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Through the Eyes of a Child

Reincarnation Experiences

SPR Workshop 27th April 2024

From the Mouths of Babes: Children and Psychological Experiences





Introduction

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Definition of Reincarnation

- “Reincarnation may be defined as the return of a nonmaterial essence (soul, mind, consciousness) to another physical body after death”(Matlock, 2018).
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Origins

Many societies and cultures around the globe formed their own versions of reincarnation beliefs.

- “It is surmised that the belief in reincarnation antedates all known history, and certainly traces of it are to be found in all religions and in the myths of nearly all primitive peoples”.

(Cooper, I, S) 1920.





Contemporary investigations

Prof. Ian Stevenson (1918 – 2007)

The founder and director of the Division of
Perceptual Studies at the University of
Virginia School of Medicine in 1967

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Since then:

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Intermission Memories

- An interesting subset of past life memories.
 - Ian Stevenson named the period between death and rebirth as “the intermission”.
 - These are examples of an individual claiming to remember the interval between death and life.
 - A life in between lives.
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Frequency

- 20% (Sharma & Tucker 2004)
 - 21% (Matlock & Geisler 2016)
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Length

- Eastern cultures and religions
Median 12 months
 - European cases
Median 24 months
 - American cases
Median was 30 years
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Comparisons

Children who had
intermission
memories:

- Better memories
- Better developed and stronger in their behavioural and physical features
- More accurate memories of their past lives
- Made significantly more correct statements about their previous life
- Were more likely to recall the death of the previous person
- Recalled more past life memories

Sharma and Tucker (2004), pp. 103 - 108





Stages

- Three stages of the intermission existence. Sharma and Tucker (2004)
- Fourth and fifth stage. Ohkado & Ikegawa (2014); Ohkado (2016)
 - later confirmed through the global sample Matlock and Geisler – Peterson examined. Matlock & Geisler – Peterson (2016)




First Stage

- Transitional

Generally lasting until the body has been laid to rest in whatever way is appropriate for their culture and beliefs and circumstances



Second Stage

- Discarnate Existence
 - A stable time and usually passes in a fixed location
 - Can be another realm or earthly. Matlock and Geisler-Peterson (2016)
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Third Stage

- Selecting new parents.
 - Elective
 - “choosing a parent without the help or guidance of an outside agency”.
 - Assisted
 - some guide, wise one or religious figure helps with the choice.

Matlock (2019) p107





Fourth Stage

- Life in the womb
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- Birth and the immediate post natal period
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Theory for Different Planes





- Theory for going to different places.
 - Comparison between the two types of existence to find correlations.
 - The way the previous personality (PP) died and the suddenness of that death.
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Results.



- 1000 cases were examined.
 - Natural to unnatural deaths
 - did not show any correlation between the type of death and whether the child would talk about events on earth that occurred after the death.
 - If the PP died by natural means, there was a “slightly but more significant chance that they would make statements about another realm than ones involving unnatural means”.
 - Unexpected deaths
 - Suddenness does not affect the likelihood of chance of describing memories about events on earth but the more unexpected the death the less likely will be to make statements about the existence of another realm.
- Tucker (2021) p174
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Conclusion of the analysis



- shows that the more natural a death and expected it may be, the more likely memories of existence after death might occur.

Tucker (2021) p175






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- Bobby Hodges
- All five categories
- Previous Lives



In conclusion



- I.M are a subset of past life memories.
 - Occur in 20 % of the cases examined by the researchers mentioned.
 - It seems more likely to occur if the person who died, died naturally rather than suddenly and unexpectedly.
 - More accurate memories of their past lives.
 - Recalled more past life memories.
 - Made significantly more correct statements about their previous life. Were more likely to recall the death of the previous person.
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Additional Information

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- Talk by Jim Matlock
 - “An Introduction to Research into Children’s Memories of Past Lives, and Why Past-Life Memory Isn’t Psi.”
 - Saturday, April 27th, 3 Central/4 pm Eastern, 9pm BST

Could there be a link here suggesting that Reincarnation is a natural phenomenon?



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Buddhist Analogy

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