

The Human Life Series of Handy Notebooks

Book One

with an introduction by Neel Ingman

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INTRODUCTION

This book contains every known fact about the beforelife.

Every single thing that has ever been scientifically proven about the beforelife is contained in these pages. Every single thing that has been proven, beyond reasonable doubt, by any method at all, about the beforelife, is also contained in these pages.

The purpose of this publication is to serve as a comprehensive compendium of knowledge, a bit like those Encyclopedia Britannica sets you could buy at your front door a few years back. Unlike those overpriced volumes, this handy notebook will not go out of date. And it's far more accurate. And comprehensive. It will remain as the authority on mankind's total knowledge of the beforelife until the end of everything.

This handy notebook also contains nearly two hundred blank pages for you to add your own notes.

The term beforelife does not refer to the time before a star was born or the time before men played hide and seek with dinosaurs. Like the afterlife, the beforelife refers to a time that is unique for every single human being. The beforelife that pertains to you refers to all the time before you were born, while your afterlife is all the time after you die.

One difference between the beforelife and the afterlife is that beforelife isn't a real word. You won't find it in the dictionary. You won't find much in the way of people talking about it either. Afterlife is a real word. Which means it can be found in the dictionary. People talk about it a lot. Which might seem strange had it not become the norm.

Another difference is that all of us have experienced the beforelife, but none of us has experienced the afterlife.

You can't tell big lies about the beforelife, because we've all been there. You can't make promises based on the beforelife, because it's over. You can't take people's money in exchange for guarantees of a great beforelife. It's too late for that. And you can't start a cult based on fantastical notions regarding the beforelife because it wouldn't work.

All of which contributes to the real difference between the beforelife and the afterlife. And it's a huge difference. The beforelife is impossible to turn into a money making scam and the afterlife is the biggest money making scam of all time. By many orders of magnitude.

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Like other scams it comes in a large number of variations, one of the best being the purchasing of indulgences from your local Catholic Priesdophile. By giving money to a man who wears dresses and big fancy hats, a man who controls a big building filled with things made of gold, you can avoid some terrible punishments that were otherwise coming your way in the afterlife courtesy of a very angry and otherwise unforgiving God. The same God who's famous for having no problem slaughtering millions of people at a time through all manner of hideous disasters, diseases and illnesses, but who will have mercy on you, individually, so long as you give enough money to the world's largest organisation of professional pedophiles.

Lots of people actually believe that kind of shit. Billions of them. And hand over lots and lots of money because of it. Unbelievable, but true.

But back to the beforelife, the time before you were conceived. Yes, you, specifically. You, the person reading this right now.

Your beforelife time.

If you can remember a past life, good for you. You probably won't be offended by the term delusional, because you'll have heard it a few times before. Reincarnation is a thing that people talk about, but the thing it has in common with religious belief

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(and the afterlife) is that the only place it can be proven to exist is in the human mind.

But here's a bone to chew on. If you're not delusional, that thing you think you remember isn't even your beforelife, it's someone else's actual life. Which means you are now living that other person's afterlife. Which is either the same thing as your life or a different thing that's happening simultaneously along with your own life. Someone else might end up living your afterlife at the same time as they live their current life. Some people think they have multiple previous lives. Someone might end up being everyone who ever lived, simultaneously living through multitudes of lives and afterlives. Whether or not you might be living anyone else's beforelife is much trickier to get your head around. Just one thread of the natural, inevitable unravelling of woo woo.

For those who are just living a single life unencumbered by ghosts, here on the following pages are all the verifiably proven facts about the beforelife.

There are also plenty of blank pages for you to make your own notes.

Or to jot down random thoughts.

Whatever you like.

Here's a suggestion to get you started. It's an exercise for those who believe the beforelife really exists.

1. Write down something you believe to be a fact regarding the beforelife.

2. Write down the reason that makes you believe it's a fact.

3. Write down any method by which that reason may be verified or tested.

4. Write down the thing that makes you certain that someone couldn't have just made up the thing you believe.

To help clarify the above exercise, here's an example set of answers that might have been written by someone who believes that New York really exists.

1. I believe New York has tall buildings.

2. I have seen and touched tall buildings in New York and been almost all the way to the top of some of them.

3. I have photos of myself near, in and on top of them. Also there are witnesses and receipts. The existence of New York's tall buildings can be tested by anyone at all by going there and seeing and touching them for themselves.

4. The technology required for someone to hoax the existence of New York's tall buildings does not exist. (Not yet anyway.

VR's good but not that good. The Matrix exists in movies but not the real world as far as we know. If someone were to assert that the Matrix does exist in the real world, it would be incumbent upon them to provide a way to verify or test that.)

This example demonstrates what reasonable answers look like, as opposed to, "someone told me", or "I just believe it, and that's good enough for me", or "it's written in an old book", which are not really answers at all.

The author believes that the words written in this book are true. But you shouldn't believe them just because they're in a book. Being in a book doesn't make something true. If the ideas in the book seem false to you, have a good think about it and see if there's some evidence you can find that proves they're false.

You can let me know your thoughts at neelingman.com.

If you're reading the ebook version, you'll understand why the price was so low. It's a joke as much as a book. And not even an entirely original one. (Better as a gift than as a purchase probably.)

Beginning - here's a book you can buy, Middle - it says it contains every verifiably known fact about something, Punchline - there aren't any verifiably known facts, therefore those pages are blank. Ha ha.

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If you got to this point in the ebook and feel like you got ripped off, have another look at the book description page. It won't make it funny. Explaining a joke never does, but at least it does accurately describe it.

(Explaining a joke is like dissecting a frog. It helps you understand how it functioned, but it also guarantees the cessation of all vital functions. Permanently.)

CHAPTER ONE

All known facts about the beforelife

CHAPTER TWO

The End

CONCLUSION

Unsurprisingly, you already knew as much about the beforelife as anybody else. We've all been there. We all know exactly what it's like. It's nothing. Absolutely nothing. It's so nothing that it could serve as the definition of nothing. Except that to warrant a definition, there has to be a word for a definition to be the definition of. Beforelife isn't even a word. It's so nothing it's not even a thing that's like nothing. It's just nothing.

If you want to get someone to try to accurately picture the concept of nothing in their head, tell them to try to remember (not to try to imagine, to try to remember) what it was like three years before they were born. Nothing. Nothing.

Absolutely nothing. Not dark, not light, not cold, not warm not anything. Nothing.

So that's it, the totality of mankind's knowledge of the beforelife.

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