

Near Death Experiences

Read Chapter 7, "Awareness Without a Brain" in *Infinite Awareness* by Marjorie Hines Woollacott. (Ms Woollacott's husband was a professor at Linn County Community College for many years. Before retiring she was a professor at U of O.)

A few years ago I had a student who had had a near death experience. He refused to talk about it. This chapter recounts a number of detailed reports of such experience as recounted by the survivors themselves as well as their helpers.

- Do you believe these accounts are literally true? It is said that extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence. What do you think of this evidence?
- These accounts certainly do suggest some sort dualism. What would Descartes have made of them? What do you make of them?