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# Mourning A Prayer for All Those Death Victims Across the Whole World

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Why should mourning be held for those death victims? Please read the following unfading article: **“For whom the Bell Tolls”**, and then you would come to realize what **“life”** is supposed to be.



**John Donne** (1572-1631 / London, a great scholar and representative during the Age of Renaissance)

**“For Whom the Bell Tolls” :**

“No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as a manor of thy friends or of thine own were; any man’s death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee.”

This is a famous direct quotation from the poem entitled **“A Devotion: For Whom the Bell Tolls”**, by **John Donne** (1572 – 1631), a great scholar of England and a representative of the Age of Renaissance. The original verse was not intended to be a poem and was taken from his work entitled **“Devotions upon emergent occasions and severall steps in my sickness - Meditation XVII, 1624”**, which was structured more as a prose of essays.

(**Note:** Source: Donne, John. The Works of John Donne, Vol.III. Henry Alford, ed. London: John W. Parker, 1839, pp.574-5.)

The **Life Enlightenment Charity Foundation** extends its **most sincere and whole-hearted condolences and blessings** to all those victims of death, injuries, and illnesses across the whole world, regardless of natural and human causes, or of whatever reasons!



Wishing all those death victims across the whole world would have the care, concern and blessings of all human and heavenly beings, and to be distant from all kinds of sorrows, sufferings and tortures!

Wishing all those victims of injuries and illnesses would also have the care, concern and blessings of all human and heavenly beings. Under the atmosphere of auspiciousness, active engagements and energetic supports, all of their difficulties would be resolved, and all of their sufferings would be extinguished. All the hopes of their lives would be rekindled and re-ignited, and all of their vitalities and perseverance of will-power would be re-installed, so that they would all rise up again!

Please listen: you are not alone! All over the world, the whole of humankind and all its countless sentient beings are making their **whole-hearted prayers and blessings** for all of you!



# Children Who Speak of Memories of a Previous Life as a Buddhist Monk: Three New Cases (5)

## The Case of Sandika’s Previous Life as A Monk (1)

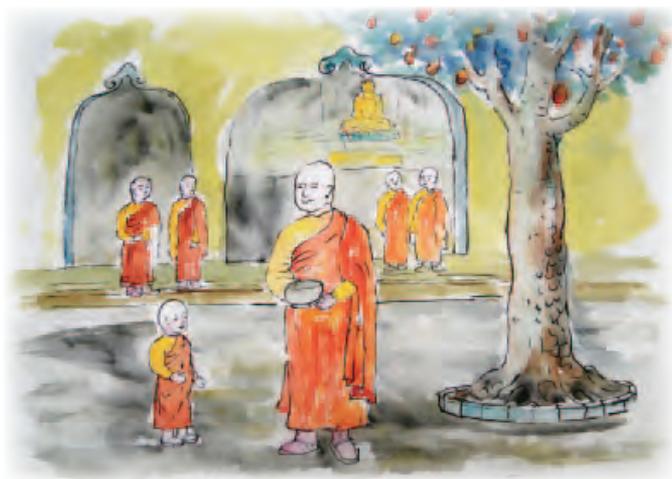
by Erlendur Haraldsson and  
Godwin Samararatne

### The Case of Sandika Tharanga

Sandika was born on May 20, 1979 of middle-class Roman Catholic parents in one of the suburbs of Colombo. Our associate, Tissa Jayawardane, interviewed the family on June 20, 1985, when the boy was six years old. **At the age of three Sandika<sup>2</sup> had started to talk about a previous life as a monk** in a monastery which he did not further identify.

According to his parents, he frequently spoke of the chief monk who lived in the monastery. He stated that one day he was going to attend an almsgiving with some other monks, and then heard a big noise, shot, or explosion, and this is the last thing he remembers. An almsgiving is a common religious ceremony where monks are invited for a midday meal by lay-people.

**Sandika showed a great fear of crackers and sudden noises.** When he heard sounds of explosions he



instinctively placed his hands in fear on the left side of his chest. His parents' explanation was that this fearful behaviour was caused by a shot he had received in his chest and which led to his death in the previous life.

There is a small dark birthmark on his chest slightly to the left of the midline, and we were told it was more prominent when he was younger. His parents know of no monk in the area who has died from a gunshot wound. Sandika further stated that four or five monks had lived in his monastery. A list of his statements is given in **Table 4**. Sandika's statements brings to mind that Sri Lanka has been through periods of violent political turmoil, particularly the Insurgency of 1971, in which a number of monks were killed.

