

# RETURN OF THE REVOLUTIONARIES

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Norman Shealy, MD, Ph.D., is a neurosurgeon who invented the TENS Unit, which conveys electrical impulses across the skin to block pain. He also invented the Dorsal Column Stimulator, a device that features an electrode that is implanted next to the spinal cord, which blocks severe pain. Both devices are used around the world to help people manage chronic pain. Dr. Shealy is also the author of 21 books.

Dr. Shealy discovered a past lifetime, at a time when he didn't even believe in reincarnation. In the following excerpt from *Return of the Revolutionaries*, Dr. Shealy tells his own story.

"In January 1972, I was sitting in a lecture at the Neuroelectric Society in Snowmass at Aspen waiting for Dr. William Kroger to finish his lecture. I was a bit annoyed because he was trying to convince us that acupuncture was hypnosis and he suddenly said, 'In the last century a British physician demonstrated that you could operate on patients who were mesmerized. His name was John Elliotson.' When he said that, I felt as if someone had thrust an iceberg down my back and I said to myself, 'My God, that's me.

"I was neutral about reincarnation at that time. I asked my medical librarian if she could get me any information on John Elliotson and she could not. So in the June of that year, I went to London. I got in a cab and asked the cab driver to take me to the Royal College of Surgeons, assuming that John Elliotson must have been a surgeon. As we turned down one corner to the right, I was sitting in the back of the cab and suddenly was picked up physically and turned in the opposite direction, again feeling as if there were an iceberg down my back. A block down to the left, instead of the right, was University College Hospital of London, where my office had been as John Elliotson. I walked in the building and felt at home."

It turns out that John Elliotson was the first Professor of Medicine at the University College Hospital of medicine. He made his reputation in the 1830s giving public lectures on various aspects of medicine. James Wakeley, editor of the *Lancet* at that time, often published his lectures. During his career as an internist, John introduced the stethoscope and the use of narcotics, both from France where he had studied. He also introduced mesmerism and began to put on public displays of mesmerism in the amphitheater. He was a bosom buddy



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of Charles Dickens and William Thackery. He taught Dickens how to use mesmerism on his hypochondriacal wife. Elliotson was the first physician in London to give up wearing knickers. He had striking black curly hair and walked with a congenital limp.

"He also demonstrated that some of his patients who were placed in a mesmeric trance became clairvoyant and easily made diagnoses. Elliotson also inspired James Esdaile to do a large number of operations upon mesmerized patients. Esdaile later wrote a book called *Natural and Mesmeric Clairvoyance* and mentioned Elliotson's use of hypnotic mesmerism for inducing clairvoyance. Eventually, Elliotson was asked by the Board of Trustees to stop putting on public displays of mesmerism. Elliotson became angry and resigned.

"For twelve years he continued publishing *The Zoist*, in which he recounted many aspects of mesmerism, including well over 300 patients who were operated on by another surgeon when Elliotson put the patient into a trance. Eventually he was invited by the Royal College of Physicians to give the annual Haverian Lecture because of his contributions to medicine. He gave his lecture on the hypocrisy of science in accepting new thoughts.

"Now to similarities in my own life. At age 9, everyone wore knickers but me. My mother tried to get me to wear knickers and I would have temper tantrums and tear them apart. As a young child, perhaps 4 or 5, I wanted black curly hair so badly that I once went up to an aunt of mine and cut a lock of her black hair. When I was sixteen and just leaving to go to college, I dyed my hair black but I never did it more than once. It was just too much trouble. John was also a Latin scholar and I won the Latin medal two years in high school. When I was 9 years old I had a small stress fracture of the right tibial plateau. It became infected with an abscess. This was before antibiotics and I was told that I would always walk with a limp.

"Although from the age four I said was going to be a physician, by age sixteen I always thought I was going to be a neurosurgeon. Between my junior and senior years in medical school, I took a three-month trip to visit various and sundry surgical internship possibilities. I went back to Duke and decided to take an internship in internal medicine instead of surgery, even though I still pursued neurosurgery after the internship.

"Charles Dickens was one of my favorite authors as a child. In 1974, I visited Olga Worrall, the great healer. In a hypnotic trance, I saw her walk across her living room, pick up a book on a table, and put it back down. I later called Olga and asked her what was the book lying on the table in her living room. She said it was *Pendennis* by William Thackery. Thackery dedicated his novel, *Pendennis* (1850), to Dr. Elliotson and modeled his character, Dr. Goodenough, in that novel, after Elliotson.

"I have spent much of this life getting people off narcotics rather than putting them on them. Six months before I heard Elliotson's name, I published anonymously a novel based on the hypocrisy of medicine in accepting new ideas. I used many of the examples that Elliotson did in his Harverian lecture. In 1973, again a month before I heard John Elliotson's name, I received a \$50,000 grant from a Fortune 500 company, which had asked to remain anonymous, to study psychic diagnosis.

