne (with very beautiful songs of worship)	W03, W04, W07, W09, W10, W11, W18, W19, W24, W27	10
Revelation 4 : 4, 10 Revelation 7 : 11	The 24 elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him They cast their crowns before the throne	W04	1
	The flowers worship God	W09	1

THE INHABITANTS IN HEAVEN

VERSES	DESCRIPTION	CODES OF WITNESS	NUMBER
Matthew 25 : 31 Hebrew 12 : 22	The angels	W01, W02, W04, W07, W09, W10, W11, W14, W21, W26, W27, W37, W39, W40	14
Revelation 3 : 5 Revelation 7 : 9	a great multitude from every nation, tribes, peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes	W02, W04, W05, W07, W09, W10, W15, W19, W24, W27	10
Peoples who look young, beautiful and handsome	People who look young, beautiful and handsome	W05, W09, W24	3

Meeting family, relatives, friends who have passed away	Meeting the family, relatives, friends who have passed away	W02, W03, W05, W14, W15, W12, W17, W24, W37, W40	10
Meeting the people in the Bible	Meeting people in the Bible	W04, W09, W15	3
	The angels take care of the babies and children	W05, W24	2

ATMOSPHERE OF HEAVEN

VERSES	DESCRIPTION	CODES OF WITNESS	NUMBER
Revelation 21 : 4 Revelation 7 : 16-17 Isaiah 25 : 8 Psalm 16 : 11	The feeling of incredible joy and happiness, no tears, no mourning, no crying, no pain anymore	W02, W05, W15, W11, W17, W19, W23, W24, W27, W28, W36, W37	12
1 John 4 : 7, 10	The feeling of being loved so much	W05, W06, W19, W22, W23, W26, W28, W30, W36	9
Matthew 25 : 46 Mark 10:30 John 3:16	The feeling of eternity	W11, W36	2
	Brilliant and very beautiful colors	W03, W07, W11, W15, W17, W19, W37	7
Hebrew 7 : 2	Very peaceful	W01, W02, W03, W05, W11, W15, W19, W21, W22, W28	10

HEAVENLY/ SPIRITUAL BODY

VERSES	DESCRIPTION	CODES OF WITNESS	NUMBER
1 Corinthians 15 : 40	Heavenly/ spiritual body	W11, W14, W37	3
	The mind, feeling and five senses become sharper	W08, W11, W26, W30, W36	5
	Mind communication	W09, W12, W26, W27, W28, W30, W35, W37	8

PRAYERS ASCENDING TO HEAVEN

VERSES	DESCRIPTION	CODES OF WITNESS	NUMBER
Revelation 8 : 4	The prayers that are ascending to heaven	W04, W21	2

REWARD IN HEAVEN

VERSES	DESCRIPTION	CODES OF WITNESS	NUMBER
Matthew 5 : 12 Matthew 10 : 41-42 Luke 6 : 23, 35	Reward in heaven	W24	1

BLOOD OF JESUS

VERSES	DESCRIPTION	CODES OF WITNESS	NUMBER
Hebrew 9 : 12	The Altar with the blood of Jesus	W04	1

GOD'S COMMAND

VERSES	DESCRIPTION	CODES OF WITNESS	NUMBER
Matthew 24 : 14 Matthew 28 : 19 - 20 1Timothy 2 : 4 Mark 16 : 15 John 5 : 24	The command to preach the Gospel and that heaven & hell are really existed	W03, W04, W05, W07, W11, W12, W15, W22, W27, W28, W29	11

TRIP TO HEAVEN

Fly very fast	W04, W11, W21	3
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SAW THE EARTH FROM ABOVE

Saw the earth like a ball from above	W11, W15, W24, W27	4
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BEING SHOWN THE PAST LIFE

Being showed the past life	W15, W20, W21, W26, W28, W30, W31, W32	8
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4.5.2. THE SUMMARY OF WHAT THE WITNESSES SAW OR EXPERIENCE ABOUT HELL

TRIP TO HELL

VERSES	DESCRIPTION	CODES OF WITNESS	NUMBER
Amsal 15 : 24 Matius 11 : 23 Lukas 10 : 15	The sensation of going down, descending, sliding down, sucked down	W04, W05, W07, W13, W15, W22, W24, W34, W35, W38	10
	Tunnel, deep hole	W04, W13, W20, W22, W29, W30, W34, W38	8
	The gate of hell	W09, W29, W38, W40	4

THE HELL FIRE

VERSES	DESCRIPTION	CODES OF WITNESS	NUMBER
Revelation 20 : 15 Revelation 21 : 8 Mark 9 : 43 Matthew 13 : 42, 50 Matthew 25 : 41 Jude 1 : 7	The lake of fire and brimstone/ sulfur, unquenched fire, eternal fire, blazing furnace	W02, W04, W07, W15, W18, W24, W27, W29, W35, W38, W40	11
Luke 8 : 31	Abyss	W05, W15, W27, W29	4
Luke 16 : 24	Tormented souls in flame	W02, W04, W13, W15, W18, W24, W40	7

TORMENT AND PUNISHMENT IN HELL

VERSES	DESCRIPTION	CODES OF WITNESS	NUMBER
2 Peter 2 : 9 Revelation 14 : 11 Matthew 25 : 46 2 Thessalonians 1 : 9 Hebrew 6 : 2	Eternal torment and punishment	W05, W07, W09, W15, W16, W20, W25, W27, W28, W30, W31, W35, W38, W40	14
2 Thessalonians 1 : 9	Being separated from the Lord	W16, W30	2
Luke 16 : 24	Extraordinary thirst	W05, W24, W40	3
	Unimaginable suffering	W25, W27, W30	3
	Being chained	W07, W18	2
Isaiah 66 : 24 Mark 9 : 44	The worms will not die	W05	1
Matthew 25 : 30 Matthew 13 : 41 - 42	Weeping and gnashing of teeth	W02, W05, W09, W24, W40	5
	Being burned repeatedly	W09, W18, W34	3
	Being mocked	W18, W20, W31	3
	Mental torment	W20, W30	2
	The evil spirits torture the souls	W04, W24, W29	3
	Experienced the torment	W13, W18, W26, W29, W35	5

	Everyone is busy with their own pain and loneliness	W18, W24, W29	3
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THE ATMOSPHERE OF HELL

VERSES	DESCRIPTION	CODES OF WITNESS	NUMBER
Matthew 25 : 30 2 Peter 2 : 17	Blackest darkness, total darkness	W04, W05, W06, W07, W09, W13, W15, W16, W18, W20, W22, W24, W25, W26, W28, W29, W31, W32, W33, W36, W38	21
	Very hot	W04, W35, W38	3
	Very bad odor	W04, W05, W08, W13, W24, W29, W30	7
	It's hard to breathe there	W05, W7, W29	3
	Evil, hatred, nothing is good	W18, W25	2
	Despair	W13, W18, W22, W24, W30, W31, W35, W36	8
	The feeling of emptiness	W18, W36	2
	Hearing the terrible scream of pain from millions of people	W02, W04, W05, W06, W07, W08, W09, W15, W16, W27, W31, W34, W35, W40	14
	Hearing scream for begging Christ's mercy	W13, W29	2
	Hearing the tormented souls cursing Christ	W04, W29, W40	3

	Extraordinary fear and horror	W02, W04, W05, W06, W07, W13, W17, W22, W27, W28, W29, W30, W31, W32, W33, W35	16
	Hearing the evil spirits/ demons said that they owned the souls there	W07, W13, W22, W31	4

PLACES IN HELL

VERSES	DESCRIPTION	CODES OF WITNESS	NUMBER
1 Peter 3 : 19	Prison, cage	W04	1
2 Peter 2 : 4	Cave	W08, W 18, W29, W38	4
	Various places and forms of punishment	W05, W09, W24, W40	3
	Dark passageways	W08, W40	2
	Hell is more spacious than the earth	W24	1
	No way out	W05, W15, W20, W22, W24, W25, W28, W38	8

THE INHABITANTS IN HELL

VERSES	DESCRIPTION	CODES OF WITNESS	NUMBER
	Evil spirits, demons, satan, strange and scary creatures	W13, W15, W18, W22, W25, W26, W29, W30, W38, W40	10
	People (souls) from various countries	W05, W09	2

	Millions of tormented souls	W04, W05, W06, W07, W08, W15, W16, W27, W29, W34, W40	11
	Famous figures who ever lived in the earth	W24	1
	Seeing or meeting family/ friends in hell	W02, W05, W09, W24, W35	5
	Pastors in hell	W04, W09, W24	3

BEING TAKEN OUT OF HELL

VERSES	DESCRIPTION	CODES OF WITNESS	NUMBER
	The hand of God took them out of hell	W13, W18, W30, W31	4
	Jesus Christ met them in hell	W06, W26, W29	3
	Saw the bright of God while in hell	W25, W26, W29, W32	4

4.6. TOTAL NUMBER OF WITNESSES WHO SAW OR EXPERIENCED HEAVEN AND HELL

When summarized from the data presented above, then out of a total of 40 witnesses who underwent near-death experience, 10 people experienced heaven only, 16 people experienced hell only and 14 people experienced both heaven and hell. So, the total number of witnesses who experienced heaven totaled 25 people while those who experienced hell totaled 30. Here is the summary:

NO	CODE OF WITNESSES	EXPERIENCED HEAVEN	EXPERIENCED HELL
1	W01	V	
2	W02	V	V
3	W03	V	

4	W04	V	V
5	W05	V	V
6	W06		V
7	W07	V	V
8	W08		V
9	W09	V	V
10	W10	V	
11	W11	V	
12	W12	V	
13	W13		V
14	W14	V	V
15	W15	V	V
16	W16		V
17	W17	V	V
18	W18		V
19	W19	V	
20	W20		V
21	W21	V	
22	W22	V	V
23	W23	V	
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25	W25		V
26	W26		V
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31	W31		V
32	W32		V
33	W33		V

34	W34		V
35	W35		V
36	W36	V	V
37	W37	V	
38	W38		V
39	W39	V	
40	W40	V	V
	TOTAL	25	30

4.7. SUMMARY OF THE PERCENTAGE OF EACH CATEGORY AND SUB CATEGORY, BOTH FOR HEAVEN AND HELL WITNESSES

According to the data above, there are 25 witnesses who experienced heaven and 30 witnesses who experienced hell. Here is the summary of the percentage for each category and sub category compared to the total number of the witnesses, both the total number of heaven witnesses and hell witnesses.

25 WITNESSES SAW OR EXPERIENCED HEAVEN

DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF WITNESS	PERCENTAGE OF WITNESS
ABOUT GOD		
Very bright light. God is Light.	20	80%
His hair is white	2	8%
His eyes are like fire	1	4%
His feet are like bronze glowing in a furnace	2	8%
His voice is like the sound of rushing waters	3	12%
Jesus is gentle and humble	3	12%
His face shines like the sun	2	8%
Could not see His face	7	28%

He clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around His chest	7	28%
Meeting Jesus Christ	16	64%
Communication with God	12	48%
Jesus is the door to the green pasture	2	8%
Holes in His hands because of being crucified	2	8%
THE CITY OF HEAVEN		
Heaven is a kingdom	1	4%
Throne in heaven, white throne	5	20%
Holy city of heaven	4	16%
The city is like a cube	1	4%
12 gates of heaven, 3 gates at each side	6	24%
The gates made of pearls	2	8%
12 tribes of Israel are written on the gates	1	4%
The city is pure gold, like clear glass	3	12%
It has a great and high wall	2	8%
The wall is made of jasper	5	20%
The foundations of the city walls are decorated with precious stones	1	4%
The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb	1	4%
Golden streets	6	24%
The city does not need the sun, the moon or the lamps, for God is the light and the lamb is its lamp	3	12%
Rooms/ beautiful houses	10	40%

THE PARADISE		
Paradise, pasture	10	40%
The smell of flowers and fruits is very fragrant	4	16%
The beautiful river (living water)	6	24%
The tree of life	4	16%
Animals. The wild animals that become tame	4	16%
A great and high mountain	1	4%
		0%
PRAISE AND WORSHIP IN HEAVEN		0%
Very beautiful songs of worship	10	40%
24 elders worship Him who is seated on the throne	1	4%
The flowers worship God	1	4%
		0%
THE INHABITANTS IN HEAVEN		0%
The angels	14	56%
Peoples in white robes	10	40%
Peoples who look young, beautiful and handsome	3	12%
Meeting the family, relatives, friends who have passed away	10	40%
Meeting people in the Bible	3	12%
The angels take care of the babies and children	2	8%
ATMOSHPERE OF HEAVEN		
The feeling of incredible joy and happiness	12	48%
The feeling of being loved so much	9	36%
The feeling of eternity	2	8%

Brilliant and very beautiful colors	7	28%
Very peaceful	10	40%
HEAVENLY/ SPIRITUAL BODY		
Heavenly/ spiritual body	3	12%
The mind, feeling and 5 senses become sharper	5	20%
Mind communication	8	32%
PRAYERS ASCENDING TO HEAVEN		
The prayers that are ascending to heaven	2	8%
REWARD IN HEAVEN		
Reward in heaven	1	4%
BLOOD OF JESUS		
The altar with the blood of Jesus	1	4%
GOD'S COMMAND		
The Command to preach the Gospel and that heaven and hell are really existed	11	44%
TRIP TO HEAVEN		
Fly very fast	3	12%
SAW THE EARTH FROM ABOVE		
Saw the earth like a ball from above	4	16%
BEING SHOWN THE PAST LIFE		
Being shown the past life	8	32%

30 WITNESSES SAW OR EXPERIENCED HELL (HADES)

DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF WITNESS	PERCENTAGE OF WITNESS
TRIP TO HELL		
The sensation of going down	10	33%
Tunnel, deep hole	8	27%
The gate of hell	4	13%
HELL FIRE		
The lake of fire and sulphur	11	37%
Abyss	4	13%
Tormented souls in flame	7	23%
TORMENT AND PUNISHMENT		
Eternal torment and punishment	14	47%
Being separated from the Lord	2	7%
Extraordinary thirst	3	10%
Unimaginable suffering	3	10%
Being chained	2	7%
The worms will not die	1	3%
Weeping and gnashing of teeth	5	17%
Being burned repeatedly	3	10%
Being mocked	3	10%
Mental torment	2	7%
The evil spirits torture the souls	3	10%
Experienced the torment	5	17%

Everyone is busy with their own pain and loneliness	3	10%
THE ATMOSPHERE OF HELL		
Blackest darkness, total darkness	21	70%
Very hot	3	10%
Very bad odour	7	23%
It's hard to breathe there	3	10%
Evil, hatred, nothing is good	2	7%
The feeling of despair	8	27%
The feeling of emptiness	2	7%
Hearing the terrible scream of pain from millions of people	14	47%
Hearing scream for begging Christ's mercy	2	7%
Hearing the tormented souls cursing Christ	3	10%
Extraordinary fear and horror	16	53%
Hearing the evil spirits/ demons said that they owned the souls there	4	13%
PLACES IN HELL		
Prison, cage	1	3%
Cave	4	13%
Various places and forms of punishment	3	10%
Dark passageways	2	7%
Hell is more spacious than the earth	1	3%
THE INHABITANT IN HELL		
Evil spirits, demons, Satan, strange and scary creatures	10	33%
People (souls) from various countries	2	7%

Millions of souls in agony	11	37%
Famous figures who ever lived in the earth	1	3%
Seeing or meeting family/ friends in hell	5	17%
Pastors in hell	3	10%
BEING TAKEN OUT OF HELL		
The hand of God took them out of hell	4	13%
Jesus Christ met them in hell	3	10%
Saw the bright of God in hell	4	13%

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION

5.1. CONCLUSION OF THE RESEARCH

After comparing the testimonies of the witnesses who underwent near-death experience to what the Bible says about heaven and hell, this research found the answers of the problems stated at chapter 1.

