



## The Psychedelic Gospels

The Secret History of Hallucinogens in Christianity

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## ENDORSEMENTS

A fascinating piece of scholarly work that opens new possibilities of understanding human consciousness

David Crosby, singer, songwriter

Ah, that perennial question of Christianity's relationship with psychedelics! Wherever you sit in this debate; believer or cynic, the Brown's fabulously personal journey will delight you. Mushrooms, mushrooms, mushrooms. Once you start looking you see them everywhere. Keep your mind open. Wider!

Dr. Ben Sessa, Psychedelic researcher, author of *The Psychedelic Renaissance*

Impeccably researched and lavishly illustrated, *The Psychedelic Gospels* reads like a page-turning mystery thriller. An interdisciplinary treasure chest, overflowing with rare information, unique insights, and some truly extraordinary head-slapping "aha" moments.

David Jay Brown, author of *The New Science of Psychedelics*

... I found this book to be a compelling, entertaining account of one couple's quest for the hallucinogenic Holy Grail — a mind-altering travelogue across continents and conspiracy theories. It's *The DaVinci Code* meets *The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test*.

Don Lattin, bestselling author of *The Harvard Psychedelic Club*

This book also highlights the important role psychedelics can play in the realization of the fundamental unity of all beings through the mystical experience. A great read which I recommend to anyone interested in the spiritual aspects of the psychedelic experience.

Rick Doblin, Ph.D., founder of the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies

The *Psychedelic Gospels* is heretical, revolutionary, and outrageous.... It is no secret that Western religions had pagan roots, but the deeper secret may well be that these roots were psychedelic, and were a continuation of esoteric practices held by the practitioners of mushroom devotees.

Stanley Krippner, Ph.D., coauthor of *Personal Mythology*

This book expertly navigates through the iconography of mushroom symbolism throughout the ages. One clear message comes through: mushrooms have played a central role in the evolution of human consciousness, and indeed religion. Thought provoking and well-articulated, the authors present a solid case for their thesis. This is an important book to contemplate. If true, the very roots (mycelia!) of Christianity were inspired by the use of deeply guarded and secret sacraments: magic mushrooms.

Paul Stamets, author of *Mycelium Running*

Part travelogue, part anthropological meditation, and part groundbreaking study showing the use of “sacred” mushrooms in Christian iconography, *The Psychedelic Gospels* gives readers one of the most unusual books they will ever encounter. Jerry and Julie Brown present a lively account of a psychedelic theory of religion and tell us why it’s been suppressed for so many years. I’m confident that *The Psychedelic Gospels* will find an enthusiastic readership.

Mitchell Kaplan, Books & Books, past president, American Booksellers Association

We live at a time when confused and undisciplined thinking clashes with narrow-minded bigotry. Thus, it is more important than ever to keep an open mind – open to new ideas, open also to rigorous scholarship. Too often, wishful thinking has misled well-intentioned academics and the media are notorious for sensationalism. I, therefore, applaud the authors for proposing the establishment of an Interdisciplinary Committee to evaluate the discoveries they present and the conjectures they make in *The Psychedelic Gospels*.

Brother David Steindl-Rast, Order of Saint Benedict

What a journey! Travel with Jerry and Julie Brown exploring and discovering new interpretations of ancient images from Christian churches and cathedrals in Europe and the Middle East. Analyzing religious works of art, they have possibly uncovered one of the most secret, historical findings of our times - the influence of psychedelics as an integral part of the early Christian experience. They are bold, courageous, and insightful. A must read!

Gerald Jampolsky, M.D and Diane Cirincione-Jampolsky, Ph.D.  
Co-Authors of *Aging With Attitude* and *A Mini Course for Life*