Through the Eyes of a Child

Reincarnation Experiences

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From the Mouths of Babes: Children and Psychical Experiences

Introduction

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



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.



Prof. lan Stevenson (1918 – 2007)

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

Since then:

Jim Tucker

Jim Matlock

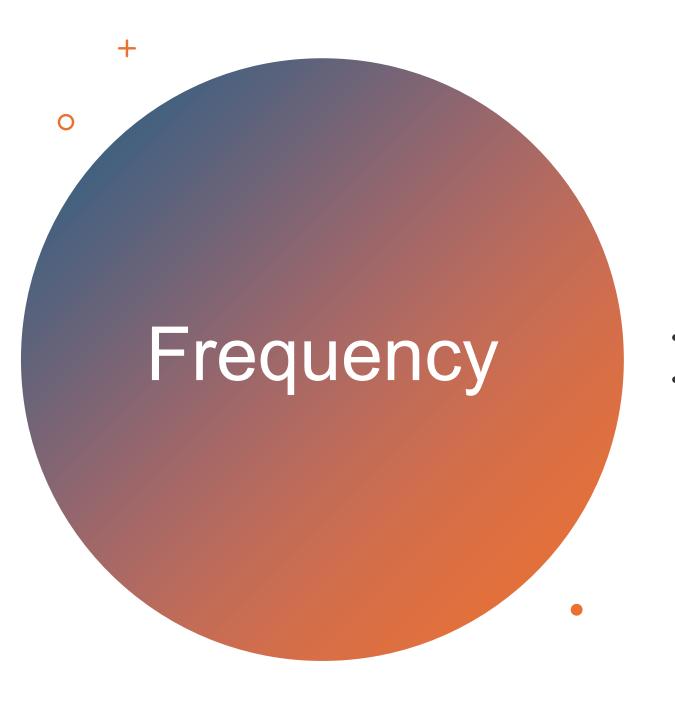
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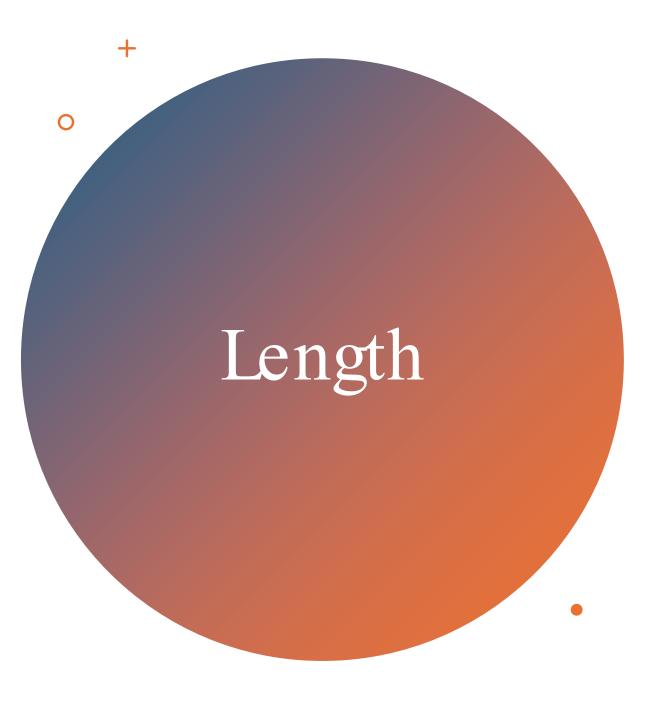
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Intermission Memories

- 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.



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



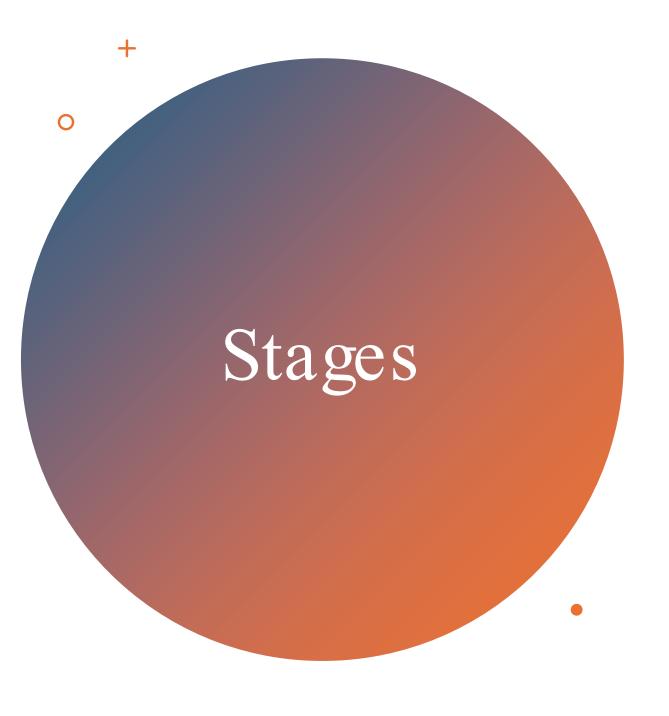
- Eastern cultures and religions
 Median 12 months
- European cases
 Median 24 months
- American cases
 Median was 30 years