5.1.1. Does afterlife really exist?

This research proves that afterlife really exists.

The Bible tells about afterlife, so do the witnesses.

According to the testimonies of the witnesses, as confirmed by two medical doctors who have done the previous research on near-death experience, there are two kinds of afterlife, the positive afterlife, i.e. a happy afterlife and a negative afterlife, i.e. a terrible afterlife.

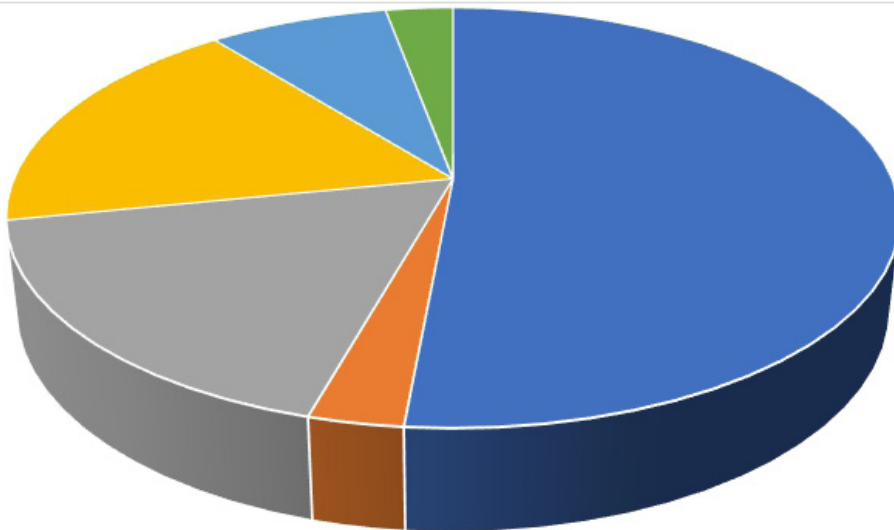
5.1.2. Do heaven and hell really exist?

Some of the witnesses told about positive experience of afterlife. They saw or experienced the wonderful and happy afterlife, even some of them did not want to go back to the earth. What they saw and experienced is similar to what the Bible says about heaven. Some of the witnesses told about negative experience

of afterlife. They saw or experienced very scary afterlife. Even this experience totally changed their opinion about God and afterlife, and also changed their life to be true Christians. Some of them became pastors.

These witnesses said about what they saw or experienced during their near-death experience. What interesting here is that what they saw or experienced is the same with what is written in the Bible and is almost the same with each other. The background of 40 witnesses are different from each other such as:

- The witnesses live in different time, from the period of 128 years. The oldest data is the testimony of George Lennox from Kansas, USA in 1887. The newest data is the testimony of Zack Clements from Texas USA in 2015.
- The witnesses came from different countries such as USA, UK, Nigeria, China, Pakistan, Myanmar, Singapore, Indonesia, Russia, Czech Republic, etc

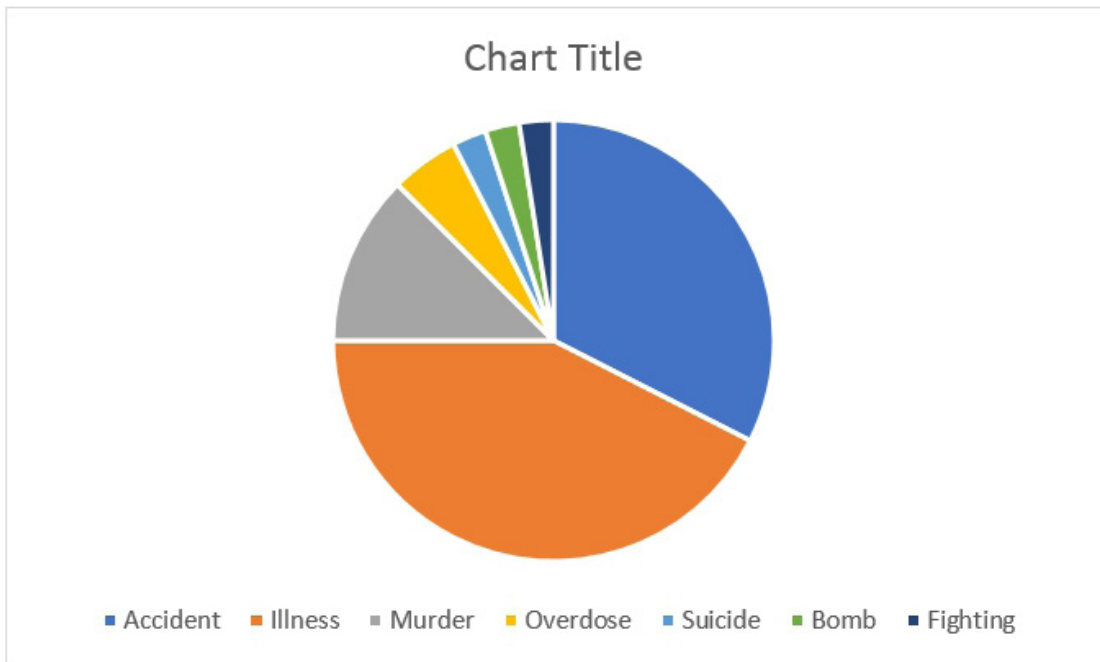


THE WITNESSES' COUNTRIES
ACCORDING TO THE CONTINENTS

■ North America ■ South America ■ Europe ■ Asia ■ Africa ■ Oceania

- Although not all of the witnesses mentioned their age, but some data reveals that they had different age when they underwent near-death experience:
 - The youngest is Landon Kemp from North Carolina, USA. He was a kid of 8 years old when he underwent near-death experience.
 - There were some teenagers i.e. Zack Clements (17 years old) from Texas, USA and Jan Bostik (17 years old) from Czech Republic.
 - There are some adults such as Matthew Bostford (28 years old) from Michigan, USA and Boris Philipchuk (36 years old) from Ukraine.
 - There are some older witnesses such as Randall Rathbun (51 years old) from California, USA and Charles McKaig (56 years old) from Tennessee, USA
- The witnesses had different profession and background such as students, businessmen, police, army, pastors, doctors, housewives, employees, jobless, drug addicts, prisoner, etc
- The witnesses had different background of education. Some witnesses were still students, some had low education as jobless and drug addicts and some were blue collar workers, but some witnesses had very good education such as:
 - Randall Rathbun from California, USA, was a computer scientist engineer who had magna cum laude honour from Montana State University, USA
 - Dr George Rodonaia from Russia was a psychiatrist and a neuropathologist who had M.D and Ph.D degree
 - Dr Donald Whitaker from Oklahom, USA was a physician who had Ph.D in research and science.

- They had different cause of death such as car accident, heart attack, drug overdose, commit suicide, surgery, etc



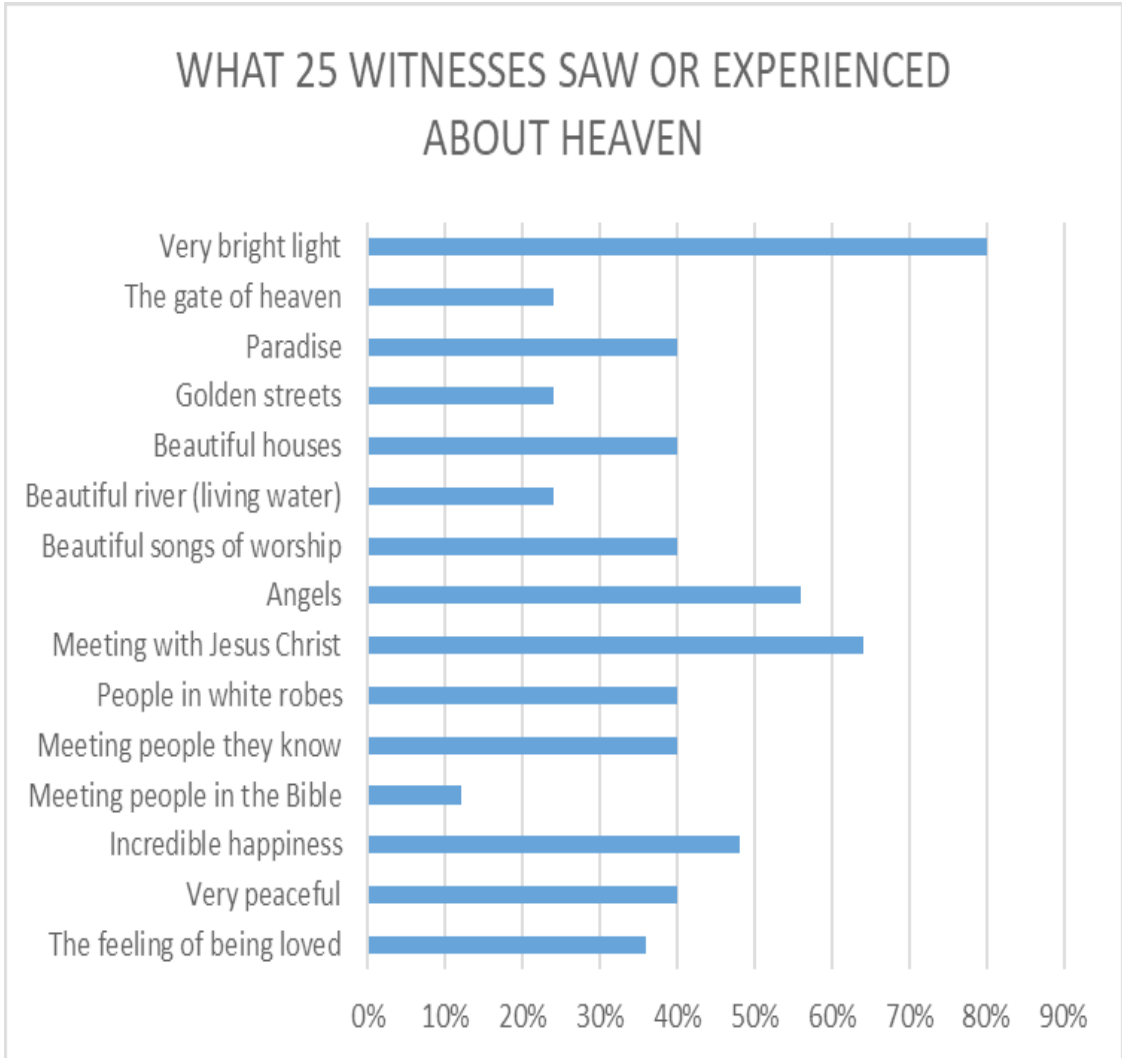
The witnesses have different background, live in different time and countries and do not know to each other, but they saw or experienced almost the same things when they underwent near-death experience. Their experience is also the same with what is written in the Bible, such as :

- Some witnesses saw or walked on the golden street in heaven. They are:
 - Abraham 'Iply' George from Eskimo, Alaska in 2005
 - Boris Philipchuk from Ukraine in 1998
 - Theo Nez from New Mexico, USA in 1995
 - Park Yong Gyu from South Korea in 1987
 - Yong Thang from Myanmar in 1984
 - Ms Jang from China in 1904

