

Chapter 1 : 9/11 Reincarnation Stories: Children Who Remember BEING THERE

This was a very interesting project for me to look over and have to approach with non-bias. I did much research on the topic of reincarnation and searched many scholarly journals that ranged from religious journals to psychology to Asian studies to find what I was looking for.

Share Shares 4K Even though reincarnation stories can never really be proven true, some of them have elements that are genuinely mind-boggling, especially when the stories come from children too young to have much knowledge of the world. Then he developed a problem with his throat and started to complain of severe pain. He told her that he had been shot in the throat and killed. At first doctors could not find a cause for his sore throat and removed his tonsils as a precautionary measure. A cyst developed in his throat and doctors did not know how to treat it. As soon as Edward was prompted to tell his parents and others more about his previous life and talk about how he was killed, the cyst disappeared. Learn more about reincarnation with [Reincarnation: Life After Death Explained at Amazon](#). His name had been Stefan Horowitz, a Dutch Jew who was discovered in his hiding place along with his family and taken to Auschwitz, where he died. During and after the dreams, he felt panicked and restless. He began to record his dreams, and one night he dreamed about a clock, which he was able to draw in great detail upon waking. Whittier dreamed about the location of the clock in an antiques shop and went to look. The clock was visible in the shop window and looked exactly like the one in his dreams. Whittier asked the dealer where it had come from. It transpired that the dealer had bought the clock from among the property of a retired German major in The Netherlands. This convinced Whittier that he really had led a past life. When put under hypnosis, Hume remembered more details and locations. He started to visit places he remembered with his brother and even found small items that appeared to have come from the era in which he had lived, such as horse spurs. With the help of a village historian in Culmstock, South England, he even managed to positively identify details about a church that he had known—he was able to tell her that the church used to have a tower with a yew tree growing from it. This was not a published fact, and it startled her that Hume knew it—the church tower had been taken down in In local registers, John Raphael was discovered to have been married in the church. A civil war historian, Ronald Hutton, investigated the case and asked Hume very era-specific questions while under hypnosis. Hutton was not satisfied that Hume was totally in tune with the era of his past life, as he could not answer all his questions in a satisfactory way. Gus Taylor was 18 months old when he started to say that he was his own grandfather. Young children can be confused about their own identity and those of their family members, but this was different. His grandfather had died a year before Gus was born and the boy totally believed they were the same person. The family were perplexed when the four-year-old child started to talk about his dead sister. According to Gus, God gave him a ticket after he died. With this ticket he was able to travel through a hole, after which he came back to life as Gus. The child and his parents were investigated by Dr Ian Stevenson. Imad made over 55 different claims about his previous life. The family visited the village that the boy had been spoken of, together with Stevenson, and found the house where he claimed he had lived. Imad and his family were able to positively identify thirteen facts and memories that were confirmed as being accurate. Imad recognized his previous uncle, Mahmoud, and his mistress from a former life, Jamileh, from photographs. He was able to remember where he had kept his gun, a fact verified by others, and was able to have a chat with a stranger about their experiences during their army days. In total, 51 out of 57 of the experiences and places mentioned by Imad were verified during the visit. Airplanes were the only toys he would play with, and after a time his plane obsession turned into a nightmare. He lost a lot of sleep and kept talking about flying planes, about the weapons, and the scary accident with his plane. The child was able to tell his father that he used to take off from a boat called the Natoma and knew the name of a co-pilot, Jack Larson. The Natoma was indeed a Pacific ship and Larson was still alive. After James told his father that he had been killed in his plane at Iwo Jima, his father discovered a pilot called James M. In , she underwent a series of hypnosis sessions during which her therapist, Morey Bernstein, regressed her back to her birth. She suddenly started to speak with a heavy Irish accent and remembered many specific details from her life as

