

# JOD LOURIE

## ARTIST STATEMENT

Now that I have entered the winter of my life here on  
earth  
my interests turn toward the wonder of my extinction...  
I demand of myself full awareness of the process and in  
doing this  
I find connection to the living universe, to the process  
grand and minuscule that binds us all including the  
elements and the heavens  
The meaning of life is that it ends...death is the force of  
all our motivations, our creativity. Fear of death is why  
we build monuments, have children and declare war  
At the end of it all we are all the same in the terror and  
awe of our limited cycle...if we can look at it cleanly  
without the comfort of religion  
or the hands distance of science, we give our death is  
own moment of  
truth

“Waking from the Dream of Death” deals with the  
discoveries in science that uncover our direct  
connections to the universe. We tend to think of the

cosmos as far beyond us and our lives ...we forget that  
only a thin layer of atmosphere separates us from the  
rest of the universe.... In these works I attempt to depict  
the essential rebirth in the necessary cosmic cycle of our  
final extinction