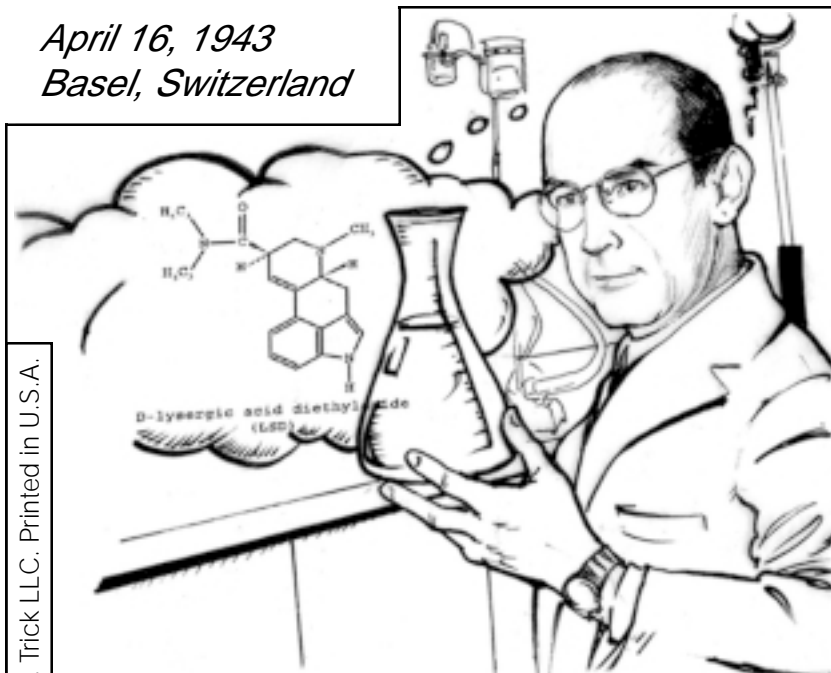




CHEMICAL SALVATION?

J.C.T.

April 16, 1943
Basel, Switzerland



Sandoz Laboratories chemist
Dr. Albert Hofmann resynthesizes a
compound he'd created five years earlier:
lysergic acid diethylamide-25.

While recrystallizing to purify the chemical,
Dr. Hofmann becomes restless and dizzy.