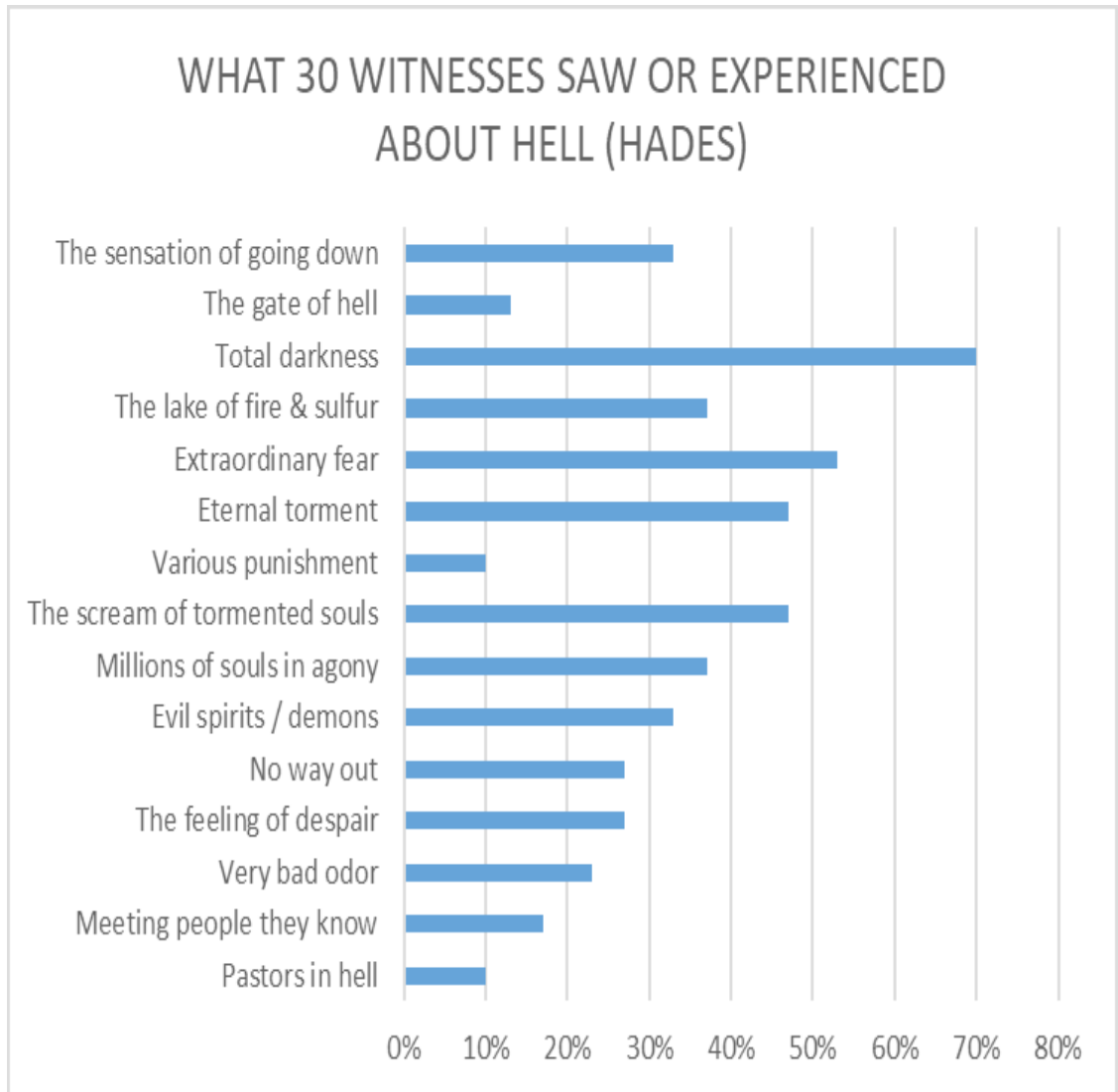
- Some witnesses smelled very bad odour in hell (hades). They are:
 - Richmond Gyimah from Ghana, Africa in 2009
 - Abraham 'Iply' George from Eskimo, Alaska in 2005
 - Tyrone Williams from California, USA in 2001
 - Carl Knighton from Ohio, USA in 1997
 - Park Yong Gyu from South Korea in 1987
 - Veronika Ulrike from Germany in 1981
 - Bryan W. Melvin from Arizona, USA in 1980

The summary of the similarities saw or experienced by the witnesses as well as the similarities with what is written in the Bible can be described more clearly through the graphics below. From 40 witnesses, 25 witnesses experienced heaven and 30 witnesses experienced hell.

THE GRAPHIC OF HEAVEN



THE GRAPHIC OF HELL



5.1.3. Does the Bible tell the truth about afterlife?

The Bible has described what heaven and hell look like. As mentioned above, the witnesses said the same things about heaven and hell although they come from different countries, background, period of time and professions. The witnesses do not know each other because it is in a period of 128 years from 1887 to 2015. But what they said is almost the same to each other and also the same to what is written in the Bible. So, these testimonies prove that what the Bible says about heaven and hell is true.

5.2. RECOMMENDATION FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

This research on afterlife, heaven and hell through comparing the testimonies of near-death witnesses to what the Bible says about afterlife, heaven and hell were carried out using Christian point of view because the comparing tools is the Bible.

This kind of research can also be carried out through the other religions point of view. So, another research using the same methodology can be applied to compare the testimonies of near-death experience to a certain religion point of view according to their teaching or “Holy Book”.

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APPENDIX 1

Name of the Witness : Zack Clements
Code of Witness : W01
Country : Texas, USA
Profession : High school student
Date/ Year of near-death : 5th May 2015
Cause of near-death : Heart problem

Resource:

Free, Cathy, Meet the Texas Teen Who Says He Saw Jesus When He Was Dead for 20 Minutes, People Celebrity, 22th May 2015, Accessed 29th December 2019, <http://people.com/celebrity/zack-clements-texas-teen-says-he-saw-jesus-when-he-was-dead-for-20-minutes/>

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THE TESTIMONY OF ZACK CLEMENTS



Picture resource:

Teenager With Cardiac Arrest Saw Jesus, Video You Tube, Dikirim oleh “ Lion Ground”, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AuGBbLk4XHI>

For 20 minutes on Tuesday, May 5, the day he turned 17, Zack Clements was clinically dead. Today he is alive with no apparent lasting effects from his ordeal. But that’s not even the most amazing part of his story.

When he regained consciousness three days later at Children’s Medical Center in Fort Worth, Texas, Zack told his parents that he’d seen a man with a thick beard, blue eyes and long, ruffled hair, surrounded by angels.

“I realized it was Jesus,” Zack, 17, of Brownwood, Texas, tells PEOPLE exclusively, taking a break from playing video games at home after his second day back at school since he was released from the hospital.

“He put his hand on my shoulder and told me that everything was going to be all right,” he says. “It made me feel like someone was watching over me and I was going to get through it. Since it happened, I feel like I’m a stronger person.”

The Clements were so astounded by Zack’s revelation that Teresa videotaped her son recalling what he saw.

“He said that he saw a line of angels and in the middle was the prettiest one of all – Jesus,” says Teresa, 39.

The family has been inundated with calls and comments – pro and con – since

Zack went public with his revelation in a local TV interview.

“We’ve had people say he’s lying, or that we gave him a pill before school that day so it would look like he’d gone into cardiac arrest,” says Billy Clements, 40, who works for an oil-rig company.

“People can argue science and logic, but they can’t argue somebody’s personal experience,” he says. “They can’t take that away from Zack.”

A Miracle in the Making

Football endurance training had just started after school on May 5 when, with no warning, Zack collapsed on the Warriors’ football field next to several of his friends.

For 20 minutes, classmates, a coach and a paramedic crew performed CPR to revive him.

“The situation was one of the gravest I’d seen,” says Gary Bay, who is principal of the Christian high school and used to work on a volunteer ambulance crew.

“If everyone hadn’t worked on him as quickly and efficiently as they did, I’m not sure he would have made it,” he says.

Doctors told Zack’s parents that the prognosis was grim.

“For 20 minutes, he was legally dead,” Dr. Lisa Roten, 49, a cardiologist who helped care for Zack, confirms to PEOPLE.

“We were worried he may have suffered irreversible brain damage,” she says.

Once his heart resumed beating on its own, doctors put Zack into a medically induced coma, lowering his body temperature to help his brain recover from the trauma.

Roten and the rest of the medical team were astonished when Zack awakened several days later and was fully aware of his surroundings.

The teen’s heart failed, Roten says, due to a rhythm problem, inflammation and a slightly abnormal coronary artery.

“He is very lucky,” she says. “So often, people remain in a coma after something like this and don’t wake up.”

As for Zack’s Jesus story, Roten says she believes him.

“As a society, we don’t like to look at what’s going to happen to us after we die,” she says.

“It’s an uncomfortable thing,” she says. “But somebody who is not clinically dead or has not been in that state cannot say what Zack did or did not see. He is somebody who, for 20 minutes, didn’t have a heartbeat.”

A Grateful Family

Two and a half weeks later, the Clements are preparing to host a belated birthday party for Zack in June, with an open invitation to everyone who came together to save the lanky teen’s life.

“It’s a miracle – there’s no other word,” says Teresa, a receptionist.

“Everyone is just amazed that he made it,” she says. “His doctors told me they normally don’t work on people for that long. After a certain amount of time, if they don’t have a pulse, they call it.”

Now back to his normal school routine, except for sports (further tests will be needed before he gets clearance), Zack wears a defibrillator vest that will deliver a shock if it detects a life-threatening heart rhythm.

And Zack believes that what he saw during the 20 minutes he was clinically dead is one reason he’ll be able to blow out 17 candles on his birthday cake.

“I’m just really thankful to everybody who pulled together to help me that day,” he says.

“It’s kind of overwhelming,” he says. “I guess you could say that the whole experience has made me a more humble person. I’m happy to be here.”

APPENDIX 2

Name of the Witness : Hanna Kristanto
Code of Witness : W03
Country : Jakarta, Indonesia
Profession : Pastor
Date/ Year of near-death : 22nd May 2012
Cause of near-death : Heart problem

Published in book:

Kristanto, Hanna, 3 Jam Di Surga, Yogyakarta, 2013, Penerbit Andi

Resource:

Direct interview with Mrs. Hanna Kristanto

Ibu Hana – Kesaksian Mengenai Perjalanan ke Surga, Tuhan Yesus Terang Dunia. Blogspot, 14th August 2016, Accessed 8th December 2019, <http://tuhanyesusterangdunia.blogspot.co.id/2016/08/kesaksian-ibu-hana-perjalanan-ke-surga.html?m=1>

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Video testimony:

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THE TESTIMONY OF HANNA KRISTANTO



Picture resource:

Kristanto Hanna, 21 Days Daniel Prayer & Fasting, IFGF,
<http://www.ifgf.org/uncategorized/21-days-daniel-prayer-fasting/>

Hanna Kristanto is the younger sister of the late Johannes Oentoro, one of the founders of Pelita Harapan University in Tangerang, Indonesia. Hanna serves as a pastor at IFGF GISI Jakarta church. At that time on May 22, 2012 Hanna was found face down unconscious and without a pulse on her desk. Hanna was rushed to Siloam Hospital by her younger brother, Reverend Jimmy Oentoro. Hanna was immediately treated intensively in the Intensive Care Unit and in a coma for about 4 hours.

His family panicked and cried seeing Hanna's condition, but instead Hanna was actually enjoying the beauty of heaven and did not want to return to earth. There he met his brother who had died a year earlier, Johannes Oentoro, and his father who had died ten years earlier. Hanna wrote this experience in a book entitled "3 Hours in Heaven". His testimony can also be seen in an interview that can be seen on youtube.

Hanna said that when she was unconscious, she felt she was somewhere but she did not know where she was. At that time he felt a pull on her body. Her legs were pulled by someone invisible. Hanna struggled to get away from the pull but she felt powerless and could only shout "Jesus help!" In her distress she later saw his

brother, Johannes Oentoro, and his father who had died. His brother tried to help him. He said, "We must seek help." Then Hanna saw someone coming. That person was big. When the big man came, the person who pulled Hanna's leg immediately released his grip. Hanna didn't know who pulled her leg, but she thought maybe it was a Devil.

The big man who helped Hanna then picked her up and brought her to a very nice house. The house was extremely beautiful and Hanna thought the owner of this house must be very rich. Hanna was on the floor and saw that the floor of the house was very shiny like there was water. When Hanna touched the floor, she found out that the floor was not wet. Hanna wanted to know who the owner of the house is. Hanna held the man's robe to help her up but she could not see His face. His robes were white and like a king's clothes. Hanna asked, "Whose house is this?" but there was no answer.

Then Hanna walked alone to surround the house. She saw the walls like reliefs made of various kinds of extraordinarily beautiful rocks. Hanna was amazed to look around the house. Then Hanna heard a very grand choir. Hanna asked, "Who is this singing?" But there was no answer. The song is like a very beautiful hymn. Then Hanna walked farther and heard the children's choir.

Then Hanna arrived at an extraordinarily beautiful garden. The grass was very smooth and green. Hanna ran around in a garden arranged with beautiful flowers. Hanna had never seen such a beautiful flower before. The flowers were big. The colors of the flowers were so beautiful and radiant, incomparable to the flowers on earth. The sky was feeled so close to beautiful colors and not dazzling. The atmosphere there was so peaceful. Hanna went around the garden and touched the flowers there in surprise. Then he sat down and said to herself, "Wow, it's nice to live here, it's amazing."

In the park Hanna did not see anyone else, but the big man followed behind him all the time. Hanna ran around in the park and then she found a river. The river was so clear and beautiful. From the river came a song of praise that made the heart truly feel joy. Hanna sat on the edge of the river thinking, "This is amazing."

Suddenly the big man tapped Hanna's shoulder while saying, "Hanna, it's time to go home". "Why should I go home?", said Hanna. The person said, "You must go home because many are waiting for you." "No, no," Hanna said and she ran quickly. But that person was suddenly behind Hanna. He was always close behind Hanna but Hanna still could not see His face. Hanna said, "I don't want to go home. Why do I have to go home?" "Yes, you must go home." "Please, I want to stay here," said Hanna. Hanna felt just arrived there, she was not satisfied exploring the park. She

argued again, "Why should I go home?" The man said again, "You must go home because many are waiting for you!"

Hanna talked to that man was like talking to a friend. When He to Hanna to go home, She saw millions of human hands and some of them said, "Hanna please go home." Hanna was surprised and thinks whose hand it is? Then the man said that it was the hands of her friends. Hanna said that it must be wrong because she didn't have as many friends as those people.

Then Hanna ran again and then she sat down. The man said again that Hannah had to go home. Hanna asked him what she should told the people when she returned home. He said, "You tell them!" "Tell them what?" said Hanna. "Tell them that many of them are fake. Tell them that I am Yes and Amen. Tell them to be truly to Me." At that time Hannah realized that the person was Jesus. He spoke behind Hanna. Hanna could see his clothes, but he still couldn't see His face. Then Hanna said, then why don't you speak directly to them? " He answered, "No, you must." At that time Hannah became convinced that the one who spoke to her was not an angel but Jesus Christ himself who gave her the command to do.

