

Knowledge

Almost all intellectual breakthroughs have been produced by mavericks pushed out of and operating independently of establishment knowledge systems.

Direct knowledge of the Ground cannot be had except by union and union can be achieved only by the annihilation of the self-regarding ego.

During mystical experiences, one can feel that one has access to ultimate knowledge and wisdom in matters of cosmic relevance.

Each of us potentially has access to vast realms of knowledge through his own mind, including secrets of the universe known so far only to a very few.

Eternal life “stands in the knowledge” of the Godhead, not in faith in anything less than the Godhead.

Experiences of this kind can bring instant intuitive knowledge that by far exceeds the intellectual capacity and educational background of the individual.

If God is universal, the knowledge of God should include all other knowledge as the sense of sight includes all the differing objects of vision.

In this state of cosmic unity, we feel that we have direct, immediate and unlimited access to knowledge and wisdom of universal significance.

In this state of knowledge of God, the mind is enlightened from out of the depths of divine wisdom which defy our scrutiny.

Insightful knowledge or illumination about being or existence in general that is felt at an intuitive, nonrational level and gained by direct experience.

Intuition is the part of you that has hunches and is able to discover direct knowledge or understanding without rational thought.

Knowledge belonging to Mind at Large oozes past the reducing valve of brain and ego, into his consciousness. It is the knowledge of the intrinsic significance of every existent.

Knowledge of the true nature of existence is perceived as being ultimately more real and relevant than all scientific theories or perceptions and concepts of our everyday life.

Man’s obsessive consciousness of and insistence on being a separate self is the final and most formidable obstacle to the unitive knowledge of God.

metaphysical knowledge—It is impossible for one who experiences it to entertain the slightest doubt of its truth.

Sometimes they acquire new insights and intricate knowledge about the life process from sources within them that are not ordinarily available.

The average person may pass through new dimensions of awareness and self knowledge to a “transforming experience.”

The ecstatic consciousness is an expansive consciousness, open to a profusion of new sensations, new perceptions, new knowledge and new values.

The knowledge through participation in ultimate reality, in the sense of being able to KNOW and SEE what is REAL, carries its own sense of certainty.

The subject in this state feels that he has access to direct insightful knowledge and wisdom about matters of fundamental and universal significance.

The wisdom for change and healing comes from the collective unconscious and surpasses by far the knowledge that is intellectually available to the therapist.

To know truth, one must get rid of knowledge. (That means getting rid of what the ego thinks is knowledge based on words.)

To one who has self-knowledge, there is no duality between himself and the external world.

To reach a translogical form of knowledge or realm of wisdom, celestial beauty, and spiritual essence is one of the most ancient experiential goals of mankind.

Useful analytical knowledge about the world is replaced by some kind of biologically inessential but spiritually enlightening acquaintance with the world as beauty.

We may be on the brink of rediscovering what was common knowledge among the ancient Greeks.

We will attain to knowledge of the universe through the spirit of truth and thereby to understanding of our being one with the deepest, most comprehensive reality, God.

When the mind is completely purified, knowledge of the true identity of one's own Self arises.

A truth tested and established may lie for centuries, mildewed and rusted, in the armory of knowledge, until some great soul comes along, draws it out of the rubbish, and with it pries open the portals of one more promised land of blessing for the human race.

Archetypal images and entire scenes from the mythology of various cultures often occur in the experience of individuals who have no intellectual knowledge of the mythic figures and themes they are encountering. (eyes closed)

If psychedelics offer valid ways of exploring man's "inner world," the hidden ways of the mind and brain, we should surely admit that new knowledge of this inmost frontier may be worth quite serious risks.

In many instances, the degree of historical or ethnographic knowledge that emerges is clearly incongruent with the subject's previous education and level of information in these areas.

It is possible to cut beyond ego-consciousness, to tune in on neurological processes which flash by at the speed of light, and to become aware of the enormous treasury of ancient racial knowledge welded into the nucleus of every cell in your body.

Knowledge is a collection of facts and information. Knowledge is something which comes from without. Wisdom is the ability to use those facts and the information for the meaningful purposes of life. Wisdom comes from within.

Language must never be taken seriously when it is used as being in any way the equivalent of unmediated experience or as being a source of true knowledge about the nature of things.

