

1/3.2 Billion years ago plants emerge - Cornerstone  
"form the biological substratum without which the  
animal Kingdom could not exist"

UCLA Ronald Siegel "The quest for intoxication should  
be considered one of the fundamental drives that motivate  
animal behavior.

1) Natural force that motivates animals to pursue intoxication

2 - Entheogen - Def.

2. Quest for Ecstasy is the quest to penetrate mystery,  
to make momentary contact with the divine Kingdoms  
thought to surround us.

3. The plant Kingdom - not only the substratum of  
existence, but it also provides humans their  
most vivid glimpses of the Kingdom of Heaven

Americans have ritually ingested sacred drugs for  
thousands of years.

3) 150 intoxicating plants - Nearly every society in world  
history has regarded at least one of them as sacred.

- take us to states of Supernatural awareness

They have Powers

1) Divinatory properties 2) Telepathy 3) Clairvoyance

4) Healing 5) Access to the Spirit world.

5 Europe, North America, Africa - Not Rich in psychoactive plants

6 Peyote often - Die to be reborn to spiritual life.

9 Rituals are characterized by the participants earnest desire

to deepen their moral resolve and to become more spiritually pure.

7) Midieval Witchcraft sustained a tradition of taking hallucinatory  
substances for "journeys" to spiritual worlds

BOOK A

8. Drugs, esp. ALC, seem to rip them off political dissent.

11) Anthropologist Alan Love Dobkin - entheogen are  
generally valued to the degree that a society considers  
first hand religious experience to be the true way to

Knowledge - US - Forbidden Fruit

12. I'm a "prophet" - Announcing Change

13 Nature Religion - Persistent Theme in American  
Religious History

Nature Religion - God, every where available "if we but learn to become receptive to the subtle presence of divine spirit in and through the natural order."

Why Forbidden Fruit - Because Nature Religion is based on experiences of gods immanence

⑧ Why Jew Patriarchs outlandish contrast with opus dei

N. Rel. Based on belief that contact with god can be initiated within nature

Distinguish Nature from Revealed Religion like Judaism  
Christianity is the "conviction that every human being can awaken to the presence of a divine power"

Claim to mystical experience - challenges to authority - Guarding Orthodoxy

Then - if easily available, "artificially" mystical experience

→ Why established religions develop neg. attitudes

13. Mary Douglas, anthropologist Prohibitions against drugs are frequently motivated by the desire of authorities to prevent individuals from having direct access to the divine. (by authorities - ians)

Concretely "Advocacy of drug use to obtain rel. experience is ians"

... often expression of commitment to nature religion!

14 Nature Rel presupposes ability to sense at deeper level  
Emerson - called it - "An influx of divine mood into our mind."

15 Major Premise like Vedanta  
of Nature Rel "mystical encounter with a divine reality is

ever available at the margins of human awareness."

19 Castro-Alamanda "stopping the world" meant freeing from social conditioning

5 - The Freeup/ New Blank Slate/ Eye Altered - Chance to Reevaluate  
"New Perspectives on how to think and feel."

"To be a man of knowledge, there is to be able to disentangle oneself from social conditioning and to have the power to create one's reality."

20 Most Native American societies valued ecstatic states of consciousness

23 - Indians use mortifications & self torture.

30 Amanita was used by maya-Guatemala AND by Indians in Canada and Michigan & Ojibway

33 - The Mescal Bean or Red Bean A powerful narcotic

35 Tobacco - Biggest Indian Drug for Religion

Was used only in sacred, never secular contexts.

37 - The Calumet - The Peace Pipe Shaking-off of previous acceptance made arrangement inviolable

40 Description of Peyote Experience - "said to effect a total unification at every level."

ON NATURE RELIGION (Jefferson)

Thoreau  
Emerson  
Walt Whitman  
William S. Burroughs  
Hippie  
Footnote

40 1870's Whites smacked tribal systems & mixed tribes on Reservation. Ghost Dance Rel. & Peyotism promised Golden Age - Pan Indian Harmony - End White Rule

- Peyotism spread along new paths of friendship.

In God We Trust (Kerul) Legalize God.

41 - Among Plains Indians the average male (not just a man) was seeking visions. So Peyote fit easily into culture, helped get visions without long periods of fasting, chanting, drumming.

42 - Peyotist - hold ceremonies on Thanksgiving & New Year, Easter & Christmas.

43 - Eat 12-30 buttons throughout the night.

