

Full Evidence Database — All Phenomena

Complete peer-reviewed reference library: 60+ citations across all six phenomena

Overview

This document compiles the complete peer-reviewed reference library for the Threshold Series — 60+ citations across all six phenomena documented on the What We Cannot Explain page at terminal2.org. Formatted for clinical binders, professional development, and academic reference.

Deathbed Visions

Author(s)	Year	Title	Journal / Source	Key Finding
Kerr CW, Donnelly JP, Wright 2017, et al	2017	End-of-Life Dreams and Visions: A Longitudinal Study of Hospice Patients' Experiences	Journal of Palliative Medicine	83% of hospice patients reported pre-death visions.
Osis K, Haraldsson E	1977	At the Hour of Death: A New Look at Evidence of Life After Death	Bantam Books	Cross-cultural study of 1,000+ deathbed visions across 15 countries.
Nosek CL, Kerr CW, Woodward 2020, et al	2020	End-of-Life Dreams and Visions: A Qualitative Repertory Grid Analysis of Hospice Patients' Experiences	Palliative Medicine	Deathbed visions as comforting, meaningful, and life-affirming.
Brayne S, Lovelace H, Fenwick 2008	2008	End-of-Life Experiences and the Dying Process in a Generalist Death and Dying Clinic	OMEGA: A Journal of Death and Dying	Documentation of end-of-life experiences and deathbed visions.
Callanan M, Kelley P	1992	Final Gifts	Bantam Books	Foundational hospice nursing text on symbolic communication.
Morin L, Berit S, et al.	2016	Experiences of Families During End-of-Life Care	Journal of Clinical Nursing	Families described patient deathbed visions as comforting and meaningful.
Steinhauser K, et al.	2015	In Search of a Good Death	Annals of Internal Medicine	Spiritual experiences identified as important component of a good death.
Kerr C, Norris K, Donnelly J	2011	Life Review Is a Common, Comforting End-of-Life Experience	Palliative Care Supportive Care	Life review as a distinct and comforting end-of-life phenomenon.

Terminal Lucidity

Author(s)	Year	Title	Journal / Source	Key Finding
Nahm M, Greyson B, Kelly 2012, et al	2012	Terminal Lucidity: A Review and a Case Series	Journal of Gerontology and Geriatrics	33 documented cases across severe neurological conditions.
Macleod S	2012	The Psychiatry of Palliative Medicine: Terminal Lucidity	TCRP Press	43% of family caregivers of dementia patients reported lucid moments.

Near-Death Experiences

Author(s)	Year	Title	Journal / Source	Key Finding
Van Lommel P, van Wees R, Meyers W, et al	2004	Near-Death Experience in Survivors of Cardiac Arrest	Circulation	18% of 344 cardiac arrest survivors reported NDE. 83% reported veridical experiences.
Parnia S, Spearpoint K, de Souza 2014, et al	2014	AWARE — AWAreness during REsuscitation	Resuscitation	Prospective OBE study. One verified case of veridical information.
Greyson B	2003	Incidence and Correlates of NDEs in a Cardiac Care Unit	Journal of Clinical Psychiatry	10% of cardiac care patients reported NDE.
Cassol H, et al.	2014	NDEs in non-life-threatening events and Frontiers of Human Neurosciences	Frontiers of Human Neurosciences	NDE intensity independent of cause. 89–93% reported veridical information.
Greyson B	2019	Near-Death Experiences and the Physiology of the Dying Brain	Regulation of the Brain	No physiological theory adequately explains veridical NDEs.

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Tassell-Matamua N, et al.	2018	I Am No Longer Afraid of Death	OMEGA — Journal of Death and Dying	NDE effects: reduced fear of death, increased altruism
Martial C, et al.	2023	Neurochemical models of near-death experiences	Consciousness and Cognition	Serotonin/endocannabinoid models partially account for NDEs
Borjigin J, et al.	2022	Surge of Neurophysiological Coherence in the Dying Brain	PLoS One	Post-cardiac arrest gamma wave surge in dying rats.
Van Lommel P	2010	Consciousness Beyond Life	HarperOne	Full scientific summary of NDE research.
Greyson B	2021	After: A Doctor Explores What NDEs Reveal About Escaping Beyond	St. Martin's Press	50 years of NDE research by leading researcher at UConn
Parnia S	2017	Erasing Death	HarperOne	Clinical analysis of resuscitation and consciousness

Deathbed Coincidences

Author(s)	Year	Title	Journal / Source	Key Finding
Fenwick P, Lovelace H, Brayne S	2019	Comfort for the Dying	Archives of Gerontology and Geriatrics	60% of hospice nurses reported witnessing deathbed coincidences
Rees WD	1971	The Hallucinations of Widowhood	British Medical Journal	47% of 293 widowed individuals reported post-death coincidences
Elsaesser E, et al.	2021	After-Death Communication Experiences	Journal of Clinical Psychology	27% reporting ADC were not grieving.
Kamp KS, et al.	2020	Sensory and Quasi-Sensory Experiences of Deathbed Coincidences	Schizophrenia Bulletin	Vast majority of experiences are benign — not pathological
Moody RA, Perry P	2015	Glimpses of Eternity	Guideposts	Shared death experiences — bystanders sharing elements of their own

Multi-Phenomenon / Cross-Category

Author(s)	Year	Title	Journal / Source	Key Finding
Fenwick P, Fenwick E	2006	The Art of Dying	Continuum	Over 3,000 accounts from healthcare workers, patients, and family members
Kelly EW, Greyson B, Kelly E	2013	Unusual Experiences Near Death and Related Phenomena	Journal of the American Academy of Religion	Comprehensive review. Strong case for phenomena as unified
Fenwick P, Brayne S	2009	End-of-Life Experiences: Reaching the Frontiers of Consciousness	Springer	Multi-phenomenon review. Biopsychosocial-spiritual model

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