Bridey Murphy, who had lived in Belfast, Ireland in the 19th century. Not many of the things she mentioned could be verified. However, she recalled two people from whom she used to buy her food—a Mr. John Carrigan and a Mr. The town directory for 1866 lists the two individuals as grocers. The story is shown in a film from called *The Search for Bridey Murphy*. Since the age of two he told his mother he was from an island called Barra, off the west coast of Scotland. He talked about a white house and a beach on which planes landed. He drew the white house by the beach and complained of missing his other mother. As the child got more and more upset about missing Barra, his mother took him on a visit to the island, which was an hour-long flight away. The plane landed on the beach. The family found a white house owned by the Robertsons, and the black-and-white dog was in one of their family photographs, along with a car that Cameron had remembered. However, nobody recalled Shane. Cameron knew his way around the white house and was able to point out all its peculiarities. As he grew older, Cameron slowly lost his memories, but he is still convinced that death is not the end. The story was picked up by British television, making the Barra case one of the best-documented reincarnation stories. When he reached the age of two, he told his mother that his wife in Moradabad could cook for him, so she did not have to. Morabad was kilometers 90 mi away from his birthplace, Bisauli. He built miniature shops and served his family mud cookies and water. He had been a well-off tradesman and complained about the financially less rosy situation of his current family. He advised his parents against eating curd, and would not touch it himself. He said that he had become very ill after eating it in his old life. Parmod hated being submerged in a bath and told his parents that he had died in a bath tub. Parmanand had tried medicinal baths as a cure and had been given a bath very shortly before his death. The answer was that Jobs is now a celestial philosopher, in a glass palace that hovers over the Apple headquarters in Cupertino, California. During the ceremony, the group each took a bite from an apple before throwing it into the sea to speed up the process of reincarnation. Phra Chaibul Dhammajayo, one of the abbots at the Dhammakaya Temple, is convinced that Jobs has already been reborn. He is now a divine presence with a specific interest in science and art. Followers have received this information through a special message that was broadcast worldwide. Apparently, more specific details will be communicated when Jobs feels the need to pass on any knowledge or messages. Sabine Bevers is a freelance writer.

Chapter 2 : 7 Reincarnation Stories That Proved To Be True: Past Lives Are REAL!

Expert Investigates Year-Old's 'Reincarnation' Claims. including Ryan—a boy from the Midwest who claims he is the reincarnation of a man who died more than 50 years ago. That man, Marty.

He also says he remembers performing miracles. They both run a religious movement called "The Divine Truth" from their home and claim to attract seminars of up to people. His name might have been forgotten, were it not for a toddler named James Leininger. At first, the parents of the boy were puzzled, then disturbed, when their two-year-old son began screaming out chilling phrases such as, "Plane on fire! They say the kid told them his plane had been hit by the Japanese and crashed. James also told his father the name of the boat he took off from — Natoma — and the name of someone he flew with — Jack Larson. After some research, Bruce discovered that both the Natoma and Jack Larson were real. James also described how his plane had sustained a direct hit on the engine. Ralph Clarbourn, a rear gunner on a U. Now, quite a few people, including those who knew the fighter pilot, think James is the reincarnated pilot. In , he published a best-seller called "Soul Survivor. Many years passed until she became convinced that she was the reincarnation of Anne Frank, so she publicly announced it during a television interview that was broadcast from Amsterdam in This startling news, coming out of the very city where the Franks had once lived, left Dutch viewers both amazed and shocked. She later published a book, *And the Wolves Howled*, which caused angry protests, as well as attempts to stop its publication, from a small section of the Jewish population. I like to think I am a sane and rational person. I am definitely not making this up. Why would I open myself up to ridicule? He worked as a patrol officer before losing his job in , after which, he claims, he was "reborn" as "Vissarion," the returned Jesus Christ. In his belief system this does not make him God, but instead the word of God. His religion combines elements of the Russian Orthodox Church with Buddhism, apocalypticism, collectivism, and ecological values. His followers observe strict regulations, are vegans, and are allowed no vices such as smoking or drinking alcohol. Money is also banned. The aim of the group is to unite all religions on Earth and has over 5, followers worldwide. All but a handful of the Texans were killed. A clairvoyant whom he met in Texas while on a trip four years ago convinced the singer of it and he started studying the history of the Alamo, collecting artifacts from the battle until it became an all-consuming passion. Collins remains a little defensive about his reincarnation though, telling *Rolling Stone* magazine that he is not a "weirdo" for believing it is possible, producing pictures showing orbs of light and claiming that it is paranormal energy. In many of his writings, he claimed that he experienced deep stress from the pressure of living as both himself and his dead brother.

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"My name is Jesus and I'm serious. Just a little over 2, years ago, we arrived on the Earth for the first time," says Alan John Miller, a former IT specialist in Australia, who claims to be the reincarnation of Jesus Christ, while his partner says she's the repentant prostitute Mary Magdalene.

