

## ***My God, Help Me to Survive This Deadly Love or Fraternal Kiss (1990)***

### **Abstract**

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This photo shows the mural *My God, Help Me Survive This Deadly Love, or Brotherly Kiss*, painted by artist Dmitri Vrubel on the East side of the Berlin Wall in 1990. The mural is based on a photograph showing Soviet leader Leonid Ilyich Brezhnev and East German leader Erich Honecker exchanging a “brotherly kiss” at the celebrations of the 30th anniversary of the GDR in 1979. Unlike the well-known graffiti on the West German side of the Wall, the Russian-born artist painted this mural the year after the Wall fell on the East side of the Wall. The mural, ironically titled *My God, Help Me Survive This Deadly Love*, is part of the East Side Gallery installation and is one of the best-known works of post-1989 Wall art.

### **Source**

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Source: *My God, Help Me to Survive This Deadly Love or Fraternal Kiss* (1990). Mural by Dmitri Vrubel; photograph by Manfred Uhlenhut. Date of photograph: June 16, 1990.

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