Hanna still tried to avoid His command. She ran again away from Jesus because she did not want to be told to go home. Then Jesus suddenly was behind Hanna again. At that moment Hanna suddenly saw her husband's face. Hanna was surprised and said to her husband, "Why are you here?" Her husband replied, "Yes, please go home! You left not saying goodbye yet." When Hanna was still thinking about it, she suddenly heard of her husband crying, like a child, which made her bear no heart. His crying really made Hanna touched and made her cry too, but Hanna still didn't want to go home. Then Jesus said, "You go home first. Later when the time comes, I'll tell you when you can come back here." It was God's promise to Hanna that she wanted to go home. Then Jesus reached out His hand and took Hanna. At that moment Hanna returned to her body on earth.

Currently Hanna Kristanto serves as a pastor in the IFGF GISI church Jakarta. She also serves as an apostolic team at IFGF GISI headquarters in Tangerang. Hanna's activities can be seen on the IFGF GISI church website at www.ifgf.org

APPENDIX 3

Name of the Witness : Abraham 'Iply' George
Code of Witness : W05
Country : Eskimo, Alaska
Profession : Taking fire-wood from the forest
Date/ Year of near-death : 29th November 2005
Cause of near-death : Snow mobile accident

Published in book:

Hermann, Glenn, (2015), *Celestial Traveler: The Amazing True Story of an Alaskan Eskimo's Journey Into The "Hereafter"*, Alaska: Glenn Hermann, <http://celestialtraveler.org/>

Resource:

George, Abraham, *Taken to Heaven and Hell: Near Death Testimony of Abraham George, Christ is Coming, Prepare to Meet the Lord*, accessed 10th March 2020, <https://christiscoming777.com/2016/05/27/taken-to-heaven-hell-testimony-of-abraham-george/>

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Testimony in video:

Abraham George Testimony March 24th at Church of the Nations, Video You Tube, 20:55, Sent by "Stephen Holmstock", 25th March 2013, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...>

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Abraham George Story of The After Life, Video You Tube, 52:25, Sent by “Celestial Traveler”, 10th March 2015, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-KFCfuH01E>

Note :

Glenn Hermann, who studied Christian apologetics, chronicled George’s story in a book called “Celestial Traveler.” Hermann said that while he was initially skeptical of George’s story, he decided to investigate. He spent about two years researching what George said happened to him. He traveled the region, talking to people who knew George before and after the accident. He interviewed most of the leaders in the village and he had enough tangibe evidence that he was convinced it did happen.

THE TESTIMONY OF ABRAHAM 'IPLY' GEORGE



Picture resource:

Herman, Glenn, *Celestial Traveler : Sensational New Book About One Man's Journey Into The Hereafter*, Celestial Traveler, <http://celestialtraveler.org/>

Manokotak, Alaska-Nov,29,2005. I woke up that morning and had coffee. It seemed to be a normal day – nothing seemed out of the ordinary. After lunch, I got my snowmobile and sled ready and took off. I have a special wood-hauling sled that I made. While on my way, I met two brothers from the village who said they were also going wood-hauling. But before we went on our way to the wood forest, we smoked marijuana first and got high.

After getting to our area, we began cutting trees, and soon we were gathering them to load them up. I asked the younger of the two brothers if he would make a run into Dillingham – for it was close by – to buy me a bottle of alcohol. He agreed and I gave him money.

We followed the trail home and came to one of the creeks. I headed down the embankment of that creek. On my way down, my snowmobile abruptly stopped. The right ski had slid under an upside down, u-shaped branch that was strong enough to stop the snowmobile suddenly. I quickly looked behind me. I could see one of the brothers right behind me hitting the brakes on his snowmobile, trying to

avoid hitting my sled full of logs – which was coming at me! I remember getting hit by the sled. I tried to jump off my snowmobile but the sled – extremely heavy with logs – slammed into my back with such force and violence that it crushed me. I was pinned helplessly against my snowmobile. I could not move and began to feel pain in my body.

The brothers jumped out of their snowmobiles and rushed to my aid almost immediately. In order to get the sled off, they had to off-load the logs until they were able to lift it. In the meantime, I began to experience blackouts, going in and out of consciousness. I also begin to vomit lots of blood.

Finally I was brought to the airport & I made it to the Dillingham hospital. The doctors there x-rayed me and I could hear them speaking – they said, “He’s gonna die from his injuries before the medevac arrives.” According to their x-rays, I had three shattered ribs. My pelvis was broken in four places. I had four crushed vertebrae. My spine was bent and severed. My liver and spleen were torn by a broken rib, and a lung was punctured by a broken rib. Needless to say, I was bleeding internally.

While at Kanakanak Hospital, a Russian man came and prayed for me. He said, “Lord, if it be your will, EXTEND HIS LIFE.” The next thing I knew, I was on the medevac to Anchorage on a Learjet. There were (four) paramedics or EMTs on the plane, and they were monitoring me. My blood pressure continued dropping.

Finally, my heart stopped. I had a cardiac arrest and I passed out. It felt like I fell asleep. Somehow, I got up and saw my body lying on the stretcher and the paramedics working on me. I was having an out-of-body experience. Yet, I could still see, hear, smell, taste and feel – I had all my senses even though I could see my body lying on the stretcher.

I could see them using what I thought were battery-jumper cables on me, and I could see my body and chest rise when they used it on me. But the heart monitor screen only showed a flat line. The defibrillator did not work – I did not respond. Then I heard another EMT say, “Put down the time when he died.” After they wrote it down, an EMT said, “Let’s try it one more time.” And they used the battery cables on me again, and my body jumped once more. This time it appeared to work – my heart started again.

THE ASCENT INTO HEAVEN

But then, the brightest, brilliant LIGHT – a figure of a Man – was standing by me on the right side! He was FILLED with LOVE, JOY and PEACE. He spoke in Yup’ik and he talked to me in a gentle way that filled me with a gentle, tingling feeling. He

asked me if I wanted to go to the place where the saved souls go.

The place that he brought me to was filled with God's glory. I saw gold streets below my feet. Even the ground was Full of LIGHT and there was no Shadow. When He brought me up, I looked for a sun or a light but there was no such light. I wondered where the light was coming from. He, Jesus, said, "I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!"

I saw a lot of saved souls from all different nationalities with this brilliant LIGHT. The saved souls had white garments – even the angels had white garments. And there were only young people. There were no old people. I recognised lots of saved souls. I saw people from Akiachak and Manokotak.

I saw those from my family: My Uppa, Grandma, aunts, uncles, my wife's relatives and ones that I never met before. I'd wondered in my thoughts, "Who's that?" Jesus knew my every thought and told me their names. "This is Evon John, and (the names of a Mr. & Mrs. Minesta), and Andrewski Gloko," and so on. I realized that they look so young with brilliant bright and smooth skins, and they were dressed in white robes. Their robes had a form with the brightest, brilliant and purest "fog" that moved on their robes. I saw the ones who died of old age, but here they were all young, about 33 years old. I even saw a woman who died of an old age, but here in heaven she was a young woman. I saw another woman who died as an old woman, but here in heaven she was also a young woman! I asked, "How come are they so young?" Jesus replied, "When they were young, they accepted me. I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

Men and women had black hair and full sets of hair. Women had long, wavy hair and a gentle wind seemed to be blowing on their hair. Some had wings and some not wearing the brightest, brilliant, and purest white robe made of fog. They said in heaven we would no longer be married, but live as brother and sister.

Jesus would say, "Look." Each time I looked, my eyes opened. I even saw many little children, and angels with wings flying around them but some had none. The feather touch of the angels was gentle and the Brightest of the LIGHT on my right told me these babies were the ones from miscarriages, abortions & stillborns. But their parents, mothers who are saved, will recognize them and the babies will recognize their parents and moms, I was told. That place is so wonderful. Jesus made that place for the saved souls.

THE DESCENT INTO HELL

Then the Brightest LIGHT asked, “Do you want to see where the unsaved souls live?” But I had no authority or control over my spirit and soul; whatever the Lord spoke, my whole being obeyed His voice!

Then Jesus and I turned around from the saved souls, and went to a different place. But we did not walk – rather, we began to glide downwards. As soon as we began descending into darkness, I began to smell an awful smell and I gasped for air. It seemed toxic! We came to a complete darkness but I could hear shouting and gnashing of teeth. I could hear millions upon millions of people even before we reached the bottomless pit and outer darkness. I heard countless people in different foreign languages, but I could also hear voices in Yup’ik, too. There were people gnashing their teeth and wailing and screaming in torment. There were also Christians who disobeyed the Lord and became as the UNPROFITABLE SERVANT who is thrown into the OUTER DARKNESS (Matthew 22:13; 25:30). They and the people who died in their sins were crying, “Give me another chance!” There are different levels of Hell, and the worst of the sinners are tormented in the worst way. Isaiah 66:24: “Their worms will not die, nor will their fire be quenched.”

THE 3 MEN IN HELL

The Lord showed me three different Yup’ik speaking men!

The Glory of the Lord showed me the first Yup’ik-speaking man. The Glory of the Lord showed me the lost soul, and worms were coming out of his eyes, nose, mouth, and ears. The man said in Yup’ik, “This is no place for me; I am tired of being thirsty. I am suffering and tired of being tormented. Why am I here? Give me another chance!” He said this three times.

The Lord answered him after the third time. “When you were on Earth I gave you many chances. I had my arms wide open to receive you. I called you by NAME, but you didn’t listen to my WORDS and my VOICE. You chose to enjoy the pleasures of sins, drugs, alcohol and earthly pleasures. You chose not to go to church and repent and live for me. You will be here for a long time until the Judgment Day: Then you will be judged according to your works and thrown into the lake of fire, where the demons will torment you forever!”

The Lord then showed me another Yup’ik-speaking man. The Glory of the Lord showed me the lost soul, and worms were coming out of his eyes, nose, mouth and ears. The man said, “Don’t look at me – don’t come near me – I am ashamed of

myself! This is no place for me. I am tired of being thirsty; I am suffering, tired of being tormented. Why am I here? Give me another chance!" He said this three times.

The Lord answered him after the third time. "When you were on Earth, you drank alcohol. Before your time came, and before you repented and came to me to be my servant, you took your own life and committed suicide! You took your life that does not belong to you; you cheated me by taking your own life. Here you will be forever until the Judgment Day, and then you will be thrown into the Lake of Fire where the demons will torment you forever!"

There were many people in hell, many souls: They were all too late and without Jesus.

The Lord showed me a third Yup'ik man, who was a preacher. The Glory of the Lord showed me the lost soul, and worms were coming out of his eyes, nose, mouth and ears. The man said, "This is no place for me, I am tired of being thirsty; I am suffering, tired of being tormented. Why am I here? Give me another chance! I have been serving the Lord and ministering as a preacher all my life. Why am I here?" He said this three times.

The Lord answered after the third time. "You are right when you said you served me all your life on Earth, but you hated one person and when you hated that one person, you hated me. Here you will be forever until the Judgment Day, and then you will be thrown into the lake of fire and the demons will torment you forever!"

— Matthew 6:14-15 says, "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses!" — Matthew 23:13 also says, "Then the king told the attendants, "Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Then, while we were in Hell, the Lord showed me falling souls. These people did not have Jesus. Those who die (fall asleep) without Jesus will wake up in hell. Even right now, as we speak, people are falling into Hell! Those worms in Hell will never die. The worms are there right now and upon those poor souls!

After a while, in my mind I said I didn't want to remain in Hell anymore. I was scared and frightened. I thought, "Am I going to be here, too? Am I going to be stuck here, too? Am I going to spend eternity here?" And the Voice, the Brightest LIGHT told me, as if he read my mind, "I am going to take you back!"

THE RETURN TO HEAVEN & EARTH

Jesus brought me back to the place where the saved souls go. He brought me back to heaven, up to the brightest place where I met with my relatives again. The Lord stood me next to my Dad, who said, "It is not your time – you have to go back."

After spending some time in heaven, the Lord told me He was bringing me back. And when Jesus and I were going down, He said to me, "Tell my children, I love them. Tell them there is a Heaven and Hell. Tell them I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Tell them no one comes to the Father except through me. Tell my children I am coming soon." He said this to me three times.

I didn't want to go back. I wanted to stay in the comfortable place. The Lord said, "If you don't tell my children and my people, I will throw you into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, and there you will suffer for eternity and the fire is not quenched! Tell my people and children that HEAVEN AND HELL ARE SO REAL !!"

When he said that, I got scared and it gave me the chills! When he was bringing me back, I said I didn't know how to speak in front of people. Jesus said, "I will take you to places you never went. I will help you when you speak about heaven and hell. Those who are spirit-filled will be your friends. Tell my children I love them. Tell them there's a heaven and hell. Tell them I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. Tell them there's no way to the Father except through Jesus."

As Lord was bringing me closer to my body, I could see the doctors unplugging the cords of the life support from my body. Then I heard many voices of angels singing a Christmas song. They were singing "Silent Night, Holy Night" in the most beautiful way I have ever heard.

When I touched my body, I came to. I could not hear the singing any longer. I suddenly felt the pain of my injuries. I could feel the tubes in my mouth and nose. I was going to tell the Brightest, Brilliant LIGHT on my right to bring me back to heaven, but He was gone. I wanted to stay where LOVE, JOY and PEACE – and the Peaceful, Brightest Brilliant LIGHT – was and stay there!

It was Christmas Day in 2005, and doctors at the Alaska Native Medical Center were unplugging my life support system. They said, "He will not survive." I had developed pneumonia in my good lung – the other lung was torn and useless from being damaged during the accident – and it was ending my life. They let my family in to see me for the last time. I was given last ministries. I called the preacher's name and he came back. He was glad to see me alive.

