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THE HOFMANN REPORT

OUR NEW FOCUS

It has been almost 57 years since Albert Hofmann had his famous bicycle ride, which helped reveal the extraordinary properties of his chemical discovery, LSD. Since then many thousands have experienced how this remarkable substance, used with intention and integrity, could bring about profound life changes. Such changes included enhanced perception and awareness, clarity of thought, improved ability to communicate with others, greater intuition and creativity, and most prized of all, a more profound understanding of the ultimate nature and meaning of life. Such meaning makes abundantly clear our ultimate relationship with each other, and the need to honor, support, and nurture each other. These experiences can lead to the most satisfying sense of fulfillment of which mankind is capable.

It is only natural that those who have benefited from such experiences wish to have such possibilities generally recognized, and procedures developed whereby the latent potential of LSD and similar psychedelic substances can be realized and properly utilized. It is in recognition of the outstanding contribution that Dr. Hofmann has made that this foundation was established, with the following objective:

Throughout history people have used mind expanding substances to explore consciousness and enhance their lives. Our purpose at the Albert Hofmann Foundation is to gather the records of these endeavors and to further the understanding and responsible application of psychedelic substances in the investigation of both individual and collective consciousness.

We at AHF have concluded that we can be most effective in achieving our objectives through an active website. Our major energies are now concentrated in supporting and expanding this website, www.hofmann.org. We invite you to check it out. You will find information about our organization and the principles on which it is founded. You will learn more about Dr. Hofmann, his discovery of LSD and other contributions, and his general world outlook. The section on Culture presents viewpoints on the kinds of cultural changes encouraged by psychedelics. The Museum section offers a tour of historical relics, and describes the efforts of the Museum curator, Dr. John Beresford, to expand and establish a permanent museum of psychedelic history. The Science section reveals some of the very serious misunderstandings resulting from the highly distorted views of psychedelics by the public, the media, many scientists, and even government officials. Another very important part of the Science section is to present historical papers of fundamental interest, as well as new developments. In this section, an exhibit has been prepared to illustrate the enhanced performance of a graphic artist under the influence of mescaline, taken from the Creativity Study conducted at the International Foundation for Advanced Study in Menlo Park, California. Another important section is Voices, which is open to all those who have worthwhile experiences or observations to relate. Accounts of significant psychedelic experiences will be added on a continuing basis.

We hope that all of you will find an opportunity to look over this information, and make suggestions and/or contributions. For such purposes, please contact me at myron@qnet.com, or write me at the following address: P.O. Box 742, Lone Pine, CA 93545. We hope to hear from you.

—Myron Stolaroff, Editor