Older men pray aloud, with tears running down their cheeks, voices choked with emotion, humble person asking the aid of the great power.

Peyotism - practiced for power seeking

43 "Over emphasis on teaching and Moral Instruction

44 - Still fundamentally Indian Philosophy but Forgo vices and Alcohol

"Christian rituals have dominated 20th century American Peyotism"

47 Peyotism - Permitted Participants Co-Existence with white culture while maintaining Indian identity and dignity.

Wow "Peyote Ritual has proven to have both personal and social healing value. The Peyote ritual provides a rich set of aesthetic experiences. These kindle a sense of inner warmth or inner delight, helping individuals to feel that they are intimately connected with the ultimate source of beauty and truth."

"Spiritual renewal fosters psychological reorganization"

Book - "Psychological Avoid vice - subordinate personal desires to group values."

49 - Indians Ancient history of psychoactive plant use by Nat. Americans But Most Indians produced visions by ecstatic means, fasting, isolation, prayer, physical ordeal

51 - Before the 50's little connection in the west Rel. -> Drugs But 1910 - Aleister Crowley - Discovered mescaline - for transporting persons to uncharted territory.

1922 - Diary of a Drug Friend.

53 Psychology - Racism - Deviance - Drugs "became assoc. with black musicians whose jazz and blues symbolized an emerging American counterculture"

(A) IDEA - Book - Begin counterculture with Jazz, Blacky Music  
↳ No First - Neorism  
Then  
54 The Nitrous Oxide  
Awakening of William James - Book "The Varieties of Religious Experience"

STAIRWAYS  
TO  
HEAVEN

511 "America's foremost psychologist and philosopher"

Blood - in sight of immemorial mystery  
"all is in god and ~~at~~ god is in all"

"The Kingdom of god is within you, it is the soul."  
Nitrous - "The keynote of the experience is the tremendously exciting sense of an intense metaphysical illumination"

\* Rational consciousness, as we call it, is but one special type of consciousness, whilst all about it, parted from it by the filmiest of screens, there lie potential forms of consciousness entirely different."

56 - "Whole drift... - one of many" - "these other worlds must contain experiences which have a meaning for our life also."

"No account of the universe may be final which leaves these other forms of consciousness quite disregarded" (A)  
• such mystical states "point with reasonable probability to the continuity of our consciousness with a wider spiritual environment from which the ordinary prudential man is shut off"

Vedanta? Redefined Religion: experience is experience rather than doctrine

57 Book - go w/ Starhawk Effect of plants & psychedelics to bring people to ecology & religion - data - Wade Clark Roof study of baby boomers "experimental drug use often led to fascination with a variety of forms of unchanneled spirituality"

57 May 4 1953 Humphry Osmond gave Mescaline to Aldous Huxley - a man, intellectual, well versed in Vedantic philosophy.  
- Mini Explor Huxley thought it had toned down filtering functions on senses "Seeing what Adam had seen on the morning of his creation - the miracle, moment by moment, of naked existence." "A world where everything shone with inner light and was infinite in its significance."

59 French philosopher, Henri Bergson "Mind at Large"

All capable of knowing the "All" of the universe and the underlying unitary consciousness. But "because we are biological animals, our brains must screen out all perceptual and forms of knowledge that aren't directly relevant to survival"

59 Brain capable of in finite awareness but reduced to a trickle  
60 - Huxley. Psychedelic Experience not the ultimate purpose of life but, "it shakes us out of the ruts of ordinary perception and allows us to see life as it is apprehended by "mind at large."  
"Huxley realized that mescaline had ushered him directly into the realms of Eastern Enlightenment. (★)"

Albert Hoffman - didn't have a religious framework laid out in which he could place his experiences  
1929 - Studying ergot alkaloids which might be useful in obstetrics  
April 19, 1943 - Hoffman made a new batch of LSD 25 & ingested (Day before 4/20) some accidentally.  
Got back to Lebon Monday's took only 250 micrograms of a gram & went on his bicycle ride.

62 - A scientist - but in late ~~career~~ career wrote "LSD, my problem child" - he called it "a sacred drug"  
Hoffman proposed that LSD affected the "wavelength setting of the receiving self" (Hoffman) "For this reason, the wavelength to which LSD adjusts our mind makes it possible for us to have a more complete relationship with our surroundings." ENTHEO - REL (★)  
Hoffman counseled Westerners to look to Eastern Religions

if they were "sickened by the one-sided, rational, materialistic world view" in Western industrial culture. (Hoffman)  
used as a material aid to meditation - "LSD would reveal itself to be a sacred drug capable of eliciting the condition of cosmic consciousness."