The Case of Purnima Ekanayake Psychology professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Iceland, Erlendur Haraldsson, researched the strange case of Purnima Ekanayake, a girl who claims to have been a manufacturer of incense who died in a traffic accident. Purnima was nine when Professor Erlendur Haraldsson saw her for the first time in September at her home in Bakamuna, a small town in the district center of Polunnuwa, Sri Lanka. She was still talking about her former life, which is unusual at that age because most children stop doing this around the age of five or six years. According to her parents, she has started talking about her past life when she was three years old. At the age of 4, after seeing a famous TV show that featured the Kelaniya Temple Temple of pilgrimage for Buddhists in Sri Lanka and km from Bakamuna , Purnima said she knew that temple. A few days later, the girl went with her parents to visit the city of Kelaniya Temple. Upon reaching the city, Purnima said: She also talked about a terrible accident with a Zoku a kind of bus. Reincarnation Stories Purinima At the age of 6 years, Purnima realized that her mother was sad about a car accident that had occurred near the house in which one person died. So she tried to comfort her mother saying: For three years, Erlendur Haraldsson investigated the claims of Purnima, the research methodology consisted of interviews with all witnesses involved, together and separately. According to the memories of the previous life of Purnima, she had been a man. He worked in a factory incense and knew the name of the brand: According to her, he was the best incense maker in the family. Also reported his death: A family acquaintance, Professor Sumanasiri, who lived near the area where Purnima claimed to have lived, decided to investigate and found the alleged previous family of the girl. He asked the locals if they knew any of incense factory in the area. There were three, all of them small family businesses. To the surprise of Sumanarisi, a company called Ambiga manufactured incense and Geta Pichcha. Posing as a buyer of incense, Sumanarisi began to ask some questions to the owner of the factory: At one point in the conversation, Wijisiri said his brother Jinadasa had died in an accident with a bus when bringing incense from a market riding a bicycle in September , two years before the birth of Purnima. A week and a half later, the little girl, her parents and Sumanasiri made a surprise visit to the Wijisiri family. When the group arrived at the house of Wijisiri, who arrived a little later, Purnima met for the first time the two daughters of Wijisiri. When Wijisiri entered the house, the little girl looked up and said: After the death of his brother Jinadasa, Wijisiri changed the color and design of the packages. Purnima also asked about his knee. Wijisiri had suffered an accident and had fractured his knee, it was Jinadasa was who took care of him. Everyone gasped as the conversation became deeper, Wijisiri was convinced that something astonishing had happened: Purnima was the reincarnation of Jinadasa. Purnima was born with prominent marks on her lower chest. Jinadasa was killed instantly, it was another brother, Chandradasa, who told the family after seeing the serious injuries on the left side of the chest, that the lower ribs seemed to want to get out. Some of the most significant details of this case are, the two families were very remote and completely isolated from each other. Fourteen of seventeen matching statements were found and reviewed from events that happened in the life of Jinadasa, who died two years before the birth of Purnima. The girl also had knowledge of the making of incense, something highly unusual for a little girl. In general, all these aspects: He wants his family in Barra to know that he is okay. Do Christians Believe In Reincarnation? As the child grew, the information he told about his old life was more precise. He said he had a black and white dog and a black car. He said his mother had long hair, and that his current mother and her would get along. He ensures seeing planes landing from the window of his house, and even on one occasion, he told his mother, if they ever went to Barra, he would show her a hideout from where he and his brothers escaped to the beach. Another surprising fact for the accuracy of the information given by the boy is the name of his father, Shane Robertson. They traveled to Barra in Upon arrival, they contacted the islanders, asking if they knew a white house on the bay, matching the description that Cameron gave. They

