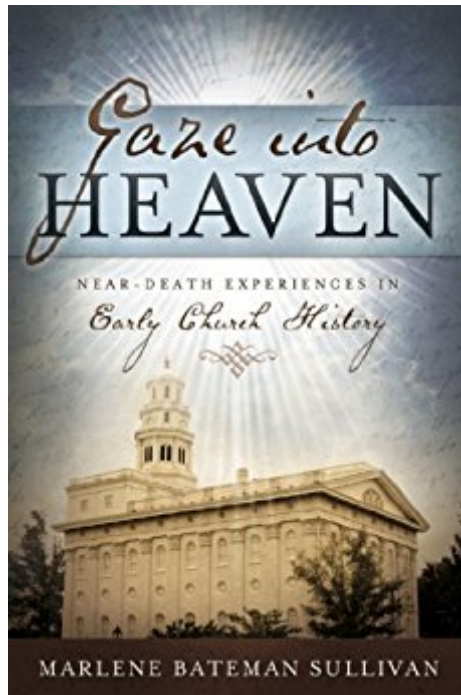


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Gaze Into Heaven: Near-Death Experiences In Early Church History



Synopsis

Gaze Into Heaven is a compilation of fifty documented near-death experiences of life beyond the veil, drawn from the early history of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Filled with insight and inspiration, this book melds engrossing personal experiences with perceptive commentary, scripture, and quotes from latter-day Prophets. After reading this book, you won't ever think of life---or death---the same way.

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Customer Reviews

Gaze into Heaven is an awesome book for anyone interested in the Spirit World. I admit I have a vested interest in this book, as my wife wrote it. But even if she weren't twisting my arm (I'm kidding) I would have to say this is a great book. I know how hard Marlene worked to research these experiences. She's very meticulous in her research. (She's written many non-fiction LDS books.) These experiences are amazing and gave me a clear idea of what happens when we die. I especially liked the quotes from Church leaders, which helped explain a lot of things. This book increased my faith and testimony and I found it hard to put down--I wanted to keep reading just one

more account, and then another. It's a great book and I recommend it highly. (Okay honey, you can let go of my arm now . . .)

Marlene is an excellent author, very talented at not only writing, but helping the stories of others shine through when they need to. I have VERY much enjoyed her fiction books (such as Light on Fire Island), and this non-fiction one shows her to be a nicely balanced writer who is equally comfortable in both genres. Always a favorite subject of mine, the stories of the afterlife and "the other side" are not only entertaining, but inspirational.

I love this book! Marlene, in her cleaver way of writing has given me a very uplifting and joyful perspective on the events that can happen to those who's experiences have taken them within the veil between this life and the next through heartfelt testimonials from simple, ordinary folks of the Church all the way up to those in leadership positions of the 19th century LDS Church. Buy this book!

I have always loved the statement that we are spiritual beings having a mortal experience. This book is a strong reminder that this mortal journey prepares us for the life we continue to live when we finish our mortal probation. I loved the sweet and simple stories and the wonderful commentaries that tie things together with scripture and the words of the prophets.

GAZE INTO HEAVEN was a book filled with actual accounts from people who have experienced near-death experiences. The book was written from a LDS church perspective. While I personally do not belong to that faith, I found the book very interesting. I enjoyed reading the accounts from people who have had these experiences. Recommended for anyone interested in the subject. Rating: 5 No heat rating Reviewed By: Rae My Book Addiction And More

The stories in this book had me enthralled from the get-go! It is a little misleading though as the title says in early church history and the timeline seems to go from before the beginning of the church to about 1980. Other than that I have very much enjoyed reading this book!

This book does a nice job of recounting near death experience stories. But being a person who questions much about the afterlife, I did not feel satisfied after reading this book. In a few of the stories the "dead" person is asked about the living? My Mom died last year and I often wonder if she

has any knowledge about my life and current experiences? There seems to be discrepancies on whether the dead are aware of us or not. The scriptures basically say that the dead rest from their sorrows. Of course, if they witness our lives they would undoubtedly experience sorrow watching our afflictions UNLESS they can see our trials from a totally different perspective?? I hoped the author would address and pull together all of the scriptures and these experiences in an attempt to explain WHY some of those in the spirit world had to ask about the living. I have a hard time believing that a loving God would not allow knowledge of the living from the spirit world. Apparently they do know when temple work has been done.... I also found it curious how several of them viewed their own bodies with disdain. On earth, I believe the goal is to integrate the body, mind and spirit. Acceptance of ourselves as God's creation and children brings self-esteem. Society is geared toward self-loathing as we are told age is abominable through all types of media which tell us to buy products that make us younger, better, and more appealing. It's interesting to know the reports of those who die and return....but more interesting to address how the scriptures and near death experiences tie together to teach us how to live and die successfully. I liked the summary she gives at the end and found it useful.

Gaze Into Heaven is a wonderful study of experiences told by early LDS members. The author knows what she is talking about and is familiar with major works and studies on the topic. She organizes well. I love that she includes both scripture and words of prophets and apostles to compare and expand the experiences. It is fascinating to me to hear the actual words and see the writings as they came from the time period. Many of the experiences are like testimonies. Rather than every detail they are accounts of what was important to the person who had the experience.

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