

# **NDEs are “caused” by Drugs**

*Closer to the Light—Melvin Morse, MD*

**Dr. Morse was making a presentation on NDEs (Near-Death Experiences) to the hospital staff at a local hospital. An operating room physician said, “I know for a fact that anesthetic agents can cause exactly the kind of experience you are describing. These NDEs aren’t unusual at all and are certainly caused by drugs.”**

**Dr. Morse had carefully examined the effects of anesthetic agents in his own work and had found that they didn’t cause NDEs. He asked the physician about his proof.**

**The physician said, “I had such an experience when I was a child. I had a routine tonsillectomy at the age of six, and I floated out of my body. I saw the doctors working on me, and I saw a bright light. I felt like I was with God and I felt his love. Then I was sucked back into my body.”**

**Dr. Morse was curious and asked the physician to research his medical records to see what anesthetic agents had been used. To his great surprise, the physician found that his heart had stopped during surgery. The medical records stated that his parents had not been notified about the heart stopping.**

**The physician had not recognized it for what it was, an NDE.**