

The Egyptian Book of the Dead

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Ancient Egypt was one of the greatest civilizations in all of human history. Each new king was required to participate in a ritual that would induce a near-death-experience (NDE). This would provide the new king with absolute proof of eternal life. An NDE gave Egyptian rulers a sense of all-knowing. Before they were sealed into the casket, they only acted like kings. Afterward, they felt as if they had deeper knowledge of the world around them.

“I ... believe that an NDE as part of a king’s job description may account for the unusual peace and prosperity that Egypt enjoyed for the nearly two thousand years that the pharaohs reigned. These kings were transformed by the humbling and exalting experience of near death. They developed a reverence for the love that people share with one another. They became kind and caring and interested in the universe and the world around them. They supported extensive research in astronomy. They were able to obtain a vast knowledge of the stars, even finding dark stars that we have been able to confirm only with powerful telescopes. The ancient Egyptians were advanced in medicine and the use of foods and antibiotics to prevent epidemics. They even had a fair amount of knowledge about surgery.”

Archeologists agree that the mystery ritual’s (i.e. induced NDE) purpose was to generate an understanding of eternal life. This understanding of the death process was handed down through the ages in a document known as the Egyptian Book of the Dead, which is simply a detailed description of a near-death-experience. It starts with a judgement scene and goes on to reveal God and various voices, continues on a long boat trip through a dark tunnel, and ends with union with a bright light.