

August 2026 Overview: The Afterlife Is To Die For

Book by John S. Weiss

“The afterlife is to die for,” according to John S. Weiss the author of this allegedly true account of his experiences in a world he recognized as the Afterlife. I can’t recall exactly how I came across this book by John S. Weiss as he is someone I’d never heard of before and I have read many dozens of books about the Afterlife by now. Most people who write about the Afterlife have had NDEs (Near Death Experiences). John S. Weiss is a writer by trade and has a degree in journalism as well as experience in advertising.

However, I would not categorize his experiences as NDE because he didn’t have these experiences through temporary death; rather he had them after he learned to meditate as a result of being subjected to numerous chemotherapy sessions. And after gaining greater experience as a meditator he was eventually able to tap into another dimension through the mechanism of the OOB (out of body experience) which he experienced while dreaming. And thus he felt he had tapped into what might be the afterlife.

I beg to differ because approximately a year ago I reviewed a book called Multi-Dimensional Man by Jurgen Ziewe, an individual who has spent over 40 years experiencing hundreds of OOBs (out of body experiences) and I find that while some of his experiences seem similar to those of Mr. Weiss, those of Mr. Ziewe far surpass those of Mr. Weiss. Also, they feel more legitimate and real. However, after reading voluminous literature on the Afterlife, I would have to say that neither author’s descriptions of their experiences correlate very well with descriptions of the Afterlife that I have read in numerous other books on the subject, described by thousands of people who have experienced actual NDEs (and I have read over a hundred of these types of books).

Since Mr. Weiss was a die-hard skeptic, it took many such experiences before he was able to actually start to believe they were real. As he states, *“All I did was get very tired reading a book about Iwo Jima and then deeply meditate myself to sleep. Well, that was the beginning of a whole series of dreams that can be described as bizarre, fascinating, mind-blowing, frightening, and thoroughly life changing. As you can imagine, I first thought there was something seriously wrong with my mind or that someone had slipped some hallucinogenic substance into my toothpaste or something. I mean, having a spirit and his charming spectral girlfriend giving me a tour of this marvelous dimension is mighty hard to swallow. But when Lyle (his guide) showed me absolute proof that I wasn’t having a series of weird dreams, I felt as though I had been hit by a bolt of lightning. I became the perfect student and learned things that turned my head inside out. Well, that’s a bit of an understatement, to put it mildly.”*

You might enjoy reading about his dreamlike experiences because each one takes you to a different “place;” although unique, they are mostly Earthlike places drawn from the author’s own past with a few new ones thrown in. And his guide has the ability to change them at any time to great effect. After a while he starts to weave in his theories about how Quantum Physics could explain conscious life in our waking reality as well as that of the afterlife. Some of the physics, I suspect may be a bit of a

stretch. As one of the savvier Amazon reviewers stated, *“This isn't a bad read if you're looking for entertainment, not consistency. The science that is mentioned is thin (or often wrong, if it's biology) and characters repeat and outright contradict themselves on major story points. What I found most disturbing was the way the narrator was plainly told his consciousness had basically been "kidnapped" while he was sleeping, he was being prevented from seeing or interacting with beings other than those of that character's choosing, he only got the information the main character wanted him to have, and this character had hidden motives ... and the narrator either didn't care or was easily distracted when these points were mentioned. Neat for talking points, not so much for facts.”*

Even though I was able to enjoy the read (along with many others, if Amazon reviews are any proof), I got the feeling that John S. Weiss, being a trained and talented professional writer, was really spinning a yarn which was designed to rationalize his own journey from Skeptic to Believer in an engaging and entertaining way. In fact, I would say that his narrative might easily be turned into a tight Hollywood movie script! But as far as the reader learning accurate information about the Afterlife, not so much.