"In 1973, I visited seventy-five individuals who were said to be excellent clairvoyants, and I did a test of medical intuition, or the ability of really untrained psychics or intuitives to do medical diagnosis. We found five who were between 70 and 75% accurate. When I told the seventy-five intuitives I visited that I had this personal feeling that I had been John Elliotson, all seventy five concurred. For some seven years in my life, I published a newsletter, *Holos Practice Reports*, on alternative approaches to medicine.

"In summary, I have never had any question that I was John Elliotson in my last life. John Elliotson was born October 24, 1791. At age 19 he graduated from medical school. Interestingly, I entered medical school at age 19. He died July 29, 1868. Incidentally, John founded the

Phrenology Society in London and it is interesting that I went into neurosurgery, which certainly has a lot to do with the skull."

Let us briefly review the key features of the Elliotson/Shealy case. When Dr. Shealy first heard John Elliotson's name, he knew viscerally that he was Elliotson in a past lifetime. This occurred even though Dr. Shealy was neutral about reincarnation, at that point in time. Dr. Shealy had this inner knowing, which was accompanied by a dramatic sensation of an 'iceberg' going down his back, before studying Elliotson's life and without seeing an image of Elliotson. When Dr. Shealy went to London to research Elliotson, he intuitively found Elliotson's office. This event also was accompanied by the 'iceberg' sensation. Dr. Shealy then learned that he and Elliotson had much in common. Both share the trait of being medical innovators, in that Elliotson introduced the use of the stethoscope in England and Norm Shealy has invented the TENS unit and the Dorsal Column Stimulator.

Both have demonstrated an interest in the management of pain. Elliotson introduced the use of narcotics in England, while Dr. Shealy has become a world expert on pain management. In his contemporary career, Dr. Shealy has labored to find ways to manage pain so that people can get off narcotics. Elliotson was an internist, who later founded phrenology, which involves study of the skull. Dr. Shealy first choose to go into internal medicine, then switched fields and became a neurosurgeon.

Elliotson was interested in mesmerism or hypnosis, an interest shared by Dr. Shealy. Elliotson was interested in the observation that hypnosis could stimulate clairvoyance. Dr. Shealy has worked with clairvoyants and medical intuitives, including Caroline Myss. Both have been ridiculed by conservative elements in the medical community for their innovative approaches. Elliotson gave his detractors a piece of his mind when in a Harverian Lecture, he delivered a speech on the hypocrisy of science in accepting new ideas. Dr. Shealy published a novel with the identical message and utilized the same examples that Elliotson used in his Harverian Lecture. Elliotson had striking black hair which Dr. Shealy, in his youth, tried to recreate. Elliotson gave up wearing knickers, which were pants that went down just below the knee. Dr. Shealy had a tantrum when his mom tried to get him to wear the same dreaded piece of clothing.

Two interesting additional past life matches have evolved from Norman Shealy's case. One involves Anton Mesmer, who significantly influenced John Elliotson. Mesmer was an Austrian physician, who lived from 1734 to 1815. He developed a form of hypnosis, which came to be known as 'mesmerism.' Mesmer found that certain patients received beneficial effects from this meditative, trance state. Other physicians in the medical community, such as John Elliotson/Norm Shealy, supported Mesmer's work. In 1785, the French Government created a committee, which included Benjamin Franklin, to investigate Mesmer's work. The committee's report was unfavorable to Mesmer and as a result, he was relegated as a charlatan. Posterity, though, has vindicated Mesmer, as hypnosis and its sister, meditation, were later found to be helpful for a number of medical conditions.

In contemporary times, Anton Mesmer has been identified, initially by me and then by Ahtun



Re, as Jon Kabat-Zinn, Ph.D., who has brought 'Mindfulness Meditation' to the medical community. Mindfulness Meditation is used to alleviate conditions aggravated by stress, and it can be seen as a contemporary version of mesmerism. A wonderful aspect of this story is that in today's world, Anton Mesmer has been acclaimed for his work, rather than being ridiculed.



Mindfulness Meditation is taught in many medical institutions, including the world's largest and best Health Maintenance Organization (HMO), Kaiser Permanente. Kaiser not only provides Mindfulness Meditation training to its patients, but also to its physicians. In this lifetime, Dr. Kabat-Zinn has been a member of medical academia, as he is a retired Professor of Medicine at the University of Massachusetts, Medical School. I love this story as it demonstrates that individuals, who are condemned by those with closed minds in one lifetime, do receive their just rewards in the end.

The other past life case that emerged, in relation to Norm Shealy, involves Charles Dickens, who was noted to be a good friend of John Elliotson. In a session with Kevin Ryerson, I asked Ahtun Re whether Dickens was incarnate today, and I was told that he is. I was surprised to learn who Dickens is in contemporary times, though on further reflection, it made perfect sense. Charles Dickens has reincarnated as J. K. Rowling, the author of the *Harry Potter* series. Ahtun Re pointed out that in this lifetime, as in the last, Dickens/Rowling is bringing magic into children's lives through written works. The physical resemblance between Dickens and Rowling is impressive.

Cases related to the John Elliotson/Norm Shealy Case that may be of interest to readers, which can be found in *Return of the Revolutionaries*, include:

Charles Dickens/ J.K. Rowling  
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