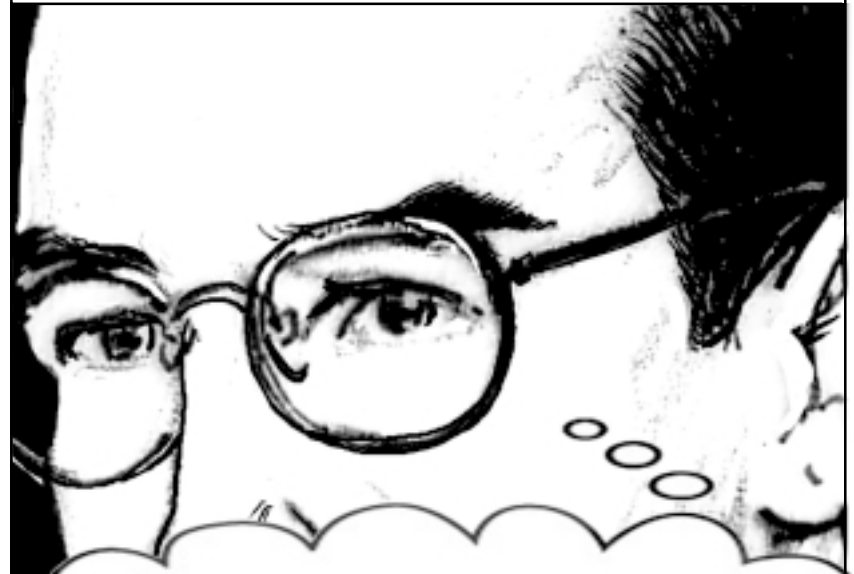




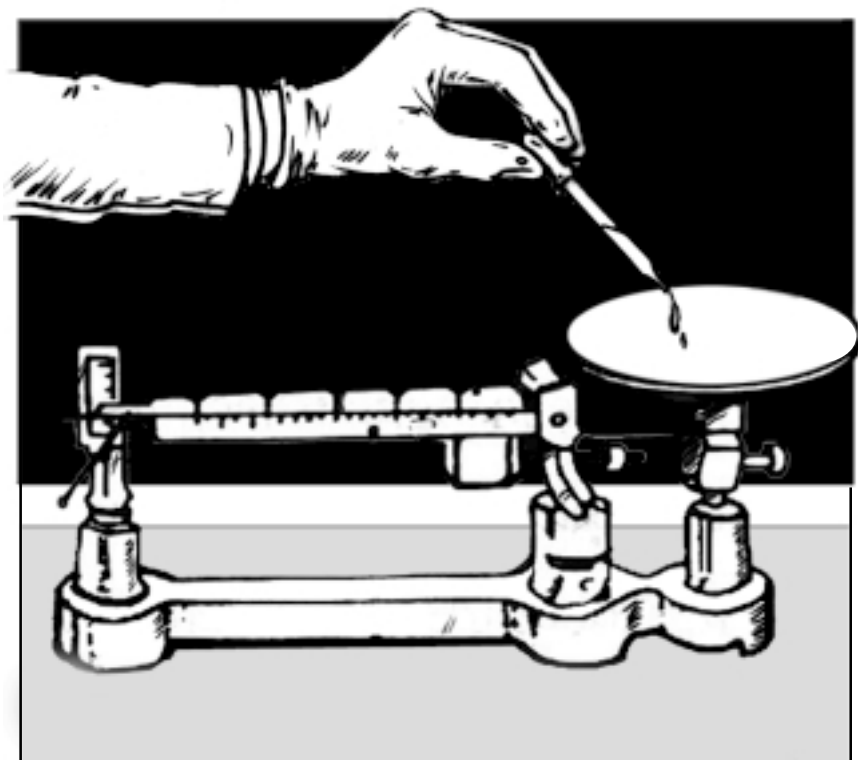
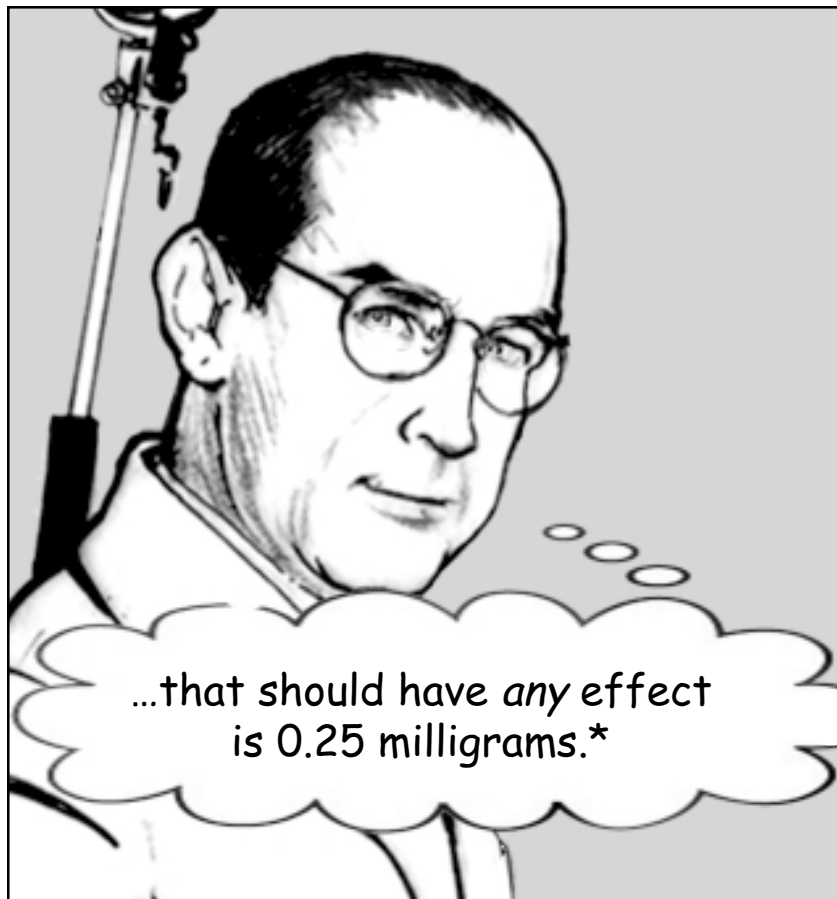
Hmm... there's a
kaleidoscope of images
in my mind...

He sinks into an inebriated dream-like state, which fades after two hours. Three days later, he wonders if accidental absorption of the LSD might have caused his mental condition.

