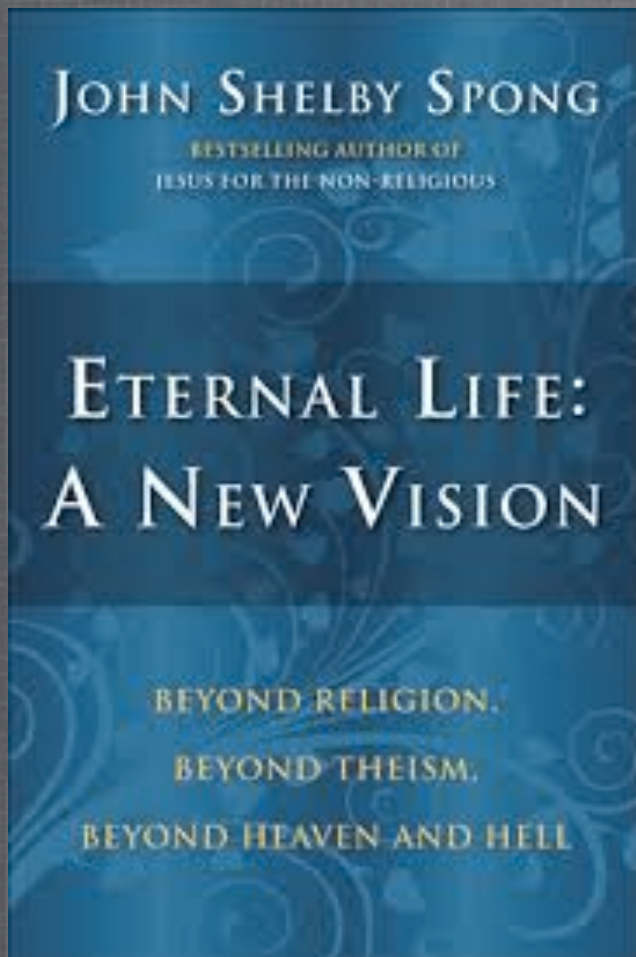
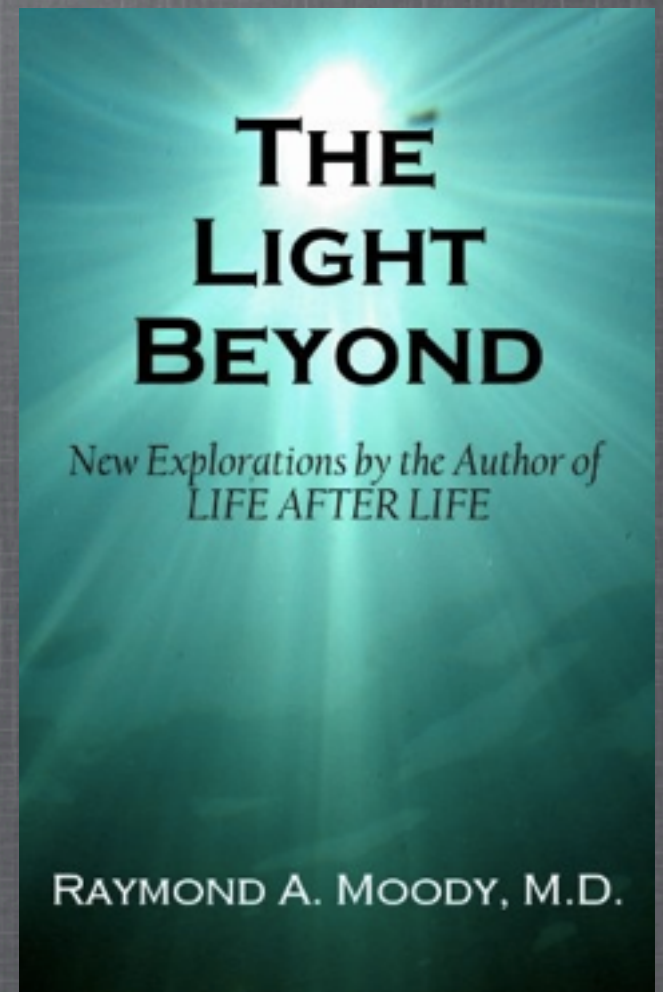


MEETING DEATH WITH HOPE AND UNDERSTANDING



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Outline for Session 1

- Opening
- Introductions
- The Authors on Video
- Break
- A Personal Perspective - Jock and Wayne
- Discussion
- Closing
- WEB death.stdavidscalgary.net & sduc.ca ACTS

Meeting Death with Hope and Understanding The Authors Speak - Dr. Raymond Moody

Excerpts from 2 Interviews on Video

- Paul Perry, from a visit to Moody's residence in Alabama.
an excerpt from Perry's documentary "Afterlife"
- Lilou Mace, from a Marseille Conference on NDE.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lunfjnCt5ic>

Meeting Death with Hope and Understanding The Authors Speak - Dr. John Spong

The Richness of Life

An Interview with Faith Middleton
on PBS Radio
(with illustrations)

<http://wnpr.org/post/faith-middleton-show-bishop-john-shelby-spong-0>

BREAK



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Science and Religion - a Personal Journey

- Believing - brought up on the Bible.
- Understanding - an engineer by inclination
- Religion in dramatic post-war flux
- Science expanding exponentially
- My 2 interests were distinct and belligerent.

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Science and Religion - a View over Time

An Earlier Time - Knowledge was Unified

- Education - few were educated
- Technology - simple - trades driven
- Religion - integrated into all aspects of society
- Science - meant then the disciplines of scholarship
- Society - cycles of agrarian empire

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Science and Religion - a View over Time

The Enlightenment - Curiosity & Opportunity

- Education - still only the elite were educated
- Technology - printing press lets ideas travel
- Religion - asserted authority - resisted change
- Science - spirituality is separated from knowledge
- Society - growing aspiration and ambition

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Science and Religion - a View over Time

Modern Times - Greed Overwhelms Sharing

- Education - global general public education begins
- Technology - advanced - machine driven
- Religion - Interfaith and Fundamentalism flourish
- Science - proud and ambitious - still materialistic
- Society - sentiments still tribal - elites control

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Science and Religion - a View over Time
Post Modern Times - Spirituality Returning

- Education - 4 of 5 globally now literate
- Technology - Internet erasing borders and limits
- Religion - a new global awakening is borning
- Science - seeking unification again - more open
- Society - severely polarized - life & death decisions

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Science and Religion - Life and Afterlife

Life - what is life?

Death - what is death?

Afterlife - Is there such?

Self-Awareness - Who is it that is myself?

- Religion - Those are: God's gift - heaven - our soul.
- Science - Don't know yet - but it's brain behaviour.

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Science and Religion - Life and Afterlife

Near Death Experience - What is the Meaning?

- Religion - Sorry, that's not in our tradition.
- Science - Don't know - appears to be hallucination.

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Some Questions for Discussion

- What brings you to this study?
- What would you like to share?
- What questions do you seek answers to?
- Any thoughts from videos?