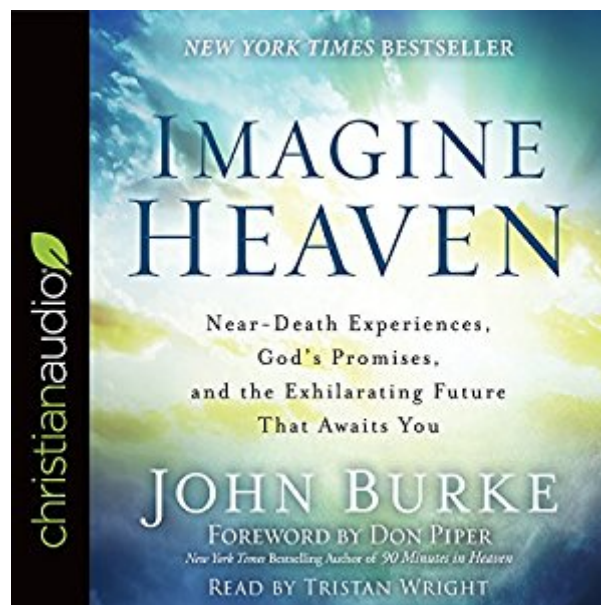




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Imagine Heaven: Near-Death Experiences, God's Promises, And The Exhilarating Future That Awaits You



Synopsis

All of us long to know what life after death will be like. Best-selling author John Burke is no exception. In *Imagine Heaven*, Burke compares over 100 gripping stories of near-death experiences (NDEs) to what Scripture says about our biggest questions of heaven: Will I be myself? Will I see friends and loved ones? What will heaven look like? What is God like? What will we do forever? What about children and pets? For decades, Burke has been studying accounts of survivors brought back from near death who lived to tell of both heavenly and hellish experiences. While not every detail of individual NDEs correlate with Scripture, Burke shows how the common experiences shared by thousands of survivors - including doctors, college professors, bank presidents, people of all ages and cultures, and even blind people - point to the exhilarating picture of heaven promised in the Bible. This thrilling journey into the afterlife will make you feel like you've been there. It will forever change the way you view the life to come and the way you live your life today. You'll discover heaven is even more amazing than you've ever imagined.

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Customer Reviews

I just lost my dad on October 15. Dad was a born-again Christian and served the Lord his whole life. I have been a Christian nearly 40 years. Despite this, I had such overwhelming grief over losing my precious dad. I don't know if it was sadness, exhaustion, irrational thinking, or what, but even though I knew he was in Heaven....at the same time it didn't seem real to me somehow - I couldn't grasp

onto that peace and find that solid ground. It was confusing to me to wander in the fog of grief and despair that seemed inescapable. What was going on? Where was my peace and assurance? I prayed that the Lord would indeed lead me to that place of peace that passes all understanding. I saw this book on Fox and Friends, and ordered it immediately. When it arrived, I was reading it within minutes. Just a couple of chapters in, I had that overwhelming peace I was seeking. It was as if Jesus Himself was speaking to me through this book and through Scripture. It changed my view of Heaven, of what Christ longs for in those of us here on Earth, and of death for those who are Christians. Truly, we do not mourn as those who have no hope! This book will bring great comfort - and a glorious preview of what awaits the Believer! The alignment between near death experiences and Scripture is so powerful! Not that we desire to die.....but this book will make you excited about going to Heaven one day! God is so loving and has so much in store for eternity for those who accept Jesus as Lord.

Imagine Heaven is so thoroughly researched that even a skeptic can see that Burke has thought of every angle. He's researched near death experiences (NDEs) from all sorts of people: those who have nothing to gain and a lot of credibility to lose (e.g., doctors), those from other faiths, those with disabilities here who have no disabilities in heaven, and those who had negative experiences after dying. I had a couple of secret beliefs about heaven that appear to be borne out in these accounts. I wondered if we would be the best version of ourselves (the energy of youth, the wisdom of experience, etc.), and that seems to be what people recount. We are still ourselves, and we still know the people who are important to us here. Another interesting point is that there is a life review -- a sort of highlight reel (or lowlight reel -- this ain't Facebook) of what you've done. You can see the ripple effects of your actions. That's something I've believed would happen, but it came with a surprise: those who had this experience didn't feel judged or condemned by God; on the contrary, any condemnation was self-inflicted. One of the clearest features of many of these experiences was being asked what one did with one's life... how well you loved others while on earth. It really does come down to the way Jesus simplified it for his followers: Love God and love people. All other laws or rules proceed from this. Words matter. Actions matter. The point of this life is to love others. Our choice to follow God (or our rejection of Him) has eternal consequences. But the choice is entirely ours; He has given us the free will to choose or to reject Him. Imagine Heaven has encouraged me to try to see others through God's eyes -- His love, mercy, and grace. Naturally I fail at this daily. But knowing a little about the amazing place that God has prepared for us makes me see this life differently, in the best possible way. Disclaimers: I finished reading an advance copy of this book a

couple of weeks ago. I agreed to write an honest review. John Burke is my pastor of 18 years and a friend. However, if he'd written a dud, I'd be honest about it. Currently this ranks as my favorite of Burke's four books.

As an MD and one who ran and directed an ICU/ CCU for 25 years, I have also heard very similar stories. To be blunt, I have also had a NDE, and heard and felt things I can't begin to describe! Do we slip into a different dimension? I know one thing, part from having my own experience I doubt these are anoxic brain reactions. I do believe there is a 'here after' a God and, unfortunately a hell, as I had one patient I personally resuscitated describe in all too much detail. Great read, make your own mind up after this book.

There are not too many books that I feel are life changing, but this one is on my short list. There were moments while reading this book that I found myself just overtaken in awe by a greater understanding of who Jesus is, His great love for us and humanity, and prayed my response could be such that others can know such love. I did find it difficult to read all in one sitting. The stories are quite thought provoking. I would love a follow-up book by John Burke that was just stories of NDE's perhaps without too much dialogue in between, but as a Christian having the stories line up with scripture was helpful. I am giving this book out as a Christmas gift to my friends and family this year, some whom are suffering losses of loved ones. It is so great to have such a book that can bring some comfort and hope in a world that can be so hopeless at times.

Are you ready? This beautiful book makes my love for God grow. So many of us know in our hearts that another life is waiting after this one; these stories of near death experiences help us imagine it. The descriptions of Jesus and his love confirm the glimpses we are allowed from this side. Whether you are a believer or a seeker, you will enjoy this book. I did!

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