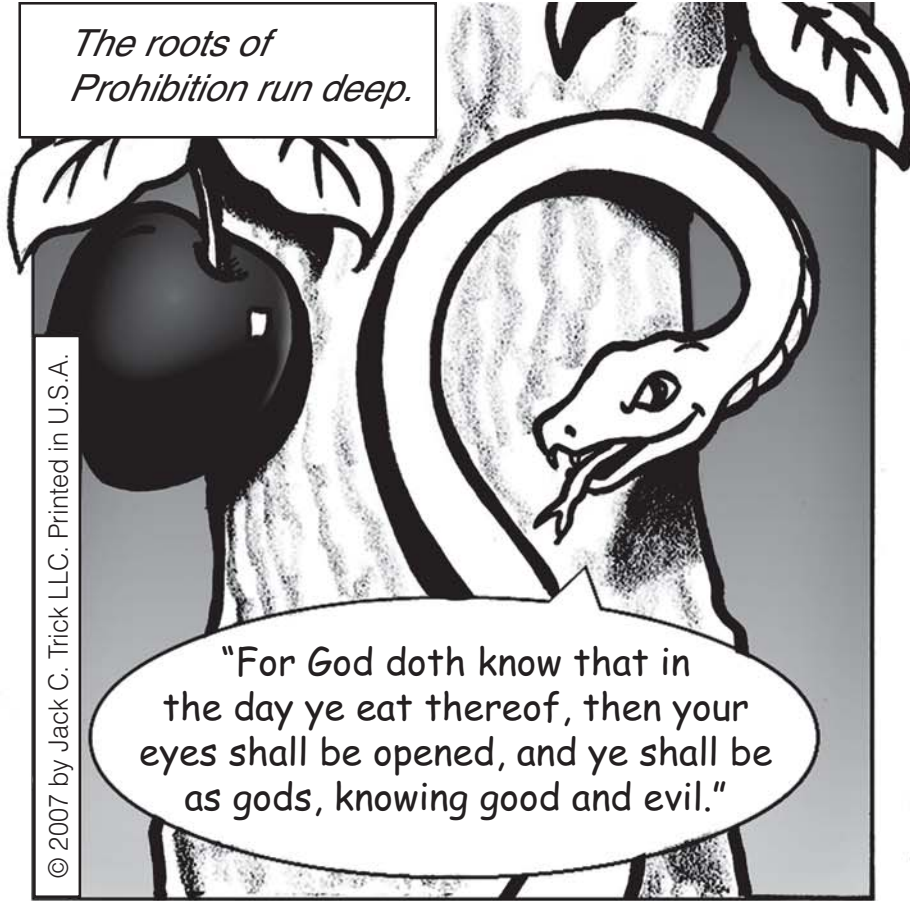




# ADAM & EVIL?!

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*The roots of  
Prohibition run deep.*



"For God doth know that in  
the day ye eat thereof, then your  
eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be  
as gods, knowing good and evil."

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*And once their eyes were opened, they  
discovered something even more interesting...*