### Table 4

#### Sandika's Statements about his Previous Life as Reported by his Mother

- 1 The chief monk lived at the temple.
- 2 The chief monk had a big bowl.
- 3 One day he went away for almsgiving with some other monks.
- 4 Then there was an explosion with much noise.
- 5 There was a little monk (child monk) in the temple.
- 6 Four or five monks lived in the temple.
- 7 There was a jack-fruit tree there.
- 8 The temple where he lived was close to his present home.
- 9 He had a brother who was of fair complexion.
- 10 His younger brother wore no shirt



One day his mother took the boy to a temple some two miles away where there lived a pious monk. She told him about the boy. The monk plucked some flowers, gave them to him, and observed what he did. He climbed the steps to the vihara (shrine room) and worshipped there, which is an appropriate response for a devout Buddhist. After Sandika was taken to some temples and he became acquainted with the monk, he gradually stopped talking about his previous life unless he was asked to do so.....(To Be Continued) 🌞

Erlendur Haraldsson first met Sandika in 1988 when he was nine years of age. At this time his memories were fading, as is generally the case with subjects as old as that. His main interests were visiting temples and his school work.

<sup>2</sup> At the request of Sandika's parents only personal names are used.

He was very religious from the time he started to speak of his previous life, and had tried to convert his parents to Buddhism by requesting them to become Buddhists but they did not comply. He was eager to find the monastery where he had lived. At his request Sandika's father took him to 6-7 temples in their wider area when he was 3-4 years old, in the hope that he would find his temple. He did not recognize any of them as his old monastery.





# Power of Positive Thinking



By Dr. Wong Hiu Mei

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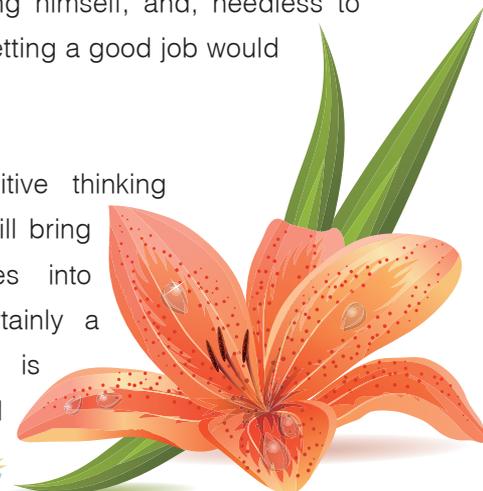
## Introduction

It is natural for us to be feeling down and upset when facing adversities and difficulties. When we get a closer look, we find out that what upset us or bother us is not the event in itself, but it is all about **the way of how we “interpret” it** that really counts. One who faces life with a positive expectant attitude will attain greater success and personal achievement than one who fails to take control of his or her own thoughts. **Positive thinking**, in simple terms, **is a state of mind that anticipates happiness, joy, health and a successful outcome of every situation and action.**

The following example illustrates how this power works: a person got very frustrated and worried after losing his job as the company is going to be closed down. If his mind was filled with negative thoughts, he would consider himself a failure. Preoccupied with fears of losing face and worries about financial tightness, he was rather certain that he was not going to get a new job. His mood became depressed and he lost confidence and motivation. This chain reaction further lowers his chance of securing a new job, and thus the vicious cycle continues.

Another person faced the same stress but approached the matter in a different way. His mind was filled with positive thoughts. He shifted the focus from the negative aspects to the **favorable and constructive sides** of the situation. In the past, he seldom met his family due to long working hours. Now he had ample time to spend with his family and friends, to resume his pastimes and work-out. Besides, he took the chance to contemplate if his potential can be developed more fully by changing his field of work. With a positive attitude, he saw the bright side of life, became optimistic and expected the best to happen in the future. Positive thoughts brought up happy moods and actions. This has helped him to stay focused on equipping himself, and, needless to say, his chance of getting a good job would be much higher.

If one adopts positive thinking as a way of life, it will bring constructive changes into one's life; it is certainly a state of mind that is worth developing and strengthening.