Then smoke began to swirl around me, and it swirled in my room for three days. The Spirit of the Lord, as a bright fog and the most beautiful smell, was circling above my bed. I asked the doctors and nurses tending me, "Why is there smoke?" I asked if there was a fire. They said there was no smoke or fire. I guess only I was seeing it. Each time I breathed in that smoke, I could feel healing taking place in my body. I felt a tingling that started on top of my head, and as time passed, that tingling began traveling down my body. I could feel bones moving in my body! I could hear noises as bones were being put back in place! I began recovering. On the second day, the doctors brought a portable x-ray in my room and re-examined me. They saw the bones healed and could not find the injuries. They looked for the gash in my liver and could not find it. The doctors loudly exclaimed their unbelief saying, "THIS CAN'T BE!"

Then they brought me to physical therapy and they let me walk; I walked on my own and praised God! On the third day of my awakening, all the pain was gone from my body. It was Dec. 27, 2005. The doctors discharged me then, for there was nothing wrong with me any more: THE LORD JESUS CHRIST HEALED ALL OF MY INJURIES! I told the doctors and nurses about what I experienced and they said, "This is real. It's time to change our lives."

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Since his recovery, Abraham George has been traveling to many places witnessing for the Lord Jesus Christ and the wonderful miracle of healing God has bestowed upon him. During his witnessing, signs and wonders followed Abraham, just as signs and wonders followed Jesus' apostles and others who gave their lives to Jesus and witnessed about him. Abraham says, "The world is not getting better. Even the weather is of the last days. All the messages that Jesus gave me are Biblical. When I read the bible, I see what the Lord was saying to me." Get right with God. Make Jesus Christ your Lord and Saviour, pick up your cross and follow Him. There is a Heaven to be won and Hell to shun.

Molly Dischner wrote additional information about Abraham 'Iply' George like the following:

George was raised in a Christian household, but left that faith as he grew older. His accident came just a few days after he was released from his third round of

substance abuse treatment at Jake's Place, in Dillingham.

He described himself as a full-bore alcoholic, a wild and rebellious man. The day of his accident, he was drinking alcohol while out collecting firewood. His sled turned over, and he was severely injured; the men he was with took him back to Manokotak. Eventually he was transported to Dillingham and then Anchorage for medical care.

After he was healed, George believed God had saved him so that he could return and spread the gospel. He started by swearing off alcohol for good.

"I would have been killed by alcohol," George said. "I was a regular drunk in Dillingham. After fishing I'd drink and ended up in jail. That was my life. And after he gave me that out-of-body experience, from then on, I never had a drop on, ever since 2005."

George said he believes he was brought back to share the gospel and tell people that Jesus is coming back to earth soon. Now, George travels throughout the state sharing his story, wherever church or community members invite him. For some, it's a little hard to believe, but after a decade of remaining steadfast, more and more are finding truth in it.

And his message has done more than just save souls. Manokotak Mayor Melvin Andrew said he's also caused change in their community, and beyond.

"The way it's benefitted Manokotak is to see a person change from one side to the other, and that the use of alcohol and drugs and crime doesn't pay. People can change from what they are now."

Andrew said crime decreased after George came back to the community healed, and a few others had also changed their lives and gotten sober. Andrew had a long history with George, which made it hard to accept his story at first. But today, he said, they are close friends and work together to encourage people to change their lives.

"He was the town trouble-maker, to make it plain and easy to explain," Andrew said. "And I was a village public safety officer during that time. I had contact with him in my official capacity as a VPSO many times, and on some occasions I'd have to arrest him. During those confrontations, we developed an animosity toward each other. But then after his accident, lo and behold, Mr. Abraham George changed. He was no longer the town drunk, but the complete opposite."

And now, an Anchorage man has written a book chronicling George's experience. Glenn Hermann, who studied Christian apologetics, chronicled George's story in a recently released book called "Celestial Traveler." Hermann said that while he

was initially skeptical of George's story, he decided to investigate. He spent about two years researching what George said happened to him. He traveled the region, talking to people who knew George before and after the accident.

"I've interviewed most of the leaders in the village, and they are all convinced," Hermann said. "...After about a year and a half I had enough tangible evidence that I was convinced it did happen, and I wound up writing this book about his experiences." Hermann said that while the story is a powerful religious testimony, it's also a good message for those struggling to get sober, and the book includes stories from those who have changed their lives after hearing Abraham's story.

Andrew agreed. "It is a powerful message," Andrew said. "And I'm sure it isn't just in Manokotak, but in the region and in the state, that people have heard his message and may have changed their lifestyle."

APPENDIX 4

Name of the Witness : Daniel Ekechukwu
Code of Witness : W09
Country : Nigeria
Profession : Pastor
Date/ Year of near-death : 30th November 2001
Cause of near-death : Car accident

Published in book:

Kent, Richard & Fotherby, Val, (2000), Beyond The Final Frontier, California:
Zondervan

Published in DVD:

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Blazing

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Note:

The full story of Pastor Daniel Ekechukwu is featured in the movie, "THE LAZARUS PHENOMENON". His story was filmed in location in Nigeria, and includes computer graphics of both Heaven and Hell. In the movie there is live actual footage of his return to life, after being dead for three days. Daniel has his death certificate, dated November 30th 2001, and many people witnessed his return from death. These include his family, friends, church members, medical doctors, and the mortician who attended him. Following the release of the movie, "The Lazarus Phenomenon", the testimony of Pastor Daniel Ekechukwu's has had a worldwide impact.

The true story of Pastor Daniel Ekechukwu is included in the book "Beyond The Final Frontier". It may be watched and downloaded in the free movie "THE LAZARUS PHENOMENON" available at www.finalfrontier.org.uk or www.finalfrontier.org.uk/index.php?main=13&sub=3&page=1

THE TESTIMONY OF DANIEL EKECHUKWU



Daniel Ekechukwu and his wife, Nneka

Picture resource :

Servant, David, The Resurrection of Pastor Daniel Ekechukwu, Bible Probe, Accessed 10th March 2020, <http://www.bibleprobe.com/ekechukwu.htm>

Daniel Ekechukwu, a pastor in Nigeria, died in a car accident and was taken to heaven and hell by two large angels. This testimony is important because it highlights the importance of forgiveness. Had God not given him mercy, Daniel would have had to stay in hell because he did not forgive his wife prior to death.

Pastor Daniel Ekechukwu appeared to be completely in control as he drove his car through the busy streets to his home in Lagos, Nigeria. There was nothing to show that he was boiling with rage at his wife. The Lord Jesus intervened in Daniel's life to bring him back to reality. Daniel related the story from his home in Lagos.

It was Christmas time, and my family always celebrates the birth of Jesus with our family and friends. I arrived home a few days before Christmas with a goat for my father. I had a quarrel with my wife, Nneka, on the previous Thursday. On Thursday night she knocked on my bedroom door, but I refused to open the door to her. The next morning she knocked again on my door, and again I did not answer. As I came out of the room, she said "Good morning, Daddy," but I ignored her, and would not talk to her. I then left the house, as she had offended me. I was very angry with her. I drove my car away from the house without even seeing my son on his bike, and nearly ran over our pet dog. I was told later that my son had asked his

mother where I was, and she said that I would be home soon.

I was going to deliver the goat to my father in Owerri. When I arrived, I saw my dad and said to him, "Hello Dad, I have a goat for you." I took the goat out of the car and gave it to him. Then I climbed into the car to return home. The sun was setting on the way back and I was anxious to arrive home as soon as possible, so I was driving faster than normal. As I passed a truck, the car seemed to be sluggish and unresponsive to the controls. I was traveling down quite a steep hill, and was about to turn into another dirt road. I applied the brake, but nothing happened. Even when I pumped the brakes nothing happened. The other cars in the road hooted, and pedestrians shouted at me, but there was nothing I could do. I crashed into a palm tree. The whole thing was weird. I seemed to see things happening in slow motion, and then there was darkness.

My wife, Nneka did not realize that I had been involved in an accident until she saw the people carrying me on their shoulders down the road. "The pastor is dead," they were screaming. She knew that they were screaming about me. She went to the scene of the accident and then learned that I was not dead, but in a very serious condition. Some of the people had taken me to the local hospital where I was rushed into the Intensive Care Unit. She travelled to the hospital, where she found me.

I insisted on being taken to my family doctor at Owerri. Nneka also asked the surgeon to move me to our family doctor. Nneka was advised that I was not well enough to travel or to make decisions, and that I may die if I left the hospital.

Nneka then signed a discharge authority to remove me from the hospital at her own risk. She arranged for me to be taken in an ambulance at high speed to the clinic in Owerri, where our private doctor practiced. I was in great pain during the journey, and I passed out. As the ambulance continued along at high speed, I saw two angels who lifted me up out of the ambulance by my shoulders. Nneka did not know anything about this. Suddenly the two angels left, and I found myself in another place with one angel.

The angel said to me, "Daniel, I have a lot to show you." He showed me a place where a multitude of white figures was gathered. They were pure white, and their bodies seemed to glow with a radiant light. I thought that I was seeing a gathering of angels because they all appeared similar.

The ambulance arrived at the clinic with my body. A doctor from the clinic checked my body for vital signs. Since he could find no vital signs, he declared that I was dead. Nneka was given a death certificate by the doctor, and she was told to give it to the mortician who would take care of my corpse. He said that my body should be moved to my own mortuary. Nneka however insisted, "No, my husband is

not dead. He cannot leave me and die like this.”

The angel said that the gathering was not a gathering of angels, but a gathering of the saints. There were some subtle differences between the angels and the saints that I noticed. Their colour was pure brilliant white. The angels had wings, but the saints did not. The saints there were worshipping God with one voice and raised their hands as they were singing. I heard the sound of many instruments, and their sounds were like nothing I had ever heard before. I longed to join in the singing but the angel would not allow me to. The angel said to me “Daniel, don’t go. I have a lot to show you. Take this file and record everything you see.”

The many people that I saw were clothed in light, and shone like the sun. They were the source of light there. There was another light beaming down upon them, and they were looking at that light. But I could not look at that light because it hurt my eyes.

On the 30th November 2001 my body was taken to the mortuary. Darlington Manu, the local mortician, arranged for the burial and discussed the details with my family and friends.

Exactly a year previously Nneka was praying after a very bad day. Whilst she was in prayer, the Lord had given her a word from the Bible. She read a verse, in Hebrews 11:35, that reads, “women received their dead raised to life again.”

After my death Nneka meditated on the words, “women received their dead raised to life again”. Whilst meditating on these words, the thought occurred to her that although her husband was dead, he would be raised to life, as in the Bible. Nneka had an impression that she should take my body to Reinhard Bonnke’s crusade, and that I would be raised back to life.

The angel said to me, “Let us visit the mansions Jesus has prepared for His people.” Immediately I was in a new place with mansions as far as the eye could see. Nothing on Earth could compare with these mansions. Although their appearances resembled buildings, the structures were unusual, not made of Earthly material. The buildings seemed alive, and moving. There were flowers everywhere, and beautiful singing and worship came from everywhere.

The angel said to me, “Jesus has finish His work, but the saints are not yet ready. The worship you are hearing is being sung by the flowers.” I looked and saw the flowers swaying in response to the music. It actually seemed as if they were clapping their hands, shouting and praising God. The angel said, “The flowers are waiting for the saints.”

Darlington Manu was in the mortuary between twelve midnight, and one

o'clock in the morning. He heard sounds coming from the mortuary, including singing, praising, and the clapping of hands. He wondered what was taking place, and decided to find out where the music was coming from.

As I was staring at the flowers singing the angel said to me, "We are going to visit Hell. Can you see the gates of Hell?" He raised his hand, and as he brought his hand down the gates opened with a loud noise. I could hear the crying and wailing of many people, but could not see them. I could not see very well, because of the darkness. However, the angel shone a light into the darkness, and then I could see more clearly. There were many people there. But, unlike the appearances of the people in Heaven, the appearance of these people was as it had been whilst they were on Earth. They were from every race, culture and nationality. Everyone seemed to be trapped in his or her own personal torment, a torment that would go on for eternity. The people could not communicate with any of the other people there. The sounds of crying and wailing were almost deafening. Suddenly they all seemed to become aware of me, and started shouting to me for help. They all called out to me only, and appeared not to see the angel.

A tormented soul shouted to me, "Please help. I am a pastor. I stole money from church and I lied. Help me, please. I am ready to repent". I noticed that immediately after the pastor made that statement, the force that was tormenting him seemed to increase. The people had flesh, but no blood, and they seemed to be on fire, but no flames could be seen.

There was a group of people that were eating their own flesh. They would vomit what they ate, and their flesh grew back again. This carried on in an endless cycle of torment. I thought to myself, "This place is not good for any human being, created by God, to go to. God did not make this place for human beings. He made this place for the Devil and his demons. Stubborn humans who disobey God will go here, just like the devil. This is a dangerous and a deadly place. God made it for the devil and his demons."

The angel said to me, "Daniel, if the book of your life was to be closed today, this would be your portion." This was completely shattering news to me. I said to the angel, "No. I am a pastor. I am a child of God. I am born again. And I have preached all over this country."

The angel said sternly, "Enough, Daniel. On the way to the first hospital you were asking God to forgive you. But you would not forgive your wife. Therefore your sins have not been forgiven. It is a matter of reaping what you have sown. You cannot show unforgiveness to your wife, and reap forgiveness from God."

I realized that the judgment was true for me, because I was angry with my wife, and I believed. God judged my heart so the angel said to me that, since I did not forgive my wife, I was not forgiven. I was crying, and said, "See how I destroyed my soul." While I was shouting and crying, I was afraid, and was covered in my own tears. I experienced panic because of the horror of Hell. If God wanted to send me to Hell, then nothing could prevent Him. While we were discussing this thousands of people were being sent to Hell.

Nneka told me that she had decided that she must take a step of faith, to make sure that I was brought back to life. She told my father that my family should take my body to the Reinhardt Bonnke meeting. But my father did not agree to this request, and dismissed her request to remove the body from the mortuary.