By 1965 over 1000 published research reports on LSD.  
- valuable for depression & Alc. Addiction.

65 1961 Adelle Davis - "Personal Experience" introduced general public 110 miles - "I came to the stark realization of the limitations of "god denying materialism"  
As all of evolution passed before her "she realized that the impulse underlying the whole of creation was nothing's but of the universal urge to reach god."

Then 1962 Alan Watts - One session LSD - Cosmic Consciousness  
"Matter dissolves" (★) (★)

in to ~~some~~ patterns of energy, and ... reveals "a cosmology not only unified but ~~is~~ joyous." Ecstasy of the UNITY.

66 It was in 1960 Tim Leary at the Schroons

4 yrs at Harvard/arranged Transcendent experiences for 1000  
Pahokee - Miracle of Marsh Chapel - Good Friday Experiment  
6 yrs at Millbrook

# STAIRWAYS

Experiment

69 - Leary - Book - The Psychedelic Experience

70 No body rivaled Tim Leary as the high priest.

# TO

72 Leary "Listen, wakeup, You are god - Take this sacrament you will be reborn."

# HEAVEN

72 Key - Eval + concl - Remarkable personal growth shown in LSDS subjects

"best access yet to contents & processes of human mind pointed the way to the next step in ~~the~~ evolution

## Drugs in

## EVOLUTIONARY CHURCH

Leary's aim - helping persons tune in to the Kingdom of God

## Religious History

residing deep within themselves.  
76 Houston Smith w/ Leary 1961 - enlightenment is reached by finding a means of circumventing the ego and having a direct experience of the deeper levels of the cosmos

78 Experience valued more than rational abstraction

## ROBERT C. FULLER

"The psychedelic trip was a rite of passage into a distinct counterculture"; often "The first step toward dropping out of a world view that had framed middle class American life for decades

78 "Deconditioning Agent" - Jay Stevens called it "in matter of seconds psychedelics ... dismantled the whole cognitive repertoire that society had programmed into individuals.

As in - make "~~the~~ Chapter - Transition deconditioning, re-orienting to Nature Rel.) or (where is hope?) really sub-honestly stances sex authentic culture



79 Alan Watts Psychedelic masterpiece - The ~~Force~~ Joyous Cosmology  
argued (Leary) A part, Westview Press  
that it was their right A Member of the Perseus Books Group  
as Americans "I use drugs in order to liberate our minds from the tyranny of social conditioning". Our freedoms include our right to "freedom from the learned, cultural, mind. The freedom to

00 ps See Next Page. - Skipped a page - "expand...."  
85 Trend - of 60's "awakening" shift from seeking god in the church to seeking god in the depths of nature (including the depths of our own psychological nature).  
60s Spiritual awakening committed to the belief that the sacred is already imbedded in the human heart and the natural world. The goal of "personal spirituality, in this view, of course the majority of hippies just trying to feel good, be happy, get laid, and "get a good buzz on".

is to seek out new avenues for discovering the point of connection with this immanent divinity. (E. Emerson, Whitman, James, Hinduism, Bhuddism, Entheogens)

85 Sentence "Psychedelics were, without a doubt, one of the most important factors in the spread of spiritual change in the 1960s and early 1970's.

Although ineffable (after "returning") these <sup>entheogenic</sup> psychedelic trips "left the lasting impression that the world is surrounded by a higher order of being." (Ram Dass)

86 Huxley, Watts, Smith, Leary, Alpert, Ginsberg - "Tasted things that heaven that middle class America has never known"

Brain Study book - Now it is testable  
"Psychedelics were understood to be cleansing the very doors of perception"

of perception opened through Hindu and Bhuddist Meditation Systems Look and see  
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- of 1300 American Bhuddists 83% had taken  
psychedelics. 71% believe they provide a glimpse.

