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Drugs or Illusions of Expanded Consciousness

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To take self-responsibility means to accept oneself as the human that they truly are. It also means to stand up to his own possibilities and capabilities, without putting oneself up as something better, or to win the laurels. One's own mistakes, feebleness and false inclinations shall be recognized and combated with one's best abilities, and everything shall be directed into positive ways. FIGU's spiritual teaching are a great help in order to attain this goal. Through a thorough learning of meditation and initiation the individual shall achieve—through constant, lifelong and life-affirming efforts—the necessary self-cognition and, through this, fulfill his personal development and evolution.

Unfortunately, many people are of the false opinion that they may not be held responsible for their own fate. Many are even of the false opinion that they are directed by "higher" or "superior" powers, and that they may, therefore, only find themselves through external means like drugs, false therapy forms and/ or misleading "self-awareness workshops".

However, this is a great error, because evolution may not be achieved through being entirely directed by external circumstances, or that everything could be implanted from the outside, without one's share.

One's own development must be executed through one's own and often inconvenient work. This must be done in a manner that the human ponders, uninfluenced, the things of life, that he draws his conclusions and ultimately gains realization that may influence his life in a positive manner. Searching and investigating are, therefore, one of the superior principles.

Drugs of all kinds may obscure and impair the human's consciousness in a way that there is no longer given the possibility of a constant evolution that is uninfluenced by other powers. When used in an incorrect manner, drugs influence in a hallucinogenic way the human's consciousness to the extent that it is no longer capable of reasonable and logical thinking. It atrophies, becomes neglected and robs itself of the possibility to evolve.

It is no secret that there exist some plants that have some consciousness-expanding influence to the human. However, they are, under controlled use and certain circumstances, simply an aid that may be used in clear and restricted doses for certain medicinal goals and purposes only. Otherwise this can lead to consequences as are common now on our planet. People are taking drugs in such high and false doses that they (the drugs) lose their original purpose and are degraded to pure narcotics which greatly endanger the people's health. The drugs represent, therefore, deadly and addictive substances.

However, the knowledge regarding the "evolution-supporting" and consciousness-expanding plant substances and the correct dosage to support true evolution has been long lost on our Earth. The hallucinatory substances are simply consumed, for being "high", and/ or forgetting or escaping the world around oneself. They have become pure "instruments for escaping reality". There is hardly one person of the millions of drug-addicted people here on Earth who takes drugs because of his pure wish and striving for higher evolution. If this were indeed the case they would avoid taking such drugs and narcotic substances, the reason being self-responsibility towards Creation and oneself. Simply, because they would be aware of the laws of one's own work and ones' self-commitment. In this case they would realize within themselves that which is "the holiest of holy", what is given to them in a wakeful consciousness as evolution's instrument. The human's body and its awake, healthy and unrestricted consciousness are the human's greatest treasure, to perceive, experience and study nature, Creation and all of its hidden and open secrets, laws and directives; and to ultimately realize the evolutionary-like values and to apply them usefully.

Even if there is the thought in so-called "weekend workshops" that this and that plant may have some consciousness-expanding effect, as a rule this has to do only with motives of exoteric, profit-seeking and pseudo fringe-scientific realms.

If all the "enlightened ones", the Sunday teachers and self-styled pseudo meditation teachers that organize

such meetings, would know about the responsibility of one's own evolution, they wouldn't even have the idea to hold such seducing seminars—seminars that seduce humans into addictions towards new esoteric or New Age belief systems, and charlatany.

Everything that lives, crawls and flies in nature has its own determined task. In like manner this is true also with drugs that may be extracted from a variety of plants and substances. As a rule, the task of these substances is to protect or heal the human body from illness. It is this measure that determines the effect of a certain substance. However, that's no secret anymore, because even back in the 16th century this was discovered and described by Aureolus Thephrastus Bombastus von Hohenheim, known as Paracelsus (1492-1541). Therefore, the spiritual teachings lift meditation and initiation above any substantial drugs as human's most useful means to walk on the path of his own personal evolution and life. Meditation constructs and creates evolution. Drugs, however, are fleeting, passing, and they only bring addiction, misery and illusionary worlds of short duration.

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