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The Encyclopedia of Psychoactive Plants 2005-04-25 the most comprehensive guide to the botany history distribution and cultivation of all known psychoactive plants examines 414 psychoactive plants and related substances explores how using psychoactive plants in a culturally sanctioned context can produce important insights into the nature of reality contains 797 color photographs and 645 black and white illustrations in the traditions of every culture plants have been highly valued for their nourishing healing and transformative properties the most powerful plants those known to transport the human mind into other dimensions of consciousness have traditionally been regarded as sacred in the encyclopedia of psychoactive plants christian rätsch details the botany history distribution cultivation and preparation and dosage of more than 400 psychoactive plants he discusses their ritual and medicinal usage cultural artifacts made from these plants and works of art that either represent or have been inspired by them the author begins with 168 of the most well known psychoactives such as cannabis datura and papaver then presents 133 lesser known substances as well as additional plants known as legal highs plants known only from mythological contexts and literature and plant products that include substances such as ayahuasca incense and soma the text is lavishly illustrated with 797 color photographs many of which are from the author's extensive fieldwork around the world showing the people ceremonies and art related to the ritual use of the world's sacred psychoactives

Psychoactive Medicinal Plants and Fungal Neurotoxins 2020-02-22 this book provides a clear and comprehensive overview of psychoactive medicinal plants explaining in detail the species that are most commonly used in medicine and describing their mechanism of action the implicated toxin clinical manifestation and therapeutic role it explores the recent research in the area of psychoactive medicinal plants and fungal neurotoxins and presents the various biochemical pathways involved and the bioactive targets the book also discusses the current literature in the field including the latest methodology used to identify the active compounds their pharmacological and physiological properties along with their clinical efficacy compiling the most up to date information on major psychoactive medicinal plants and fungal neurotoxins the book covers all major classes of psychoactive drugs including stimulants cognitive enhancers sedatives and anxiolytics psychotherapeutic herbs analgesics and anesthetic plants hallucinogens and cannabis

Hallucinogenic Plants 2021-04-25 what are hallucinogenic plants how do they affect mind and body who uses them and why this unique golden guide surveys the role of psychoactive plants in primitive and civilized societies from early times to the present the first nontechnical guide to both the cultural significance and physiological effects of hallucinogens hallucinogenic plants will fascinate general readers and students of anthropology and history as well as botanists and other specialists all of the wild and cultivated species considered are illustrated in brilliant full color a brilliant accompaniment to r g wasson's soma divine mushroom of immortality and r g wasson's wondrous mushroom

Plants Affecting Human Mind 2009 contains more than hundred of psychoactive plants species with phytoconstituents unique tool for extraction isolation and standardisation of phytochemicals recent information of medicinal plants for maternal healthcare and cardiovascular activities illustrative figures chemical structures and preclinical techniques for the evaluation of psychoactive plants are included unique basic guidelines to researchers and scientific reporting

Psychoactive Plants 2017 for all those who might like to believe that drug use has been relegated to the suburban rec rooms and ghetto crack houses of the late twentieth century the encyclopedia of psychoactive substances offers shocking yet thoroughly enlightening evidence to the contrary in fact from neolithic man to queen victoria humans have abused all sorts of drugs in the name of religion tradition and recreation including such controlled substances as chocolate lettuce and toads from glue sniffing to lsd to kava the encyclopedia of psychoactive substances provides the first reliable comprehensive exploration of this fascinating and controversial topic with over one hundred entries acclaimed author richard rudgley covers not only the chemical and botanical background of each substance but its physiological and psychological effect on the user of particular value is rudgley's emphasis on the historical and cultural role of these mind altering substances impeccably researched and hugely entertaining the encyclopedia of psychoactive substances will appeal to anyone interested in one of the most misunderstood and yet also most widespread of human activities the chemical quest for an altered state of consciousness

The Encyclopedia of Psychoactive Substances 2014-11-25 this pioneering study of psychoactive plants and their role in society initially published in 1855 is one of the first books to examine the cultivation preparation and consumption of the world's major stimulants and inebriants it presents a fascinating panorama of the world wide use of psychoactive plants in

the nineteenth century

Plant Intoxicants 1995-02 techniques for cultivation and harvesting hallucinogenic and psychoactive plants written in careful detail by an expert horticulturist this hard to obtain cult classic is once again available glossary