Back at his lab, Dr. Hofmann decides to perform a self-experiment with the drug.

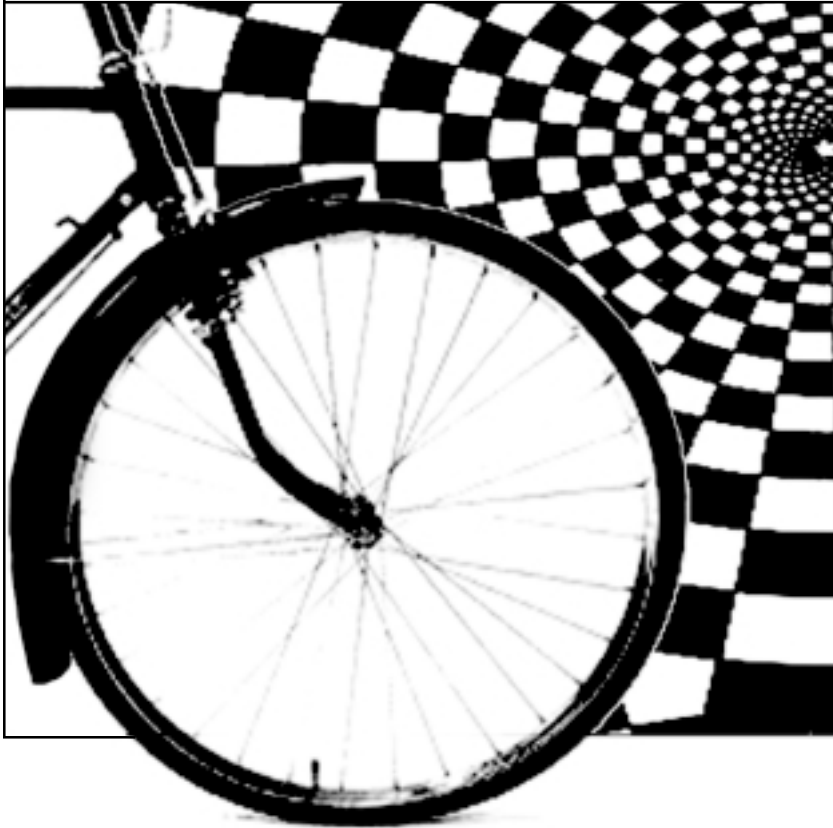


Based on the known activity
of other ergot alkaloids,
the **smallest** dose...



* That's 250 micrograms,
or approximately ten *times* a minimally active dose!

About 40 minutes after ingesting the drug, Dr. Hofmann is again stricken by dizziness. He heads home on his bicycle.



Once at home, he has trouble speaking intelligibly.

The world is utterly transformed.



A neighbor lady who brings him milk becomes a malevolent witch.





* The sense of experiencing one's own death is sometimes reported as a mystical component of an LSD voyage.

But slowly, Dr. Hofmann's fear-based experience changes into a more enjoyable display of colorful, flowing mental imagery.





And as the effects wear off,
he is eventually able to get some sleep.

Others at the Sandoz lab later confirm
the activity of LSD. At one-third of the
dose that Dr. Hofmann had taken,
they still had profound effects.





Prior to LSD, the only drug known to produce similar effects came from the peyote cactus. But mescaline required a *much* higher dose: 250 to 400 *milligrams*.



Peyote had been in use as a sacrament since Pre-Columbian times by American Indians.

In the mid-1950s, Sandoz released LSD to a community of researchers as an investigational new drug with implications in the field of psychology, sending it out at no cost.



One such researcher was the psychiatrist **Stanislav Grof**, working in Czechoslovakia at the Prague School of Medicine.

Delysid was described by Sandoz as having potential as a psychotomimetic.*



November 3, 1956

Dear Prague School of Medicine,
Enclosed please find some samples
of a new drug that we think you'll
be crazy about.

* A drug that mimics naturally-occurring psychosis.

I am...
EVERYTHING!



