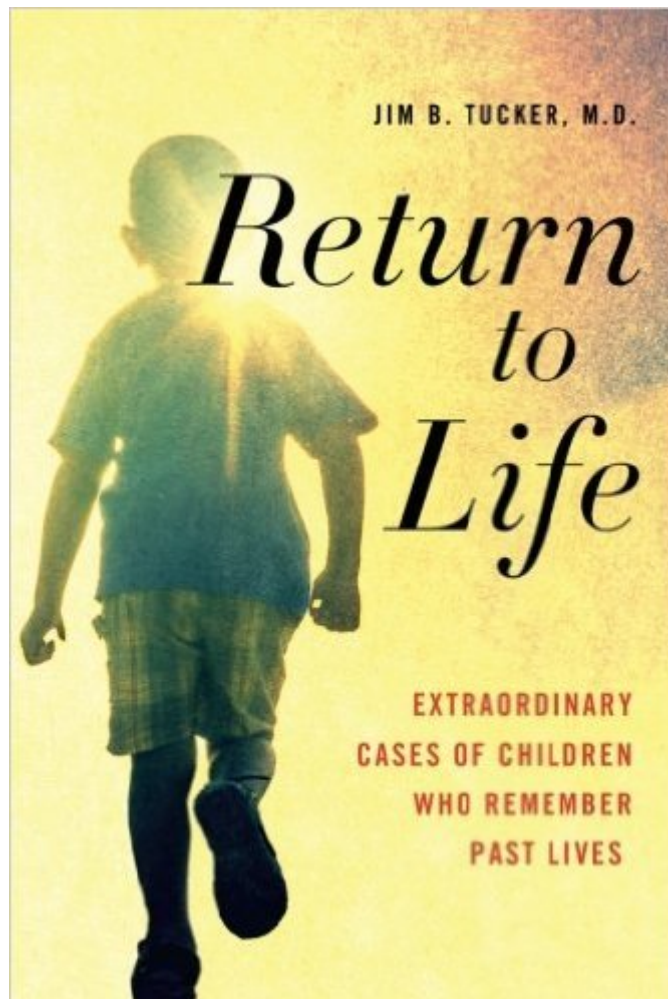


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Return To Life: Extraordinary Cases Of Children Who Remember Past Lives



Synopsis

A first-person account of Jim B. Tucker's experiences with a number of extraordinary children with memories of past lives, New York Times bestseller *Return to Life* expands on the international work started by his University of Virginia colleague Ian Stevenson. Tucker's work, lauded by the likes of parapsychologist Carol Bowman and Deepak Chopra, and described by some as quantum physics, focuses mostly on American cases, presenting each family's story and describing his scientific investigation. His goal is to determine what happened - what the child has said, how the parents have reacted, whether the child's statements match the life of a particular deceased person, and whether the child could have learned such information through normal means. Tucker has found case studies that provide persuasive evidence that some children do, in fact, possess memories of previous lives. Among others, readers will meet a boy who describes a previous life on a small island. When Tucker takes him to that island, he finds that some details eerily match the boy's statements and some do not. Another boy points to a photograph from the 1930s and says he used to be one of the men in it. Once the laborious efforts to identify that man are successful, many of the child's numerous memories are found to match the details of his life. Soon after his second birthday, a third boy begins expressing memories of being a World War II pilot who is eventually identified. Thought-provoking and captivating, *Return to Life* urges its readers, skeptics and supporters alike, to think about life, death, and reincarnation and to reflect about their own consciousness and spirituality.

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First, I'd like to take skeptics head-on: you may scoff at the subject matter but you probably have no real knowledge of it. You - we - are part of a primitive civilization and know next to nothing of the nature of existence. For hundreds of thousands of years man looked at birds in flight and dreamed of flying. There are people alive TODAY who were born before man could even figure THAT out, the relatively simple dynamics of flight. So, don't be so dismissive of what you don't understand and assume you 'know' what's possible and impossible. As Plato advised, 'a wise man knows he knows nothing.' The fact is, this avenue of research is not antithetical to scientific research. Indeed, it cohesively follows the lines of the latest research in quantum mechanics. The double-slit experiment, as important as it seemed years ago, now seems, in the wake of recent discoveries, monumental in its import: the human mind can, in fact, control the physical world, can, in fact, transcend the "laws" of physics. This is now an established scientific fact. The work of the author and his renowned mentor, the late Dr. Ian Stevenson, strongly suggests that the mind (or 'soul') not only transcends minor laws of physics (wave-particle duality) but a major, awe-inspiring one as well: our souls able to return to mortal life in a new physical being. The author, Dr. Tucker, not only conducts his research with an eye towards quantum physics but strictly follows scientific method as well. While the case histories of the children themselves may seem subjective, with much of it anecdotal evidence from the parents, Tucker is actually highly objective in his findings, relying on otherwise-inexplicable corroborating evidence from other, unrelated sources (often family and friends of deceased persons).

As a reader of Ian Stevensons's books and Dr. Jim B. Tucker's previous work 'Life Before Life', I can honestly say this book is the most accessible and honest of all their works. Generally, the previous reincarnation books were very analytical and light on the personal touch. While this book continues the tradition of providing the essential details that are the heart of the argument for reincarnation, it does so with a grace and human element that makes the children and their parents come to life as if they are sitting at your kitchen table. I have to compliment Jim B. Tucker on showcasing his writing talents. Job well done. My favorite part of this book is the emphasis on children who remember past lives and are from America. One of the greatest critiques from skeptics is that reincarnation is a cultural phenomenon from religions with the belief in reincarnation. Well, If they did their own research before this book came out they'd realize it wasn't, but now that 'Return To Life' is available and highlights strictly American cases of reincarnation, it's very easy to point the skeptic in the right direction to overcome their objection. (Getting them to actually read it, however, is another thing entirely) As the American cases continue to prove, reincarnation is a phenomenon

that crosses cultural, religious, racial, gender, and geography lines. These are Christian parents, raising their children Christian, discovering that their child is identifying with someone who has passed away. When a die hard Christian realizes their child is having a past life experience, it's refreshing to see them keep their mind open and realize that our holy books are holy and sacred, but incomplete.

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