

BACK FROM THE DEAD

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Betty Malz is a Pentecostal/charismatic Christian, a member of the Assemblies of God denomination in North America.

She claims to have died and come back from the dead and her book *My Glimpse of Eternity* has become a best seller. Many controversial books become best sellers.

She stated that she had been in a coma for 44 days and, eventually, at 5am one morning, a doctor pronounced her dead. She says emphatically that she was dead. But 28 minutes later she came back from the dead because of the prayers of her father.

Her books have sold well, as do all books about the supernatural. The world is fascinated by stories about crop circles, UFOs, aliens and oily writers are making fortunes with books on these subjects. They say that aliens built the pyramids in Egypt, capture human beings and can enter human beings and cause them to commit deplorable acts. It is asserted that aliens can alter your DNA. Some also state that aliens and spiritualists can heal and even perform surgery from a distance and not leave a scar. People have made a lot of money out of all these claims. One woman has made a great fortune by writing a book including the testimony of many who have allegedly had out of the body experiences. This book sold 3 million copies on its first printing bringing in £47,970,000 of which the author received £28,782,000.

This is where spiritualism and the occult share beliefs with some Pentecostals and charismatics.

It was later proved beyond doubt that Betty Malz was a liar and a fraud. She was engaged in a deliberate deception and in cheating to gain an advantage and money.

Jesus Christ said, "An adulterous and sinful generation are always looking for signs".

People are fascinated by the unusual, the inexplicable and the sensational. The other matter which fascinates people is anything that casts doubt upon the Bible. Such writings have resulted in a major industry and money making scams and the increase of financial gain just as drug traffickers enjoy.

Malz's experience took place on 31 July 1959 at Terry Haute Union Hospital in Indiana. If she were a Christian she would know the Scripture and that the Lord Jesus said, "Who shall believe it if someone comes back from the dead?".

No one is converted by seeing a miracle. Judas Iscariot saw many but was lost.

The medical people in Malz's case stated that this woman did not die and that all that she says and writes are lies. It is completely untrue and a deliberate intention to deceive. It is the same as the claims of spiritualists and occultists.

A Christian reporter, Lorna Dueck, talked to Dr Henry Bopp who twice performed surgery on Malz and he commented on her claims, "What she says is a complete fabrication. She did not die. She may have dreamt that she did, but she did not".

The anaesthetist at her operation said that Malz's publisher should publish her medical records which prove that she is lying.

The head physician at the hospital, Dr H Clark Boyd, said that Malz is mad.

Malz is not alone with such stories.

Another charismatic group is the Full Gospel Men's Business Association. I have read the statements of some members who say that they have died and returned from the dead but when in Heaven, the Lord Jesus told them to return to earth and preach charismatic doctrine, the speaking in tongues etc. as there was no other doctrine to proclaim.

In any interview, Betty Malz said that she had an out of the body experience when she looked down on her dead body on the hospital. This is a belief held by some spiritualists but in Malz's case she did not die.

As with this woman, this is sensationalism, fraud, obtaining money by deception and certainly not Christian.

People like this will put the Devil out of business. It is cranks like this who are a bad example for Christianity and is food for those who are agnostics and atheists.

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