

Hello, my name is Chuck Ream and I'm a soldier for nature and liberated consciousness. For 57 years I've enjoyed cannabis and psychedelics.

Welcome to the city which has liberated cannabis and psychedelics as much as any city on earth. Ann Arbor was the first place on the planet to basically legalize cannabis, with the five dollar fine in 1972. Those of us in the Human Rights Party, prodded on by John Sinclair, made it happen.

LSD and mushrooms showed up for many of us in 1968, and we knew that psychedelics were the greatest thing ever.

They blasted away repressive prior conditioning and revealed a reality that was obviously more pure, real, and holy than everyday perception.

Psychedelics carry within them the urge to purify and pacify, to make whole, to love nature, to merge into an ecstatic oneness. After a psychedelic initiation, you are never the same again, like you could never be a virgin again...you know about a deeper dimension.

In the 60's we thought we were doing something epic and new with psychedelics, when actually we were picking up the torch of wisdom kindled in ancient times by nearly all civilized societies, and then brutally extinguished by totalitarian theologies, male priests, and worshiping "the word" rather than personally known experience.

All of the major centers around the Mediterranean basin at the time of Jesus had their "mystery religions", trying to connect themselves with God, ecstasy, and immortality by trying to perfect the potion that would take them there. Christianity was psychedelic until taken over by Rome.

By searching for great psychedelics, WE are the true heirs of ancient western civilization!.

The church terrorism of "witch burnings" finally stamped out plant-based psychedelic knowledge, (which was the "forbidden fruit" in the Bible), and in the 60's we brought it back.

The transformative value of psychedelics, along with their safety, is too great to ignore.

Of course they can be used to help with depression, anxiety, PTSD, end of life worry and so much else, but they can also be used by perfectly healthy people to see the obvious glory and beauty in life, and feel the unity of all things and the ultimate beauty in the tiniest flower or grain of sand, ...and to make an evaluation of one's psyche. If you are repressing something it will come right up and grab you.

Right now, humans are repressing climate change, and the only question is whether it will totally wipe out humans, just wipe out civilization, or whether civilization, can somehow survive.

It doesn't matter what ANYBODY THINKS about climate change, the only reality is a number. Reality is that during human evolution there has been about 280 ppm

of carbon dioxide the atmosphere. We have already pumped it up to 420 parts per million. Easy number to remember, 420, and we are just starting to feel the effects ... and what will happen when we push the number up to 520 or 620?

Long before that, we will have heat death, hunger, rising water and drowning, wildfire, dying oceans, unbreathable air, economic decline and collapse and climate conflict.

But long before that, facing a decline of living standards, humans will become so frustrated that we will have terminal nuclear war. Humans are marching lock step to the destruction of themselves and everything else, and, as Einstein implied, only a full-blown change in consciousness could allow any solution to emerge.

In the psychedelic state, you can feel so connected to all life that you feel that when anything else is unhealthy you are too. You feel ready to sacrifice to preserve the nurturance of Mother Earth, The Earth will become less habitable. It will be very depressing.

In the future psychedelics have to be legalized and marketed, along with other drugs, because humans have to try to learn how to survive during a period of decline. Like in Huxley's novel "Brave New World" we will also need a drug that takes away all worries, makes people happy, and puts people to sleep with no hangover when they take a lot of it, ...but humans will still need drugs based on psychedelics so that our spirits can soar, imagine, be creative and feel enlightened, ...so that we can live with less things, feel cosmic unity, and maybe discover solutions.

Humans need hope, and maybe they can find it on the inside, starting with sex and drugs, if it becomes a mess outdoors. We've got to avoid mass violence, dystopia, and nihilism.

This year began with great hope for official approval of psychedelic medicine. Then, in June, the FDA rejected the application for MDMA treatment for PTSD. This is unacceptable, ...enemies of enlightenment were able to sabotage our application with duplicity.

This shows us that we might have to be POLITICAL about psychedelics just like we were about cannabis.

I put together the victory for medical marijuana in Ann Arbor in 2004, and, with my friend Tim, we won 24 victories at the ballot box for cannabis in Michigan cities.

We, here, could do it again with the entheogens.

Working with the group "Decriminalize Nature" we have already passed our issue at the city Council level in three Michigan cities, and at the ballot box in Detroit - at the 61% level. The voters are with us, our civilization needs the gifts we bring, and normalization of psychedelics in this culture will happen.

The power of Humans is nearly godly. Now we need wisdom that is correspondingly strong... and easily available.

Psychedelics are about the only known way that humans could change consciousness enough to adapt to a new reality. In tiny doses or huge ones, we must spread our miracle far and wide – to benefit all life.

