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adj.
1. Of, characterized by, or generating hallucinations, distortions of perception, altered states of awareness, and occasionally states resembling psychosis.
2. Suggestive or evocative of an altered or hallucinatory state of perception: *psychedelic patterns*; *psychedelic music*.
n.
A drug, such as LSD or mescaline, that produces psychedelic effects.

[**PSYCHE**¹ + Greek *dēloun*, to make visible (from *dēlos*, clear, visible; see **dyeu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) + **-IC**.]

psy·che·del i·cal·ly *adv.*

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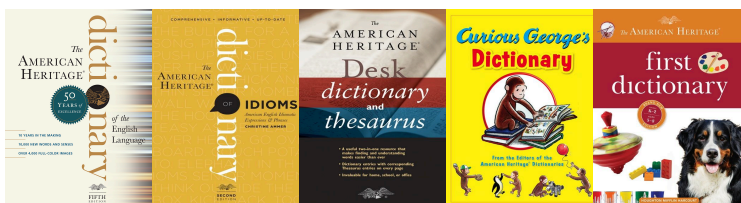
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