

# Tell Me Something New

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If I had to come up with a clever catch phrase that describes the theme of our sixth annual Afterlife Conference, it would be:

"Tell me something that I don't already know."

Those of you who've attended our past events will notice that our content and format has changed for 2016. This is, in part, because discussions of life after death have become more mainstream recently, and within that much-needed increase was lots of elemental material that for our sophisticated attendees could best be described as "old news."

So we decided to leave the basics to other conferences and other teachers, and move our content into different -- and deeper -- areas of exploration. You won't find our presenters sharing personal stories about their NDEs or telling you that it's possible to communicate with the dead. They aren't going to tell you that you're a spirit having a human experience or that there's a new way to cope with grief.

Because you already know that.

Most of us have been examining these ideas for decades. So instead of re-stating and re-packaging what we already know, our conference asks the question, "Now that we *know*, what do we *DO*?"

For those who are just beginning to explore ideas such as near-death experience, after-death communication and mediumship, there's a wealth of information to be found at dozens of conferences, on thousands of websites and in thousands of books. We encourage everybody to attend those conferences, visit those websites and read those books to develop a foundational understanding of these ideas. But be warned... there's a lot of material out there that requires careful

discernment and critical evaluation. Not everybody who claims to be a healer, counselor or psychic has the skills and credentials to hang a shingle. These days you can find a medium, a shaman, an angel communicator or a grief coach on every corner, but many of them are not qualified to teach or counsel in an ethical, effective or appropriate way. Someone who has had a profound experience with loss and grief can offer compassionate presence as peer support to other bereaved individuals, but that doesn't qualify him as a grief counselor (and neither does his training as a "life coach"). Someone who has visited other realms and experienced oneness with the divine in an NDE isn't instantly an authority on theology. And a natural-born intuitive who can bring evidential messages from your departed loved ones may be an excellent medium, but she does not necessarily have the tools to help you manage your grief journey (unless she also happens to be a trained grief counselor).

Going forward, the Afterlife Conference is more fiercely committed than ever to education, validation and authenticity. We don't just talk about inter-dimensional journeying... we teach you how to do it. We don't offer mediumship readings just to assure you that your loved ones are OK... we introduce you to processes that help you experience the deep inner shift that grief demands of you. Our near-death experiencers don't come back from the afterlife and go straight to the best-seller list... they stop along the way to spend some time in meditation, in mentorship, in mystical practice or in academic research before they come to our podium.



Since we started producing the Afterlife Conference in 2010, we've encountered the best -- and the worst -- of what today's spiritual pop culture has to offer. Most of it is the same foundational material that has simply been re-purposed with a new gimmick, like a vaudeville show full of trained monkeys (with practitioners that aren't as well trained). Yet in the middle of that madness, there are also shining examples of authenticity, experience, authority, wisdom and skill, and we are honored to have them on our roster. Our goal is to bring you something *new* each year that you haven't heard a thousand times before. And we bring it in a hands-on, experiential format that allows you to put these ideas into practice in your life and in your work.

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