# World News & Information

News & Information Team

## (1) Horizon Research Foundation on AWARE Study Update: 2010

An Interview with Dr Sam Parnia on the Aware Study 2010

25th Sept., 2010

[http://www.horizonresearch.org/main\\_page.php?cat\\_id=233](http://www.horizonresearch.org/main_page.php?cat_id=233)



In the upcoming months we will endeavor to bring you regular updates on the progress of interesting mainstream scientific research that has the potential to increase our understanding of the question of the nature of consciousness as well as the state of the human mind and its relationship with the brain during clinical death.

Many people have written to ask if results are available about the **AWARE** Study. In order to bring you an update, we contacted **Dr Parnia** who is the chief investigator of this research project. Here are some our questions and answers from our interview:

Q. We have heard the study is actually quite difficult to carry out due to the nature of the work. What are some of these difficulties?

A. One of the major limitations of the study is the patient population. Basically, the patients who are being studied are survivors of cardiac arrest and as such are mostly extremely ill and in intensive care units. So their mortality rate is high and this means the number of survivors to interview is much smaller than we would like. And, **of those who are resuscitated and survived it is only a small portion who will retain memories of their experience.**

Q. Who are you planning to interview?

A. The team is planning on interviewing all of the patients that have survived a cardiac arrest in the original participating hospitals across the UK (**approximately 10-12 centres**) over the next 12 months. The team estimate there should be approximately 700-1000 patients in this group. Once this preliminary set of data have been collected, they intend to make the results available and to publish them in a scientific journal.

Q. With this in mind, when do you foresee publication of results?

A. The earliest realistic estimate for this will be in late 2011 or early 2012.

Q. Out of the original participating hospitals you say, there will be approximately 700-1000 patients to interview. According to your estimates, this will give

approximately a 10-20% return of anyone having survived and having memories of their cardiac arrest. Depending on those results, a broader study will have to be done to support the findings. Have you lined up more hospital centers in the UK? In the US? If so, can you tell us where and what sort of interest do they have in this AWARE Study?

A. Yes. The long term goal is to enroll many more hospitals. Recently, we have started working with three new US hospitals. Two are based in Atlanta, Georgia and are affiliated with Emory Medical Center, the other is the University of Virginia Medical Center. Soon, we will set up Stonybrook Medical Center, and we are continuing conversations with others including in Brazil and France.

Q. We know you traveled back and forth to UK this past year, setting up the interviewing process, can you describe that a bit? Who have you found to do the follow-up interviews and were there any challenges associated with this part of the research?

A. Again, if we figure there will be approximately 1000 patients who have survived, we will start with contacting them via letter and phone call inviting them



to participate. If they are interested, they will partake in the interviewing process which will consist of a **thorough screening interview** undertaken by Research Nurses. The interview will cover the **physical, cognitive and neurological aspects** of the surviving patient's recovery.

Ninety percent of these former patients will have no "near-death experience" to report, however, doing a broader study on their functioning after their illness is a very important part of the study as will be **the**

**1 out of 10 who has had a "near-death experience."** The 10 % who may have had a "near-death experience" will be invited in for a face-to-face meeting and a more comprehensive interview by a core team.

The challenges associated with this research are the **practical aspects of finding and following up with patients** who have survived a very difficult medical emergency.

Sometimes it's hard to find these survivors after they have been discharged from a hospital, and then it's hard because they might be disabled from the experience.

Thank you, Dr Parnia, we look forward to your further communication over 2011-2012.

We know that the investigators would like to expand the study

to cover a cross cultural element and are seeking collaborators from India and other non-Western nations. If you are a physician who has access to cardiac arrest patients in another country and may wish to collaborate, please contact **The Horizon Research Foundation** and we will forward your message to the team.



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## (2) News from Croydon Guardian.co.uk

### Crofdon Hospital Studies "Life After Death"

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19th January 2011 By Kirsty Whalley

A hospital is helping scientists go beyond the grave and understand what happens after patients die. The Croydon University Hospital trust is one of 25 medical centres across the world taking part in a study to find out what happens to the human consciousness when people die.

Russell Metcalfe-Smith, clinical lead for resuscitation, is in charge of the study, which has been going since 2008. The 34-year-old has been responsible for bringing many people back from the brink of death after a cardiac arrest. He has spoken to those he has helped bring back to life to find out if they saw or felt anything when clinically dead.

The hospital has shelves fixed above beds, with images on them, and the idea is if someone has an out-of-body experience, they should be able to describe the picture.

He said: "People often feel they are floating above themselves and can see what is happening." "We have had a number of people who suggested they have experienced something, but we have not had

anyone who has seen the picture that is facing the ceiling." "Some can remember people around them, some remember what people were wearing. One patient reported being in the room but being unable to get out of a window and then feeling they were coming back into their body."



