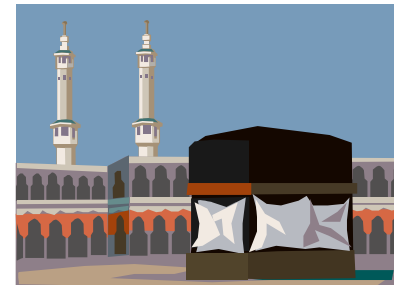


The Religious Use of Drugs

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The Religious Use of Drugs

- In the West
- Non-Western Societies
- Bates Definition: “almost all materials taken for other than nutritional reasons”
 - Every culture has an inventory
 - Western uses
 - Shamans
 - Situational variation of effects

L. Lewin's Toxicology

#	Name	Type	Examples	Effects
I.	Euphoria	Sedatives	Cocaine	Well-being
II.	Phantastica	Hallucinogens	Peyote, LSD	Visions & illusions, unconsciousness
III.	Inebriantia	Intoxicants	Alcohol	Artificial paradise of drunkenness
IV.	Hypnotica	Sedatives	barbiturate	Sleep producers
V.	Excitanica	Stimulants	Coffee, tea, tobacco, betel	Mental stimulation
VI.	Ataraxics	Tranquilizers	Xanax	Inhibit anxiety, relaxation



Religious Use of Drugs

- Substance + environment + context/setting
- Tea, Mate, LSD
- Mescal, Peyote, Marijuana & Hashish
- Shamanistic power
 - Shamanistic treatment

Drugs

By Francis Huxley



Drugs

- *Homo Medicans*
- Artificial Paradises
- Drug Problem
- Various Types of Ethnic Plants
 - Mexico
 - Brazil
 - Andean Region

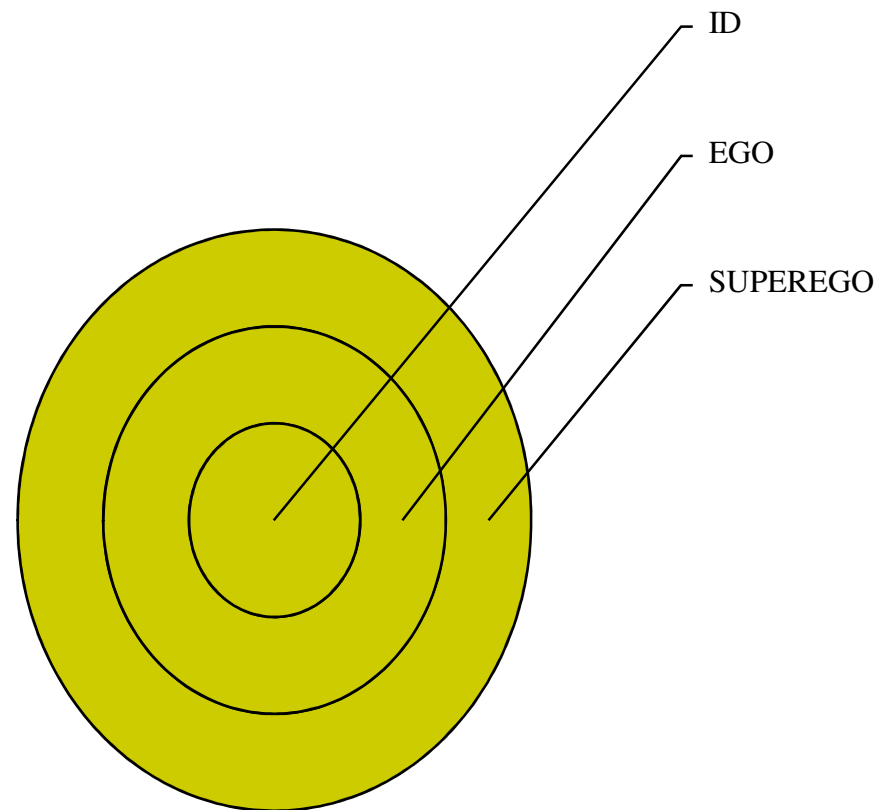


The Religious Use of Drugs

- Man as a discontented animal
- Human Nature
- Unsatisfied or unbalanced state of mind
- Drugs effects = shamanistic methods
 - Tobacco
 - Giddiness
 - Drug problem
 - Purpose of a ritual setting
 - Dogmatic plan within the imagination
 - Events: Social → psychological → physical → Spiritual
 - S.E. Asia shamans use of opium