Science and technology have given us wonders but wisdom is languishing. Knowledge grows and wisdom languishes. (Knowledge here means what the ego knows, not real knowledge or wisdom.)

Somewhere deep in our DNA memory banks there is this intuitive knowledge that chemicals are the key. I think it's no accident that in so many myths passed down from generation to generation there is this theme of the magic potion.

The form of spirituality I am referring to is fully compatible with any level of intelligence, education, and specific knowledge of the information amassed by such disciplines as physics, biology, medicine, and psychology.

The longer religion attempts to hold an absolute position and to be a substitute for metaphysical knowledge, the more untenable, embarrassing and discredited that position will become.

The spiritual leadership of a stable and unified society must have access to metaphysical knowledge, i.e., to an effective realization and immediate experience of the ultimate reality.

The ultimate Ground simply "is". Only when the individual also "simply is", by reason of his union through love-knowledge with the Ground, can there be complete and eternal liberation.

The vision-producing drugs have a long history. As far back as knowledge of man exists, there have been stories of herbs, roots, brews and potions to be eaten, drunk or smoked to change in some way the state of consciousness.

The young men of this land, as they are often called, a "lost" race—they are a race that never yet has been discovered. And the whole secret, power and knowledge of their own discovery is locked within them.

There is no doubt that a genuine comprehension of religion, mysticism, shamanism, rites of passage or mythology is impossible without intimate knowledge of the death experience and the death-rebirth process.

We cannot make intuitions happen; we can only let them enter our awareness. In fact, if we disengage our awareness from ego consciousness and intellect, we cannot stop intuitive knowledge from bubbling up out of the unconscious depths.

Without self-knowledge, what you say is not true. Truth repeated is no longer truth; it becomes truth again only when it has been realized by the speaker as an immediate experience.

ancient and Oriental religions and philosophies—It has become increasingly clear that these systems of belief reflect profound understanding of the human mind and of unusual states of consciousness, embodying knowledge that deals with the most universal aspect of human existence, and thus is highly relevant for all of us.

In our minds we possess a far greater wealth than we have ever conceived. Such a discovery may do much for us in every way, making material ends seem less valuable to us as ultimate aims, and encouraging us to live well for the sake of a spirit which possesses fathomless capacities for happiness no less than knowledge.

Individuals who encounter transpersonal experiences of this kind in their psychedelic sessions frequently gain access to detailed and rather esoteric information about the corresponding aspects of the material universe that far exceeds their general educational background and their specific knowledge of the area in question.

It is a complex revelatory insight into the essence of being and existence. This insight is typically accompanied by feelings of certainty that such knowledge is ultimately more real and relevant than our concepts and perceptions regarding the world that we share in a usual state of consciousness.

It is highly desirable that each guide possess a broad background especially including knowledge of history, literature, philosophy, mythology, art and religion. Materials from all of these fields and from others, emerge in many of the sessions and the guide must recognize the materials if he is to be of maximum effectiveness.

It is not uncommon for subjects reporting evolutionary experiences to manifest a detailed knowledge of the animals with whom they have identified—of their physical characteristics, habits and behavior patterns—that far exceeds their education in the natural sciences.

Let us try to bring about a new and glowing synthesis, a new higher consciousness that brings together the East and West, the head and the heart, science and spirituality and knowledge and wisdom. (Knowledge here means what the ego “knows” which isn’t wisdom.)

The drug can mediate access to vast repositories of concrete and valid information in the collective unconscious and make them available to the experient. The revealed knowledge can be very specific, accurate and detailed; the data obtained in this way can be related to many different fields.

The formless, dimensionless and intangible cosmic consciousness can best be described as Infinite Existence, Infinite Awareness and Knowledge, and Infinite Bliss. However, any words refer primarily to phenomena and processes of the natural reality and are, therefore, only pitiful attempts to convey the essence of this transcendental principle.

The history of science makes clear that the greatest advancements in man’s understanding of the universe are made by intuitive leaps at the frontiers of knowledge, not by intellectual walks along well-traveled paths. Similarly, the greatest scientific thinkers are those who rely on sudden intuitive flashes to solve problems.