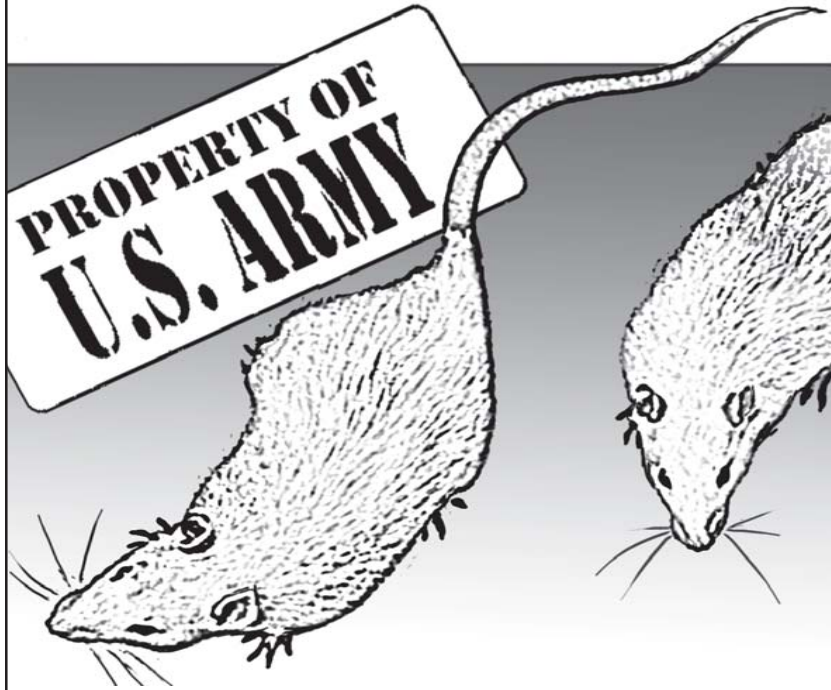


*Fast forward to Christmas Eve of 1912,  
when a new savior is born...*



The German pharmaceutical company Merck files a procedure patent that mentions 3,4-methylenedioxyamphetamine (MDMA) and 3,4-methylenedioxyamphetamine (MDA) as intermediate chemicals used in a novel synthesis of clotting agents.

While investigating drugs for use in chemical warfare in 1953, the United States Army studies MDMA, MDA, and other psychedelics in animals.



That same year an Army-contracted physician experimentally injects a psych patient with a fatal overdose of 500 milligrams of MDA.

In 1959, UCLA psychopharmacologist Gordon Alles reports on the effects of orally consumed MDA.



After taking a total of 126 mg, he describes hallucinating diaphanous smoke rings in the air.

While working for Dow Chemical, Alexander “Sasha” Shulgin investigates psychedelics. He first synthesizes MDMA in 1965, but he doesn’t try it himself until some years later.



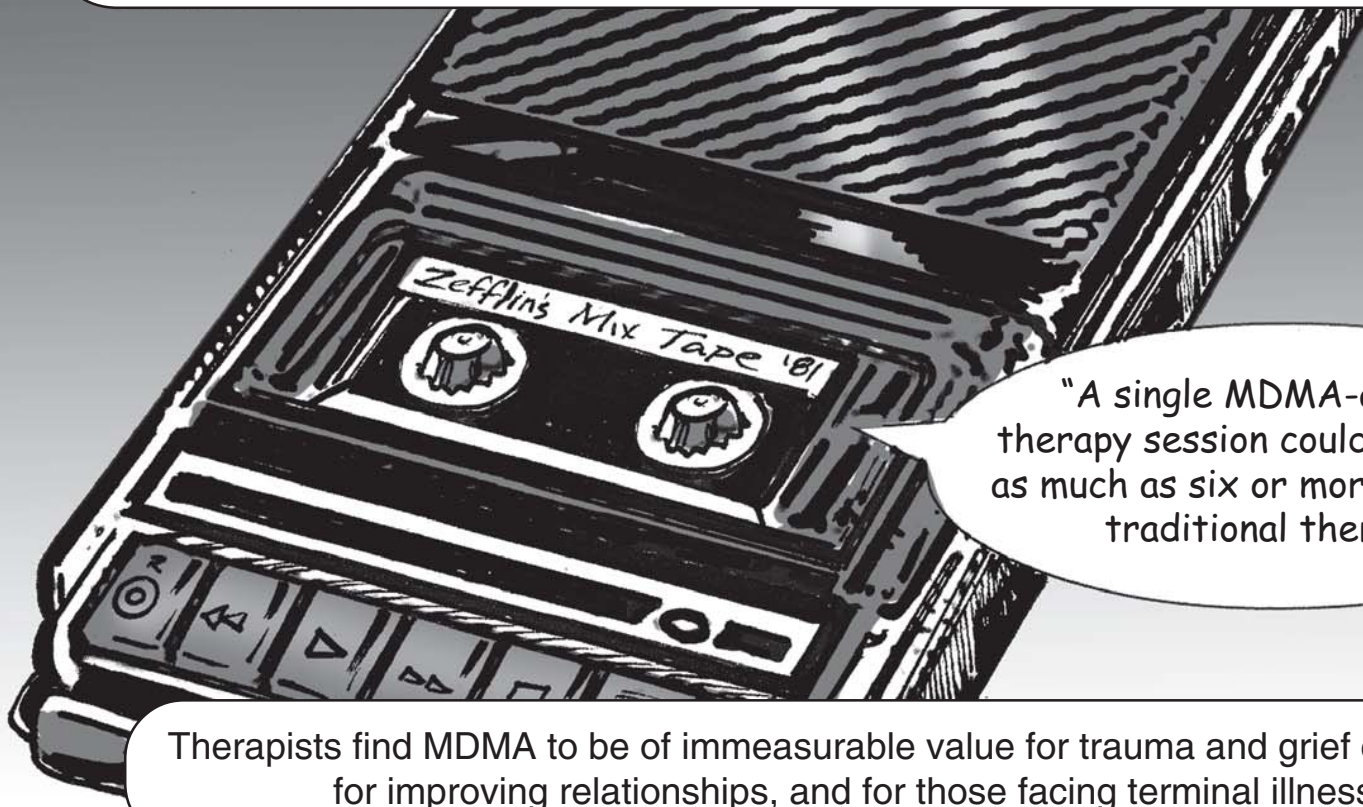
He finds it offers him an undistorted “window” into his inner and outer realms. His friends try it and have similarly positive results.