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92 Wine was a Blessing of God  
 93 loved for its mood altering qualities, the "gladening of  
 The heart"  
 Xians - Condemned drunkenness - liked wine

(iii) Early Mormons drank a lot of wine.  
 117 Not much in New Age Religion that is conceptually new  
 Most ideas had following in 19<sup>th</sup> cent like **CONTENTS**  
 Thomas Lake Harris - wine maker, religiousist + believed

The FORCE "God is continually emanating a sacred energy that flows  
 inter and infuses the natural order, and that spirituality had to  
 do with learning to commune with, and be filled by, this revitalizing  
 spiritual power." (Fuller)

125 Asin Book - Discussion of the milder drug <sup>Wine</sup> Pot, Coffee - still!  
 "provide experiences... address hunger for  
 participation in wider spiritual reality."  
 1 From the Plant Kingdom to the Kingdom of God 1  
 Zen - Tea, Japanese, English, Coffee Pot Wine

2 The Native American Heritage 17  
 130 The Pope Liked Coffee - too good to leave to the infidels  
 3 Psychedelics and Metaphysical Illumination 51  
 132 - Add to  
 Colonists - substitute (680) coffee for their usual breakfast

4 Wine and the Varieties of American Religious Life beer 91  
 Caffeine doesn't stimulate (why not as good as amphetamines)  
 it blocks a quieting agent.  
 5 Drugs, Aesthetics, and Unchurched Spirituality 123  
 140 Marijuana - the counter culture drug of choice

6 The Quest for Ecstasy 155  
 140 Age Regression "almost childlike openness to inner sensations"  
 Notes [any sense?] "Using m gives persons the  
 impression that they are finally getting  
 Bibliography in touch with themselves and with the  
 Index deeper currents of nature. By flooding the senses,  
 marijuana use deepens a persons appreciation of  
 interiority."

140 Long History of Rel. use - Hindu quote - Hemp Com on  
 Also long muslim history Copied in directly in Rel. part  
 140 Psychological / Anti Authority History - Muslims - Historian  
 Ronald Insel "floating to heaven in a hashish stupor was bad  
 enough, but laughing riotously about it was unacceptable

142 The Marijuana High Just reddened eyes  
 1) Temporarily Increased Heartbeat  
 2) The Dam Description of POT EXPERIENCE

EFFECTS Charles Tart study - M intoxic - childlike  
 140 Regression openness to experience and a sense



expand one's ~~knowledge~~ consciousness beyond  
artificial cultural knowledge. The freedom to move from  
constant pre-occupation with the verbal games - the social  
games, the game of self, - to the joyous unity of what exists  
beyond. (Should be a page back.)

79 Authority - implicit challenge - or unnerve at least

Marlene Dobkin de Rios a common world wide characteristic of  
drug cultures "is their implicit and explicit challenge to  
authority" (Fuller) By prompting individuals to feel that a true  
experientially based authority can be found within, drugs make  
institutional authorities - secular and religious - appear irrelevant.

80 By 1967 200,000 full time hippies? Had geographical centers, e.g.  
The Haight, many Pranksters, The Be In with Quicksilver, the  
Grateful Dead, Leary, Snyder, Ginsberg, Watts.

According to Charles Perry the purpose of the Be In was to show  
that "The hippies and radicals were one, their common aim  
being to drop out of 'games and institutions that oppress  
and dehumanize and to create communities where 'new  
values and new human relationships' can grow

81 - Groups of "Dope Churches" grew up.  
- Psychedelics: "Vehicles to Spiritual Authenticity, not authority  
in and of themselves"

83 - Watts, Episcopal Priest, "gave the movement its most gifted  
writer" when "converted to psychedelic enlightenment."  
Alan Watts, Houston Smith, Tim Leary, Allen Ginsberg, Richard Alpert/Randao

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94 Egyptians had a "day of intoxication" each month to honor  
the God Hathor

95-6 - Puritans used Ale for Rel. and recreation

100 Jews use lotsa wine in Ritual

Bible a very Winery Book

105 Wine can be agent of solidification & de conditioning agent  
for solidifying new religion.

Amana Communities - lots of wine

Early Mormons. lots of wine

"For thousands of years wine has been used to produce that altered state of conscious-  
ness in which persons feel the inflow of some energizing spiritual  
force euphoria producing. <sup>Mormon</sup> wine a liability.

112 Once Authority Clearly Established in Church - wine a liability.

Continue from other side

of wonder and awe... in contrast to the usual ↑

business like manner in which we classify events and people strictly in terms of their importance to us." Helps Establish (Ennsa) "an original relationship to the universe"

143 Norek "For some M has served as a teacher whose principal lesson has been that life holds multiple forms of reality."