also asked about Robertson, but nobody knew him. But on the next day, they received a call from the hotel where they were staying, telling them about the existence of this house and this family. But only the adults heard the news. So they decided to drive around the area of the house, to see if Cameron could recognize it. And so, the boy pointed where the place was. But in the house there was no signs of any Robertson. Still, they were allowed to go inside. The boy knew every corner of the house, and even remembered the cracks. He was sad because his home was not as he remembered. After a few days, they made contact with a lady named Robertson, who claimed that she had family that had lived on the island. She showed them some pictures, and in them appeared the so often said black and white dog and also the black car. Everything Cameron had told was true, but only missed one fact: Robertson did not remember anyone in her family who was called Shane, also nobody who had been ran over and killed. Norma, the current mother of Cameron, said that it was a good decision to take her son to visit his old house. Also that Cameron never speaks of death; only once he has told a friend not to worry about dying, that if he died he would return. Munna, the reincarnated child Reincarnation Stories. Munna In India, reincarnation is seen as an irrefutable fact. However some time ago came to public light a curious and surprising reincarnation story that despite having been extensively studied by scientists failed to be proved as a fraud. The wonderful thing about this case is the incredible number of memories of his past life that the reincarnated child can have. A fact that although happened several years ago, is still preserved as a clear proof that reincarnation is real. This story starts on January 19, , in India. A boy named Munna, a six-year-old, was playing in front of the store of his father who was the barber in town. Two passing strangers suddenly took the child without anyone noticing, they took him to a distant place, where he was later murdered. The Home Of Karma The father, noting the absence of his son begins a search in the areas around the city, only to find that the child had been beheaded at the edge of a river. Soon the men guilty of this horrible crime were found and handed over to the police, but there was not enough evidence of the crime, so they were released. Six months later, this story begins to take a dazzling path when in another city in this country a child is born, and in his early years begins to show some strange behaviors. At the age of two he asked his parents to take him to his previous house, so he could see his parents and his old toys. Besides this, the child has a strange birthmark that crosses the front of his neck. Sometimes this fearful child talks to his parents about his other life. Where he was killed by two men. Telling details that until that moment were unknown to the public. As soon as the child saw the barber and his wife, he approached them and embraced them intensely. He had recognized them. At that time he was only 4 years old. This beautiful story has been investigated by Professor Atreva, from the city of Varanasi and Dr. The boy who is his own grandfather Reincarnation Stories. Tucker of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Virginia, announced the story of Sam in a video posted on the website of the university. Tucker has great experience with cases of reincarnation, he has studied more than 2, cases of children who can remember their past lives, and said Sam made some startling statements as he looked at old family photo albums. One day his father found an old family photo album while conducting a thorough cleaning of the house. Sam opened the photo album and began to look at all the pictures, when he pointed to a picture of a car, and said: So she tested him, showed him a photograph of his grandfather when he was a child with other children of the same age. Sam pointed to his grandfather and said: The mother in surprise asked who was he talking about, and little Sam said: Still, we cannot ignore the statements of skeptics like Dr. Michael Shermer, publisher of Skeptic magazine, who asked Dr. To these statements, Dr. Tucker said he investigated the family and found no correlation between this attitude and what the child explained. To demonstrate the veracity of this reincarnation story, Dr. Tucker said that some children have given detailed information of the places they lived in previous lives. Also when talking about people who had recently died, the lives of those people fit the descriptions given by the children. Tucker said that for him the ultimate proof that Sam was the reincarnation of his grandfather was the photograph that the child pointed, where he would not have been able to tell which of the people in the photo was the grandfather even having seen other photos of him. As we have seen, this case is another irrefutable proof of the existence of past lives, and as there is much controversy on the issue of reincarnation at the very heart of the scientific community. The Twin Sisters Reincarnated twins This is a very interesting story of reincarnation, it occurred in in England. The Joanna 11 and Jacqueline Pollock 6 sisters suffered a car accident

in which they were run over near the sidewalk and died. Pollock became pregnant one year after the date of the accident and her husband had told her he had a hunch that this birth would bring twin girls who were their daughters, the same who had died a year before.

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Dr Stevenson claims to have found over 3, examples of reincarnation during his time which he shared with the scientific community. Related articles Life after death?

If you have such a spontaneous recall and wish to validate it, you should contact a professional researcher to conduct the investigation using accepted scientific standards and protocols. Famous Reincarnation Stories There are many stories about famous people and their claims of reincarnation. Several of these stories were documented and have stood the test of time in their authenticity. A book and movie followed. This was astounding since Tighe had never been to Ireland. This last piece of information destroyed all credibility to her past life recall with the additional discovery that a Bridey Murphy Corkell had lived in her childhood neighborhood. In the modern world, the Bridey Murphy reincarnation story is viewed as forgotten childhood memories uncovered during hypnosis. Edgar Cayce gave over 1, past life readings. The seer had an instance where a young boy came up to him, claiming to remember him from a past life on a wagon train to the West. The child went on to talk about how Cayce had led the wagon train out of the desert and saved them from starvation. In his various readings, Cayce spoke of other lifetimes for himself and for the people who wrote or came for his help. In many instances, the current situation or illness the person was experiencing was directly related to another lifetime injury or illness. The case centered around a young girl who began describing her previous life in a nearby village. Stevenson documented over 3, cases of spontaneous past life recall by children. He wrote a book about the most provocative cases titled, *Twenty Cases Suggestive of Reincarnation*. Six-Year-Old Navy Pilot In , ABC News aired a profound reincarnation story about a six-year-old boy named James Leininger who, at age two, began to have what many believe were spontaneous past life recalls. It all began innocently enough at 18 months old when the family visited a war museum. As he began to develop speech, James started telling his parents about his former life as a fighter pilot in the World War II Pacific Campaign. Fox News did a more recent interview with James and his parents because of the book James asked his parents to publish about his story. Pearl Harbor Victim One such story left an impression on Dr. Frederick Lenz who wrote in his book, *Lifetimes, True Accounts of Reincarnation*, about the verified claim by a boy named Charlie, who at age four recalled his death at Pearl Harbor when Japan attacked. He gave his name as James Kellow, a navy officer on the Arizona. Check out other reincarnation tales:

Chapter 5 : 15 Stories of Reincarnation That Even Make Skeptics Wonder

Reincarnation Story 1: The Case of Purnima Ekanayake. Psychology professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Iceland, Erlendur Haraldsson, researched the strange case of Purnima Ekanayake, a girl who claims to have been a manufacturer of incense who died in a traffic accident.