One such friend, the elderly psychologist Leo Zeff, tries some of Shulgin's MDMA in 1977.\* He immediately dismisses his plans for a quiet retirement and spends the next decade turning on hundreds of other therapists. Zeff calls the drug "Adam," as he feels that it strips away ego defense mechanisms, returning the user to a primordial state of innocence.



\*That same year Shulgin tries a psychoactive dose of his own chemical spin-off of MDMA, 3,4-methylenedioxy-N-ethylamphetamine (MDE), which later becomes known as "Eve" in the underground.

In 1981 researchers Myron and Jean Stolaroff interview Zeff, recording his techniques.

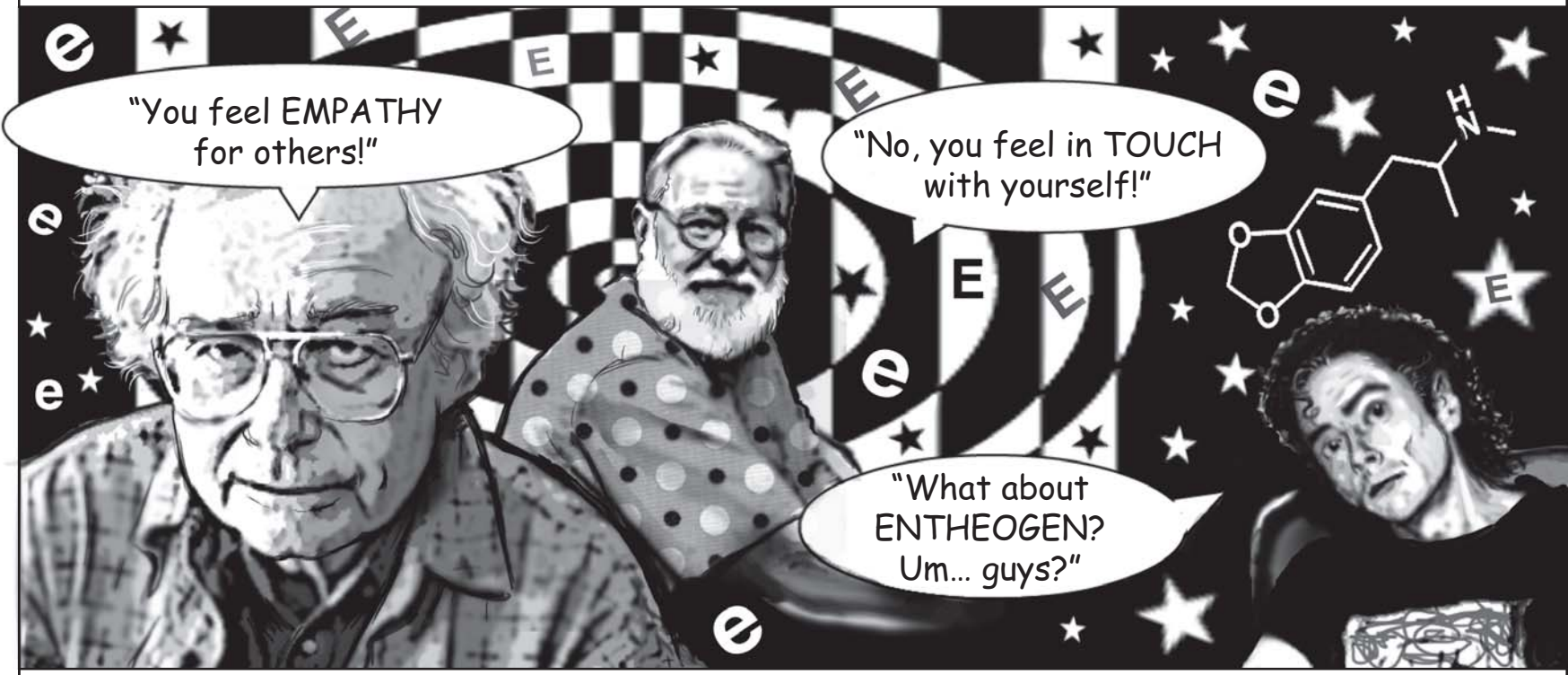


"A single MDMA-assisted therapy session could accomplish as much as six or more months of traditional therapy."