Meanwhile on the other side of the town things were working miraculously in favour of Nneka. Darlington Manu contacted my father, Lawrence Eke Imubwa. He told my father to remove the corpse they had brought to the mortuary. He said that he had seen some unusual signs in the mortuary. He did not know the reason for these signs, and did not want these experiences to trouble his conscience later, if he did nothing about the situation. He told my father to remove the body from his mortuary. My father asked why, and Darlington Manu replied, "Because things happened last night. I heard singing and music. You must take Daniel's body to the Reinhardt Bonnke meeting."

Nneka and my father then removed my body from the mortuary. They dressed my body, and put my body inside the coffin. Darlington Manu travelled with them when they left Owerri and went to Onitsha, where Reinhardt Bonnke was holding a crusade. My dressed body was placed in a white coffin that they had bought, and the coffin was loaded into a hired ambulance. Darlington Manu had agreed to go, in addition, to be a witness of my body coming back to life. When they arrived at the crusade the security guards prevented them from going into the crusade area.

Nneka told me that some people had been very unpleasant to her. She explained, "My husband, Daniel, is a man of God. He has had an accident and has died." Nneka asked permission to take my body into the meeting, so that Reinhardt Bonnke could pray for me, and bring me back to life. The security guards refused them entry into the premises, thinking they might have a bomb in the coffin. The procession was redirected to a room at the back of the church, and my body was taken out of the coffin and was laid on a table. People started praying over my body, for my body to come back to life.

The angel said that he was sending me back to the world to warn this generation. As people prayed, my heart began to beat. They all continued praying, and my

breathing gradually improved, but my body was still stiff with rigor mortis.

I saw myself being held up by lots of people. I was wearing only my trousers. They dressed me in my clothes. There was a crowd of people of more than two thousand. I looked around, and everywhere people were shouting and crying. Some were praising God. I could not understand what was happening. I saw hands grabbing me. They later told me that I jumped up out of the coffin. I could not understand what was happening. When I went to Heaven it seemed to me that I was there for no more than fifteen minutes. I could not understand why these people said I had been dead for three days. I had experienced no day, and no night. To me, it seemed that I had only experienced a short time in Heaven. I asked my wife, "What is happening?" In reply, she said I should keep quiet until we arrived at the house.

They brought me back to the house with my wife on the 2nd December 2001. When we were alone in the bedroom I asked my wife, "What is happening? What about the coffin and the time in the mortuary?" Then my wife looked at my body, where the mortician had injected chemicals, and said, "Daddy, did you know you were in the mortuary for three days?"

Nneka showed me my death certificate. She told me what had happened after they had taken me from the ambulance to the hospital, where the doctor confirmed that I had died. They had used their equipment to check my vital signs. The doctor confirmed he had checked my heartbeat, the pupils of my eyes, and everything else. After checking all my vital signs he confirmed that I was indeed dead. He then gave them a certificate, on which it was indicated that my family should remove my body to the mortuary. Nneka showed me my death certificate, where it clearly says, "Demise. For removal to mortuary."

Additional information written by David Servant :

Daniel said there is no earthly way to describe what he saw. The mansion had no apparent end to its height or width. It continually moved, and each room also revolved in some manner. It was made of something that was transparent like glass, and the floors appear to be made of light. Daniel didn't see anybody in the As amazing as the story of his death and resurrection is, what pastor Daniel experienced after his death is even more amazing. To him, what he experienced between his death and resurrection could have taken only fifteen minutes, even though he was physically dead for almost two days. After he was lifted from his body by the two

angels in the ambulance, he soon found himself momentarily alone, but soon joined by a different angel. Daniel stated that if he was confused about something that he saw or experienced, or if he had a question in his mind, this angel immediately gave him the answer. This angel first told him that they were going to Paradise. There was no time expended in getting anywhere the angel took him. As soon as the angel said they were going to Paradise, they were there.

Daniel stood with the angel and watched a multitude of worshipping people who were dressed in sparkling white garments. He immediately thought they were angels, but the escorting angel told him that they were human beings who, “while they lived on earth, served God and had their faith focused on Christ Jesus and lived righteously.” These people were all ageless and raceless. That is, none appeared to be young or middle-aged or elderly, and none had any racial distinctives in their appearance. All were focused on a very bright light, and all worshipped in perfect unison. They would all lift their hands at once and bow at once “as if a sort of electronic device was activating them.” (This same phenomenon was described to my wife by an elderly Haitian pastor who died for a short time, but was sent back to earth to finish his work.)

Daniel did notice one man who looked elderly among the multitude, and the thought occurred to him that perhaps that man was God, but the escorting angel immediately corrected him. The man was father Abraham.

Daniel longed to join the worshippers, but the angel told him that there were other things Daniel needed to see. He told Daniel they would next go to see Jesus’ promise to His followers, the mansion He had prepared for those whom “He would find righteous on the last day.” Immediately they were there.

Daniel said there is no earthly way to describe what he saw. The mansion had no apparent end to its height or width. It continually moved, and each room also revolved in some manner. It was made of something that was transparent like glass, and the floors appear to be made of light. Daniel didn’t see anybody in the great mansion, but heard beautiful singing. Wondering where the music was coming from, the angel immediately pointed him to the many flowers around the mansion. When Daniel looked at them more closely, they were moving and swaying and singing praise to God!

APPENDIX 5

Name of the Witness : Carl Knighton
Code of Witness : W13
Country : Ohio, USA
Profession : Army
Date/ Year of near-death : 1997
Cause of near-death : Drug overdose

Resource:

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<https://www1.cbn.com/700club/wake-call-hell>

Video Testimony:

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hell, Video You Tube, 50 : 23, Dikirim oleh "Curtis Roach", 22 Februari 2014,
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THE TESTIMONY OF CARL KNIGHTON



Picture resource:

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Carl Knighton knows what hell is like because he says he went there after he accidentally overdosed on a drug called Valium.

“Like the bible says you are in torment,” says Carl.

Even though it happened more than twenty years ago Carl was able to draw pictures of what he says he encountered in hell.

Carl remembers as he shows drawings, “The one in the middle is trying to get out of the fire but there’s no way they can get out. There’s no hope for them. There’s no way of escape for them.”

Carl grew up in a Christian home where he had been taught that heaven and hell were real places. Even as a child, he was sensitive to the things of God.

“I always felt the presence of God. I’ve seen angels of God at a young age and that let me know that God was with me.”

After high school, Carl joined the army and married. Both his marriage and his military career were short lived.

Carl says, “Platoon leader meaning Platoon sergeant and squad leader would

come to me and say, 'You're not doing your job and you should be doing better than this. And you're not going to ever make the next rank. And you know your career is going to end.' So I got really frustrated."

Carl decided it was time to get out of the army – by going AWOL. He hitch hiked to Ohio to see an old friend. He then went on a two-week drug binge. One night Carl went to a crack house in the worst part of Columbus, Ohio.

"You could smell the stench of the crack cocaine. You could smell the stench of the marijuana. People were high and laying all across the floors."

Carl smoked some crack and started drinking alcohol and using other drugs. But he says he believes it was the last pill he took that sent him on a journey to hell.

Carl remembers, "And I took that Valium and before I knew it I fell off the couch onto the floor. It was pitch black dark. I began to quiver. I began to have the shakes. And I began going down and down and down like a deep pit and I start smelling the stench of hell. It's the most rottenness thing that you could ever smell in your life. In fact, you can't even imagine it. I began to fill a tugging and pulling like the bible says the demons tug and nag at you. They were calling my name. 'We got you. We got you. We got you. You belong to us now.' I saw souls. Lost souls that were in torment in the lake of fire. They were crying and calling on God. They were hopeless. And I called on the Lord, 'Jesus. Jesus. Help me Jesus. Help me Jesus.' And soon as I called on his name. I saw the hand of God snatch me out of hell and my spirit went back into my body."

Carl says that he was in hell for more than half an hour.

"I was shaking and trembling and I turned my head to the right and they said I was dead. And they said it was 30 to 35 minutes but I know that was a loving God that loved me so much."

Three days later, Carl returned to Ft. Eustis, Virginia to face the consequences of going AWOL. He was demoted and was confined to the barracks for one month. During that time alone he completely surrendered his life to Jesus Christ.

"I immediately asked the Lord to forgive me and I repented and put those sins behind me. I went forward in God. I really gave my life back to Christ after that," says Carl.

Today Carl is married again. He's on a mission: to tell as many people as he can about the reality of heaven and hell.

"God loved me so much that he gave me a second chance. And I'm here to tell the story not a story but a true testimony of how awesome God is if people will only

listen. And don't take God for granted. Don't throw your life away. Accept Jesus as your savior. "

APPENDIX 6

Name of witness : Dr George Rodonaia
Code of witness : W 32
Country : Georgia, Russia
Profession : Doctor (psychiatrist & neuropathologist) and
scientist
Date/ Year of near-death : 1976
Cause of near-death : Being hit twice by a car

Published in book:

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Resource :

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http://www.divinerevelations.info/pdf/to_hell_and_back_dr_rawlings.pdf

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Video testimony:

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Note:

The testimony of Dr George Rodonaia was written by Dr Maurice Rawlings in his book "To Hell and Back". This is a prologue from Dr Maurice Rawlings:

Dr. George Rodonaia, a young Russian fellow, very intelligent. He came with a Ph.D and an M.D, but had trouble with KGB. He couldn't get out of Russia. In fact when he tried to get out of Russia, he was purposely run down by a KGB agent, who drove on the sidewalk in order to run him over. This is how he died and where his story begins.

THE TESTIMONY OF DR GEORGE RODONAIIA



Picture resource:

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http://www.divinerevelations.info/documents/rawlings/dr_rawlings_near_death_experiences2.htm

As a psychiatrist and a neuropathologist, for me God never existed. I never believed in God. I never believed in the Bible. I never thought about God, the Bible or divinity. In 1976, I was 20 years old, I was already a doctor working in Georgia, Russia.

I met a lady from Texas. I tried to leave the country many times. But I didn't have much help. This lady tried to help me and I got in big trouble with the KGB. I worked on "idenotintriphosper", it is a neuron transmitter in our brain. With the conjunction of "Oxitocin", I discovered several things.

I was an important scientist and KGB didn't want me to go so they decided to kill me. That is how I got into another dimension of my life.

I was standing on the sidewalk, ready to depart to NY, waiting for cab, when a car on the sidewalk hit me. I flew in the air 10 meters, and then the car ran over me. My friends and relative took me to the hospital. The hospital staff, friends of mine and 2 other professors declared me dead. On Friday night, they put me in the morgue, in the freezer.

Three days later, they took me out. So on Monday morning they began my autopsy. These 3 days of being out of my body, seeing everything that was happening around, seeing myself, my body, seeing my birth, my parents, my wife, my child, and my friends. I saw their thoughts. I saw what they were thinking, how their thoughts move from one dimension to another.

It was incredible experience. I was in darkness, total darkness. The darkness was pressing. This darkness existed not beyond, but it existed within. What I want say is that the darkness was pressing. And I was in the middle of this fear and I did not understand why and how this darkness existed. Where was I?

I understood that I didn't have a body because I didn't feel it. Then I saw a light. I went through a little hole into that light. But the light was so powerful, so burning. You cannot compare it to anything. No words can explain it. The light was so burning, going through flesh. I didn't have a body. That was the most interesting part.

And I was scared of the light, I wanted to go into the shade to save myself from this light. What is that light? I don't know. It can be called the light of God, it can be called the light of Life. But light is light and darkness is darkness. As a psychiatrist and scientist, I did not think about that. The only thing was that I was in light.

We were not raised in God's way. You know about the Soviet Union, we didn't go to church. There were people who went. But they were some kind of limited people. We thought they didn't know any better that there was no God. But those 3 days of being in the morgue, the freezer, changed all my life.

They begin the autopsy, and started to cut open my chest. That was the first incision, then I opened my eyes, and they saw that my pupils were convulsing, getting smaller. When they saw that my eyes were reacting to light they knew I was alive. They put me back to the hospital and began resuscitation.

My lungs were collapsed for a long time so I was put on a respirator for 90 days. My recover did not happened fast, but the life did came back. They discovered was that the life was there during the autopsy, but not all my organs were working. It was hard work for nine month being in recovery, it didn't happen immediately, but the life was there. But the doctors had to help me survive and help me to regenerate my health and organs.

When I came back to life, a lot of different experiences had happened. I experienced a lot of rejection, a lot of fighting with others. But nothing could change my mind, I knew my destination, I knew my way. I decided to leave the country, and this lady from Longview Texas helped me move to the United States. We went to

Texas and continue to live there today.

Sometimes things are beyond our grasps. But I don't try to explain it all because I know and I believe that God knows better. I believe that I don't need to explain everything. But why it was shown to me and why was I chosen? It was a question that I honestly didn't care about. I care that I deeply believe in a God of love and God is love. And I believe God created everything for betterness and for an incredible future if we don't ruin it.

APPENDIX 7

Name of witness : Dr Donald Whitaker
Code of witness : W 33
Country : Oklahoma, USA
Profession : Physician and scientist
Date/ Year of near-death : February 1975
Cause of near-death : Acute hemorrhagic narcotic pancreatitis

Published in book:

Rawlings, Maurice S., 1993, To Hell and Back, Tennessee: Thomas Nelson

Resource:

Rawlings, Maurice, To Hell and Back, Divine Revelations, Accessed 16th January 2020,

http://www.divinerevelations.info/pdf/to_hell_and_back_dr_rawlings.pdf

Rawlings, Maurice, To Hell and Back : Dr George Rodonaia, Free CD Tracts, Accessed 16th 2020, <http://www.freecdtracts.com/testimony/hellandback.htm>

Video testimony:

Hell Testimony Dr Donald Whitaker, Video You Tube, 9 : 58, Sent by “tread4u”, 1st July 2009, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X54dYbfCSR4>

Note:

The testimony of Dr Donald Whitaker was written by Dr Maurice Rawlings in his

book "To Hell and Back". This is a prologue from Dr Maurice Rawlings:

Our next case is of Dr. Whitaker who is still in practice, but was atheist at the time of the incident. He had nothing to do with God, but there was a situation that changed his life. We'd like you to experience it with him.