Growing the Hallucinogens 2009-06-15 explores the substance and history of such mind altering substances as cocaine kava coffee ether morphine glue toads and chocolate

The Encyclopaedia of Psychoactive Substances 1999 india due to its unique variety of geographical and climatic factors has had a rich and varied flora of medicinal value since the vedic period the trade structure of the medicinal plants is practically very complex and diverse drug usage in human cultures is very ancient and was often associated with religious and cultural ceremonies and customs the most prevalent psychoactive drugs in preindustrial times were hallucinogenic plants also classified as psychotropic substances in this book the author has given a vivid description and cultivation procedure of these hallucinogenic and narcotic drug producing medicinal plants most of these plants are the good sources of medicine food and fiber one of the main objectives of this book is to motivate and guide those farmers who want to grow these plants in their already existing agricultural fields for their economic benefit

Psychoactive Medicinal Plants 2006 the instant new york times bestseller a washington post notable book one of npr s best books of the year expert storytelling pollan masterfully elevates a series of big questions about drugs plants and humans that are likely to leave readers thinking in new ways new york times book review from 1 new york times bestselling author michael pollan a radical challenge to how we think about drugs and an exploration into the powerful human attraction to psychoactive plants and the equally powerful taboos of all the things humans rely on plants for sustenance beauty medicine fragrance flavor fiber surely the most curious is our use of them to change consciousness to stimulate or calm fiddle with or completely alter the qualities of our mental experience take coffee and tea people around the world rely on caffeine to sharpen their minds but we do not usually think of caffeine as a drug or our daily use as an addiction because it is legal and socially acceptable so then what is a drug and why for example is making tea from the leaves of a tea plant acceptable but making tea from a seed head of an opium poppy a federal crime in this is your mind on plants michael pollan dives deep into three plant drugs opium caffeine and mescaline and throws the fundamental strangeness and arbitrariness of our thinking about them into sharp relief exploring and participating in the cultures that have grown up around these drugs while consuming or in the case of caffeine trying not to consume them pollan reckons with the powerful human attraction to psychoactive plants why do we go to such great lengths to seek these shifts in consciousness and then why do we fence that universal desire with laws and customs and fraught feelings in this unique blend of history science and memoir as well as participatory journalism pollan examines and experiences these plants from several very different angles and contexts and shines a fresh light on a subject that is all too often treated reductively as a drug whether licit or illicit but that is one of the least interesting things you can say about these plants pollan shows for when we take them into our bodies and let them change our minds we are engaging with nature in one of the most profound ways we can based in part on an essay published almost twenty five years ago this groundbreaking and singular consideration of psychoactive plants and our attraction to them through time holds up a mirror to our fundamental human needs and aspirations the operations of our minds and our entanglement with the natural world

Growing the Hallucinogens 1976 find out how plant derived drugs react with your brain to produce either healing or harmful results the concise handbook of psychoactive herbs will give you a better understanding of herbal products that have psychological effects the book explores how they work how effective they are and what is known about their safety geared towards non specialist professionals and curious individuals this guide shows how herbal preparations can affect the brain mental state and behavior of a user and includes treatment methods tables illustrations a glossary and a bibliography the concise handbook of psychoactive herbs contains chapters on several types of psychoactive herbs including stimulants cognition enhancers sedatives painkillers hallucinogens with the concise handbook of psychoactive herbs you ll examine the effects of psychoactive drugs on the nervous system both positive and negative each chapter discusses a type of herbal medicine its action on the brain and other systems of the body side effects and the potential for addiction the book closely examines possible drug interactions with prescription medications and emphasizes the caution you need to take when using herbal health products in the concise handbook of psychoactive herbs you will learn about the psychoactive actions of such medicinal plants as coffee tobacco cannabis ginseng chamomile cocoa opium poppy peyote ginkgo biloba