The psychedelic experience depends upon many factors—the dosage, the circumstances under which it is given, the knowledge of the people giving it, and, most of all, upon the attitude of the person taking it, what he wishes to learn about himself, how much he trusts the people working with him, and how much he trusts his own underconsciousness.

Transpersonal experiences involving entities and realms that are not objectively real according to the Western worldview can convey absolutely new information. For

example, in nonordinary states, many people have encountered deities and mythological realms specific to cultures about which they have no personal knowledge. (eyes closed)

We are living simultaneously in the world of experience and the world of notions, in the world of direct apprehension of Nature, God and ourselves and the world of abstract, verbalized knowledge about these primary facts. Our business as human beings is to make the best of both worlds.

We should re-evaluate our attitude toward mythology. Instead of representing bizarre and ultimately useless pieces of knowledge, the data can prove to be invaluable cartographies of strange experiential worlds which each of us will have to enter at some point in the future.

Wisdom, in contrast to knowledge gathered by empirical or rational investigation, is an attribute of one who, by virtue of inner vision, understands the nature of illusion and duality. Wisdom becomes available when we see things as they are. Our task is to remove the obstacles to awareness that limit and distort perception.

As an educational psychologist, I'm interested in the implications of LSD research for the study of human learning and further human development. Through the LSD experiences I have learned to look at myself and society in a new way. These experiences have been, in effect, an additional higher education for me, equal in impact, effort, knowledge, beauty, and scope to obtaining a doctorate at Stanford.

As knowledge of the existence of mind-expanding plants and chemicals dawned upon the consciousness of Western man, swift reevaluations of our attitudes toward certain so-called "primitive" tribes became necessary. It became apparent that some of these cultures had preserved the key to higher knowledge which the civilized world had relegated to the status of myth.

I felt like the neurological Knute Rockne. I was a scholar from the greatest university in the greatest country, moving the adventurous search for human knowledge forward. I counted myself fortunate to be a member of that long line of visionaries who throughout history have sought peaceful nature-shrines to carry on the search for self-knowledge. (That was Timothy Leary.)

Jung observed repeatedly that the universal mythological motifs or mythologems occurred among individuals for whom all knowledge of the kind was absolutely out of the question. This suggested to him that there were myth-forming structural elements in the unconscious psyche that gave rise both to the fantasy lives and dreams of individuals and to the mythology of peoples.

Mystical insight is no more in the chemical itself than biological knowledge is in the microscope. There is no difference in principle between sharpening perception with an external instrument, such as a microscope and sharpening it with an internal instrument, such as one of these drugs. If they are an affront to the dignity of the mind, the microscope is an affront to the dignity of the eye.

Perceptions of encompassing light, infinite energy, ineffable visions, and incommunicable knowledge are remarkable in their seeming distinction from perceptions of the phenomena of the "natural world." According to mystics, these experiences are

different because they pertain to a higher transcendent reality. What is perceived is said to come from another world, or at least another dimension.

Since the psychedelic experience includes so many elements that are not part of nondrug experience, the guide never will be able to understand the subject or communicate with him adequately unless the guide himself has first-hand knowledge of the drug state and its phenomena. The point has become controversial but we see no sound reason why it should be.

The argument that the person who has taken psychedelic drugs thereby disqualifies himself as a person able to objectively view and evaluate the experience must strike most seasoned researchers as simply ludicrous. It is also unanswerable since all who might reply to it on the basis of real knowledge are declared in advance unfit to deal with the question.

The formless, dimensionless and intangible principle that an individual can perceive as the Universal Mind is characterized by infinite existence, infinite awareness and knowledge and infinite bliss. Any descriptions and definitions, however, necessarily use words that we associate with the phenomena of the three-dimensional world; they are therefore incapable of conveying the essence of this ultimate transcendental principle.

Traditional scientists often attribute the appreciation that non-Western societies show for shamans to the fact that these societies are unable to discriminate the abnormal from the super-normal because of their lack of education and scientific knowledge. (This is an example of how ignorant and arrogant Western societies really are. The West has advanced in technology, but where is the wisdom?)

Underlying all these highlights, what held us together was our feeling that we were on the cutting edge of knowledge. We were spearheading the acquisition of new and important truths and their potentials. We likened ourselves to explorers in Africa when that continent was still unknown to Europeans. (That was Timothy Leary referring to his days at Harvard.)