Therapists find MDMA to be of immeasurable value for trauma and grief counseling, for improving relationships, and for those facing terminal illness.



Some experts feel that the term “psychedelic” doesn’t accurately describe MDMA’s effects...



“You feel **EMPATHY**  
for others!”

“No, you feel in **TOUCH**  
with yourself!”

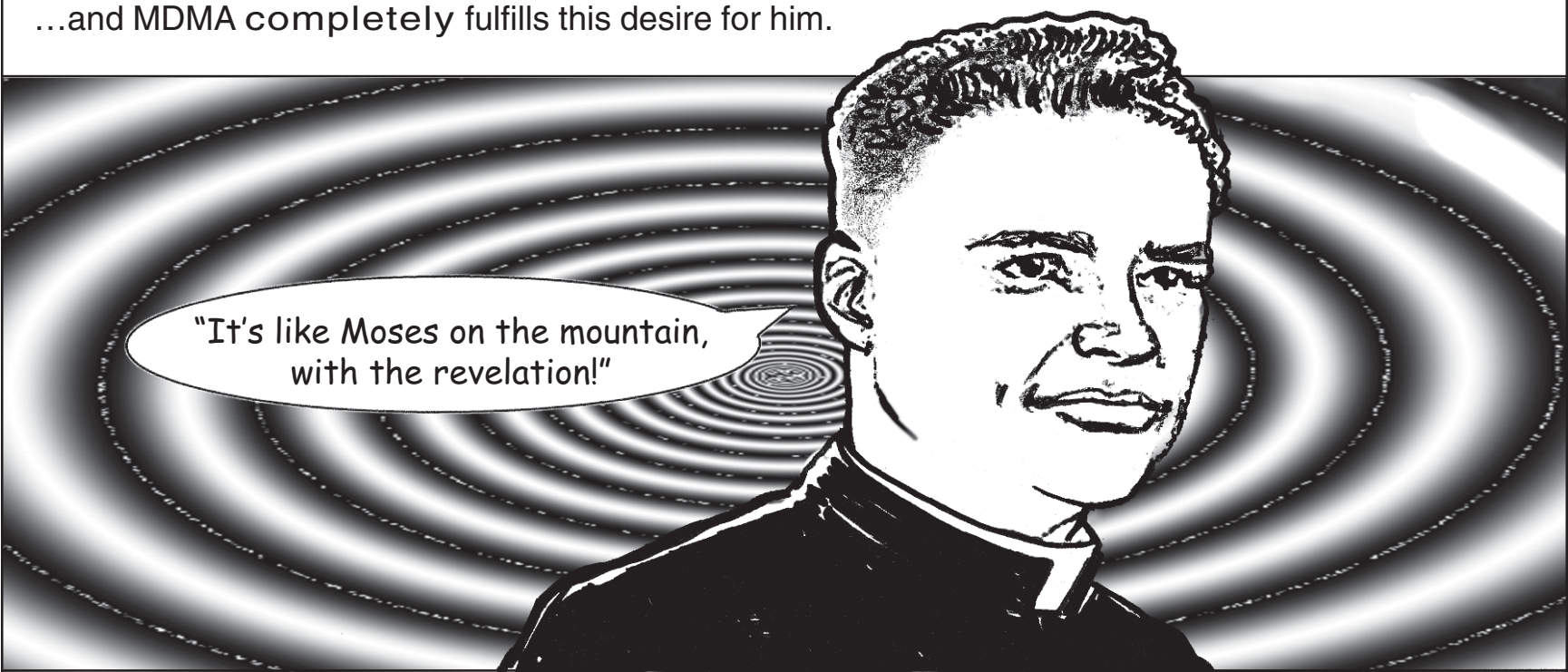
“What about  
**ENTHEOGEN**?  
Um... guys?”

...Ralph Metzner proposes “empathogen” in 1983. David Nichols suggests “entactogen” in 1986.

