

Sudden Access to All-Knowing and Understanding

In his book *Consciousness Beyond Life*, the Dutch cardiologist and near-death researcher Dr. Pim van Lommel presents various exemplary reports from near-death experiencers. Among them is the following description from an anonymous experiencer:

In the very same instant, I was struck by an immense realization — an all-encompassing knowledge and understanding. All knowledge. Universal knowledge. I understood how the universe came into being, what it was made of; I understood human behavior — their positive actions but also their reasons for sometimes inflicting suffering on themselves. War and natural disasters — everything had its purpose, its reason. It was logical. I grasped the past, the present, and the future. I saw evolution. Everything and everyone unfolds and develops together. I saw and understood — without judging — the connections, the coherence, the logical and sometimes far-reaching consequences that even the smallest action carries. On every level and down to the tiniest detail... the functions of all possible mechanical, electrical, and electronic devices, machines, and engines. Everything. I knew and understood all of mathematics, electronics, physics, DNA, atoms, quantum mechanics, and quantum physics. I also realized where all evolution is headed, what its ultimate goal is.

I became aware that not only I am part of this great unity, but so is everything and everyone — every human being, every ensouled creature, every animal, every cell, the Earth and every other planet, the universe, the cosmos, the light. Everything is interconnected, everything inseparable. *I know it!* I thought joyfully. *I understand. It's all so simple. So logical. So self-evident...*

No, I was not allowed to bring this knowledge itself back with me. Why, I don't know... Perhaps the point is not for us to possess such universal knowledge here and now as physical beings? Because we are here to learn? Or for some other reason?