We're not just our bodies. That's an illusion. Our physical forms are just a temporary condensation of consciousness in material form. This one consciousness is our true identity, and we all know this deep within us. I know that you know that we all know that we are one. We're all just playing this game. In ordinary reality, we've deliberately gone to sleep on this knowledge.

Without special training and sophistication in archeology or mythology, knowledge of the cultural heritage involved or even adequate general intellectual background, an individual may experience mythological and symbolic experiences from ancient Greece, Africa, India, Tibet, China, Japan, Australia or Pre-Columbian countries (or other cultures, seen with eyes closed).

Each person will become his own Buddha, his own Einstein, his own Galileo. Instead of relying on canned, static, dead knowledge passed on from other symbol producers, he will be using his span of 80 or so years on this planet to live out every possibility of the human, prehuman and even subhuman adventure. As more respect and time are diverted to these explorations, he will be less hung-up on trivial, external pastimes. (That was Timothy Leary.)

All knowledge is potentially available.
An extensive new area of knowledge of mind is waiting to be opened.
Can we summon the courage to receive true knowledge?
Greater knowledge brings with it an awareness of ignorance.
Into the energy which exists before Matter and there in pure Energy, was All-Knowledge.
Knowledge of the universal and infinite is man's true end.
Liberating knowledge of God comes to the pure in heart.
Man's brain is capable of limitless new dimensions of awareness and knowledge.
Mystical states seem to those who experience them to be also states of knowledge.
Mystics call the highest knowledge unknowing.
Prior to any metaphysical knowledge, we have no direct consciousness of interior truth.
Real knowledge is nonverbal and beyond the reach of concepts.
The knowledge acquired in altered states demands new kinds of scientific theory.
The lips of knowledge are closed except to the ears of understanding.
The ultimate reason for human experience is unitive knowledge of the divine Ground
These drugs increase society's range of human experience and human knowledge.
Total deliverance comes only through unitive knowledge.
Wisdom is the spontaneous immediate knowledge of the Suchness of things.

He experienced a déjà vu of divine joy and understanding, as though stumbling upon a golden trove of submerged knowledge.

It seemed that everything there is between heaven and earth had been revealed to him, what Jung called the "absolute knowledge of the unconscious."

The knowledge that was suddenly revealed to me under LSD seemed to be remembered rather than learned.

This new knowledge did not frighten me. It excited me. There was "something very great about it."

His emotional state was one of "tranquility, a quiet kind of happiness and a security coming from the knowledge of having accomplished something enormously worthwhile, of having made some very great advances."

Psychedelic subjects reported experiential identification with other people, animals and various aspects of nature during which they gained access to new information about areas which they previously had no intellectual knowledge.

When I read about such visionary states later, I felt especially grateful for my experience because it seemed that much more authentic and because it gave me a window on the knowledge of the sages.

To concoct anything by way of description that would even hint at the magnitude, the sense of ultimate reality...this seems such an impossible task. The knowledge which has infused and affected every aspect of my life came instantaneously and with such complete force of certainty that it was impossible, then or since, to doubt its validity.

I felt a vast peace all through me and a sense of secret knowledge.

I felt very good in the deep and profound knowledge of my eternalness.

a religion which goes beyond symbols, a knowledge of God entirely transcending symbolism

a sense of certainty that this knowledge is ultimately more relevant and “real” than the perceptions and beliefs we share in everyday life

an ecstatic experience of an ascent into the celestial regions and the acquisition of supernormal knowledge

an undifferentiated unity wherein the knower, the knowledge and the known are experienced as a single reality

can relive a forgotten or repressed experience with all its original emotional intensity, emotion which has remained bottled up inside him without his knowledge

gained access to new information about areas about which they previously had no intellectual knowledge

insightful knowledge or illumination about being or existence in general that is felt at an intuitive, nonrational level and gained by direct experience

knowledge of ourselves brought back from the subterranean regions of our psyche—our phylogenetic awareness

knowledge other than the contents of our surface consciousness, which can apprehend reality only in the form of one abstraction or thought at a time

makes possible an ever deepening knowledge of the mystery of human—that mystery which merges ultimately and becomes one with the Mystery of Life itself

mapping uncharted zones of the human psyche, to resurrect a lost art or a lost knowledge or a lost consciousness, said Ginsberg