And indeed, MDMA's effects can be profoundly spiritual. A Benedictine monk describes MDMA as "opening a direct link with God." A rabbi recalls his "great delight of loving the universe and feeling loved by the universe." A Buddhist monk expresses that MDMA helped him to become enlightened. And the Indian guru Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's followers start to distribute the drug internationally.



Catholic priest Michael Clegg had spent his whole life wanting to know the thoughts of God...  
...and MDMA completely fulfills this desire for him.



"It's like Moses on the mountain,  
with the revelation!"

Clegg christens MDMA with the name "Ecstasy," and begins his mission to get it to the whole world.

MDMA's popularity increases. While 10,000 doses are estimated to have been consumed across America in 1976, by the mid-1980s Clegg is flooding the city of Dallas with nearly 500,000 doses per month.\* Pills can be purchased at nightclubs using a credit card, making Clegg a millionaire.



\*ABC News. Other sources have estimated 30,000 pills per month.

*The San Francisco Chronicle* reports on “The Yuppie Psychedelic” in June of 1984.

On July 27 of that same year the DEA announces its intention to make MDMA illegal.

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## THE YUPPIE PSYCHEDELIC

LOS ANGELES -- Club goers dub it the love drug. College students call it the hug drug. Federal regulators label it downright dangerous.

It's widely known as Ecstasy, a cousin to hallucinogens and amphetamines that is said to enhance emotional well-being. Banned by the Food



By August, the DEA has received letters requesting a hearing from professor Thomas Roberts, chemist Dave Nichols, psychiatrist George Greer, and many others.

On April 25, 1985, the *Donahue Show* points out the benefits of MDMA therapy, while acknowledging the increase in recreational use.




"It makes you love everybody!  
Now who *doesn't* want to take Ecstasy?!"



The DEA quickly institutes an "emergency" one-year ban on MDMA.

MDMA's legal status ping-pongs over the next few years. The DEA ignores their Judge Francis Young's hearing recommendation, and MDMA is ultimately placed into Schedule I.

"It *should* be in Schedule III."



Schedule I			
Substance	DEA Number	Non Narcotic	Other Names
2,5-Dimethoxy-4-ethylamphetamine	7399	N	
2,5-Dimethoxyamphetamine	7396	N	, 5-DMA
3,4,5-Trimethoxyamphetamine	7390	N	
3,4-Methylenedioxyamphetamine	400	N	Love Drug
3,4-Methylenedioxypropylamphetamine	105	N	MDA, Ecstasy, XTC
3,4-Methylenedioxyethylamphetamine		N	Nethal MDA, MDE, MDEA
3-Methylfentanyl		N	White, fentanyl
3-Methylmethamphetamine		N	Chine White, fentanyl
4-Bromo-2,5-dimethoxyamphetamine		N	DOB, 4-bromo-DMA



In 1986 Rick Doblin founds the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS) to fund MDMA research. An unrelated Swiss psychotherapy study occurs between 1988 and 1993, but getting U.S. research approved is difficult.

Illicit recreational use, on the other hand, explodes in the late 1980s and early 1990s, due to a cultural phenomenon called “raving.”

Drug-inspired trance dancing becomes the spiritual practice of youth worldwide.



**E**  
for ecstasy  
by Nicholas Saunders

## THROUGH THE GATEWAY OF THE HEART



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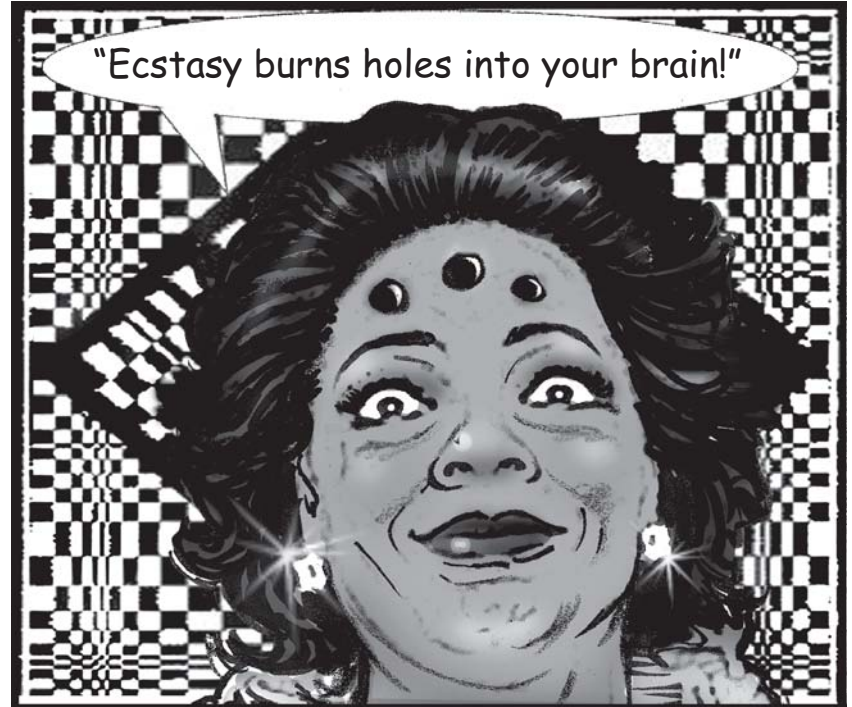
## PIHKAL A CHEMICAL LOVE STORY

