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The LSD Drug as a
Religious Centrepiece

America, the land of the free and the home of many religious sects, is confronted today by yet another sect that claims to be religious and, since so, to be protected in its exercise by the Constitution's first amendment, ~~the~~ which, as interpreted, bars to all government any abridgement of ~~the~~ freedom of worship.

Religious pacifism

Mortification of the flesh & spirit

Polygamy

Prote

Snake rituals

Begging

Flagellation

Beards, gowns & other exotic garb

Dietary practices: vegetarianism, Jainism, yoga etc.

Christian Science

Wine at meals

Ecstasies (desirably) attending, eating the ~~body~~ & drinking the blood of Christ. Really, says the devout, the Host.

The campaigners. Impure
Kosher meats.

Characteristics of Effect Reception

Effect on Society

- Transcendence of verbal concepts
- " " space-time dimensions
- " " The ego or identity

Reachable by: sensory deprivation
yoga exercises
disciplined meditation

religious or aesthetic ecstasies
spontaneously

"Most recently they have become available to anyone through the ingestion of psychedelic drugs such as LSD, psilocybin, mescaline, DMT, etc."

i.e.

"Render unto Caesar"

~~While it is true, as the~~

The United States Constitution holds that ~~to~~ "one must render unto Caesar Those Things That are Caesar's and unto God Those Things That are God's" and Therefore it must be affirmed That while the freedom to worship is just that --- full freedom, ~~the obligation of citizenship demands that~~ men ~~must~~ ^{must} perform Their Obligations to the government too. If in the practice of one, a person is incapacitated for the practice of the other, the person must expect ~~sanctions and~~ ^{penalties} penalties, which are not for the purpose of persecuting his religion, but solely for getting done the job of government.

Therefore, it ^{Two Sides of the Coin} ~~must~~ be recognized That ~~sanctions keep what they are, it will be for~~ any religious practice ~~may result in~~ ^{which on} on one side of the coin may be thoroughly religious and may on ~~the other~~ ^{the other} side of the coin be marked ^{by coincidence} as anti-governmental. What is free as religion may be ^{as civic practice be} punished or discriminated ~~against as civic~~ against. It is not the task of the State to make Religion easy but only to ^{let} keep it ^{be} free. Hence if under the ~~spell of~~ government can cause a sect to construct its buildings so as to prevent the rise and spread of destructive flames, it can also ~~restrict~~ ^{stop} it.

control and restrict the ~~safe~~ spread of other ~~practices~~ dangerous activities. The State cannot punish a religion, but it can punish behaviors that may or may not be the results of religion. This has to be proven that it may ~~to appear hypocritical~~ & in some cases the nexus may be ~~very~~ direct.

Let us ^{for the moment} not speak of law. ~~for the moment~~ let us address certain predictable consequences of the religious practices known as _____.

A. In the event that the practice of the religion is ~~not~~ limited, ~~for reasons~~ for whatever reason, to a few persons.

B. In the event that the practice of the religion spreads to a great many - defined as whatever number is sufficient to affect the course of ~~public~~ ^{policy} ~~action~~ & social mores, should the practice be related to such policy & mores.

a. If for example two million persons take the option "available to anyone" to achieve the new religious state with the help of LSD, and so on once a week, the following would occur:

1. A shifting of selective service burdens.
2. A decline in crime rates.
3. A growing sense of anomie among the elite.
4. A decline in the arts and sciences.
5. An outspoken contempt for activist policies: ^{within, social,} ~~internat.~~

The easiness of religion thru LSD is paradoxical. -- Can easiness be punished. Cf. Christianity: apparently it became easy -- how? -- by faith extremely reinforced. Later by org. & ritual & monopoly. Does easiness make it wrong? Immoral? Is it wrong for the Catholics to make ecumenicalism easy? One can say yes to easy in this 1 instance but will be compelled to be self-contradictory in hundreds of other ~~matters~~^{questions} of material & spiritual nature where easiness is a desideratum.

Is not the case vs. X The case of another religion, if not statism; then populism, or communism, or Faustianism.

"Christ was a great social scientist, but not his followers. Some intellectuals say that their work has been helped by LSD. Possibly true for some, possibly true for some types of work, possibly true for the moment & under the conditions that a) defective ego use it. b) use is irregular. c) use is in environment that still is loaded towards achievement.

1. Of 20 million
all of a 1-5 exaggerated.

opium runn' China (imperialist trick)

Rehearsal for death -- p. 12 of Bk of Dead
-- of all religion & Christianity for

Zen - Tao

It is not for a religion to ^{order} tell a govt & its people when to ~~be down~~ ^{surrender or} die. It is for the govt & its people to decide, unless as that can be made a matter of decision.

As important as learning whether the drug is organically harmful is whether it is psychically "harmful." Now "harmful" in both senses is ultimately subjective: i.e.

a. Organically -- "Better ten years like a lion than 30 like a lamb" or vice versa or Nazi -- "Better a fearful end than an endless fear" -- or maybe death is a preference.

b. Psychically -- "Harmful" means what ^{produces} evil socially consequences. As determined by whom -- indivis, govt, authorities, public opinion, laws of God, etc.

Let us then try to say in what sense is LSD harmful:
~~LSD is harmful to us~~ 1. Physically -- if so then grounds for restriction.

2. Psychically -- if will to work?
lust unaltered?
if habit-forming?
if civil disobedience?
if ego destroying?

What is ego? Does LSD represent destruction of what already is the chief victim of our atomic society?
"Crisis of Identity"

1. X is a religious practice

2. X is a religion

3. But X has ~~as a practice has~~ ^{as a practice has} properties dangerous to the ~~state~~ individual practicing.

4. X " " " society.

5. X " " " government.

6. Query: If relig. practices are dangerous, ^{in 3, 4, 5 sense} has the govt. the rt to ~~destroy~~ ^{restrain} them?

- ~~7.~~
- a. Yes by precedent
 - b. Yes by necessity
 - c. No by "Truth" or "absolute" standards.