my awareness of my connection to the whole, a knowledge more valuable than status or being some so-called important individual

other kinds of knowledge, “higher” and more satisfying than the knowledge attained through the abstract, hyper-intellectual process of ordinary science

pure mind, mind in its natural state, limitless, undifferentiated, luminously blissful, knowledgelessly understanding

the Clear Light of reality itself or undifferentiated consciousness which underlies all being, knowledge and perception

the genius of knowing the Holy, the awesome knowledge that the stuff of which we are made is also Divine

the knowledge—and not just the belief—that there was a connection between me and the rest of the universe, that I was more than what’s within the envelope of my skin

the knowledge that nothing that is utterable is real because this indescribable state is so much greater

to be delivered out of separate selfhood in time and into eternity as realized in the unitive knowledge of the Ground

to impart a superhuman knowledge which could not possibly be gained during waking consciousness

to seriously review ancient and non-Western knowledge about consciousness and to aim for a genuine synthesis of age-old wisdom and modern science

unconventional knowledge and understanding life directly and not in abstract, linear terms

whether our physical models describe the universe objectively or just define the limits of our own knowledge

freedom from the learned cultural mind, the freedom to expand one's consciousness beyond artificial cultural knowledge, to move from constant preoccupation with the verbal game, the social games, the game of self, to the joyous unity of what exists beyond

metaphysics—refers to the knowledge of that which is beyond the natural order, to the universal, infinite and eternal, as distinct from and beyond the individual, the finite and the temporal

the world of the “collective unconscious”, an infinite ocean of knowledge from which we can each draw. (It's everything anyone and everyone who ever lived knew, did, said, or experienced.)

a deeper insight of ourselves given by a new knowledge of the past

a feeling and knowledge of being physically boundless—an oceanic quality

a gain in self-knowledge

a joyful knowledge, the joy of knowing

a purely spiritual religion that seeks the unitive knowledge of the Absolute Godhead

a reality that is beyond human knowledge but nevertheless can be experienced directly

a sense of ultimate knowledge

a transcendental world of Being, Knowledge and Bliss

acquiring real knowledge of the process of life while in the drug-state

an eternity of radiant knowledge, of bliss unchanging in its ultimate intensity

an experience of intense self-knowledge

an experiential knowledge of a tradition

an immediate knowledge of those universal principles

awakens to full self-knowledge

direct experiential knowledge of the evolutionary process

direct, mystical knowledge of a Universal Self

direct spiritual knowledge, immediate knowledge

emotional knowledge of a direct and actual and acute sort

experience as “knowledgeless understanding, luminous bliss”

far higher grounds of knowledge

from delusion and ignorance to knowledge and enlightenment

getting rid of conceptualized pseudo-knowledge and opening ourselves to reality

intuitive knowledge

knowledge gained through vision and mystical intuition

knowledge of creation's true nature

knowledge other than the contents of our surface consciousness

knowledge rather than a belief
knowledge that the world is play
knowledge with reflection
metaphysical knowledge the most immediate kind of experience
reaching for the generator of all life and knowledge
tapping that rich field of knowledge, insight, and revelation
the acceptance of a positive knowledge
the ancient knowledge of nonordinary states of consciousness
the ancient paths of knowledge
the certainty that such knowledge is truly or ultimately real
the depth and scope of such ancient knowledge
the enlightening and liberating knowledge of Reality
the experience, the immediate knowledge of it being so
the intellectual vision of Truth, the immediate, unitive knowledge of the divine Ground
the knowledge of eternal reality
the knowledge of the self, as revealed by the LSD experience
the knowledge of truth, not of any truth, but of that truth which is the source of all truth
the knowledge which gives the knowledge of everything
the liberating knowledge of the divine Ground
the radiance of unitive knowledge
the sexual act as a religious sacrament, a mode of mystical knowledge
the unitive knowledge of God, the Godhead
the wordless but all-embracing knowledge attained in the mystical state
this newly revealed knowledge
this preconceptual mystical knowledge
to attain an intuitive knowledge of God
to tune out our intellects and into our intuitive sources of knowledge
true knowledge
unitive knowledge of Suchness
visionary knowledge
Western mind—a restricted view of human knowledge
would not have had such insight without mystic super-knowledge