His mother, Cyndi, asked his doctor about the episodes. Night terrors, the doctor said. It was in Hollywood, many miles from his Oklahoma home. He was so insistent about it. After that night, he kept talking about it, kept getting upset about not being able to remember those names. I started researching the Internet about reincarnation. I even got some books from the library on Hollywood, thinking their pictures might help him. Two men in the center of the picture were confronting one another. Four other men surrounded them. We did a picture together. The children are sometimes able to provide enough detail about those lives that their stories can be traced back to an actual person—rarely famous and often entirely unknown to the family—who died years before. Tucker, one of the only scientists in the world studying the phenomenon, says the strength of the cases he encounters varies. Somehow, the child recalls memories from another life. Our current methods and concepts have no way of dealing with these data. Roughly 70 percent of the children say they died violent or unexpected deaths in their previous life. Males account for close to three-quarters of those deaths—almost precisely the same ratio of males who die of unnatural causes in the general population. Further research by Tucker and others has shown the children generally have above-average IQs and do not possess any mental or emotional disorders beyond average groups of children. None appears to have been dissociating from painful family situations. Nearly 20 percent of the children studied have scarlike birthmarks or even unusual deformities that closely match marks or injuries the person whose life the child recalls received at or near his or her death. Despite the otherworldly nature of their stories, almost none of the children exhibit any signs of being particularly enlightened, Tucker says. Faulty memories of witnesses are likely present in many cases, Tucker says, but there are dozens of instances where people made notes of what the children were saying almost from the beginning. Tucker believes the relatively small number of claims he and Stevenson collected during the last five decades, especially from America, is partly because parents may dismiss or misunderstand what their children are telling them. Most kids aim to please their parents. Scientists have long known that matter like electrons and protons produces events only when observed. Take light and shine it through a screen with two slits cut in it. Behind the screen, put a photographic plate that records the light. When the light is unobserved as it travels, the plate shows it went through both slits. But what happens when the light is observed? The plate shows the particles go through just one of the slits. But Tucker, like Max Planck, the father of quantum physics, believes that discovery shows that the physical world is affected by, and even derived from the non-physical, from consciousness. Robert Pollock, director of the Center for the Study of Science and Religion at Columbia University, said scientists have long pondered the role observation might play in the physical world, but the hypotheses about it are not necessarily scientific. Tucker Tucker says his hypothesis is based on more than just wishful thinking. She wanted to know who that man was. Cyndi wrote Tucker, whom she found through her online research, and included the photo. Martin Martyn, an uncredited extra in the film. Instead, he laid out black-and-white photos of four women on the kitchen table. Three of them were random. He pointed to one. She looks familiar, he said. Tucker sat down with the woman before her meeting with Ryan. Ryan said he danced in New York. Martyn was a Broadway dancer. Martyn worked for years at a well-known talent agency in Hollywood—where stage names are often created—after his dancing career ended. Martyn lived at North Roxbury Dr. Ryan said he knew a man named Senator Five. Senate from to And yes, Martin Martyn had three sons. The daughter of course knew their names. Ryan shook her hand then hid behind Cyndi for the rest of the time. Cyndi explained that people change when they grow up. Tucker says that often happens when children meet the family of someone they claimed to have been. It seems to validate their memories, making them less intense. They get more involved in experiencing this life, which, of course, is what they should do.

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How Claims of Reincarnation Are Investigated. It's one thing for a person to make the claim of reincarnation, but it's quite another to prove such a claim. At the science.com website, the scientific community, there are certain protocols followed to ensure that the evidence of such claims isn't tampered with or contaminated.

Ian Stevenson who is a parapsychologist. He is very well revered and has documented many cases and this will be the first case from Stevenson that we look at. This case was documented in England, a location that typically has few reported cases of reincarnation--something that should be noted for skeptics who believe that reincarnation is only found among Eastern countries who have strong faith in reincarnation. Stevenson studied not only Eastern countries, but also in Western countries or countries that have a less than strong belief in reincarnation: This case starts out examining the history of the Pollock family. Pollock had had two daughters prior to having the twins and these daughters were eleven Joanna and six Jacqueline when they died due to an automobile striking them while they were walking. The sisters were very close and the parents grieved greatly when this tragedy happened; however, Mrs. Pollock became pregnant one year after the accident and the father insisted it would be twin girls despite doctors disagreeing. Pollock did give birth it was twin girls who they name Jennifer and Gillian with Gillian being the elder twin. Some things to be noted are that the girls were identical twins, but had different birthmarks that corresponded to the birthmarks on the bodies of Jacqueline and Joanna. For example, Jennifer had a birthmark on her forehead in the same location that Jacqueline had a scar. As well, she had a birthmark in the same location Jacqueline had had one on her waist.