7. ~~Conclusion~~: A. Sup Ct has no rt to judge that X is a religion. ^{no organ of}
B. Govt. cannot presume to truth.
C. At same time, No govt. can protect an indiv. whose Truth entails his "ruin" in a practical sense: cannot have the best of both worlds. (e.g. The religion of violence is state)

8. If X is a religion, it must confront struggle.
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1. Initial social stages of strife
2. Secondary phase
3. Final Stages.

10 D. The Determiner of Conduct has to be
the representative gov (as ^{concerned as possible}).
D. To the extent That X is ^{i.e. At some point there must be a} successful
~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~destructive~~ destructive, it has to
be repressed.

1. This entails careful study & evidence.
2. This means advance prediction.
Cannot wait for it to succeed.

C. What The same comes to the 20
religion would be doing with, their
libido if it were not used in these
religious practices.

~~The~~ Greatest barriers to modern "communion" are
fake modesty, pride, cynicism, conditioning,
pre-disbelief. Can it be that The psychiatric
drugs have their sole effect in preparing for the loss
of the conventional ego? ~~Watch~~ Watch very
carefully for this. Would e.g. persons of a
"prepared ego-effacing" culture need this kind of stimulus
to "consciousness-expansion"?

The difference between a new religion and old-
religion by new techniques -- cf X w Billy
Graham.

A new religion confronts America. It is called
~~America confronts~~ tentatively _____. Its ~~points~~
~~and~~ ~~develops~~ and custodians come from the
social sciences. Its ~~points~~ ^{devotees are} priests are laymen to each
other.

Does it not have to be proven to be a religion?
We do not keep the frontier of the meaning of
a religion by its nature a keeping of the question.
Religion from any standpoint except the absolute truth,
a religion is ~~what~~ ^{how} people behave in ~~the~~ the name
of religion.

X enters ^{upon} the ^{contemporary} scene ^{at a critical stage and in a} ^{classical way} ~~within the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~
~~scope~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{unlike} ~~many~~ another sect arising
in the hills of West Virginia or the ~~old~~
grasslands of Africa, it cracks through the
maze of communications and connections at the
mode of advanced culture. Unlike every religion of
the ^{history} ~~past~~, its proselytes are the young, educated
and urbane. Altogether it deserves the closest watching
and understanding.

determination that the

It may be that the religious practice ~~itself~~
exists in itself

a. The greatest of state interventions
there could be. "Stamp of approval"
(corollary: hey, it has not the constitutional
right to declare any practice a religion!!)

all new belief ~~can~~ elicits a guiding a faith.

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Note the tremendous claims of Religion
X: To discover billion year old processes
(e.g. p 41)

meaning of the young membership of the movement.
= predominant state of the ego.

meaning of the social scientific nature.
(cf. Christian Science - a sect, not a religion. cf. New Testament
Matthew)

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cf. Relig. X w/ post (Hindu) & numerous cults
(Hindu). Since these could be presumed to
have the same effects, why were they not
recognized for what they were, ~~namely~~ instead
they promoted sad hatred, megalomania,
cannibalism, etc.

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Note: important fact: ~~the~~ X relies of
a state of mind already established (beatniks)
w an embryonic vocabulary (psyche language),
world view, etc. & Doesn't this too throw doubt
on the necessity of the drugs?

Do not X then Buddhism + quick conversion
mechanism (drugs)?

While one ~~do~~ try to stare off death, the
young voice the Book of the Dead to a holy book.
by cosmetics, medical, diet,
technology, stress
self-blinding,
& exotic
funereal
practices.

Struggle of the ego - marginal:

1. The Narcotic Bureau type who hate to expose their
unconscious & are committed to repressive steps & a
projection device.
2. Those who hope to find salvation thru ^{self-}projection &
even mutual libelation.

Suppose I suggest all religions adopt LSD to
see whether consciousness expanding can
serve all religion.

all groups, too, for that matter? cf. p. 111.

The guru, priest, lay-priest, "The psychedelic guide" p 108

(1st public communion of children)
The Announcement: In what respects specious,
in what regards impressive. Anyone can put on a
show & the more clever & educated people showmen, the
more letter perfect the show. Further than ~~and~~ this, we
~~the frame~~ must go behind the scenes — go to the source,
the setting, the promise, the future.

~~Frank Woodward~~
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"The Towards an Assessment of
Byzantine & Platonic Attitudes"

Suggestibility.

See Leary quote on p 45
re "Naked suggestibility."
Powerful attachments & repulsive
develop during psychedelic
sessions. All known relationships
are transcended. New ones are
possible."

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GOD, LAW, AND DRUGS

Quoting Adorno, Cohen, Leary et al,
Woodward writes "Psychedelics
allow one to release himself from the
rigid, or frozen core that is the basis
of attitudes, outlooks, and behavior, to
experience reality in a new context,
and to rebuild on new premises a
dynamic, integrated, and more
comfortable view of the world."
p.43.

also uses Rokeach.

This could be highly important in
creating a new construction of
ideology for world order.

Problem tho is the possible
loss of drive after the unfreezing
See Solomon (p.179) quote on p 44
"less concerned over the past & the
future."

Relig X

Psychedelic Religion can possibly
reach patience, something needed by

~~But~~ everywhere, ~~some~~ There is no
People chance of accomplishing all that people want.