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It is so incredible that I have been guided to Project ORE. I have never felt so at home, never felt so close to so many dear people. I feel so incredibly fortunate.

To wake up every morning now is incredible. Two times in the past fourteen years so close to death. Never before have I so felt the preciousness of this life I have been given.

Thank you for having given me the experiences that gave me an appreciation of this gift. I used to take so much for granted. I am so grateful that that is over and that I can live in awe and gratitude.