Life after death? Croydon hospital participates in international study

**Dr. Sam Parnia** from the US, who is hoping to publish the results of his **Aware** study next year, is working on analyzing the data from more than 1,000 patients. He said: "Resuscitation is a relatively new science, it has only been around for 50 years. Before that,

people died." "What we have learned is death is reversible in the early stages." "We have found between 10 and 20 per cent of survivors who have come back from death will have memories, some kind of cognitive state while clinically dead."

Dr Parnia refused to speculate on the results of his study but said many people interviewed had similar experiences. He said: "The evidence that is interesting to me is that, contrary to my training, the entity we call the human mind and consciousness appears to continue to exist during the early stage of death." 



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**Would Consciousness Still Exist After Death?**  
**Would You Like to Know the Frontier of Scientific Research?**  
**Don't Miss This Great Opportunity to Attend the Most Authoritative**  
**Keynote Speeches Ever to be Given in Hong Kong History**  
**Series of Talks on 'Science, Life and Death, Reincarnation' - (2)**

**Due to Limited Seats  
Available, Please Reserve  
Yours A.S.A.P. !**

Our Association has held the first session on the Series of Talks on 'Science, Life and Death, Reincarnation' - (1) in 2010 which was very popular and well received, resulting in many people having difficulties in trying to get tickets. This year we are most glad and thankful to have received the sponsorship from the Love Ideas ♥ HK Campaign of The Li Ka Shing Foundation, and thus we are now able to invite three world-renowned professionals and scholars to come to Hong Kong in sharing their top-notch frontier medical and scientific research findings, by exploring the key areas on the relationship between the human brain and the "consciousness", as well as by investigating into whether or not the "consciousness" still continues to exist after death, and so on. In this way, it is hoped that these authoritative keynote speeches will enlighten us, those who are living in this modern world, to have a better understanding and analysis of the interrelationships between 'Science, Life and Death, Reincarnation'.

These authoritative keynote speeches will cover such major topics as "Near-Death Experiences, Out-of-Body Experiences and Death-bed Visions" which may scientifically point out the possibility of 'life after death'. Information concerning those various topics is now quite readily available in various media for those who are interested; yet, it is quite difficult for one to judge upon the correctness and authoritativeness of those information. It is, indeed, a rare opportunity for one to be able to listen in person to such authoritative keynote speeches on these topics that will be presented by three top-notch scientific and medical experts and authorities in their respective fields. Such an event is believed to be the first of its kind ever to be held in the history of Hong Kong; as such, it will be even rarer for the general public to be able to listen to such distinguished guests and their speeches in an open forum. Hence, we sincerely hope that you can take this great opportunity and do not miss this rare occasion.

The speeches will discuss the following issues:

- **When the function of the brain stops, is it possible that the “consciousness” still continues to be active? If so, what does it mean?**
- **While the “consciousness” remains active even when the function of the brain stops, then what is it that is being active? Is this what common people usually called it as the “Soul”?**
- **Is the Eastern folklore of “An Apparition Coming Out of a Living Person” having a similar meaning to the Western definition of the “Out-of-Body Experience” ? Is it real? And if so, what does it mean?**
- **“Death-bed Vision” are some kind of visions that dying patients may see, and normally these are the scenes when they see their passed away relatives. Are those visions of relatives simply “Apparitions”? Or whether they are just hallucinations of those dying patients?**

All these related questions and their puzzling issues will be introduced and answered by these **three experienced researchers and experts** who are of the **highest caliber of international standing and authority**, together with professional **simultaneous interpretations** to be available from **English to both Cantonese and Putonghua** for the audiences.

- **Can science unveil the profound mystery of “Life and Death”?**
- **What kind of evidence does the scientific community have in reference to the issue of “Life and Death”?**
- **Can scientific research on “consciousness” at the moment of “clinical death” prove the existence of “life after death”?**
- **Among the different research findings and analyses on such topics as “Near-Death Experiences”, “Out-of-Body Experiences”, and “Death-bed Visions”, do they have enough evidence for the proof?**
- **As for the various case studies on “Reincarnations” and “Past Life Memories”, can these be used as part of the scientific evidence for the proof on the existence of “life after death”?**

- **If you are interested to know more about the answers to these questions, then you should not miss this rare occasion!**