This Is Your Mind on Plants 2021-07-06 examines the uses of different types of flowering plants as drugs and hallucinogens in folklore religious ceremonies and other nonmedical areas
Psychoactive plants 1988 a richly photographed and information packed tool for the novice or handy reference for the veteran basic illustrated poisonous and harmful plants distills years of knowledge into an affordable visual guide whether planning a trip or thumbing for facts in the field with this updated guide you ll discover how to identify and avoid poisonous harmful and psychoactive plants in the contiguous united states basic illustrated poisonous and psychoactive plants identifies wild and cultivated plants that are toxic and dangerous psychoactive allergenic inflammatory

Concise Handbook of Psychoactive Herbs 2013-10-31 three scientific titans join forces to completely revise the classic text on the ritual uses of psychoactive plants they provide a fascinating testimony of these plants of the gods tracing their uses throughout the world and their significance in shaping culture and history in the traditions of every culture plants have been highly valued for their nourishing healing and transformative properties the most powerful of those plants which are known to transport the human mind into other dimensions of consciousness have always been regarded as sacred the authors detail the uses of hallucinogens in sacred shamanic rites while providing lucid explanations of the biochemistry of these plants and the cultural prayers songs and dances associated with them

Flowering Plants 1986 psychedelics are more popular than ever before that s why it s more important than ever to educate people on what safe use looks like this book will explain the history of mind altering plants and fungi by understanding why psychedelic plants were valued through history we get a better idea of where they fit into the modern world and how to use them wisely people who suffer from end of life anxiety or mental illnesses like ptsd depression and addictions are finding relief because of psychedelic experiences offered by drugs like psilocybin and mdma what s more many places have begun to decriminalize the personal use of psychedelics and other drugs why did early humans eat psilocybin mushrooms what does lsd have to do with ancient greece what was found inside egyptian mummies what does a micro dose do where does weed come from how can a drug be spiritual the world is full of psychoactive plants and fungi many of them were used as far back as recorded history goes
Narcotic Plants 1979 by richard evans schultes harvard university cambridge massachusetts and albert hofmann basel switzerland with forewords by i newton kugelmass and henrich klüber the second edition of this book encompasses all of the advances that have been made in this field since publication of the original text newly discovered hallucinogenic plants have been incorporated into the discussions along with new information on some well known drugs the authors continue to focus on the botany and chemistry of hallucinogens although they also consider ethnobotanical historical pharmacological and psychological aspects initial chapters delineate definition botanical distribution and structural types of hallucinogenic plants plants of known possible and dubious hallucinogenic potential are then covered in separate sections the bibliography for this new edition has been enlarged to accommodate all of the recent activity in botanical and chemical investigation of psychoactive plants readers will also appreciate the excellent illustrations that accompany the text

Basic Illustrated Poisonous and Psychoactive Plants 2014-05-06 by richard evans schultes harvard university cambridge massachusetts and albert hofmann basel switzerland with forewords by i newton kugelmass and henrich klüber the second edition of this book encompasses all of the advances that have been made in this field since publication of the original text newly discovered hallucinogenic plants have been incorporated into the discussions along with new information on some well known drugs the authors continue to focus on the botany and chemistry of hallucinogens although they also consider ethnobotanical historical pharmacological and psychological aspects initial chapters delineate definition botanical distribution and structural types of hallucinogenic plants plants of known possible and dubious hallucinogenic potential are then covered in separate sections the bibliography for this new edition has been enlarged to accommodate all of the recent activity in botanical and chemical investigation of psychoactive plants readers will also appreciate the excellent illustrations that accompany the text

Hallucinogenic Plants of North America 1976 23 leading experts reveal the ways that psychoactive plants allow nature s voice to speak to humans and what this communication means for our future presents the specific human plant interconnection revealed by visionary plants explores the relevance of plant induced visions and shamanic teachings to humanity s environmental crisis with contributions from terence mckenna andrew weil wade davis michael pollan alex grey jeremy narby katsi cook john mohawk kat harrison and others visionary plants have long served indigenous peoples and their shamans as enhancers of perception thinking and healing these plants can also be important guides to the reality of the natural world and how

we can live harmoniously in it in visionary plant consciousness editor j p harpignies has gathered presentations from the bioneers annual conference of environmental and social visionaries that explore how plant consciousness affects the human condition twenty three leading ethnobotanists anthropologists medical researchers and cultural and religious figures such as terence mckenna andrew weil wade davis michael pollan alex grey jeremy narby katsi cook john mohawk and kat harrison among others present their understandings of the nature of psychoactive plants and their significant connection to humans what they reveal is that these plants may help us access the profound intelligence in nature the mind of nature that we must learn to understand in order to survive our ecologically destructive way of life