## REALITY IS A CRUTCH?

## PREFACE

Rel Santance, WDW

"M produces psychological states that favor pluralism and a tendency to embrace some form of nature religion"

144/145 Rel - Marijuana Religion 2 FANTASTIC Quote Nature Religion  
M-Quote → "turned people's attention away from the extrinsic and instrumental meanings of experience and toward reflection on life's intrinsic beauty" 2 Quote 1

① "M + Rel - Have a hard time separating them out"

② Went to the woods to meditate - breath of great spirit on the leaves.

## NATURE RELIGION

Several years ago I published a book titled *Religion and Wine: A Cultural History of Wine Drinking in America*. Whenever I spoke on the topic, people in the audience would invariably ask about how drugs other than alcohol have factored into American religious life. Unfortunately, there hasn't been much written on the topic. This is interesting given that a great deal has been written about the use of drugs in Mediterranean, South American, and Asian religion. Several scholars have examined specific examples of religiously motivated drug use, but no one had yet attempted to pull these diverse materials together into a book-length history of this enduring theme in American religious life.

The subject matter in this book is one of the most fascinating in all of religious history. It is also one of the most controversial. The fact that even a tiny amount of LSD or mescaline can trigger mystical rapture raises challenging questions. What, after all, is an "authentic" religious experience? Is it possible that religious experiences are nothing more than aberrations in our brain chemistry? Or is it possible that the Kingdom of God is truly within us, but awaiting release through whatever means we can discover? Given the widespread cultural support for our government's "war on drugs," how far can we go in tolerating drug use under the banner of religious freedom? And, legal issues aside, how can we go about assessing what may or may not be the legitimate role of mood-altering substances in the development of mature spirituality? These are all issues that have a great deal of scholarly importance. They are also issues that have a great deal of relevance to the personal and public controversies that continue to be debated in our

146 mdm A - related to both mescaline and amphetamine - not a hallucinogen.

148 Marijuana - MDMA

"being held in the hands of god" <sup>vii</sup>

valued Nonconformity, Peacefulness, quiet introspection

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## 148 EFFECTS - Rastafarian Statements of Effects

- ① Leonard Barrett, "visions, unity, dispels gloom and fear"
- ② "give I a good meditation; it is a door inside, when it is open;
- ③ you see every thing that is good"

148 - Dr. Opened Americans to a vision of the world in which there are multiple perspectives, multiple truths. Ⓢ

155 Intoxication. The "4th Drive" Hunger, Thirst, Sex, Intoxication?

well not for ever young  
 Ⓢ INNATE DRIVE - throughout all history - intox. functions

Book why is not  
 adaptive

like hunger thirst + sex, sometimes roads hand downing all  
 others - is it a 4th Drive?  
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# Intoxication 4th innate drive ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Purpose of This Book

has been to document that there is a spiritual dimension to  
155 this 4th drive  
157 - it is wholly true, of course, that a great deal of drug use  
is devoid of any kind of spirituality.

161 Moral, Moral & Rel. doctrines <sup>opus dei</sup> inherently run the risk  
of losing any felt connection with the initial enthusiasm  
that gave rise to them thereby robbing them of any ecstatic or  
distractive spiritual quality.

161 Drugs - even wine, coffee - can in fact doctrines <sup>opus dei</sup> and moral  
codes with at least an aura of spontaneous community  
The powerful antiseptics preserve a religious community  
connection with the enthusiasm of its founding  
members.

162

Quote: Psychedelic ceremony men praying, sincerity, tears,  
⊗ voices choked with emotion,

whether Coffee, wine, or pot (163) "drug induced ecstasy  
has served the functional purpose of inducing loyalty to a  
community's particular moral vision.

163 Drug Induced Consciousness has a leveling effect  
(Egalitarianism)? - why authorities don't like it - Anti Authority?  
"Novel modes of interpersonal rel. - one of best ways to bring  
someone into Ecstatic Fellowship"

164 - Suspend the filtering - in revering the infinite glory  
of the universe.

Huxley → the world is indeed sacred and we but need to cleanse our  
doors of perception to find ourselves in habiting a universal  
saturated with divine light.

167 My Reality Discussion - Deikman - reality orientation →  
habit → survival efficiency - STILL drugs may let us  
into "... less efficient biologically (neuroprocessing) but more  
permit the experience of aspects of the real world" formerly  
excluded or ignored, SO VALUE? a judgment call.

168 4 Arguments on Spiritual Validity of Drug Induced Ecstasy.