## Keynote Speakers:

### 1. Dr. Peter B C Fenwick

BA (Cantab), MBBChir (Cantab), FRCPsych



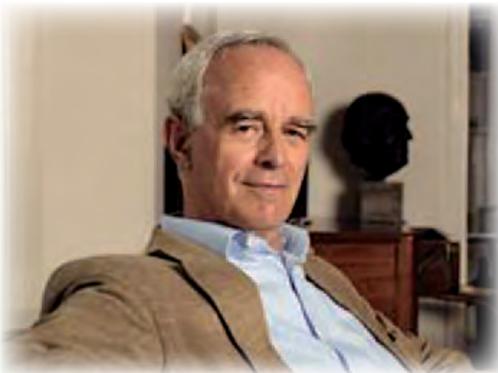
Dr. Fenwick has a wide area of professional expertise which covers psychiatry, neuropsychiatry, neurology and neurosurgery, head, brain and spinal cord disease and injury, sleep disorder and especially epilepsy. He has had a **special interest in the relationship between brain function and the mind, and with longstanding and intensive research in this area.**

Dr. Fenwick had held many key positions in several medical and academic institutions. He had been Consultant Neuropsychiatrist at the Maudsley Hospital which he ran for 20 years, Senior Lecturer at the Institute of Psychiatry, Consultant Neuropsychiatrist at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford and Senior Lecturer at the Institute of Psychiatry, Kings College, London.

Currently, he is the Honorary Clinical Consultant neurophysiologist at Broadmoor Hospital, UK and Honorary Senior Lecturer at the Institute of Psychiatry, University of Southampton, UK. In the past ten years, he has spent several months per year in a research laboratory for the study of Magnetoencephalography in Japan. **He also involves in large hospice projects in UK, Holland and Japan. He is the Chairman of the Scientific and Medical Network, as well as the Chairman of the Research Committee, Integral Medical Foundation.**

Dr. Fenwick has longstanding research in the areas of “near-death experiences and the dying process”. He has studied over 300 cases and has strong expertise knowledge in this special area. He has published over 240 academic papers and 6 books of special topics. He is considered as the major authority in clinical research on “Near-Death Experiences” (NDEs) in the United Kingdom.

## 2. Dr. Pim van Lommel



Dr. van Lommel graduated from the Medical School of Utrecht University, Netherlands. In 1976, he became a cardiologist and worked in the Rijnstate Hospital for 26 years. He has extensively published many professional papers on cardiology.

Due to his work, he has come across many patients who survived a cardiac arrest informing him about their “near-death experiences”. This had taken his attention and so he became interested in the subject. In 1986, he started studying “near-death experiences” in patients who survived a cardiac arrest. He has studied over 500 cases.

In 1988, he co-founded the Merkawah Foundation, IANDS (the International Association of Near-Death Studies) in the Netherlands. In 2001, Dr. van Lommel and others published their Dutch study in the reputable medical journal **The Lancet**. In addition, he has authored chapters in several books about “near-death experiences” and also published articles about the subject. In 2007, he published his book in Dutch **‘Eindeloos Bewustzijn’ (Endless Consciousness)**

in the Netherlands. This book was a bestseller, and within one year over 120,000 copies were sold. Thereafter, the book has been translated into English and French.

In the past several years, Dr. van Lommel has been invited to give talks on the topics of “near-death experiences” and the relationship between brain function and the mind all over the world. In 2005, he was granted the ‘Bruce Greyson Research Award’ on behalf of the IANDS. And in September 2006, the President of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, awarded him the ‘Life Time Achievement Award’ at the World Congress on Clinical and Preventive Cardiology in New Delhi, for the recognition of his great contributions.

## 3. Professor Erlendur Haraldsson



Professor Haraldsson studied philosophy at the University of Edinburg, England and the University of Freiburg, Germany. He furthered his study in psychology and obtained a Diploma in Psychology from the University of Munich, Germany, and a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Freiburg respectively. During the interim period, he held an internship in Clinical Psychology at the Department of Psychiatry, University of Virginia, USA.

He had been teaching at the Department of Psychology at the University of Iceland for over a quarter of a century. He has been a visiting professor at the University of Virginia, Adjunct Research

Faculty Member at the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, California, USA, and Research Professor at the Institut für Grenzgebiete der Psychologie und Psychohygiene, Freiburg, Germany.