“A Pact with the Devil”

- Addict as possessed
- Lost his/her soul
- Drugs for meditation
- Jena Cocteau – Opium
- Black Magic
- Freud
 - Central Reasons



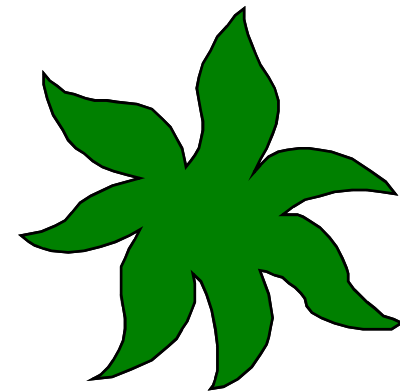


Separating Mind from Body

- Kogi of Colombia
 - Male impotency
 - Gain immortality
- In the Andes
 - Coca use
 - Unpleasant withdrawals

Attacking the Self

- Hallucinogenic
- Plant Types: *Banisteria*, *Amanita*, & *Datura*
 - Reactions
 - *Banisteria*
 - South America
 - *Amanita*
 - Viking
 - Shamanic & drug experiences
 - “Bad trip”





Drug of the Aztec

- Peyote's Power
- A sacrament to the Native American Church
- Used by
 - Aztecs
 - Tarahumara
 - Huichol
 - Adopted by Plain Indians

The Search for Power

- West Drug Problem
- Drugs for search of power
- Drug as god
 - Opium
 - Tobacco
 - Wine & beer
 - “Gift of Nature & a Morality of its Own”





Ritual Enemas

By Michael Coe



Ritual Enemas

- Types of drugs
 - Hallucinogenic mushrooms
 - Morning glories
 - Intoxicating enemas
 - S. American rubber-tree sap



During the Conquest

- ❑ Spanish were shocked with Indigenous alcoholic beverages and hallucinogenic plants. (viewed as demons)
- ❑ Pulque was used as an enema
- ❑ Aztec priests used peyote for rituals
- ❑ Seeds of white-flowered morning glory (LSD)
- ❑ Aztecs called mushrooms *teonanacatl* (God's flesh)
 - Used for divination and healing even now in Oaxaca



The Maya

- Maya use of intoxicating plants
- Bonampak mural paintings showing fierce battles
- Various names for mushrooms
- Ritual use of intoxicating enemas
 - Old world focus was to clear bowels/healing
 - Enemas:
 - speed intoxication process
 - Reduce side effects (like an I.V.)
 - Still practiced today in the Sierra Madre Occidental (W. Mexico).



Peyote Way & On the Peyote Road

By Mike Kiyaani & Thomas J Csordas



The Peyote Way

- The Peyote Religion
 - Peyote & Origin
 - 250,000 American Indians
 - Peyote as a sacrament- inspiration for personal dignity, respect for nature and others
 - Roadman
 - 1940- 1966 illegal
 - 1994 officially legal
 - Use protected for its importance in
 - Healing
 - Spirituality
 - identity



The Peyote Rite

- Peyote Rite
 - 5 people officiate the rite
 - Eat Peyote
 - Fresh whole plant
 - Dried top of plant
 - Infusion of peyote
 - Myth
 - Uses
 - Illnesses (vomit effect)
 - Knowledge (supernatural experience)



Teachings of Peyote

- Heightens individual's sensibility
- Confession to God
- Mental telepathy
- Revelation, vision
- Physiological Effects
 - Cure illnesses, reduces fatigue, increases sensitivity to relevant stimuli.
 - Exclusiveness/ secluded
 - Should it be only for the Indians and NOT the “White People”?