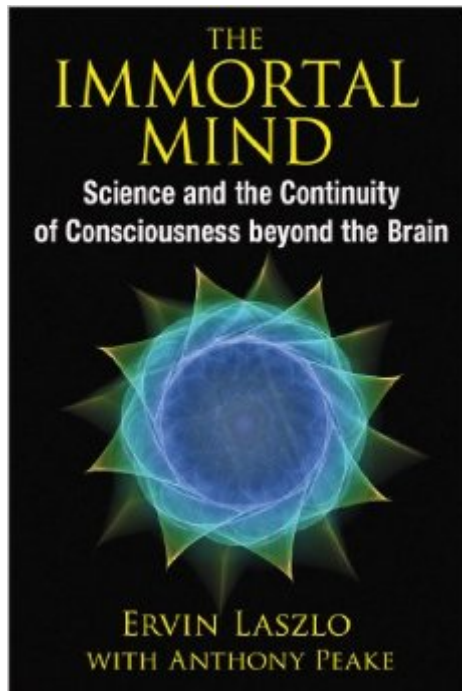


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The Immortal Mind: Science And The Continuity Of Consciousness Beyond The Brain



Synopsis

Scientific evidence for the continual presence of consciousness with or without connection to a living organism

- Examines findings on the survival of consciousness beyond life, including near-death experiences, after-death communication, and reincarnation
- Explains how this correlates precisely with cutting-edge physics theories on superstrings, information fields, and energy matrices
- Reveals how consciousness manifests in living beings to continue its evolution

Evidence now points to consciousness existing beyond the brain, such as when the brain is temporarily incapacitated, as well as to the survival of consciousness after death. Conventional science prefers to dismiss these findings because they cannot be accommodated by a materialist view of reality. Spirituality and religion embrace the continuity of consciousness and ascribe it to a nonmaterial spirit or soul that is immortal. As such, spirituality/religion and science continually find conflict in their views. But what if there truly is no conflict? Based on a new scientific paradigm in sync with experience-based spirituality, Ervin Laszlo and Anthony Peake explore how consciousness is continually present in the cosmos and can exist without connection to a living organism. They examine the rapidly growing body of scientific evidence supporting the continuity of consciousness, including near-death experiences, after-death communication, reincarnation, and neurosensory information received in altered states. They explain how the persistence of consciousness beyond the demise of the body means that, in essence, we are not mortal--we continue to exist even when our physical existence has come to an end. This correlates precisely with cutting-edge physics, which posits that things in our plane of time and space are not intrinsically real but are manifestations of a hidden dimension where they exist in the form of superstrings, information fields, and energy matrices. With proof that consciousness is basic to the cosmos and immortal in its deeper, nonmanifest realm, Laszlo and Peake reveal the purpose of consciousness is to manifest in living beings in order to continuously evolve.

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The Big Question is whether human consciousness survives the death of the body. This book provides robust evidence that the answer is yes. The book is divided into three parts to address this question. Part I explores evidence supporting the "supernatural" phenomena of near-death experience, apparitions of deceased individuals, medium transcommunication, instrument transcommunication, past life recollection, and reincarnation. Part II examines the possible scientific bases of these phenomena, relying heavily on quantum entanglement, cosmic holography, and the idea that information comprises the fundamental "substance" of the universe, and that space, time, matter, and energy are secondary and illusory aspects of reality. Part III offers an explanation of the phenomena explored in Part I: That every one of them are different manifestations of the same reality; i.e., that there is only one consciousness and our separate consciousness are part of an indivisible whole. Moreover, these individual consciousness do not come from our physical brains, as material reductionism insists, but are just manifestations of the cosmic consciousness that are transmitted through our brains. Furthermore, our experiences, thoughts and emotions are indelibly encoded in the akasha record and these can be retrieved and relived by other living brains. I find the basic premise of this book to be quite believable. It touches on the groundbreaking work by Hameroff and Penrose into the quantum nature of consciousness, recent cutting-edge experiments involving quantum entanglement, and a lifetime of research and field work by Dr. Ian Stevenson in collecting evidence for reincarnation.

Ervin Laszlo with Anthony Peake, *The Immortal Mind: Science and the continuity of consciousness beyond the brain*, Inner Traditions, Rochester, Vermont, 2014, 170 pp. Ervin Laszlo is a Hungarian-born philosopher of science and author or co-author of more than fifty books. Anthony Peake is a writer who specializes in studies of consciousness. The opening chapter deals with near-death experiences (NDEs). Physicians, surgeons, psychiatrists and neurophysiologists have attested to the fact that the dismissal of such events by materialist scientists as fraud or fantasy is totally misguided. NDEs (together with OBEs and contact with the discarnate covered in the next

chapter) provide the most extensive evidence that the mind can continue to function “ and in ways not accessible to the rational and mentally active being “ in a deceased or comatose person. A more detailed account of NDEs can be found in Pim van Lommel’s *Consciousness Beyond Life*. So Chapter 2 deals with Apparitions and After-Death Communication. We know that mind or consciousness can still function when a patient is moribund or comatose and not awake enough for meaningful communication. Here, the authors explore communication by souls who are no longer among the living. This chapter concentrates on direct contact between subjects and deceased friends and family: contact through mediums is handled in the next chapter. It does not matter whether the experiencers are religious, agnostic or atheists and the discarnate being may not even be directly known to them, as in the case of combat soldiers being in contact with the spirit of an enemy soldier they have killed. There’s an interesting summary here of the formation of the Society for Psychical Research in 1882 by physicist Sir William Barrett and colleagues.

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