

Scientism, Atheism, And The Admissibility Of Spiritual Experience

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My offering here is to say those experiences are what it would feel like to be a "god" - the ineffable sensation of pleasure during such an experience is what it would "feel" like to be a god. You're not God or a god, but that's a genuine experience of what it might feel like to embody the blessedness and incorruptibility of what Epicurus wrote.

It's not my personal experience of "the Other" but it sounds like a valuable and pleasing technique. In fact, a form of "Deity Yoga"!:

From Wikipedia: "Deity yoga engages creative [visualization](#) as a skillful means of personal transformation through which the practitioner ([sadhaka](#)) visualizes a chosen deity ([yidam](#)) ...in order to transform their experience of the appearance aspect of reality.... Self-generation is the practice in which one imagines oneself as the deity. This is held to be more advanced and accompanied by a degree of spiritual risk."

Interesting! It doesn't say why it's risky. 😊