

Olga's Out-Of-Body Experience (OBE)

Glimpses of Eternity, Raymond Moody, MD

Olga needed a heart transplant after a virus attack. In 1989 the University of California Medical Center notified her that a matching heart had been found.

All members of her family were at the hospital for the procedure except for her son-in-law who had a phobia about hospitals.

That evening the transplant was performed. At 2:15 AM she developed complications and her new heart stopped beating. After a long period of resuscitation the heart began functioning properly. Olga's family was not informed about the complications until 6 AM when they were told the operation was a success, but that she had almost died when the new heart failed.

Olga's daughter immediately called her husband to tell him the good news. "I know she's OK," he said. "She already told me herself." He had awakened at 2:15 AM to see his mother-in-law at the foot of his bed. It was as though she was standing right there, he said. Thinking she had not had surgery and had somehow come to his house instead, he sat up and asked her how she was.

"I am fine. I'm going to be all right," she said. "There is nothing for any of us to worry about." Then she disappeared.

The vision did not frighten the son-in-law, but he did get out of bed and write down the time she appeared to him and exactly what was said.

When the family went in to see her, Olga began talking about "the strange dream" that took place during surgery. She said she had left her body and watched the doctors work on her for a few minutes. Then she went into the waiting room, where she saw her family. Frustrated by her inability to communicate with them, she decided to travel to her daughter's home, about 30 miles away, and connect with her son-in-law. She told them that she was sure she had stood at the foot of her son-in-law's bed and told him that everything was going to be all right.