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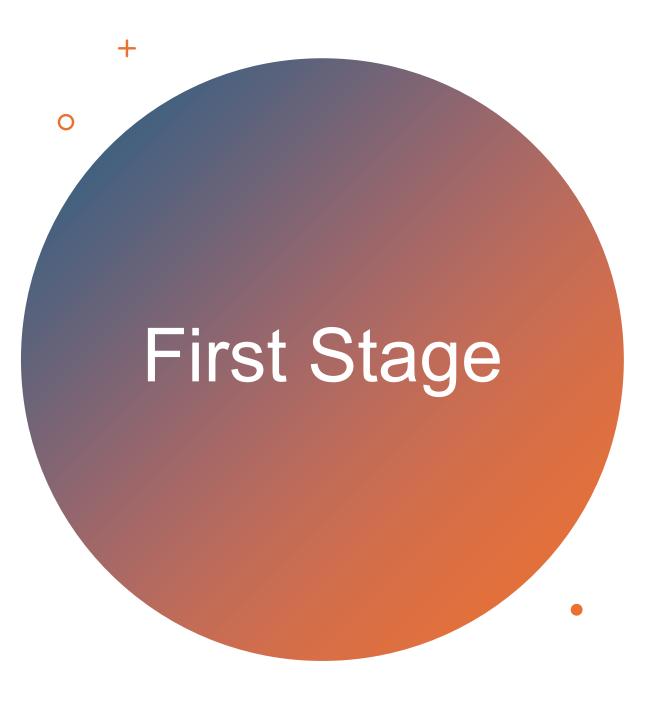
Children who had intermission memories:

- 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



- 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)



Transitional

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



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



• Selecting new parents.

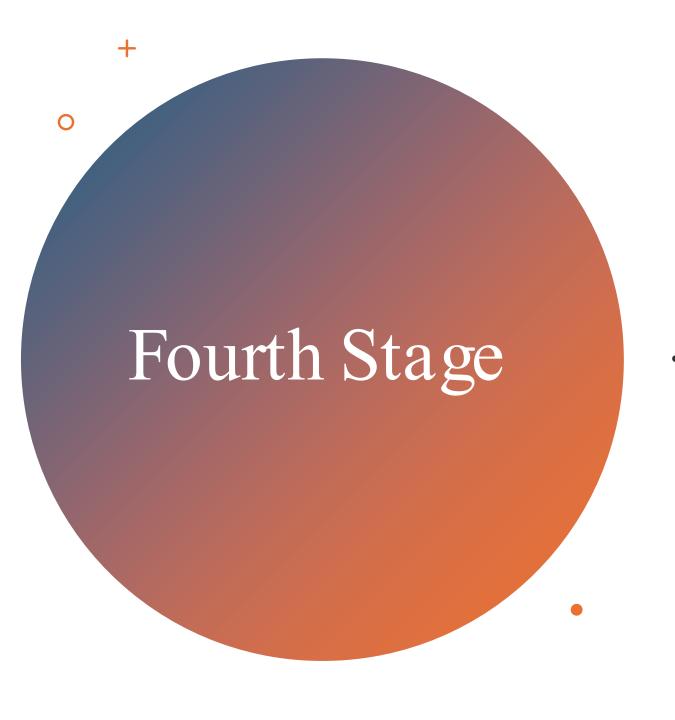
Elective

• "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



Life in the womb

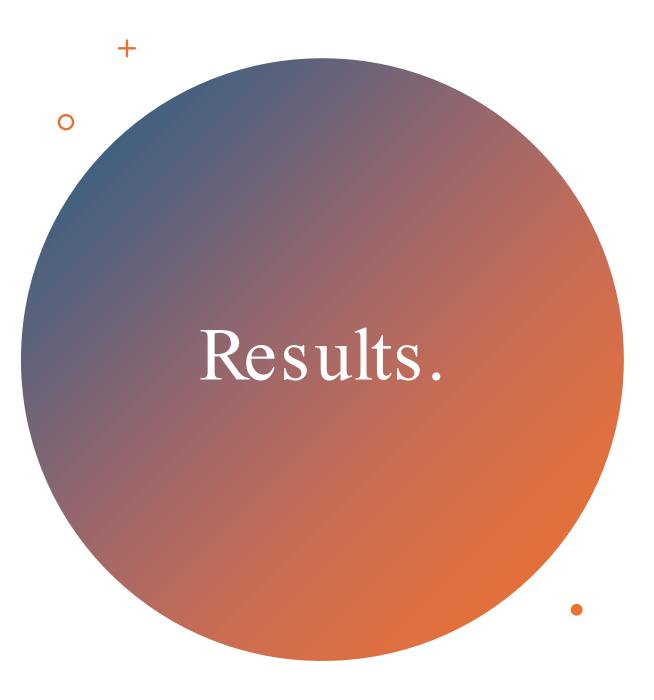


 Birth and the immediate post natal period Theory for Different Planes

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.



- 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



 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



- Bobby Hodges
- All five categories
- Previous Lives



- 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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- Foetal memories
- Citation Wade, Jenny, "Life Before Birth: A
 Thematic Analysis of Memories of Coming into
 Life Part 1: Recollections of Another Realm"
 (2022). International Journal of Transpersonal
 Studies Advance Publication Archive, Issue 53
- ParaMOOC 2024 Parapsychology online
- 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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