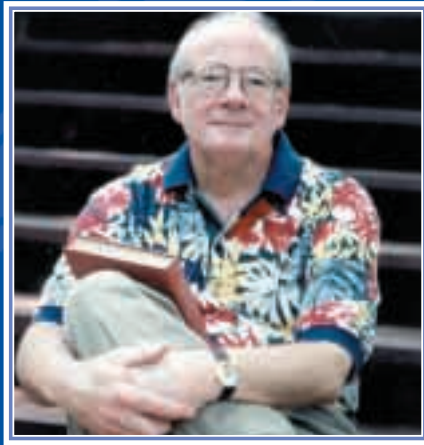


Scientific and Medical Network Natural Death Centre

SPECIAL WEEKEND

with

DR. RAYMOND MOODY (USA)



**Theories of the Paranormal,
Near-Death Experiences and the Afterlife**

Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th June 2004

Chair: David Lorimer

Friends Meeting House • Euston Road • London NW1

Theories of the Paranormal, Near-Death

The Programme

The main presentations will be made by Dr. Moody and there will be special dialogue sessions with David Lorimer as well as exploratory dialogue with the audience.

SATURDAY Theories of the Paranormal

The controversy about paranormal phenomena has raged on and on since antiquity with no end in sight. This presentation traces this chronic unresolvability to unexamined assumptions held in common by three standard approaches to the study of the paranormal. The workshop analyses parapsychology humanistic “skepticism”, and fundamentalist demonology, showing that, despite their apparent opposition, they are manifestations of the same point of view. Then Dr. Moody guides participants through seven lines of argumentation that suggest a new, alternative approach: the recreational theory of the paranormal. Applications will be proposed that permit actual recreation of paranormal experiences for purposes of systematic study.

SUNDAY Near-Death Experiences and Related Phenomena: Evidence of an Afterlife?

This workshop presents the results of forty years of research on near-death experiences and other extraordinary states of consciousness related to death and dying. In addition to the now well-known spiritual experiences of survivors of close call with death, Dr. Moody will discuss the empathic death experiences of bystanders at the bedside of the dying. He will also describe cases of the astonishing swan song phenomenon, in which people spontaneously recite or compose poetry as they are dying. In conclusion, the workshop brings these experiences to bear on the biggest question of existence” Is there life after death?

COST:

£100 for two days, £55 per day, including sandwich lunch.

Death Experiences and the Afterlife

A world-renowned scholar, author and researcher, **Dr. Raymond Moody** is considered the leading authority on the Near Death Experience, a phrase he coined in 1975 with the publication of his international best-seller, *Life After Life*. Dr. Moody has his Ph.D. in Philosophy with honours from the University of Virginia, and a medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia. He did his residency in Psychiatry at the University of Virginia Medical School. He is a past recipient of The World Humanitarian Award, and the author of eleven books. He is an on-going expert with major media on the topics of grief, near death, unusual phenomena. Dr. Moody lives in Alabama, with his wife and two small children. This is his first visit to the UK for many years.



Dr. Raymond Moody

David Lorimer is Programme Director of the Scientific and Medical Network and Vice-President of the Horizon Research Foundation. He is author of *Survival?* and *Whole in One – The Near-Death Experience and the Ethic of Interconnectedness*, to which Dr. Moody wrote the foreword. He is editor of *Thinking Beyond the Brain* and his new edited book on *Science, Consciousness and Ultimate Reality* will appear in Summer 2004. His book on the Prince of Wales's philosophy and work – *Radical Prince* - was published in the autumn of 2003.

**DAVID
LORIMER**

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The Natural Death Centre is an educational project of the Nicholas Albery Foundation based in North London. It offers advice for people dying at home and their carers, and helps people to arrange inexpensive, environmentally-friendly and family-organised funerals. It has a more general aim of 'improving the quality of dying' and edits the *Natural Death Handbook* (Rider). For more information contact: NDC, 6 Blackstock Mews, Blackstock Road, London N4 2BT (020 7359 8391) ndc@alberfoundation.org; www.naturaldeath.org.uk

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Booking Form – Dr. Raymond Moody

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