Stevenson Now, Stevenson does admit this does not necessarily mean that Jennifer is the reincarnation of her deceased sister Jacqueline, but he feels that birthmarks can play an important role in reincarnation cases. He digresses though, saying that something could have happened in gestation, but since Jennifer and Gillian are identical twins, it is interesting that Gillian lacks these marks. Another thing that makes this case probable is that when Gillian and Jennifer were young, around age two, they began requesting toys that had belonged to their older and deceased sisters. This is interesting because Mr. Pollock had never brought out these toys and did not discuss the deceased daughters. This means that Gillian and Jennifer at age two had no means of knowing about these toys.

Stevenson Ian Stevenson noted in this case was that the family had moved when the twins were one, leaving the area that they had raised Joanna and Jacqueline in. They did return to visit when the twins were about four and the twins spontaneously announced they wanted to visit a specific park and mentioned attributes of the park, despite having never been to the park before.

Stevenson In this study, it was also discussed how the twins took on behaviors of the sisters such as Jennifer who was thought to be the reincarnation of Jacqueline being codependent on her sister, Gillian the reincarnation of elder sister Joanna. I find this case to be intriguing because it is a case of identical twins who have different markings such as birthmarks which is something I have not heard of previously. As well, I find it to make Stevenson more credible since this was a case found outside of a country that typically believes in reincarnation and this was an English family who were Christian. Stevenson also followed this family from until , following up and keeping tabs on the twins. I find this story interesting, especially since the birthmarks on Jennifer match up with that of her deceased elder sister, Jacqueline. I believe this to be a very intriguing and true case of reincarnation given the circumstances and many similarities between Jennifer and Jacqueline and Gillian and Joanna.

A Question of Reincarnation, Revised Edition. Children who remember previous lives a question of reincarnation. University of Virginia,

Chapter 7 : NPR Choice page

Even though reincarnation stories can never really be proven true, some of them have elements that are genuinely mind-boggling, especially when the stories come from children too young to have much knowledge of the world. Patricia Austrian's four-year-old son Edward had a phobia of drizzly, grey.

Conceptual definitions[edit] The word "reincarnation" derives from Latin , literally meaning, "entering the flesh again". Another Greek term sometimes used synonymously is palingenesis , "being born again". Gilgul means "cycle" and neshamot is "souls". Kabbalistic reincarnation says that humans reincarnate only to humans and to the same sex only: The Greek Pre-Socratics discussed reincarnation, and the Celtic Druids are also reported to have taught a doctrine of reincarnation. Proponents of cultural transmission have looked for links between Iron Age Celtic, Greek and Vedic philosophy and religion, [31] some[who? This asserts that the nature of existence is a "suffering-laden cycle of life, death, and rebirth, without beginning or end". Liberation from this cycle of existence, Nirvana, is the foundation and the most important purpose of Buddhism. While Nirvana is taught as the ultimate goal in the Theravadin Buddhism, and is essential to Mahayana Buddhism, the vast majority of contemporary lay Buddhists focus on accumulating good karma and acquiring merit to achieve a better reincarnation in the next life. Between generally virtuous lives, some are more virtuous; while evil too has degrees, and the texts assert that it would be unfair for people, with varying degrees of virtue or vices, to end up in heaven or hell, in "either or" and disproportionate manner irrespective of how virtuous or vicious their lives were. Thus Buddhism and Hinduism have a very different view on whether a self or soul exists, which impacts the details of their respective rebirth theories. Orpheus plays his lyre to the left. Early Greek discussion of the concept likewise dates to the 6th century BCE. An early Greek thinker known to have considered rebirth is Pherecydes of Syros fl. Authorities have not agreed on how the notion arose in Greece: In Phaedo , Plato makes his teacher Socrates , prior to his death, state: The wheel of birth revolves, the soul alternates between freedom and captivity round the wide circle of necessity. Orpheus proclaimed the need of the grace of the gods, Dionysus in particular, and of self-purification until the soul has completed the spiral ascent of destiny to live for ever. An association between Pythagorean philosophy and reincarnation was routinely accepted throughout antiquity. In the Republic Plato makes Socrates tell how Er, the son of Armenius, miraculously returned to life on the twelfth day after death and recounted the secrets of the other world. There are myths and theories to the same effect in other dialogues, in the Chariot allegory of the Phaedrus , in the Meno , Timaeus and Laws. The soul, once separated from the body, spends an indeterminate amount of time in "formland" see The Allegory of the Cave in The Republic and then assumes another body. In later Greek literature the doctrine is mentioned in a fragment of Menander [93] and satirized by Lucian. Persius in his satires vi. In Greco-Roman thought , the concept of metempsychosis disappeared with the rise of Early Christianity , reincarnation being incompatible with the Christian core doctrine of salvation of the faithful after death. It has been suggested that some of the early Church Fathers, especially Origen , still entertained a belief in the possibility of reincarnation, but evidence is tenuous, and the writings of Origen as they have come down to us speak explicitly against it. The Sethians and followers of Valentinus believed in it. Another such teacher was Basilides "â€"? In the third Christian century Manichaeism spread both east and west from Babylonia , then within the Sassanid Empire , where its founder Mani lived about "â€"? Manichaean monasteries existed in Rome in AD. However the inter-relation of Manicheanism, Orphism, Gnosticism and neo-Platonism is far from clear. Julius Caesar recorded that the druids of Gaul, Britain and Ireland had metempsychosis as one of their core doctrines: In addition, scholars have identified a variety of references to reincarnation among the Germanic peoples outside the North Germanic sphere. Judaism[edit] The belief in reincarnation had first existed amongst Jewish mystics in the Ancient World, among whom differing explanations were given of the after-life, although with a universal belief in an immortal soul. Kabbalah Jewish mysticism , teaches a belief in gilgul , transmigration of souls, and hence the belief in reincarnation is universal in Hasidic Judaism , which regards the Kabbalah as sacred and authoritative, and is also held as an esoteric belief within Modern Orthodox Judaism. In Judaism , the Zohar , first published in the 13th century,

