

CHAPTER 9

"RESURRECTIONS" DAILY!

STRANGER THAN FICTION

With all the advancements in the Medical field since Christ; with all the modern, scientific instruments at our disposal; hundreds of people are being certified "dead", every day all over the world. Whilst busy writing this, my attention is being drawn to the near murder of a Mr. Barnabas who was being carried to the mortuary after being "declared clinically dead". Not by inexperienced ancient Roman soldiers, but by highly-qualified Medical men. The news item is reproduced on the side, as is, as a New Year '84 shock! This with another shocker from Ripley's: "BELIEVE IT OR NOT!" is also reproduced at the end of this book, with a suggestion that some young journalist keep his eyes open for people who have come back from the "dead", and write an anthology, which might well-nigh become a best-seller. Here is a list for a start: — What would you say?

RESURRECTED OR RESUSCITATED?

1. LITTLE GIRL WHO "DIED" TELLS HOW SHE CAME BACK TO LIFE (After 4 Days) — ("Daily News" 15/11/55).
2. MAN DIED FOR TWO HOURS: STILL LIVES — "Miracle" amazes doctors — ("Sunday Tribune" 27/3/60).
3. HE DIED FOR 4 MINUTES — Man's heart stops but he lives on — ("Sunday Express" 23/7/61).
4. HE DOES NOT KNOW THAT HE DIED FOR 90 SECONDS — ("Cape Argus" 16/3/61).
5. DR. HITGE RETURNED FROM THE DEAD — ("Cape Argus" 4/5/61).
6. THE COFFIN MOVED — Young man narrowly escaped being buried alive — ("Sunday Tribune" 13/5/62).
7. BACK FROM THE DEAD — After being thought dead for 2 days — ("Post" 25/7/65).

CRUCIFIXION OR CRUCI-FICTION

8. "CORPSE" WINKS AT UNDERTAKER — Doctor wrote out a death certificate — ("Daily News" 25/3/75).
9. "CLINICALLY DEAD" — Toddler alive after hour-long revival battle — ("Natal Mercury" 5/12/82).
10. WAS HE DEAD OR ALIVE? — The dilemma facing transplant Doctors — ("Sunday Tribune" 17/7/83).
11. SHAKEN AND STIRRED — Declared clinically dead "from too much Christmas liquor" — ("Daily News" 3/1/84).

This sombre list would be incomplete without the picture of an exclusive club, the only qualification of whose membership is — TO HAVE DIED AND LIVED AGAIN! If everything happened to Jesus "according to the Scriptures", then, he could easily become its doyen (Senior member of a body).