Professor Haraldsson has a wide range of research interests, including **psychic experiences** and folk-beliefs, miracle makers, **death-bed visions, apparitions**, contacts with the dead, and so on. His study on reincarnation is especially world famous, and is considered one of the pioneers of western scholars in this special field. He has been researching in places like Sri Lanka, India and Lebanon for studies of children who claimed that they could recall memories of their previous lives. The **cases studied are over 100 and more than 100 academic**

**papers and five books of special topics have been published.** He is a world-class authority in contemporary research study on the cases of reincarnation.

Professor Haraldsson had been in longstanding research collaborations with Professor Ian Stevenson of the Medical School, University of Virginia, USA, and with Dr. Karlis Osis, a world-class leading psychologist. The book **'At the Hour of Death'** (authored by **Drs. Haraldsson and Osis**) is a rare book on death-bed visions, which **has been translated into 12 languages.** Over the years, Professor Haraldsson has been invited across the world to give **over one hundred academic talks** which are highly appreciated by his fellow colleagues, as well as by the general public.

**Date: 9th October, 2011 (Sunday)**

**Time: 2:00PM - 6:00PM**

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You can also download the Application Form from our website at <http://www.lifeenlightenment.org> or call us to fax you the Application Form. After you have filled in the form, please send it back to us, together with the necessary amount, by either fax or mail. Thank you very much!

# The Project on the "Life Enlightenment Hospital"

The notion and plan of the "Life Enlightenment Hospital" is a totally new, innovative and unique large project on medical services. The core of the project is initially to establish a full service private hospital with 260 beds. Besides the provisions of general medical care, it will also provide **an innovative integrated holistic caring service** that has never been provided by hospitals and other institutions before. This unique kind of **"end-of-life care"** will comprise of the following:

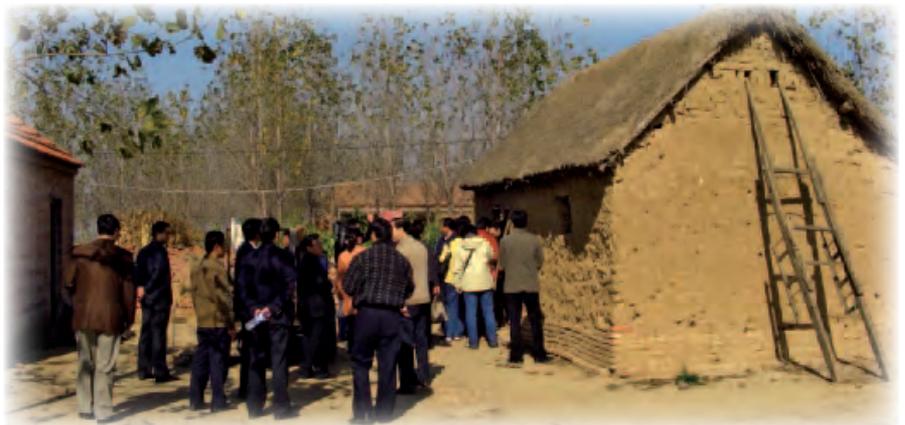
1. **Death Education, and knowledge on course of the after-death world** – to eliminate the patients' feeling of loss towards death and fear;
2. **Palliative care before death** – including care service for the dying persons' relatives and caregivers;
3. **An all-round "end-of-life care" and after-death services** – caring services for the dead at the crucial moments of death and dying, as well as the "guiding services for both the few hours, and (for navigating through the critical period) within 49 days, after death".

In fact, modern people have a very limited understanding on death.



Currently, the services provided are very incomplete and fragmented, such that it makes the dying persons and their relatives to have suffered, especially from the **flaws and faults** that are caused by the present death and dying services. The scientific knowledge on brain cognition in advanced modern sciences has unveiled the fact that "human cognition" does not necessarily occur only in the human brain. There are some cardiac arrest patients who have suffered from their health problems and

had gone through the "Near-Death Experiences" (NDEs), as well as those who have revived from their deaths, due to various causes, and had also gone through the "Near-Death Experiences". These people could provide lots of relevant information in providing a clue that deceased persons could still have their "cognitive ability" even after "clinical death". **These empirical experiments, which have been conducted by world-renowned authoritative scientists with their reports published in scientific journals, have found to be strong proofs with solid scientific evidence.**





Scientists have found that about 10-15% of those cardiac arrest patients who had been confirmed as “clinically dead” (that is, the cessations of breaths, heart beats and brain functions) could be revived by “cardiopulmonary resuscitation” (CPR) from death. Their “experiences of clinical death” could provide solid scientific evidence in proving that the human “consciousness and awareness” continue to exist during the “state of death”.

