

An Awesome Journey



If you were given a second chance at life, what would you do with it? If until that point you had been an influential stock broker with a beautiful family, rewarding career, and a large home in Carmel, wouldn't you long to go back to that? In his fifties and at the pinnacle of his career, Don Cobb suffered a massive heart attack. His doctors saved him. A month later, another heart attack. His doctors lost him.

A quiet man, Don won't regale you with tales of a bright white light, or hovering above his own body watching doctors work on him. He will simply tell you he was dead. No more. Passed on. Toast. Four times.

The odds were definitely against recovery, but he survived. Even so, his doctors eventually had to advise that his heart was only functioning at twenty-five percent of capacity and was so damaged that the oxygen supply to his brain was compromised. A lifelong Christian who enjoyed trusted relationships with his clients, he felt he had to advise them he should no longer manage their finances because he feared he might make a mistake and hurt their retirement investments. Then he began the unbidden transition into his own retirement. His prognosis didn't suggest a long one.

Eleven years have now passed since he died and was sent back to begin a totally new career as a Christian writer. Believers who have read his work see clearly how God is using Don's wonderful gifts of observation and talent along with the boldness to share his innermost feelings with total strangers.

Although he had always attended church, he did not surrender his life to Jesus Christ until after his heart attacks. That decision for Christ, more than his health crisis, resulted in a great expansion of his perspective. Now he lives every day in awe of God's creation, and he has devoted his gift of

Additional time to interpreting everywhere messages he gleans from observing God in action. Don is always mindful that his old human nature might like to step in and assume the kudos his beautiful writings bring, so he is very careful to insist that all the glory goes to God (often modestly pointing up in the middle of a compliment).

He is on MPCC's marketing team and the writer's critique group where he graciously suffers being the only man in the room. He is a regular contributor to our e-Devos which you can view online at www.mpcc.info. He also volunteers at his alma mater IU, traveling to Bloomington to coach Kelley School of Business seniors preparing for their corporate interviews. His writings have been published by the Indianapolis Star in their Faith and Values column in addition to various devotional publications.

Don has compiled his observations over the years and has recently published 122 essays in a wonderful devotional titled *God Is Everywhere: A Guide for Seeking Personal Awareness: Recollections, Reflections, And Testimony*. This heartwarming book is now available at all local book stores, online at www.pleasantword.com, www.amazon.com, www.borders.com, www.barnesandnoble.com, and, of course, from the trunk of his car. You can also read his new devotionals monthly by going to his weblog, <http://donaldcobb.authorweblog.com>. He is currently in the process of completing volume 2.

Don's new career is an awesome journey only God foresaw during those dark days eleven years ago. He is enjoying every moment of it.

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