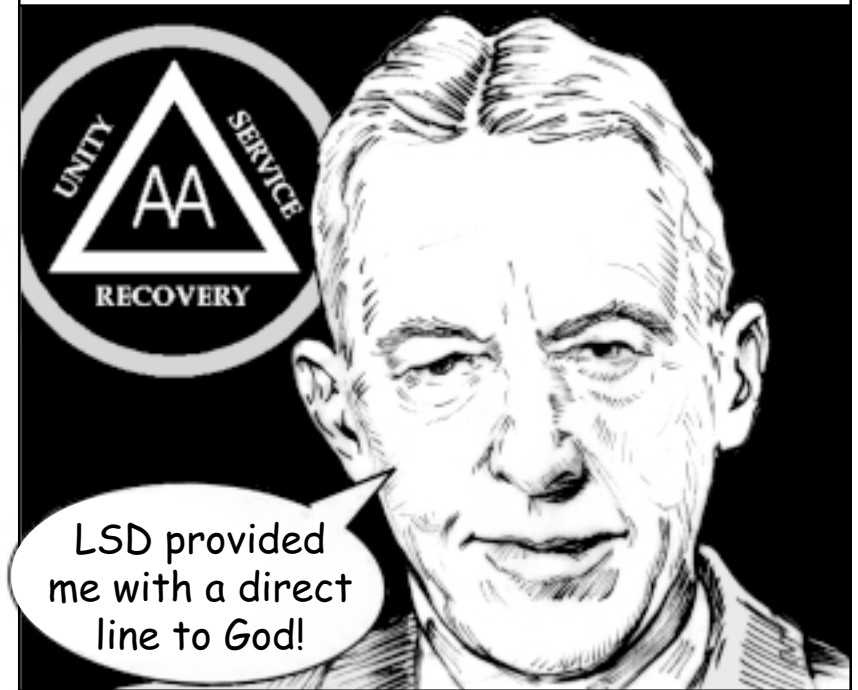
But Grof, like an increasing number of researchers, found that the drug allowed access to the transpersonal realms often described in religious writings.

In a 1956 letter to author Aldous Huxley, schizophrenia researcher Humphry Osmond coined the term “psychedelic”^{*} for LSD-like drugs. The word means “mind manifesting.”



^{*} In 1979, the new word “entheogenic” was proposed for these substances. Meaning “to generate God within,” it encompassed the traditional ethnographic attitude toward these visionary plants.

Osmond, along with Abram Hoffer, successfully treated alcoholism with LSD. They helped cure **Bill Wilson**, the founder of Alcoholics Anonymous.



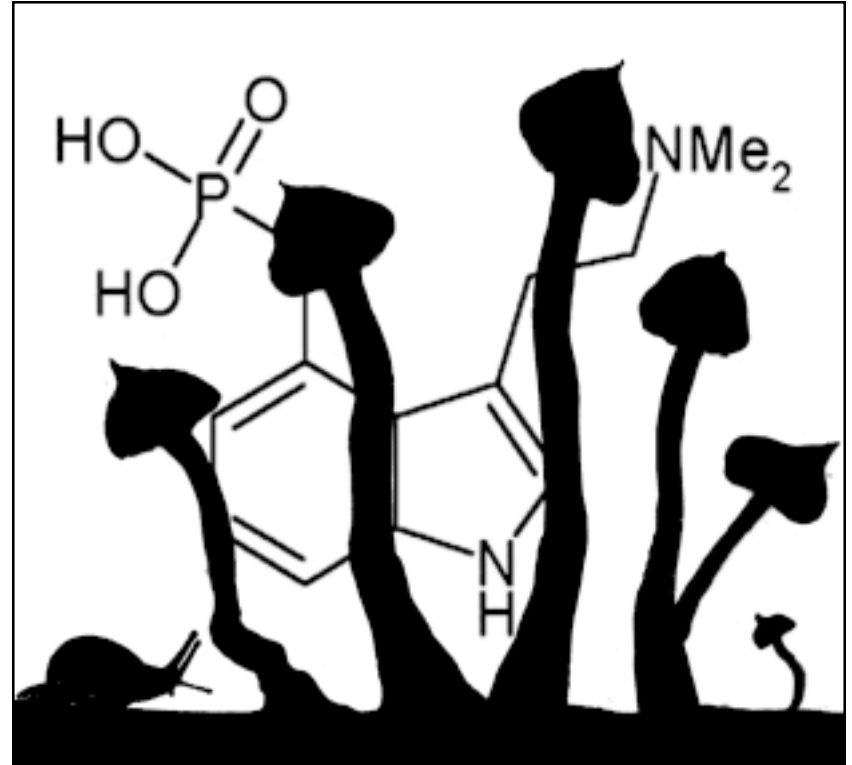


Other researchers, like Oscar Janiger, Myron Stolaroff, and James Fadiman, showed that LSD could enhance creativity.