discusses reincarnation at length, especially in the Torah portion "Balak. The 18th century Lithuanian master scholar and kabbalist, Rabbi Elijah, known as the Vilna Gaon Elijah of Vilna , authored a commentary on the biblical Book of Jonah as an allegory of reincarnation. The practice of conversion to Judaism is sometimes understood within Orthodox Judaism in terms of reincarnation. According to this school of thought in Judaism, when non-Jews are drawn to Judaism, it is because they had been Jews in a former life. Such souls may "wander among nations" through multiple lives, until they find their way back to Judaism, including through finding themselves born in a gentile family with a "lost" Jewish ancestor. There is existence without limitation; there is continuity without a starting-point. Existence without limitation is Space. Continuity without a starting point is Time. There is birth, there is death, there is issuing forth, there is entering in. These included the Cathar , Paterene or Albigensian church of western Europe, the Paulician movement, which arose in Armenia, [] and the Bogomils in Bulgaria. During the Renaissance translations of Plato, the Hermetica and other works fostered new European interest in reincarnation. Notable personalities like Annie Besant , W. Yeats and Dion Fortune made the subject almost as familiar an element of the popular culture of the west as of the east. Later Jung would emphasise the importance of the persistence of memory and ego in psychological study of reincarnation: Religions and philosophies[edit] Further information: There is no permanent heaven or hell in Hinduism. Just as in the body childhood, adulthood and old age happen to an embodied being. So also he the embodied being acquires another body. The wise one is not deluded about this. So after casting away worn out bodies, the embodied Self encounters other new ones. Released from birth, death, old age and pain, he attains immortality. According to various Buddhist scriptures, Gautama Buddha believed in the existence of an afterlife in another world and in reincarnation, Since there actually is another world any world other than the present human one, i. One theory suggests that it occurs through consciousness Pali: This process, states this theory, is similar to the flame of a dying candle lighting up another. Theravada Buddhists assert that rebirth is immediate while the Tibetan schools hold to the notion of a bardo intermediate state that can last up to 49 days. A distinction can be drawn between "folk Zen", as in the Zen practiced by devotional lay people, and "philosophical Zen". Folk Zen generally accepts the various supernatural elements of Buddhism such as rebirth. Philosophical Zen, however, places more emphasis on the present moment. For the Sautrantika school, each act "perfumes" the individual or "plants a seed" that later germinates. Tibetan Buddhism stresses the state of mind at the time of death. To die with a peaceful mind will stimulate a virtuous seed and a fortunate rebirth; a disturbed mind will stimulate a non-virtuous seed and an unfortunate rebirth. Left panel depicts the demi-god and his animal vehicle presiding over each hell. Actions are seen to have consequences: So the doctrine of karma is not considered simply in relation to one life-time, but also in relation to both future incarnations and past lives. Sometimes it acquires the body of a demon ; all this happens on account of its karma. The souls bound by karma go round and round in the cycle of existence. For example, a good and virtuous life indicates a latent desire to experience good and virtuous themes of life. Therefore, such a person attracts karma that ensures that his future births will allow him to experience and manifest his virtues and good feelings unhindered. On the other hand, a person who has indulged in immoral deeds, or with a cruel disposition, indicates a latent desire to experience cruel themes of life. Hence, whatever suffering or pleasure that a soul may be experiencing in its present life is on account of choices that it has made in the past. The four gatis are: Nigodas are souls at the bottom end of the existential hierarchy. They are so tiny and undifferentiated, that they lack even individual bodies, living in colonies. According to Jain texts, this infinity of nigodas can also be found in plant tissues, root vegetables and animal bodies. The four main destinies are further divided into sub-categories and still smaller sub-sub-categories. In all, Jain texts speak of a cycle of 8.