Plants of the Gods 2015-01-07 psychoactive plant use research has been gaining momentum over the last century around the world particularly in the americas despite this africa has been considered in the literature to be poor in psychoactive plants how can this be given the rich floral and cultural diversity found on the continent are african traditional healers using visionary entheogenic plants in order to assist their spiritual healing practices this is the research question jean francois sobiecki an ethnobotanist and herbalist asked in 1999 that set him off on a personal journey to explore african traditional medicine plants and their psychoactive uses what resulted from this study is an inventory of over 300 species of plants being documented for psychoactive purposes in african traditional medicine the first comprehensive inventory of psychoactive plants from the continent this includes plants with sedative stimulant memory enhancing and visionary entheogenic uses amongst others for treating various conditions such as alzheimer s dementia insomnia epilepsy stress anxiety and depression sobiecki also demonstrates that there is a cross cultural technology of using the same categories of initiation plants by both the african traditional healers and amazonian curandero healers in order to take the initiate traditional healer through a process of self enquiry self development and potential self mastery what does this tell us about psychoactive plants ability to heal the mind and how does this psychoactive plant technology extend to other areas of the world following his 15 year apprenticeship with his teacher northern sotho diviner mrs letty maponya sobiecki gives an account of his plant medicine initiation in becoming an inyanga or traditional herbalist and the insights he learnt about healing along the path african psychoactive plants is a foundational text that offers practical guidance on shamanic dietas and informs the reader of how one can engage and apply the four major categories of initiation plant medicines a must have for any initiate or practicing healer as well as the spiritual seeker the book highlights african and other global psychoactive plants indispensable for boosting health cognitive performance and well being outlines steps and stages involved in the african traditional medicine initiation as well as elaborating on the use of african plant teacher medicine called ubulawu such as silene capensis or the xhosa dream root to enhance dreaming and divination join sobiecki on his phytoalchemy journey as he unlocks the healing gifts of the african psychoactive plants the vision he has of creating healing gardens to conserve these invaluable plants into the future and the plants role in creating an integrated planet

Magical Plants 2021-01-14 a well founded and presented description of the integral role that psychoactive substances played in ancient societies a unique addition to ancient history collections choice very informative well referenced and well illustrated latin american antiquity a diverse and interesting introduction to the evidence for psychoactive use in the past including consideration of the physical techniques and interpretative methods for understanding these practices journal of psychedelic studies this well researched and fascinating volume not only demonstrates the important cultural role of psychoactive substances in ancient societies but also points the way to an emerging research field the unveiling of the past history of drug use becomes a lesson for present day society jan g bruhn founding editor journal of ethnopharmacology presents a broad overview of drug plants and fermented beverages by using anthropological ethnological archaeological iconographic chemical and botanical approaches essential reading elisa guerra doce author of drugs in prehistory archaeological evidence of the use of psychoactive substances in europe mind altering substances have been used by humans for thousands of years in fact ancient societies sometimes encouraged the consumption of drugs focusing on the archaeological study of how various entheogens have been used in the past this volume examines why humans have social and psychological needs for these substances contributors trace the long term use of drugs in ancient cultures and highlight the ways they evolved from being sacred to recreational in more modern times by analyzing evidence of these substances across a diverse range of ancient cultures the contributors explore how and why past civilizations harvested manufactured and consumed drugs case studies examine the use of stimulants narcotics and depressants by hunter gatherers who roamed africa and eurasia prehistoric communities in north and south america and

maya kings and queens offering perspectives from many different fields of study contributors illustrate the wide variety of sources and techniques that can provide information about materials that are often invisible to archaeologists they use advanced biomolecular procedures to identify alkaloids and resins on cups pipes and other artifacts they interpret paintings on vases and discuss excavations of breweries and similar sites uncovering signs of drugs including ayahuasca peyote ephedra cannabis tobacco yaupon vilca and maize and molle beer they explain how psychoactive substances were integral to interpersonal relationships religious practices and social cohesion in antiquity scott m fitzpatrick professor of archaeology at the university of oregon is coeditor of island shores distant pasts archaeological and biological approaches to the pre columbian settlement of the caribbean contributors quetta kaye victor d thompson thomas j pluckhahn sean rafferty mark merlin matt sayre constantino manuel torres zuzana chovanec jennifer a loughmiller newman justin jennings daniel m seinfeld shannon tushingham scott m fitzpatrick

