

Review of: "God's characteristics as reported by near-death experiencers"

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I found this both interesting and enjoyable to read. My own background is only partially relevant to this study, in that I have, mainly in the past, worked with Christian philosophy (especially Scholasticism) and mysticism (in late medieval / early modern Spain). With this disclaimer in mind, I would say that this type of study seems pertinent to various disciplines, ranging from religious and philosophical studies to psychology and medicine, but more could be done, perhaps in future, to include scholars of linguistics in this type of endeavour. This is because, as recognised by the authors themselves, the database being exclusively based on USA citizens and, I presume, in the English language, is limiting the universality and applications of the findings. As noted by previous reviewers, it'd be interesting to see more comprehensive studies including different languages, and different religious and cultural backgrounds. I am not sure such meta data is available to researchers, but I imagine that even a comparative study with one or two other countries and / or languages could be illuminating.

Other than that, I welcome the authors' clarity in their description of what they have done and the significance of their findings, which they do not overstate or overclaim.