Chapter 8 : 10 Shocking Claims of Reincarnation - BigShocking

The Science of Reincarnation UVA psychiatrist Jim Tucker investigates children's claims of past lives. by Sean Lyons. When Ryan Hammons was 4 years old, he began directing imaginary movies.

Many religion believes the existence of reincarnation. Paranormal Investigators thoroughly investigates about events of the old soul which appearing in new bodies. The following incidents not yet scientifically scrutinised as well as not verified. These stories have something to say, and it might be beyond our imagination. These stories may contain unexplainable evidence and mysteries. Transferred Birth Marks In many parts of Asia, there is a belief exists that if one person dies, the relatives will mark on his or her body with the hope that the soul of the deceased will be reincarnated within the same family. The mark is the evidence of the rebirth, and it indicates the soul has been reborn. During , a professor and psychiatrist named Jim Tucker has presented a paper showing a detailed study of the families with children who were born with the same marks corresponding to their dead relatives. A boy named K. Many people were victims of this event. The main thing is that K. The family believes that the dream has come true. A child from Turkey shows the life of a man who was killed by a shotgun. Sinai Medical Center in Miami, noticed that his patient have a spontaneous past-life regression episode at the time of treatment. Now he is a leader in past-life regression therapy. Tapping into the Power of Love. At the time of regression session, he has got an experience of a young settler in North America during the early years of conflict with Native Americans. She talked about their memories like she and her son hiding from a party. She said that her son had a birthmark like a half moon beneath his right shoulder. Then the son cried out while she covered his mouth. After the regression experience, Diane herself attracted to a patient who is a patient of Asthma. The patient also attracted to her, and she was shocked when she noticed a crescent-shaped birthmark in the same location on the patient. Then she married the patient. Top 10 Richest Rappers in the World 7. It is 60 km away from Alluna MIana village. The boy also recalled about his death. It was occurred in a scooter accident at the time of the accident he was carried some books and the books got wet with his blood. He had 30 rupees in his wallet. Taranjit Sigh recalled every moment from the past. Even though it makes no sense, his father Ranjit decided to investigate the things. Then the Ranjit met his family and blood-soaked books and also rupees details. Stevenson investigated a year old American girl who he called TE. She answered many questions in Swedish language as Jensen do. Stevenson gave TE two polygraph tests, a word association test, and a language aptitude test, all she answered in Swedish. She also spoke to her husband, family members in the Swedish language. Then she had visited a professor of Asian language, at last he found that the language is a dialect spoken specifically in the northern region of Tibet. Robin recalls many events , he said that he went to school many years ago in a monastery where he learned that language. It seems very strange because he was not even the school-going age. Finkelstein then turns to hypnosis and past-life therapy. She was born in and at around age three. She started talking a life as a Japanese soldier. The soldier had been captured by Burmese villagers and burned alive while tied to a tree. Stevenson found that her statement was true. Burmese villagers would capture the stragglers from the Japanese army and they used to burned soldiers alive. She liked her hair cut and dress like boyish clothes. She often slapped her playmates. A ring on her left wrist had three separate depressions. There was also a mark on her right wrist that had faded. Then he got chemotherapy on the right side of his neck and a tumor also caused his left eye to protrude a model above his right ear. Twelve years later his mother remarried and had another child named Patrick. The child had some similarities to that of his brother Kevin. As Kevin, Patrick also had issued on his left eye. Patrick also a memory of going under surgery. This is the same happened to his brother Kevin. Patrick also recalled the old house, describing even he was not lived there. It is difficult to identify the biological connections. Top 10 Scandalous Secrets of Freemason 2. Cat Memories John McConnell was mistakenly shot six times during His daughter named Doreen gave birth to a son named William in The right ventricle of his heart was also deformed. After surgeries his condition improved. But John had called the cat as Boss. As a result he more focussed with past-life regression. Dr Brian shocked when he understood his patient know about his personal life. Then Catherine started to describe about his first born

child Adam who had died at the age of

Chapter 9 : 7 People Who Believe They Are a Reincarnation - Oddee

Reincarnation is "an intriguing psychological phenomenon," says Christopher C. French, a professor of psychology at Goldsmiths, University of London, who heads a unit that studies claims of.