The Botany and Chemistry of Hallucinogens 2014-05-14 the origins of modern religion in human sacrifice ritual cannibalism visionary intoxication and the cult of the dead explores ancient practices of producing sacred hallucinogenic foods and oils from the bodies of the dead for ritual consumption and religious anointing explains how these practices are deeply embedded in the symbolism theology and sacraments of modern religion specifically christianity and the eucharist documents the rites of cults of the dead from the prehistoric minoans on crete to the ancient egyptians greeks and hebrews to early and medieval christian sects such as the cathars long before the beginnings of civilization humans have been sacrificed and their flesh used to produce sacred foods and oils for use in religious rites originating with the sacred harvest of hallucinogenic mushrooms from the corpses of shamans and other holy men these acts of ritual cannibalism and visionary intoxication are part of the history of all cultures including judeo christian ones and provided a way to commune with the dead these practices continued openly into the dark ages when they were suppressed and adapted into the worship of saintly bones or continued in secret by a few heretical sects such as the cathars and the knights templar while little known today these rites remain deeply embedded in the symbolism theology and sacraments of modern religion and bring a much more literal meaning to the church s holy communion or symbolic consumption of the body and blood of christ documenting the sacrificial cannibalistic and psychoactive sacramental practices associated with the cult of the dead from the prehistoric minoans on crete to the ancient egyptians and hebrews and onward to early and medieval christian sects earl lee shows how these religious rites influenced the development of western religion in particular he reveals how christianity originated with jesus s effort to restore the sacred rites of moses including the marzeah or feast for the dead examining the connections between these rites and the mysterious funeral of father saunier in rennes le château the author explains why the prehistoric cult of the dead has held such power over western civilization so much so that its echoes are still heard today in our literature film and arts

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Visionary Plant Consciousness 2007-03-21 written by respected professors of botany and pharmaceutical biology this is the definitive account of plants and mushrooms used for poison darts traditional medicine ceremonial and spiritual purposes and recreational drugs hazardous plants are commonly used as garden ornamentals potted plants or florist flowers yet many people are unaware of the dangers posed by the toxins derived from them in addition to exploring plants that are ingested the authors also treat plants that cause irritation and inflammation of the skin and mucous membranes a special focus is given to psychoactive plants which can have stimulant sedative hypnotic narcotic or hallucinogenic properties these include coca opium cannabis and scopolamine mind altering and poisonous plants of the world is a must for gardeners farmers veterinarians botanists pharmacists chemists doctors and poison control centers

[African Psychoactive Plants](#) 2023-07-13 the most comprehensive guide to the botany pharmacology cultural ritual and personal use of erotically stimulating substances from antiquity to the present day details the use preparation and dosage of more than 400 plant animal mineral and synthetic substances both common and exotic as well as their botany science and legal status explores the historical and present use of aphrodisiacs and their role in sexual practices culture and art richly illustrated throughout with more than 800 color photographs the culmination of more than 30 years of cultural anthropological and scientific research this encyclopedia examines the botany pharmacology history preparation dosage and practical use of

more than 400 erotically stimulating substances from antiquity to the present day from plants and animals that enhance fertility and virility like celery snails or oysters to substances that induce arousal like ephedra opium or cannabis the encyclopedia is richly illustrated with more than 800 color photographs many of which are from the authors extensive fieldwork around the world exploring individual medicinal and ritual use through historic and contemporary artwork personal accounts and literature as well as ayurvedic tantric shamanic and european folklore practices and recent pharmacological research the authors look at the revolving cycle of acceptance and condemnation of aphrodisiacs the qualities that incur the label of aphrodisiac the role of mind and setting and the different ways aphrodisiacs stimulate desire either physically through the senses and vital organs or mentally through heightened awareness and altered consciousness this comprehensive guide reveals these remedies of the love goddess as holy remedies whose proper use can help reestablish harmony with oneself one's partner and the universe