Psychologist Gary Fisher had success in treating childhood autism with LSD.

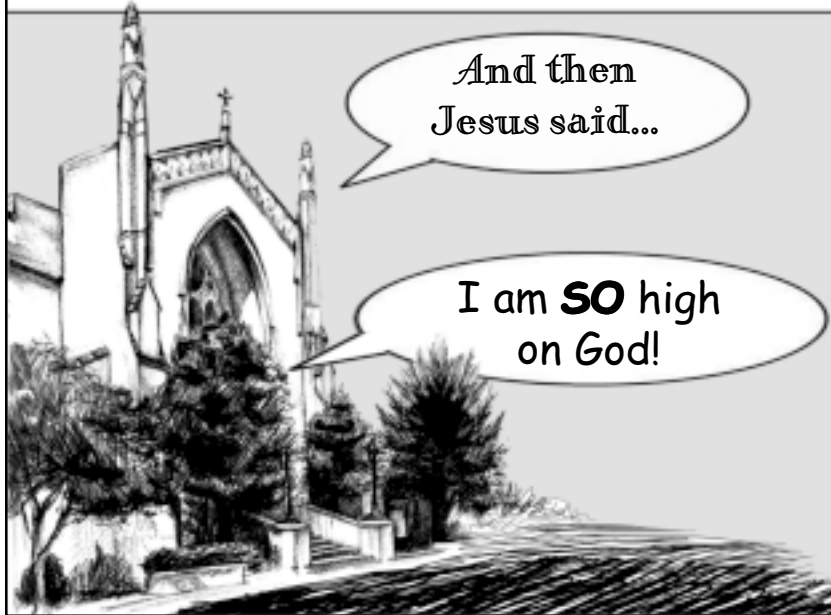


Meanwhile, Dr. Hofmann was busy characterizing the chemistry of other psychoactive plants: *ololiuhqui* (morning glory seeds) contained lysergic acid, a relative of LSD...



...and *teonanácatl* (mushrooms) contained psilocybin and psilocin.

These plants had a long history of use as sacraments. It should be no surprise, then, that the “Good Friday Experiment” run by researcher **Walter Pahnke** through the Harvard Divinity School showed that psilocybin *could* create a profound spiritual experience.



Religious scholars like Walter Houston Clark, Huston Smith, and others, confirmed the news.



...and the man held most responsible was Dr. Timothy Leary.

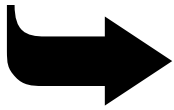


"TURN ON, TUNE IN, DROP OUT!"

RALPH, DICK,
I tell you guys...



...we need to help the **youth** with these experiences.
They are the **FUTURE.**



LSD was bound to eventually escape the confines of the research lab...

DUDES!
We are **SO** fired!

But as more people tried psychedelics,
there were occasional casualties.

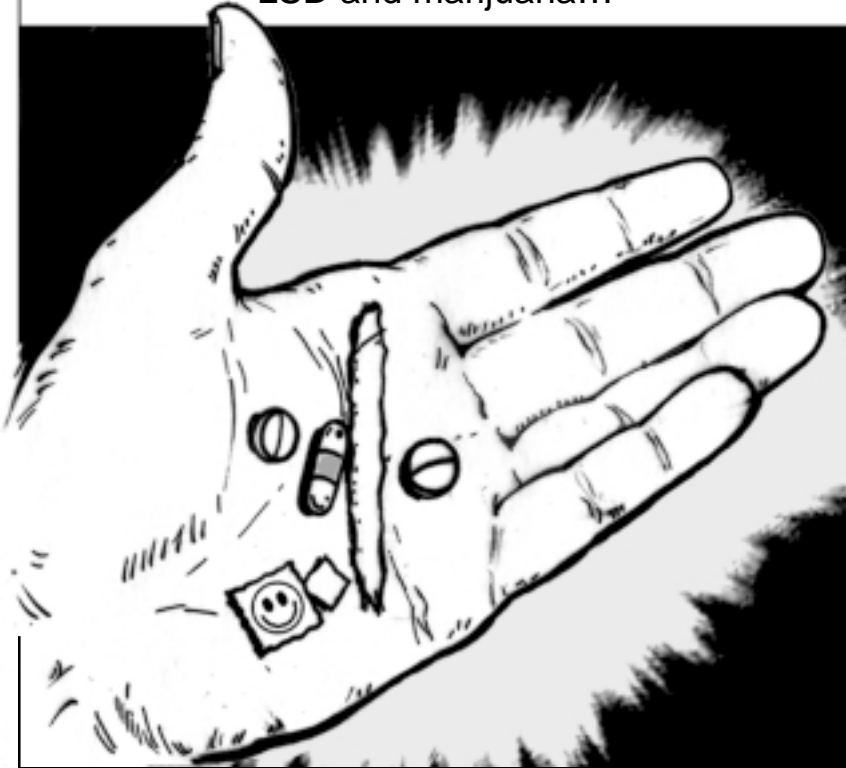
Not everyone could handle
the strong effects that these drugs
had on the mind.