In fact, the findings of at least five scientific researches conducted independently in England, USA and Holland have shown that about 10% of those patients who have later survived, after suffering from acute cardiac arrest and were confirmed as in the “state of clinical death”, were found that they still had their “continuation of consciousness” during that time period.

This “continuation of consciousness” of a person never cease even during the “state of clinical death”.

This discovery has a strong and significant meaning to it, which has confirmed the fact that it does not mean that nothing will remain after death, but instead, the “continuation of consciousness” of a person still continues to keep on functioning. In fact, these relevant researches and their findings had now been published in such renowned medical journals as “Resuscitation” and “The Lancet”, where availed relevant research reports.



**Dr. Sam Parnia**, as Chairman of the “Horizon Research Foundation”, an independent organization focused on research of the “mental states of human beings during terminal moments”, has announced the launching of a large-scale research project during the “Symposium on Human Consciousness” held by the United Nations in September of 2008. This is a large-scale research experiment on the topic of “whether

there is the continuation of consciousness and awareness at the moment of death”? This research project would last for three years, and has been carried out by 25 physicians from nine different hospitals in both England and USA. This research project has sampled on researching 1,500 patients

who had survived cardiac arrest, which is led by Dr. Sam Parnia, the Honorary Senior Clinical Researcher at the University of Southampton, UK, together with **Dr. Peter Fenwick**, an authoritative Neuro-psychiatrist.

The numerous research findings of the different experiments have confirmed that the “consciousness and cognitive ability” of human beings continue to exist even after death. Furthermore, it has also shown that the physical bodies still have not yet died completely after a few hours to a few days, and so special caring services for them are much needed. In fact, a related large-scale study of near-death experiences has already been launched. Therefore,

the palliative care services before death, the end-of-life care services, and the “guiding services after death” are clearly all extremely important for the dying persons. If the dying person has received the necessary **“Death Education”** while one is still alive, and has learned the necessary knowledge on the operations of the **“World After Death”**, they will definitely understand the importance of the “end-of-life care services”. As a result, the society will have a huge demand for this kind of service. Unfortunately, there is still not a single institution that can provide such type of comprehensive services at the present moment. **Such a fault is, indeed, a great regret for all human beings, but, at the same time, it is actually a great business opportunity.** As such, in order to assist the dying persons to have real and civilized cares during their last journeys in life, the “Life Enlightenment Charity Foundation Limited” has proposed to establish this Special Project on the “Life Enlightenment Hospital”.



project of great potential can help to nurture numerous other charity projects and items, with its sustainable resources to be perpetually developing, without ever drying up. The “Foundation” anticipates that this Special Project of the “Life Enlightenment Hospital” would create great demands in Hong Kong, the Mainland, and even for the whole world, due to **its innovativeness and uniqueness** (especially on the various integral components of the end-of-life care, education on death, as well as the continuity of the holistic integrated services). Hence, upon the completion of its structure and the launching of its operation in Hong Kong, the “Life Enlightenment Hospital” will become a unique role model of its own, so that its mode of operations would then be further extended to the rest of China, and to the global market of the whole world in a “franchise manner”.

It is estimated that the total investments for the first phase of development for the “Life Enlightenment Hospital” will require HK\$2.7 billion. As this Special Project will have new sources of income coming from its innovative services (such as the “end-of-life care”

## “Life Enlightenment Charity Foundation” \*

“Life Enlightenment Charity Foundation Limited” (herein known as the “Foundation”) actively advocates the Special Project on the “Life Enlightenment Hospital”, through playing the role of a **charity body**. Upon the completion of this Special Project, **the “Foundation” will re-invest all the amounts of profits gained from this operation for other charity projects**, so that this innovative



## The Project on the "Life Enlightenment Hospital"

services, etc.), therefore it is expected that the payback period for this project would be around seven years. Furthermore, the "Foundation" is exploring its feasibility on all sorts and styles of financing alternatives, which may take different formats of financial cooperation with **public and/or private organizations, and direct investments of individuals, as well as loans, subsidies, and/or donations.**



We strongly believe this Special Project on the "Life Enlightenment Hospital" can actually cater for the real needs of dying persons, and will really provide the real caring services for their last journeys in life while living in a civilized society, all of which will simultaneously create a whole new market. Therefore, this is, indeed, a project that is both of a charitable nature and of great commercial opportunities.