Ancient Psychoactive Substances 2020-03-17 a compilation of current scientific knowledge about psychoactive herbal drugs virtually all cultures consume drugs from psychoactive plants caffeine for example is probably the most common stimulant in the world and many modern medicines such as morphine and codeine are derived from plant sources in these cases scientific research has revealed the composition of the plants and how they interact with the nervous system there are also many herbal medications with reputed therapeutic value that have not yet gained acceptance into mainstream medicine partly because there has not been enough research to support their usefulness instead they are regarded as alternative medicines this is an active research area however and many current studies are focusing on identifying the active components pharmacological properties physiological effects and clinical efficacy of herbal medicines this book compiles and integrates the most up to date information on the major psychoactive herbal medicines that is herbal medicines that alter mind brain and behavior it focuses particularly on the effects on various areas of cognition including attention learning and memory the book covers all major classes of psychoactive drugs including stimulants cognitive enhancers sedatives and anxiolytics psychotherapeutic herbs analgesics and anesthetic plants hallucinogens and cannabis

From the Bodies of the Gods 2012-05-16 cannabis has accompanied the development of human culture from its very beginnings christian ratsch profiles the medicinal historical and cultural uses of cannabis throughout the world and includes remedies and recipes for using cannabis to treat specific conditions

Psychedelic Notebook 2019-12-11 delving deep into the world of psychoactive plants including ayahuasca pharmako gnosis serves as a comprehensive and standalone guide celebrated by readers as a modern classic this is a must have for anyone interested in the science history and lore of psychoactive substances in this third and final volume of the pharmako trilogy dale pendell embarks on a captivating journey through the botanical and cultural landscapes of a diverse array of mind altering teachers from plant based psychedelic substances to their synthetic derivatives pendell illuminates each with an erudition and playful wit uniquely his own he delves into the worlds of traditional use and modern interpretations of substances such as amanita muscaria ayahuasca banisteriopsis caapi blowfish puffer fish tetradontidae bufo alvarius iboga tabernanthe iboga jurema mimosa hostilis ketamine kratom mitragynia speciosa mescal bean sophora secundiflora morning glory ipomoea rivea spp peyote psilocybe teonanacatl san pedro cactus tropane alkaloids peganum harmala pharmako gnosis offers more than a mere historical or pharmacological background of these substances pendell delves into the nuances of each substance's effect on consciousness with a poetic finesse bringing to life our profound and intricate relationship with these potent compounds he approaches the topic with genuine curiosity acknowledging the transformative power these substances wield over individuals societies and cultures the narrative enriched by a wealth of quotations from acclaimed writers is as intoxicating as the substances it explores brewing a unique literary concoction taking the reader beyond the confines of traditional scientific discourse pendell's distinctive narrative style weaves in personal experiences anecdotal evidence and a profound sense of the sacred resulting in a reading experience that is as deeply engaging as it is informative

Mind-altering and Poisonous Plants of the World 2008 the definitive work on the ancient hindu soma rituals mentioned in the vedas and debated by scholars for decades the first book to identify the mysterious soma plant a breakthrough book that reenvisioned the role of psychoactive plants in religion soma has been shrouded in mystery for centuries it is simultaneously a sacred hallucinogenic plant used in secret rituals a personified god and an important cosmological principle summarizing all previous research on the subject david spess goes far beyond his predecessors and shows that soma provides an important key to the

understanding of the earliest systemized methods of medicine psychology magic rejuvenation longevity and alchemy most significant is that his intensive research provides the most compelling case yet for actual identification of the plants that served as the basis for the divine hallucinogen nelumbo nucifera the sacred lotus of india as well as some members of the nymphaea genus with the renewed interest in the ritual use of psychoactive substances shamanism psychic phenomena and alternative modalities of healing soma provides a much needed bridge between eastern and western esoteric traditions contained within the enigmatic verses about soma in the rig veda is a secret about ourselves and the nature of our relationship to the world and cosmos soma makes this knowledge available to us once again

The Encyclopedia of Aphrodisiacs 2013-02-03 a nontechnical examination of the physiological effects and cultural significance of hallucinogenic plants used in ancient and modern societies