Cultural changes in the 1960s—rebellious
Rock 'n' Roll music, promiscuous sexuality,
long hair on men, and anti-war protests...



...supposedly inspired by the increasing availability of “recreational drugs” like LSD and marijuana...



—led to the Drug Enforcement Administration, laws prohibiting psychedelics, and increasing penalties against drug dealers and users.

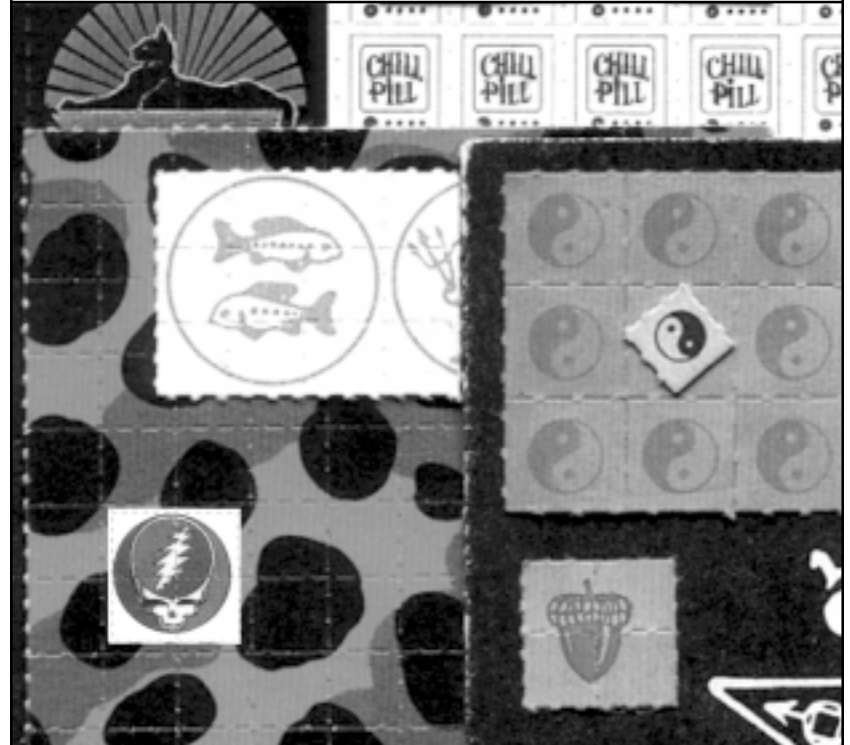


America declared “war” on her own citizens,
the rest of the world followed suit...



...and government-approved research
was brought to a halt as well.

Nevertheless, LSD continued to be available
underground throughout the 1970s,
1980s, 1990s, and into the 2000s.



LSD clearly had value as a medicine
and as a spiritual tool.
Frustrated by governmental hand-tying,
new psychedelic research groups,
both aboveground and underground,
formed in the late 1980s and 1990s.

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by Rick Doblin

Switzerland Leads the Way

Great News! Finally, somewhere in
the world, psychedelic research with
MDMA is taking place. About two
years ago, over 30 Swiss psychia-