\* "Life Enlightenment Charity Foundation Limited" is a **registered charity body in the Hong Kong Special Administration Region of China.** The general public can find evidence on the Hong Kong Special Administration Region Government website at URL: [http://www.ird.gov.hk/chi/tax/ach\\_search.htm](http://www.ird.gov.hk/chi/tax/ach_search.htm)

### No Restrictions on Any Religious Beliefs

Many people might have misunderstood that the all-rounded "end-of-life care services" during and after death – especially the "guiding services for both the few hours, and (for navigating through the critical

period) within 49 days, after death" – would let this Special Project on the "Life Enlightenment Hospital" to be restricted by and confined with the religious norms of "Tibetan Buddhism"? **The answer is totally negative, that is, there are absolutely no restrictions at all on any religious beliefs.** This is because the

"World After Death" is a kind of environment that exist in Nature, and its Law of Evolution is well beyond any religious norms. In this regard, the kind of spiritual guidance for all human beings, and even for all sentient beings, to select for the right paths, while protecting them from falling into dangerous pitfalls, when entering into the "World After Death" should be a kind of universal education and basic knowledge, and is thus not confined to any religions. As such, this Special Project on the "Life Enlightenment Hospital" is suitable for all human, and sentient, beings. Yet, on the other hand, this Special Project will not hinder anyone to conduct any kind of religious rituals and ceremonies. Indeed, it can be described as the best place of help and guidance, in terms of spiritual shelter and refuge, for all human, and sentient, beings. It is



also the best place of spiritual assistance in guiding one's spiritual "life" to be uplifted, and to become "enlightened" eventually and successfully. From the deepest of our hearts, we hereby sincerely wish and pray that such a **perfect kind of "Life Enlightenment Hospital" would soon be established !**



# Donation Form

“Life Enlightenment Charity Foundation Limited” is a registered charity in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region government, and all donations will be exempted from tax under Inland Revenue Ordinance 88 of the HKSAR Government.

Please make a donation to the Life Enlightenment Charity Foundation Limited and help to carry out



## Life and Death Education

**Various charitable activities,  
Establishment of the “Life Enlightenment”  
Hospital and its innovative services.**



## We need your donations!

To make your donation, please complete this form and return it to: “Life Enlightenment Charity Foundation Limited”, at 4/F, Federal Centre, 77 Sheung On Street, Chaiwan, Hong Kong.

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I would like to make a donation of HK\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for:

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- Life and Death Education, Printing of “Life Enlightenment” Bi-monthly Magazine:
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- No need to express gratitude.

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- AutoPay (Monthly AutoPay amount: \_\_\_\_\_, Receipt will be sent in April of each year. If you choose the AutoPay method, please contact us at 2558 3680 for registration.)

Please make payment by sending a crossed cheque, payable to “Life Enlightenment Charity Foundation Limited”, together with the filled-in form to 4/F, Federal Centre, 77 Sheung On Street, Chaiwan, Hong Kong; OR Deposit to the bank account of “Life Enlightenment Charity Foundation Limited” (Hong Kong Bank: 809-523715-292). After which, please send the deposit slip and the filled-in form to our address, or fax them to (852) 3157 1144. Receipt will be sent to you afterward. For phone enquiry, please call: 2558 3680.

**Boundless Thanks, Boundless Blessings**

# 「生命提昇慈善基金會」的標誌

## Logo of "Life Enlightenment Charity Foundation"



標誌的下方是一雙手，代表人類互相守望相助，以「**生命燃點生命**」。正在燃點的燭光，表示人類的智慧獲得啟迪，照耀著人類的社會及其文明，引向美好的將來。左右兩旁，分別有兩個人手攜手地往上提昇，表示著人類整體之「生命、精神素質」得以提昇，從而發揚人類的文明，促進世界社會之「和諧共融」。

The two hands at the bottom of the emblem represent the mutual care and support of all human beings through our motto of "**Life Lights Up Life**". The lamp of the lighting candle represents the enlightened human wisdom will be able to shine upon our human society and civilization, and thus will lead to a better and brighter future. On top of that, at the two sides, the two persons are united and are joining hands together for a higher elevation upward towards the sky. This symbolizes that the "quality of life and spirit" of the whole humankind would be further elevated so as to evolve our human civilization to higher levels of progression and elevation, towards a more universal "harmonious and accommodative" global community.