DO CHILDREN RECALL PAST LIVES?
AN EXPLORATION OF THE EVIDENCE

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WHAT THE WELL-DRESSED RACKETEER WILL WEAR. Marty Martyn, playing a racketeer in Paramount’s "NIGHT AFTER NIGHT", with George Raft, Constance Cummings, Wynne Gibson, Mae West and Alison Skipworth, gives a demonstration of underworld sartorial excellence.
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Trips to various countries, mostly in Asia

Careful and methodical approach

Numerous books and papers published
“In regard to reincarnation he has painstakingly and unemotionally collected a detailed series of cases from India, cases in which the evidence is difficult to explain on any other grounds. … He has placed on record a large amount of data that cannot be ignored.”
TYPICAL FEATURES

Cases involve very young children
Children describe recent, ordinary lives
May report being a deceased family member or a stranger
Solved and unsolved cases
Often describe violent or sudden death
MODE OF DEATH BY AGE
DEATHS BY AGE

Number of Human Deaths in U.S. by Age, in 2000
(U.S. Bureau of the Census)
NATURAL DEATHS

![Bar graph showing the number of cases of natural deaths by age of the previous person at death.](chart_image)
LOCATION OF CASES

Over 2500 cases investigated worldwide

Most easily found in cultures with a belief in reincarnation:
- India
- Lebanon
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- Turkey
- Myanmar

Cases found in the West as well
Most reports come from families with no prior belief in reincarnation
Same features as cases in other countries
Children’s reports of past-life memories are not purely a cultural phenomenon
Psychological testing
REINCARNATION AND BIOLOGY
STATEMENTS ABOUT A PAST LIFE

Usually start at ages 2-5
Usually stop at ages 5-8
Usually made with intensity
STATMENTS ABOUT A PAST LIFE

Mode of death of previous person
People or events from end of life
Events between lives
A PAST LIFE IN THE VIETNAM WAR
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BEHAVIORS RELATED TO THE PREVIOUS LIFE

Emotions toward the previous family
Phobias related to the mode of death
Likes and dislikes:
  Foods & addictive substances
Themes in play
Gender nonconformity
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Plane crashed on fire
Shot down by the Japanese
Flew a Corsair
Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships
Office of the Chief of Naval Operations
Naval History Division • Washington

USS Nautilus Bay (CVE-62)
(CVE-62: dp. 7,800; l. 512’7”; b. 65’; e. 10’2”; dr. 22’6”; s. 17 k.; cpl. 860; a. 1 5”, 16-40mm, 20 20mm., 28 ac.; cl. Cassin Young; T. 84,920 (std.))

Nautilus Bay (CVE-62) was laid down at Oregon Shipbuilding Co., Inc., Vancouver, Washington, under Maritime Commission contract, renamed Nautilus Bay 22 January 1943; launched 20 July 1943, sponsored by Lady Hallock, wife of the United Kingdom’s ambassador to the United States, and commissioned 14 October 1943, Captain Harold L. Moxon in command.

After shakedown off the California coast, Nautilus Bay performed aerial and personnel training duty between San Diego and Hawaiian air command, Fleet Area, West Coast, until 3 January 1944. Then, with VC-63 rebidled, she departed San Diego for Pearl Harbor, reporting to ComCdrDiv 24, 26th Amphibious Force, 10 January. On 21 January, she worked with TG 55.2 for the invasion of the Marshall’s. Between 31 January and 7 February, as positions on Majuro Atoll were consolidated, CVE-62 furnished anti-submarine and combat air patrol and area searches for the attack force. On 8 February, she extended her operations to Wotje and Maloelap, alternating for the remainder of the month between those islands and Majuro.

Departing Majuro, 7 March, Nautilus Bay reached Espiritu Santo on the 12th. Three days later, she joined TF 35 for air strikes and surface bombardments against Kavieng, New Ireland, 18-20 March. She then cruised to the north of the Solomon and New Ireland, providing air cover for convoys in and from Emirau, where an air base and a limited naval base were being established. During the next three weeks, she continued to operate in the Solomons-Halmahera Archipelago area in support of the projected offensive to neutralize the latter and seal off the Japanese forces in Rabaul.

On 19 April, she rendezvoused with TF-78 and then steamed toward New Guinea where her planes pounded enemy positions in support of a three-division attack by Alfred land and naval forces against Aitape, Hollandia, and Tadabomba Bay, 27 April. During and after the landings, Nautilus Bay launched protective air patrols and sent fighters and bombers to destroy Japanese installations in the Aitape area. Returning to Manus for engine repairs, 28 April, she sailed 7 May for Pearl Harbor, arriving 18 May.

After loading 37 Thunderbolts (P-47D) fighters of the 7th Air Force, Nautilus Bay departed Pearl Harbor 3 June convoy to the Marianas. Steaming via Espiritu, she arrived off Saipan 19 June and was ordered to retire eastward until the Battle of the Philippine Sea was decided. On the 22nd, she steamed westward and commenced鋪 planning toward her destination, Adlai Air Field, Saipan. She dispatched 25 on the 22nd and the remainder early on the 23rd, then retired to a refueling area 45 miles east of Saipan.

There, the formation came under enemy air attack. Intensive anti-aircraft fire prevented damage to

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Signed drawings James 3
Flew off the Natoma
Flew a Corsair
Shot down by the Japanese
Died at Iwo Jima

“My airplane got shot in the engine and crashed in the water and that’s how I died.”
Nightmares of plane crashing and sinking in the water
Jack Larsen was there

JAMES HUSTON

Was James, Jr.
Pilot on the USS Natoma Bay
Had flown a Corsair
Shot down by the Japanese
The one Natoma Bay pilot killed during the Iwo Jima operation
Eyewitnesses reported Huston’s plane “hit head on right on the middle of the engine.”
Plane crashed in the water and quickly sank
Jack Larsen was pilot of plane next to Huston’s
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