



The Psychedelic Gospels

The Secret History of Hallucinogens in Christianity

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10 Questions for Media:

- 1) If the psychedelic plants depicted in medieval Christian art—which you’ve documented in the stunning color photographs in your book—are still visible today, why aren’t the “Psychedelic Gospels” more widely known?
- 2) What evidence do you present to support the controversial claims that psychedelics played a role in the history of Christianity, and that they offer an alternative explanation of Jesus’s awakening to his divinity and immortality?
- 3) One reviewer describes your book as “*The Da Vinci Code* meets *The Electric Acid Cool Aid Test*.” How do your theories about the life of Jesus differ from the ideas presented in Dan Brown’s novel *The Da Vinci Code*?
- 4) As a scholar, why have you written a book about psychedelics and religion that, in the words of one reviewer, reads like “a page-turning mystery thriller”?
- 5) Why is Gordon Wasson, a JP Morgan banker and famed “sacred mushroom seeker,” considered to be both the father of ethnomycology (the study of the cultural uses of mushrooms) and a founder of the 1960s psychedelic movement?
- 6) What was the role of psychedelic plants in shamanism, which was humanity’s first religion and, for most of human history, the religion of our hunter and gatherer ancestors?
 - a. Why do some scholars prefer to call these psychoactive plants “entheogens” (meaning “God-generated-within”), rather than “psychedelic” or “hallucinogenic” plants?
- 7) Why are psychedelic plants, which were widely used as an ancient portal to the realm of the gods, not discussed by most contemporary spiritual sages? For example, in his book, *God: A Story of Revelation* (2012), Deepak Chopra describes the paths of devotion, understanding, service and meditation as the only four pathways open to those “eager for God.”
- 8) In the “Invitation to Readers” you say that it was through entheogens that you “first came to experience God as the divine intelligence that permeates the universe.” Please explain this.
- 9) How does the current “Psychedelic Renaissance,” which is based on rigorous medical and scientific research, differ from the psychedelic movement of the 1960s?
- 10) Are you advocating that all psychedelic drugs – such as ayahuasca, LSD, mescaline and psilocybin – be legalized, similar to the way in which marijuana has been legalized for medical purposes and, in some states, for recreational use?

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