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## About Peter Panagore

Global Audible Best-Selling Author of *Heaven Is Beautiful: How Dying Taught Me That Death Is Just The Beginning* and Maine Best-Selling Author of *Two Minutes for God: Quick Fixes for the Spirit* Rev. Peter Baldwin Panagore, MDiv. is an entrepreneur and ordained pastor. For fifteen years (2003-2018), he broadcasted a daily two-minute spot on two NBC TV stations with *Daily Devotions* (brand) just before the morning's weather. Storytelling, communicator, public speaker, pastor, and storyteller, Peter had thirty million views annually on TV (Nielsen Ratings) and uncounted listeners on FM and AM across Maine and New Hampshire plus around the nation.

Peter graduated from Yale University, where he completed his MDiv, focusing on the practices and writings in the classics of western mysticism.

A two-time Near-Death Experiencer, Peter, first died in 1980 of hypothermia while ice climbing in Banff Provincial Park in Canada, and then again of a heart attack in 2015, just as Hampton Roads, HarperCollins Canada, Guidepost's, Jaffa Kiado, Audible, Brilliance Audio, Kindle, Audible, and Nook, released *Heaven Is Beautiful* globally. In 2020, Ananta Productions with Andrea Stone and Avenue Pictures with Cary Brokaw optioned *Heaven Is Beautiful* for a feature film.

Peter's Maine Best Seller, *Two Minutes for God: Quick Fixes for the Spirit*, published with Simon & Schuster, is a daily inspirational story drawn from among the seventeen hundred he wrote and broadcast each day. Peter's at work on his third book with the working title, *Knowing God*.

From 1990-2003, Peter published publishing one-hundred and fifty sermons and dozens of prayers as a staff writer for *Homiletics* (now *Homiletics.Online*), a national leading worship preparation journal for progressive clergy.

Peter published his first story, *Former Enemies*, once in The NYTs #1 Best Seller, *Chicken Soup for the Veteran's Soul: Stories to Stir the Pride and Honor the Courage of Our Veterans*, and again in *Stories from a Soldier's Heart: For the Patriotic Soul* (over 5 million copies in print) by Waterbrook Multnomah Publishers. He wrote blogged on Huffington Post's *Blogspot*, by invitation, for a decade.

Amazon Prime released the *Life to Afterlife: Death and Back 2* featuring Peter in this episode. *Death and Back 2 Fox and Friends*, *Coast to Coast AM*, Canada's *The Drew Marshall Show*, featured Peter, and recently he appeared on *Buddha at the Gas Pump* and *Shaman Oaks*. He speaks, talks, gets interviewed, and teaches worldwide, in person, live-streamed, on stages, in pulpits, on podcasts, and YouTube by the dozens plus TV, FM, and AM frequently. His YouTube channel has had one million views. In 2020, The International Association of Near-Death Studies invited Peter as their Conference Plenary Speaker. A devotee of centering prayer and Kriya yoga Peter has daily pursued the Pursuer for forty years.

He served eighteen years as a Congregational and community minister in New England in the United Church of Christ, specializing in death and dying and service to the poor and hurting. For seven years, Peter sat on The State of Maine's *Domestic Homicide Review Panel* as a gubernatorial appointee. He lives in coastal Maine, where he enjoys his family, nature, books, gardening, writing, sailing, and skiing.