The Psychopharmacology of Herbal Medicine 2001-06-08 this paperback edition has a new introduction by the author and updated content this is the second volume of north atlantic books updated paperback edition of dale pendell s pharmako trilogy an encyclopedic study of the history and uses of psychoactive plants and related synthetics first published between 1995 and 2005 the books form an interrelated suite of works that provide the reader with a unique reliable and often personal immersion in this medically culturally and spiritually fascinating subject all three books are beautifully designed and illustrated and are written with unparalleled authority erudition playfulness and range pharmako dynamis stimulating plants potions and herbcraft includes a new introduction by the author and as in previous editions focuses on stimulants including coffee tea chocolate and coca and its derivatives and empathogens notably ecstasy each substance is explored in detail not only with information on its history pharmacology preparation and cultural and esoteric correspondences but also the subtleties of each plant s effect on consciousness in a way that only poets can do the whole concoction is sprinkled with abundant quotations from famous writers creating a literary brew as intoxicating as its subject the pharmako series also includes pharmako poeia which covers tobacco alcohol cannabis opiates salvia divinorum and other substances and pharmako gnosis which addresses psychedelics and shamanic plants

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Pharmako/Gnosis, Revised and Updated 2010-09-28 the first comprehensive guide to oneirogens naturally occurring substances that induce and enhance dreaming includes extensive monographs on dream enhancing substances derived from plant animal and human sources presents the results of scientific experiments on the effects of using oneirogens shows how studies in this area of ethnobotany can yield a scientific understanding of the mysterious mechanism of dreams oneirogens are plant and animal substances that have long been used to facilitate powerful and productive dreaming from the beginning of civilization dreams have guided the inner and outer life of human beings both in relation to each other and to the divine for centuries shamans have employed oneirogens in finding meaning and healing in their dreams drugs of the dreaming details the properties and actions of these dream allies establishing ethnobotanical profiles for 35 oneirogens including those extracted from organic sources such as calea zacatechichi dream herb or leaf of the god salvia divinorum and a variety of plants from north and south america and the pacific used in shamanic practices as well as synthetically derived oneirogens they explain the historical use of each oneirogen its method of action and what light it sheds on the scientific mechanism of dreaming they conclude that oneirogens enhance the comprehensibility and facility of the dream dreamer relationship and hold a powerful key for

discerning the psychological needs and destinies of dreamers in the modern world
Soma 2000-08-01 this is the third and final volume of north atlantic books hard cover edition of dale pendell's pharmako trilogy an encyclopedic study of the history and uses of psychoactive plants and related synthetics first published between 1995 and 2005 the books form an interrelated suite of works that provide the reader with a unique reliable and often personal immersion in this medically culturally and spiritually fascinating subject all three books are beautifully designed and illustrated and are written with unparalleled authority erudition playfulness and range pharmako gnosis plant teachers and the poison path focuses on plant based and derivative psychedelic teachers including ayahuasca peyote lsd and dmt and on the poison path of substances such as belladonna ketamine and ibogaine each substance is explored in detail not only with information on its history pharmacology preparation and cultural and esoteric correspondences but also the subtleties of each plant's effect on consciousness in a way that only poets can do the whole concoction is sprinkled with abundant quotations from famous writers creating a literary brew as intoxicating as its subject the pharmako series includes the predecessor volumes pharmako poeia which covers tobacco alcohol cannabis opiates salvia divinorum and other substances and pharmako dynamis focusing on stimulants and empaths

Hallucinogenic Plants 1977-01-01 this book provides a broad reference covering important drugs of abuse including amphetamines opiates and steroids it also covers psychoactive plants such as caffeine peyote and psilocybin it provides chemical structures analytical methods clinical features and treatments of these drugs of abuse serving as a highly useful in depth supplement to a general medical toxicology book the style allows for the easy application of the contents to searchable databases and other electronic products making this an essential resource for practitioners in medical toxicology industrial hygiene occupational medicine pharmaceuticals environmental organizations pathology and related fields

Pharmako/Dynamis, Revised and Updated 2010-09-28

Pharmako/Poeia, Revised and Updated 2010-09-28

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