

Give Us an Example of God!

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I am also struck by the correspondence between the religious experience and death. I have come to see ingestion of certain entheogens as a way for people to try to understand death by experiencing it. I had **way** too much nitrous oxide before/during a procedure, and I was absolutely sure I was going to permanently lose consciousness. Nonetheless, the experience was calming: *life was what it was, what's left is what it is ... might as well smile*. This is common with the *ego death*.

My wife brought up another interesting point as a consequence of her near-death experience. While on a soup of opiates, going through organ-failure, she very clearly witnessed the visual features of two, very important people from her past, who had both died under tragic circumstances. They both looked like they were at their prime (ageless) and they were perfectly blissful (happy), figures that, as she explained, ultimately provided her with comfort. **Has anyone else experienced that?**