

# Review of: "God's characteristics as reported by near-death experiencers"

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1. Since this paper may be quite helpful to researchers in the fields of comparative religion and philosophy of religion as well as to those in Christian studies, I suggest that the authors add such words as "angels", "devils", "saints", "Siva", "Vishnu", "buddhas", "bodhisattvas" to the list of keywords. In this way, you will likely collect more relevant experience reports of believers of different religions, so that you can contribute more to the comparative studies of different religious traditions and their influences upon the believers.
2. If you did some investigation through questionnaires to the near death experiencers, I think you could get much more detailed and profound information that would greatly promote your research.
3. If you could get the information about the length of the time the NDE lasted, and compare, for example, the longest experiences with the shortest ones, I think that would be interesting and fruitful.
4. I suggest you refer to John Hick's book "Philosophy of Religion" for his theory of "the verification by the Last Things", and L. and P. Badham's book "Immortality or Extinction ?" that is also on the NDE reports.
5. You'd better offer readers with a note concerning the big lap between the two numbers 4640 and 69.
6. The "Inclusion Criteria": It seems that there is no absolutely dividing line between the two groups of informations described in this paragraph, since we have no idea of which /what senses will be the means for getting information after death, and no idea of their functioning way, e.g. respectively, together, or more senses? For example, it is very hard to tell the differences between the following reports-----in the first group: "I was everything and everything was me, including God"; in the second group: "although I did not see God, I knew he was with me", "...feeling of love, joy, happiness, and union with everything", "The Being was communicating with me through thoughts", "God held me in his arms and told me three times to go back", and "I am certain I was before God". But however, the second group is excluded!