THE TESTIMONY OF DR DONALD WHITAKER



Picture resource:

Rawlings, Maurice, To Hell and Back, Divine Revelations,

http://www.divinerevelations.info/documents/rawlings/dr_rawlings_near_death_experiences2.htm

It was February of 1975, at that time I was an alcoholic out of control. I was also using recreational drugs. But primarily, alcohol was my drug of choice. I was totally out of control. I had a lot of friends in the entertainment business; Ringo Star and a bunch of other people.

They were having a TV special on the west coast. Hoight (a friend) had called me and asked me if I would like to go. I told him that I would love to, because I knew there was going to be a lot of booze, and partying. While they were doing their special, I was doing my thing.

After about three or four days out there, I became ill. I had severe pain in my abdomen. I flew into Oklahoma city, called a senator friend of mine, and asked him to send a car for me because I was sick. They sent a car and took me home. And I checked into Whatley hospital in Texarkana, Texax in February of 1975. I checked in with electrolytes, which means that the chemicals in my body were so far out of balance that they had to give me IVs to build me up.

At that time of my life, I was atheist. I was hard core atheist and was living for myself. Atheists are self centered, they live for themselves. This is where I found myself in 1975 in my hospital.

After 3 days they operated me. Later, I found myself in the intensive care on a respirator, which means it was breathing for me. I couldn't speak. I've been there in a comma. I heard these people talking about how sick I was and how I was going to die and how I wouldn't get out of the hospital. At that time my hair was very long because I just wore my hair long. And I heard one guy say, "My, his hair is long." And another guy said, "Not nearly as long as it is going be before he gets out of here." And the third voice said, "He's not going to get out of here. He's going to die."

And after 3 days, I could breath on my own. I remember my doctor, my surgeon, Dr. Donald Dunkon said to me, "Don, if you have anything to get right, if you have anything to get signed, you get it done because we are not sure how long you have."

I knew I had a condition which is that was called Acute hemorrhagic narcotic pancreatitis. You don't live with this disease. You could live with pancreatitis. You could even live with Acute pancreatitis, but you do not live with Acute hemorrhagic narcotic pancreatitis. Dunkon had told my two sons that I would be dead before morning. They didn't expect me to survive.

I was laying there, a professed atheist. I didn't believe in God. I believed in the power of the universe because I've seen it. As a physician, I've dealt with life and death. I believed in something, but don't talk me about God. And surely don't talk to me about resurrection, virgin birth or this type of things because I am in research and science. The Majority of PHDs in research and science don't believe in God. They do not believe a supreme being. They are beginning to believe there is an order in the universe because the further along we go, we see the order.

It is very easy to be an atheist when you are successful. You have worked your way from Oklahoma welfare to be one of the most powerful men in your part of the country – one of the most powerful men in the state of Oklahoma, politically. It is very easy to be an atheist when you have done all of that. A man could sit back and say "I don't need God. What is God?"

But it is very difficult to be an atheist when you are lying on the death bed, because you began thinking "what if these people are right?" There had been one man named Ron Short, that stood between me and the gates of hell. One man had witnessed to me about the love of Jesus for 5 years, before I became ill. I would debate him and I liked him, because he did what he said he was going to do. He was the only one that I saw that profess to be Christian and lived what he said he was going to do. I really respected him. I didn't believe what he said but I respected

him.

When I was lying on my death bed and knowing that I was going to die, guess who I thought about? I thought, “what if Ron is right? What if there is a Heaven and a Hell.” Almost immediately the most pressing thought in my mind is how do I get saved. What is saved? How do I get saved?

So I sent people out to get Ron Short. I wanted him to come down because I wanted him to do whatever he had to do. I had no idea how a man hanging on a tree in Israel 2000 years ago could save me. What is that to me? But I knew he had something that I had to have. That night Ron wasn't home, he was in Alabama. So I had people go and get Ron.

That night was the longest night that I've had in my entire life, before or since. As I am laying there in bed, I had begun to fade away into darkness. It was so, so dark. It was like the darkness just penetrated into your very being. I can tell you that I left my body because I remember coming back into my body. I don't know where I was out of my body.

There are people that talk about a light, or floating above, a feeling of warmth or love. I didn't feel any of that. I felt none of that. I felt untold terror, untold terror. I knew that if I went all the way, if I slipped all the way, I would never get back. In my being of beings I knew that. So I fought all night long.

They told me later on that I not only pull the mattress cover off the mattress, I put the mattress upon me. I had to stay, I had to wait till Ron got there. Whatever he had to do, I had to wait.

But again when I would leave my body, I would be going down into deep dark terror. My skin began to get cold. Not the kind of cold you feel when you walk out in the air, no, this was bone chilling cold. And I could feel the coldness began to come up my legs.

Again I would begin to leave my body and would be in the darkness, in that void. I remember one time entering back my body, I felt my body thud, my physical body thud. Believe me, believe me, that was the most horrifying terrifying experience that I had ever encountered.

I fought all night long. The next morning around 9:30 or 10 o'clock, Ron came in. He said, “Dr. Whitaker, what do they say are your chances?” I said, “Ron, they tell me I have none.” He said, “Now is the time.” I said, “You're right.”

Before, I had cursed him, I had spit on him, but now it was the time because I had to have whatever he had. I had a short period of time left on earth and I didn't have any idea when I might make that trip and go all the way.

sinner's prayer At that time Ron simply led me in a sinner's pray. I had no idea what a sinner's prayer was, but I trusted Ron. He led me through the sinner's prayer and told me that Jesus had died for my sins. He had died for the sins of the world. I didn't quite understand that. He showed me in the word of God where that was written.

You have to understand that I am a man of books. I've spent big part of my life, 25 or 26 years of life in books, all types of scientific books. I have degrees in Chemistry, all the way up to medicine doctor to practical medicine.

He told me and I believed him because it said so in this book. It was a new book to me, it was called Bible. I had Ron lead me, and I said the sinner's prayer. I can tell you one thing, there was a peace that came over me like I have never known.

bottles of beer I've searched for that peace in the bottles, alcohol, needles, drugs, and women. I've searched for it in all type of places. But there was no peace in my life. But once I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and savior, I was no longer afraid. I still believed I was going to die because I knew the condition I had, and you don't survive it. I knew that, I am a physician. I knew what I had you did not survive.

Ron showed me in the word of God where it says, "These signs shall follow those that believe. They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." (Mark 16:18) I walk around on planet earth this day, taking no insulin, taking no enzymes, eating whatsoever I want, and everyday God produces in my body the correct material for me to function without having to take medication.

Dr. Donald Whitaker When you see blind eyes open, you see the cripples walk, you see the leprosy cleansed, and you see them with your own eyes, then it doesn't take a rocket science to figure out that Bible is true.

APPENDIX 8

Name of the Witness : Rita Chuter
Code of Witness : W35
Country : United Kingdom
Profession : Housewife
Date/ Year of near-death : 1969
Cause of near-death : Heart attack during surgery

Published in book:

Kent, Richard & Waite, (2000), David, The Final Frontier, London : Harpercollins

Resource:

Kent, Richard & Waite, David, The Final Frontier, Free Christian Teaching,
Accessed 10th

January 2020, <https://www.freechristianteaching.tv/the-story-of-rita-chuter-uk>

The Story of Rita Chuter, UK, Free Christian Teaching, Accessed 10th January 2020,
<http://www.freechristianteaching.tv/the-story-of-rita-chuter-uk>

Note:

The testimony of Rita Chuter was written by Dr Richard Kent & David Waite in their book

“The Final Frontier”. This book is a compilation of near-death testimonies.

THE TESTIMONY OF RITA CHUTER

I had major surgery on my legs in 1969 when I was 32 years of age. Whilst on the operating table, and under anaesthetic, I had a cardiac arrest.

The only way I can describe it is that, although my body was on the table, and the doctors were fighting to get me back to life again, part of me was above them, and began to float away from that operating theatre. I started to go down and down. It was horrific. I could see faces in pits, contorted with agony and pain. As I continued to go down, I began to be tormented by demons of all shapes and sizes. Not only were they ugly, but the smell was dreadful.

What made this downward journey even more terrifying were the lost souls I could see. There were many other awful things of which I cannot bear to speak. I came into a room where I could smell sulphur, and I saw a lake of fire. I could feel the flames and heat from that fire. My thoughts were that if I hit the bottom I would stay forever. There is never ending night and day for eternity in that dreadful place where the fear, pain and torment never cease.

It was bad enough hearing the screams and seeing indescribable horrors. But then I saw my own father in that place. I wanted so much to help, but knew I could not do anything for him. My father had been a good man, and became very sick with cancer. The vicar came to see him and asked if he could pray, but my father refused any prayer, or any mention of Jesus. He wanted nothing to do with Him. Now, as I looked at him, I knew he regretted that decision to turn his back on Jesus. It was his free will choice, but what devastating consequences! As I continued to look with horror at the situation he was in, it was if his thoughts spoke to me again. He told me to warn my mother, so that she would not have to come to this terrible place where there was no respite, and no end to the torment.

The heat was unbearable. I also knew there was nothing I could do to release my father from his 'chosen' destination. I was also terrified lest I should dragged down and forced to stay there. In my desperation I cried out to God, *'Oh, God, please help me!'*

At the moment of crying out to God, I heard another voice crying, *'We have a heartbeat!'* I wanted to tell the surgeon, and the rest of the team, that I had been to Hell, and was terrified. I was put on oxygen. They kept telling me to rest because they were concerned about me, and wanted me to get well. Nevertheless, I kept trying to tell them, *'I've been to Hell, and I never want to go there again!'*

Yet still I did not come into a close relationship with Jesus. I allowed Satan to deceive me, and to draw me away from a true walk with God. There were further major operations. Each time I went into hospital I was in absolute terror of death and Hell. I kept seeing myself burning in the flames, being tormented like my poor father. My mother and sister would not listen to what I had to say about dad and Hell. The problem was I did not go to the right people for help, and I became more and more taken over by the torment and fear with which Satan and his evil spirits confused me.

It was when I was 50 years old that my lovely daughter Michelle came to see me one day. She told me that she had given her life to Jesus, and that she knew of someone who would be able to help me. Thank God I agreed to allow Canon Jim Fry to come and pray for me. On 23 February 1987 my life was completely changed. As Canon Fry prayed for me, God spoke to me saying, *'I have sent my beloved Son, Jesus, to deliver and set you free.'* I saw the battle going on for my soul in the spiritual realm, but Jesus dealt with it all. I was set free to go and tell other people what He had done for me, in order to set other captives free.

What a wonderful day that was. My husband was there too, and he also gave his life to Jesus. We were both set free, born again by the Spirit of God, never again to be tormented by fear.

In 1995, Rita Chuter died at her appointed time, and we know that she is now with Jesus.

APPENDIX 9

Name of witness : Ms Jang
Code of witness : W 39
Country : Shan Tung, China
Profession : Housewife
Date/ Year of near-death : 1904
Cause of near-death : Tuberculosis

Published in book:

Vaughan, Louisa,(Reprint 2018), Answered or Unanswered, London: Forgotten Books

Resource:

Baker, H.A., The Three Worlds : A Chinese Woman Went to Heaven and Returned, Bibleprobe, Accessed 20th December 2019, <http://bibleprobe.com/nde-chinese-woman.htm>

Bibleprobe, NDE: A Chinese Woman Went to Heaven and Returned (near death), For Christians & Messianic Jews, Sent 4th March 2007, Accessed 20th December 2019, http://prorege-forum.com/forum_entry.php?id=2805&page=0&category=near+death&order=time

Note :

This testimony was written by an American missionary, Louisa Vaughan in her book "Answered or Unanswered" chapter IX, pages 42 – 46.

THE TESTIMONY OF MS JANG



The picture of Ms Louisa Vaughan, a missionary who documented the testimony of Ms Jang

Picture resource:

Vaughan, Louisa, Answered or Unanswered, Archive.org, <https://archive.org/stream/answeredorunans01vauggoog#page/n6/mode/2up>

“In the year of 1904, I held a meeting of several day’s duration in the city of Wang Kia Kwan Dswang. My audience consisted of the most stupid and ignorant of Chinese women. Some of them were converts, but most of them came to hear the Gospel for the first time. Among these last was a Mrs. Jang, who seemed, if possible, a little more stupid than the rest. She was one of our number, not because of any interest she felt in Bible truth, but because her husband, formerly a Confucian scholar, had accepted the Savior and wished her to know something of the fundamental principles of Christianity. Her two little children, who were always with her, consumed much of her time and strength. There were some twenty others in the class to be taught, and I had little chance to give individual attention. The prospect of her learning enough truth to be converted was not encouraging.

“My one method of work, however, was prayer with complete reliance upon the power of God through the Holy Spirit to fulfill His promise in John 14 :13,14: ‘And

whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it'. In the course of these meetings the Father was glorified in the conversion of Mrs. Jang; for after four days of simple instruction she returned to her home a new creature in Christ Jesus.

"About six months later, when I was holding services in a neighboring village, Mrs. Jang appeared again. This time she brought three children and the family dog. (She had given away the chickens.) Again she stayed four days, absorbed as much truth as she could under the trying circumstances, and again returned home.

"Soon after, she contracted tuberculosis and suffered intensely for a year. Her physical pain was only a part of her distress. Her family realized that a great change had taken place in her life, but they would not accept her testimony. They were especially bitter because she unbound her feet. Disregarding such a time-honored custom was a serious disgrace to them. They tortured her in all sorts of little meanness's. She would be refused a drink when she was too ill to get it for herself, and she was frequently told that she was to be buried with her feet bare. A modest Chinese woman has only her face and hands uncovered, even in death.

Visions of Other Parts of the Heavenly City

"In the midst of all her pain and trials Mrs. Jang maintained a bright clear testimony. She grieved only because her dear ones would not receive the message of life that so thrilled and comforted her own soul.

"The dreadful disease had about done its work, when I again found myself in her vicinity. The pastor of the church in which I was speaking came to tell me of her year of suffering.

" 'Miss Vaughan', he said, 'the only prayer she has offered for herself during all these months is that she may see your face again.'

