Consciousness After Death

What's the evidence, what survives, and how our beliefs about it affect us?
Unprecedented Times
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Interconnected
Our Consciousness is Non-Local

Consciousness ≠ Brain

https://globalneprzebudzenie.files.wordpress.com/2015/06/bigstock-molecular-thoughts-28624526.jpg
Evidence for Nonlocal Consciousness

The Experimental Evidence for Parapsychological Phenomena: A Review

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- Evidence
- Beliefs
- IONS Current Research
What Survives?
The Shaman’s Journey

**Upper World**
The Superconscious. Soul & history of all human events. The place of divine inspiration and cosmic wisdom, here the shaman’s awareness can transcend time and space.

**Middle World**
The Conscious. The world we live in, but there is also a non-ordinary aspect to this world. When journeying in this NOR the shaman might come across troubled spirits.

**Lower World**
The Subconscious, Destiny & Spirit. The home of power animals, healing and creative powers. Here we transform what appear to be our enemies into allies and here we descend into the deepest regions of our psyche.
Overview Summary - Totals

- I don't know what happens: 26%
- I believe in an afterlife but not specifically in a heaven or hell: 23%
- I believe you simply cease to exist: 23%
- I believe you go to heaven or hell: 19%
- I believe you are ultimately reincarnated: 7%
- I believe in heaven but not in hell: 2%
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Is There Life After Death? Arguments, Theories, Evidence

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What are your thoughts on what will happen to you after your physical body dies? In the following responses, “I” and “me” mean your everyday sense of self, including your personality, memory, thoughts, and experiences. “Soul” here refers to the concept of an eternal nonphysical essence of who you are, which is related to but separable from your body.
I believe that...

- I will no longer exist in any form.
- I will remain conscious in some form for eternity.
- I will remain conscious in some form for some limited period of time.
- Something will remain conscious, but not what I presently consider to be me.
- I will recognize that my self is far greater (more aware or expansive) than I had previously imagined.
- I will be absorbed into a “higher-self,” or “multidimensional self,” or “oversoul.”
- What was once me will dissolve into an ocean of consciousness or pure awareness.
What Survives?

- My soul will survive because it was never physical in the first place.
- I am an illusion created by the body, so I will disappear.
- Some sort of “energy” presently within me will continue after my death, but it won’t be what I currently think of as “me”
- Some aspects of my existence will be recorded in space-time, and some people will be able to sense it (e.g., ghosts, apparitions, Akashic record)
- Nothing will happen to my soul, because there are no souls.
- I will discover that I am part of a computer-like simulation, like in the movie, *The Matrix*.
Where will “I” go? What will “I” do?

- I will go nowhere, because no part of me will survive physical death.
- I will go to heaven or hell, depending on my life deeds
- I will go to heaven
- I will go to hell
- I will go to purgatory
- I will go to the bardo regions
- I will exist everywhere as part of pure awareness
Reincarnation

- I will reincarnate immediately into another human or other Earthly being
- I will reincarnate at some point into another Earthly being who lives in the past or the future
- I will reincarnate into another being, not necessarily on this planet, who lives in the past or the future
- I will reincarnate into another being, but only if I choose to
Ghosts

- I will remain indefinitely on Earth as a spirit or an “energy” that can interact with living people and spirits

- I will remain on Earth as a spirit or an “energy” that can interact with people until unresolved conflicts are satisfied (e.g., apology to a loved one)

- I will move on to another realm but will be able to access the Earthly realm under some circumstances (e.g., when a loved one reaches out through a medium)
Potential Predictors

- Paranormal Beliefs and Experiences
- Childhood and Current Religious and Spiritual Affiliations
- Demographics – age, gender, race, education, income, etc.
Early Results

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