**THE
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James B. DeKorne

This is a newsletter. Its purpose is to
keep you abreast of the latest informa-
tion concerning the shamanic use of
entheogenic plants. It will be published
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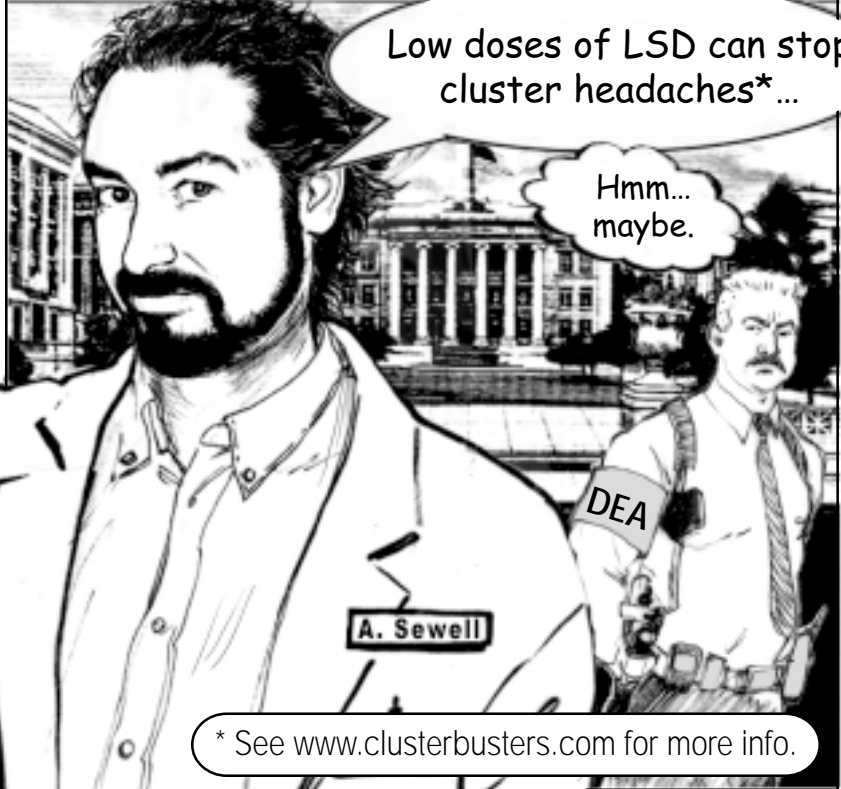
ASK EROWID

Q: Has anyone tried 2T-C-special-G?
If so, what were the effects?
— A. Stoner

A: 2T-C-special-G is a fictional “catch all”
name often used in jest to describe...

And with increasing access to the Internet
in the mid-1990s, accurate information
about LSD and other psychedelics
became widely available.


Despite the uphill battle, research with LSD might soon start up again.



Low doses of LSD can stop cluster headaches*...


Hmm... maybe.

* See www.clusterbusters.com for more info.



...and LSD could be helpful in treating cancer-related anxiety.

Perhaps we are not so far from the day when...



"LSD can be a **sacred medicine**...
in meditation centers, where people try to
get deeper into the ego, probe conscious-
ness, and have this sort of experience
with a pure substance in a wonderful
environment with knowledgeable guides.

THAT is my vision for the future."

In January of 2006, as we celebrate the 100th
birthday of LSD discoverer Dr. Albert Hofmann,
we share in his hope for humanity.

COULD THERE BE *MANY* CHEMICAL PATHS TO HEAVEN?

***NOTHING ELSE CAN SAVE YOU.
TRUST ENTHEOGENS TODAY!***

Numerous psychoactive plants and chemicals can provide valuable insights into a deeper, all-encompassing spiritual reality.

As Dr. Albert Hofmann himself has said:

“This is the reality which all of the great mystics and founders of religions described; it is in truth the kingdom of heaven destined for humankind. There is, however, a fundamental distinction; whether one knows of this reality only from the reports of others, or whether one has experienced it personally in beatific moments; spontaneously or with the aid of entheogenic drugs.” OTT 1993: 12

***Were Entheogenic Drugs
the Origin of ALL Religions?***

In the words of R. Gordon Wasson:

“[At] that point Religion was born, Religion pure and simple, free of Theology, free of Dogmatics, expressing itself in awe and reverence and in lowered voices, mostly at night, when people would gather together to consume the Sacred Element. The first entheogenic experience could have been the first, and an authentic, perhaps the only authentic miracle. This was the beginning of the Age of the Entheogens, long, long ago.” WASSON 1986: 78

To help your growth in spiritual awareness, take **The Next Step!** Try an entheogen.

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For more information about how psychoactive drugs are responsible for the origins of all religion, use an Internet search engine and type in “entheogen.”

Looking for LSD?

Contact a dealer in your area.

CAUTION: Following the true religion may result in persecution and/or criminal penalties.

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