ALEXANDER  
SHULGIN & ANN  
SHULGIN

New books about psychedelics, including several monographs on MDMA, target a growing interest.



One bright research note is the 1992 FDA approval of Dr. Charles S. Grob's investigation into human psychobiologic effects of MDMA.



But anti-drug propaganda still rules the roost, promoting unreasonable fears of neurotoxicity. Even Oprah Winfrey acts as a government shill.

Making MDMA illegal results in an underground market flooded with adulterated or misrepresented drugs, some of which actually *are* dangerous. Acting with **REAL** concern for the public's health, the harm reduction group DanceSafe begins selling pill-testing kits. Operated by Erowid, [www.ecstasydata.org](http://www.ecstasydata.org) starts to chemically analyze pills and post the results online.



New "anti-rave" laws increase criminal penalties, sending more people to the slammer.

Image adapted from "99 Ecstasy (MDMA) Tablets," © 2000 by Erowid.org

Since 1989, the National Institute on Drug Abuse has been funding George Ricaurte's research team to the tune of over 15 million dollars, gunning for him to show negative effects from MDMA. Appreciating where his grant money is coming from, Ricaurte's 2002 paper in *Science* states that MDMA causes severe dopamine neurotoxicity and death in primates following the administration of a single "recreational" dose. However, Ricaurte submits a full retraction a year later, when it is discovered that methamphetamine had been accidentally (?) administered to research animals instead of MDMA.

"METH MONKEYS ANONYMOUS"

"Oops."



Mainstream news media has a field day; dozens of articles point out Ricaurte's mistake. *Ecstasy Rising*, an even-handed TV show hosted by ABC's Peter Jennings on April 1, 2004, describes several U.S. government lies and the problems inherent in crying wolf.

## PETER JENNINGS REPORTING



ECSTASY  
RISING

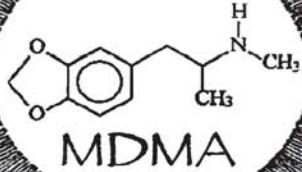
"The government's dramatic claims about brain damage are exaggerated and unconvincing."

In the last few years, MAPS' research into treating post-traumatic stress disorder with MDMA has shown a great deal of promise. MDMA may also be effective in treating symptoms of Parkinson's disease, the pain and anxiety resulting from end-stage cancer, or the social anxiety caused by Asperger syndrome.

**M. MITHOEFER**  
M.D.



And so, we end on a hopeful note...



**"Our godfather, who synthesized heaven, Sasha be thy name..."**

...in June of 2007, as we celebrate the 82nd birthday of MDMA's godfather, Dr. Alexander Shulgin, and raise a glass to toast his "low-calorie martini."

## COULD THERE BE *MANY* CHEMICAL PATHS TO HEAVEN?

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***Were Entheogenic Drugs  
the Origin of ALL Religions?***

In the words of R. Gordon Wasson:

“[At] that point Religion was born, Religion pure and simple, free of Theology, free of Dogmatics, expressing itself in awe and reverence and in lowered voices, mostly at night, when people would gather together to consume the Sacred Element. The first entheogenic experience could have been the first, and an authentic, perhaps the only authentic miracle. This was the beginning of the Age of the Entheogens, long, long ago.” WASSON 1986: 78

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For more information about how psychoactive drugs are responsible for the origins of all religion, use an Internet search engine and type in “entheogen.”

### **Looking for MDMA?**

Contact a dealer in your area.

CAUTION: Following the true religion may result in persecution and/or criminal penalties.

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