

Double - Shared Death Experience - 1,000 miles apart

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In Shanghai—May 1854. “I was in bed ... wide awake. I gradually became aware there was something in the room; it appeared like a thin white fog, a misty vapour, hanging about the foot of the bed. Fancying it was merely the effect of a moonbeam, I took but little notice, but after a few moments I plainly distinguished a figure that I recognized as that of my sister Fanny.

“At first the expression of her face was sad, but it changed to a sweet smile, and she bent her head towards me as if she recognized me. I was too much fascinated with the appearance to speak, although it did not cause me the slightest fear. The vision seemed to disappear gradually in the same manner as it came. We afterwards learned that on the same day my sister died—almost suddenly. I immediately wrote a full description of what I had seen to my sister, Mrs. Elmslie, but before it reached her, I had received a letter from her, giving me an almost similar description of what she had seen the same night, adding, ‘I am sure dear Fanny is gone.’

My sister, Mrs. Elmslie, wrote in response to my answer to her letter asking for details, “I do not think I was awake when Fanny appeared to me, but I immediately awoke and saw her as you described. I stretched out my arms to her and cried, ‘Fanny Fanny!’ She smiled upon me, as if sorry to leave, then suddenly disappeared.”

When this occurred, we (i.e. Mr. de Guerin and Mrs. Elmslie) were upwards of one thousand miles apart, and neither of us had a thought of her being seriously, much less dangerously ill. Before her death, she had spoken of us both, to those around her bedside.