The Body in Death Chamber

"Needless to say I went to her immediately. I was received with a welcome of such apparently boundless affection that I felt I had never before known what love was. A few days passed. It was evident that it was God's will to take Mrs. Jang home, and we who loved her ceased to pray for her recovery. We asked only that God would give her great peace in going, and lift from her heart the burden of grief that it carried because her testimony had not been received by those nearest her.

"I made what I supposed was my last visit to her. 'We will never see our friend

on earth again', I said to my class. 'She is very near the heavenly home, and can not possibly live through the night.'

"Early the next morning her father called upon me. 'Your daughter is now at rest and in the Savior's presence,' I said.

"He smiled. 'Oh, no, no!' he said excitedly. 'The Lord has performed a wonderful miracle. She is alive again.

"Then he explained. Mrs. Jang had died at three o'clock the afternoon before, and her family, in accordance with Chinese custom, had immediately prepared her body for burial. At about sunset they heard a noise in the death chamber. They supposed that the children or pigs or chickens (they have equal freedom in the houses of the poor) had gotten into the room. But when they opened the door they could scarcely believe their eyes. Mrs. Jang sat erect on the kang. She had removed her grave clothes and put on those she had been wearing before her death!

"I never taught Revelation in China and nothing had ever been told Mrs. Jang of the glories of Heaven as described in that book. She had instruction for only eight days in her life.

Visions of Other Parts of the Heavenly City

Mrs. Jang Inside the Golden City

"This is her story as she related it to me: 'I remember seeing all the family around me crying. Then the Lord Jesus came into my room and took me by the hand and said, 'Come with me!' In a short time we were before a gate of pearl. It was the gate of Heaven. Angels opened it and we went in. I saw many beautiful houses all of pretty colors. I walked beside the Lord on the golden streets. Miss Vaughan, I was so glad you had told me to unbind my feet; I would have been so ashamed to walk beside my Savior with little feet.

"Then we went on and I saw thousands of angels in a circle, singing and playing lovely music. In the midst was the throne of glory. The Heavenly Father sat upon it, and when I saw Him I was afraid. I hardly dared to lift my eyes'.

" 'You have come', He said.

" 'Yes, Lord.'

" 'You may go back for a while, but you must return to me here on the twelfth of the month'.

Sent Back to Earth

“ ‘Miss Vaughan, here I am, and now they’ll have to accept my testimony, for I have walked on the golden streets and I’ve seen the Father. They’ll have to believe me now.’

“Did her relatives and neighbors believe her?”

“People flocked in from miles around to hear the wonderful story. She spoke as an eyewitness and they could not reject her testimony. God’s mighty power was upon it, and hundreds were converted. Even today, missionaries in that vicinity find an eager reception for the Gospel message because that is the ‘Jesus doctrine’ believed by Mrs. Jang who went to heaven and came back again to tell what she saw.

“The days passed until the twelfth of the following month. When that day came the family tried to convince Mrs. Jang that she had reckoned the date incorrectly, but her eager heart was not to be deceived. Late in the afternoon she asked her mother for her grave clothes. Under strong protest they were folded and put on the bed. At sunset while the family were at their evening meal in an adjoining room, she dressed herself quietly in her burial garments then lay down, and her beautiful soul went back to her God”.

Just an ignorant Chinese woman whose whole education had been gained in a few days ! yet how wonderfully God used her to His glory in the saving of souls .

APPENDIX 10

Name of the Witness : George Lennox
Code of Witness : W40
Country : Kansas, USA
Profession : Prisoner
Date/ Year of near-death : 1887
Cause of near-death : Landslide accident at a coal mine

Published in book:

Reynolds, John N., (2009) *The Twin Hells : A Thrilling Narrative of Life in the Kansas and Missouri Penitentiaries*, London : Dodo Press

Resource:

Prisoner Dies and Go to Hell, Freecdtracts, Accessed 15th December 2019, http://www.freecdtracts.com/testimony/George_Lennox.htm

Reynolds, John N, *The Twin Hells*, Kancoll Books, Accessed 15th December 2019, <http://www.kancoll.org/books/twnhells/>

Reynolds, John N, *The Twin Hells*, Gutenberg, 17 September 2008, Accessed 15th December 2019, <https://www.gutenberg.org/files/1318/1318-h/1318-h.htm>

Note :

The testimony of George Lennox was written by John N. Reynolds in his book entitled “ *The Twin Hells : A Thrilling Narrative of Life in the Kansas and Missouri Penitentiaries*”, chapter 9 with sub title “*Forty-Eight Hours in Hell*” page 197 - 208. He interviewed a prisoner whose name was George Lennox at a prison in Kansas, US.

THE TESTIMONY OF GEORGE LENNOX

During the winter of 1887 and 1888, Lennox worked in the coal mines, a place that seemed dangerous to him. He reported the fact to the officer in charge, who made an examination, and deciding that the room was safe, ordered Lennox back to his work. The convict, obeying, had not continued his work more than an hour, when the roof fell in and completely buried him. He remained in this condition fully two hours.

Missed at dinnertime, a search was instituted for the missing convict, and he was found under this heap of rubbish. Life seemed extinct. He was taken to the top, and on examination by the prison physician, was pronounced dead. His remains were carried to the hospital where he was washed and dressed, preparatory for interment. His coffin was made and brought to the hospital. The chaplain had arrived to perform the last sad rites preparatory to burial. A couple of prisoners were ordered by the hospital steward to lift the corpse from the boards and carry it across the room and place it in the coffin. They obeyed, one at the head, and other at the feet and were about half way across the room when the one who was at the head accidentally stumbled over a cuspidor, lost his balance, and dropped the corpse. The head of the dead man struck the floor, and to the utter surprise and astonishment of all present, a deep groan was heard. Soon the eyes opened, and other appearances of life were manifested. The physician was immediately sent for, and by the time he arrived, some thirty minutes, the dead man had called for a cup of water, and was in the act of drinking when the physician arrived.

The coffin was at once removed and later on was used to bury another convict. His burial robes were also taken from him, and the prison garb substituted. On an examination he was found to have one of his legs broken in two places, and was otherwise bruised. He remained in the hospital some six months, and again went to work.

I learned of his peculiar experience while apparently dead soon after, from a fellow miner. Prompted by curiosity, I longed for an acquaintance with Lennox to get his experience from his own lips. This opportunity was not offered for several months. At last it came. After being removed from the mines I was detailed to one

of the prison offices to make out some annual reports. The subject of this man's return to life was being discussed one day, when he happened to pass by the office door and was pointed out to me. It was not long until I had a note in his hand, and asked him to come where I was at work. He did so, and here I got well acquainted with him, and from his own lips received his wonderful story. He is a young man, probably not over thirty years of age. He had been a hardened criminal; is possessed of a very good education, and naturally very bright.

The most wonderful part of his story was that during the time he was dead. Being a shorthand reporter, I took his story from dictation.

I had a presentiment all the morning that something terrible was going to happen. I was so uneasy on account of my feelings that I went to my mining boss Mr. Grason, and told him how I felt, and asked him if he would not come and examine my coal room, the place where I was digging coal. He came and seemed to make a thorough examination, and ordered me back to work, saying there was no danger, and that he thought I was going, 'cranky'. I returned to my work, and had been digging away for something like an hour, when all of a sudden, it grew very dark. Then it seemed as if a great iron door swung open and I passed through it. The thought then came to my mind that I was dead and in another world. I could see no one, nor hear sound of any kind. From some cause unknown to myself, I started to move away from the doorway, and had traveled some distance when I came to the banks of a broad river. It was not dark, neither was it light. There was about as much light as on a bright, starlit night. I had not remained on the banks of this river very long until I could hear the sound of oars in the water, and soon a person in a boat rowed up to where I was standing.

I was speechless. He looked at me for a moment, and then said that he had come for me, and told me to get into the boat and row across to the other side. I obeyed. Not a word was spoken. I longed to ask him who he was, and where I was. My tongue seemed to cling to the roof of my mouth. I could not say a word. Finally, we reached the opposite shore. I got out of the boat, and the boatman vanished out of sight.

Thus left alone, I knew not what to do. Looking out before me, I saw two roads which led through a dark valley. One of these was a broad road and seemed to be well traveled. The other was a narrow path and led off in another direction. I instinctively followed the well-beaten road. I had not gone far when it seemed to grow darker. Ever and anon, however a light would flash up from the distance, and in this manner I was lighted on my journey.

Presently I was met by a being that is utterly impossible for me to describe. I

can only give you a faint idea of his dreadful appearance

. He resembled a man somewhat, but was much larger than any human being I ever saw. He must have been at least ten feet high. He had great wings on his back. He was black as the coal I had been digging, and in a perfectly nude condition. He had a spear in his hand, the handle of which must have been fully fifteen feet in length. His eyes shone like balls of fire. His teeth, white as pearl, seemed fully an inch long. His nose, if you could call it a nose, was very large, broad and flat. His hair was very coarse, heavy and long. It hung down upon his massive shoulders. His voice sounded more like the growls of a lion in a menagerie than anything I can recall.

It was during one of the flashes of light that I first saw him. I trembled like an aspen leaf at the sight. He had his spear raised as if to send it flying through me. I suddenly stopped. With that terrible voice I seem to hear yet, he bade me follow him; that he had been sent to guide me on my journey. I followed. What else could I do? After he had gone some distance a large mountain appeared to rise up before us. The part facing us seemed perpendicular, just as if a mountain had been cut in two and one part had been taken away. On this perpendicular wall, I could distinctly see these words, 'This is hell.' My guide approached this perpendicular wall, and with his spear handle gave three loud rasps. A large massive door swung back and we passed in. I was then conducted on through what appeared to be a passage through this mountain.

For some time we traveled in Egyptian darkness. I could hear the heavy footfalls of my guide and thus could follow him. All the way along I could hear deep groans as of some one dying. Further on, these groans increased, and I could distinctly hear the cry water, water, water. Coming now to another gateway, and, passing through, I could hear, it seemed, a million voices in the distance, and the cry was for water, water. Presently another large door opened at the knock of my guide, and I found that we had passed through the mountain, and now a broad plain lay before me.

At this place my guide left me to direct other lost spirits to the same destination. I remained in this open plain for a time, when a being somewhat similar to the first one came to me; but instead of a spear he had a huge sword. He came to tell me of my future doom. He spoke with a voice that struck horror to my soul. 'Thou art in hell,' he said; 'for thee all hope is fled. As thou passed through the mountain on thy way hither, thou didst hear the groans and shrieks of the lost as they called for water to cool their parched tongues. Along that passage there is a door that opens into the lake of fire. This is soon to be thy doom. Before thou art conducted to this place of torment never more to emerge - for there is no hope for those who enter

there - thou shalt be permitted to remain in this open plain, where it is granted to all the lost to behold what they might have enjoyed instead of what they must suffer.'

With this I was left alone. Whether the result of the terrible fright through which I had passed I know not, but now I became stupified. A dull languor took full possession of my frame. My strength departed from me. My limbs refused to support my body longer. Overcome, I now sank down a helpless mess. Drowsiness now took control of me. Half awake, half asleep, I seemed to dream. Far above me, and in the distance, I saw the Beautiful City of which we read in the Bible. How wonderfully beautiful were its walls of jasper. Stretching out and away in the distance, I saw vast plains covered with beautiful flowers. I, too, beheld the river of life and the sea of glass. Vast multitudes of angels would pass in and out through the gates of the city, singing, oh, such beautiful songs. Among the number I saw my dear old mother, who died a few years ago of a broken heart because of my wickedness. She looked toward me and seemed to beckon me to her, but I could not move. There appeared to be a great weight upon me that held me down. Now a gentle breeze wafted the fragrance of those lovely flowers toward me, and I could now more plainly than ever, hear the sweet melody of angel voices, and I said, 'Oh, that I could be one of them.'

As I was drinking from this cup of bliss it was suddenly dashed from my lips. I was aroused from my slumbers. I was brought back from happy dreamland by an inmate of my dark abode, who said that it was now time to enter upon my future career. He bade me follow him. Retracing my steps I again entered the dark passageway, and followed my guide for a time, when we came to a door that opened in the side of the passage, and going along this, we finally found ourselves passing through another door, and lo! I beheld the lake of fire.

Just before me I could see, as far as the eye could reach, that literal lake of fire and brimstone. Huge billows of fire would roll over each other, and great waves of fiery flame would dash against each other and leap high in the air like the waves of the sea during a violent storm. On the crest of the waves I could see human beings rise, but soon to be carried down again to the lowest depths of this awful lake of fire. When borne on the crest of these awful billows for a time their curses against a just God would be appalling, and their pitiful cries for water would be heart-rending. This vast region of fire echoed and re-echoed with the wails of these lost spirits.

Presently I turned my eyes to the door through which I had a few moments before entered, and I read these awful words, 'This is thy doom; Eternity never ends.' Shortly I began to feel the earth give way under my feet, and I soon found myself sinking down into the lake of fire. An indescribable thirst for water now

seized upon me. And calling for water my eyes opened in the hospital prison.

I have never told this experience of mine before for fear the prison officials would get hold of it, think me insane and lock me in the crankhouse. I passed through all of this, and I am as well satisfied as I am that I live, that there is a heaven and there is a hell, and a regular old-fashioned hell, the kind the Bible tells about. But there is one thing certain, I am never going to that place any more.

As soon as I opened my eyes in the hospital and found that I was alive and on earth once more. I immediately gave my heart to God and I am going to live and die a Christian. While the terrible sights of hell can never be banished from my memory, neither can the beautiful things of heaven I saw, I am going to meet my dear old mother after awhile. To be permitted to sit down on the banks of that beautiful river, to wander with those angels across the plains, through the vales and over the hills carpeted with fragrant flowers, the beauty of which far surpasses anything that mortal can imagine; to listen to the songs of the saved - all this will more than compensate me for living the life of a Christian here on earth, even if I have to forego many sensual pleasures in which I indulged before coming to the prison. I have abandoned my companions in crime, and am going to associate with good people when I am once more a free man.