① A drug buzz - an altered physiology - it just takes us to the  
enlightenment understanding ~~also~~ spiritual truth  
- Yeah... - (Lee Bram Image Book) also doesn't take into account that  
we see "matter" as gata - alive → the space in between, the 99.9999%, is  
non-noualike.

169 ② Does not meet philosophical or scientific standards of truth  
- Bertrand Russell - With abnormal physiology and abnormal  
perceptions there is no reason to think you'll get Truth.

- This makes the "normal waking state of consciousness" the arbiter of all truth...

170 - But who knows - someone of something maybe in the ground for truths to germinate and sprout in better than normal waking consciousness. REAL ISSUE 1) Can we take immediate delight in these altered states and 2) "whether they bring us good consequential fruits for life"

③ Interpret in terms of social or psychological forces attributable to social psychological background of subjects?

④ Culturally determined

176 William James on Validity of Ecstatic Experience  
① "My mystical states usually are, and have the right to be, absolutely authoritative over those who have them" Tie in with "Follow the message you get from the entheo-moral"  
② You should evaluate ecstatic claims on their merits with respect (people who don't have them)

Founding father George Mason said Freedom of Rel. "unless, under color of religion any man disturb the peace, the happiness, or safety of society. Wasn't good enough for Madison - he said you could restrict religion only if existence of the state is endangered."

181 Pot Religion - Defense in Court - Always Fails - Always ruled that compelling state interest of prohibition outweighs your religious freedom to use plants.

188 Congress passed Religious Freedom Restoration Act because the Smith decision (5-4- Scalia) (peyote - counselors) virtually eliminated the requirement that the government justify burden on the free exercise of religion.

"Congress in essence trying to restore the "strict scrutiny" test of the 1963 Sherbert case

R.F.R.A. Unanimous in House 97-3 in the Senate  
Concurs on protecting Peyote - but not shrooms, pot, LSD?

And yet the Court threw out the R.F.R.A.? Star?  
"fear that religious beliefs would become superior to the laws of society"? what was reasoning man?

189 Gold - Free exercise of religion - without anarchy under the curse of religion

190 ecstasy has natural affinity w/ spirituality  
Word spiritual from Latin verb spirare, to breathe  
"spirituality is therefore about breathing life into an otherwise inanimate universe" What we must do

- ① Receptive to the force / sacred power
- ② Become an agent of this principle of vitality.  
Be Jedi! OVER-effective agents of

wholeness making and world building activity. Requires Responsibility, intelligence discipline. What we do must be the right thing. Staggering Quote (A)

"Anything less falls short of effective spiritual agency."  
"His Ability to disclose dimensions of the universe normally screened... gives drugs tremendous rel. import.

191 That's Why Huston Smith picked up on it - ability to get to a mystical threat  
Agrees w/ Tillich - greatest threat to genuine spirituality is the general absence of such a mystical consistency.

(A) Tillich quote "regain the lost dimension that cuts through the... duality gets to my story of Ground of Being... well - try it

So - Drugs effective agents of (A) Receptivity But the test of mature spirituality is the degree to which persons are transformed into effective agents of wholeness making and world building activity.

Tie in - Book  
Huston Smith -  
similar  
conclusion

H. Smith - "Short cuts can become short circuits"

Receptivity - must be connected with an ethical outlook and an intact community that meets the needs of its people.

192  
1911 - Spiritual Receptivity and Spiritual agency } must have both for viable religion

The Debate "Whether specific patterns of drug use promote sustained spiritual agency."

We can use social scientific research to tell us which drugs are actually harmful and which lead to sustained wholeness making lives.

(A) Why not have open source + public debate over which  
1) will prevent persons to become effective agents of world building activity OR  
2) victims of habit forming chemical processes.

1991 We must be prepared to recognize that contaminated  
1944 patterns of drug use have indeed proven supportive  
of spiritual maturity.

Plants are NOT against god

And Society has some right to defend against degradation  
of addiction

Eg. So that's what Dutch have done - reduce  
destructive drug use

Sometimes "What appeared to be a paradise of  
intoxication" becomes self imposed exile from  
the wider life of spiritual activity.

"At in other contexts these territories have led not  
only to enhanced spiritual ~~activity~~ receptivity but  
also to a revitalized capacity to serve as an agent of  
life affirming activity."

? Hopes for "a little more wisdom?" Not much of a  
concln - for a book with such wisdom.  
no policy recommendations?

