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In 1970, one of the world's leading Dead Sea Scrolls scholars published a book that effectively destroyed his academic reputation. He suggested that Christianity was a mushroom cult.

John Marco Allegro's *The Sacred Mushroom and the Cross* argued that the New Testament encoded secret fertility rituals involving *Amanita muscaria*. He interpreted Jesus and key elements of Christianity itself through mushroom symbolism.

His fellow scholars largely demolished the linguistic argument. But more interestingly, something interesting has happened.

The broader question Allegro was asking has become considerably harder to answer.

Not whether Jesus was secretly a mushroom – there's no convincing evidence – but whether psychoactive substances played an important role in the religious practices of early Christianity.

Archaeology increasingly shows that ancient people incorporated mind-altering substances into their life. Researchers have detected psychoactive compounds in human hair from the Neolithic period and in an Egyptian ritual vessel dating to the Ptolemaic period.

And one of the biggest mysteries concerns the Eleusinian Mysteries. For centuries, people travelled to Eleusis in ancient Greece to participate in secret ceremonies involving an encounter with death and the divine. Participants included some of the most prominent figures of classical civilisation.

At the centre of the ritual was a mysterious drink called kykeon. In 1978, R. Gordon Wasson, LSD discoverer Albert Hofmann and classicist Carl Ruck proposed that perhaps kykeon contained psychoactive chemicals derived from ergot, the fungus that grows on rye grains and contains precursors related to LSD.

There was a major problem. Ergot can be dangerously toxic. Nobody had a way to safely extract the compounds, and how ancient people could have transformed it into a reliably psychoactive drink was beyond the technologies available at the time.

Now researchers may have removed part of that objection.

A 2026 *Scientific Reports* study experimentally demonstrated that processing ergot under certain conditions can transform some of its alkaloids into lysergic acid amide (LSD).

That does not prove the Eleusinians did this. There is still no direct che the kykeon served at Eleusis contained ergot-derived psychedelics.

But it changes the question from:

Could ancient people even have made such a preparation?

to:

Did they?

Researchers are increasingly taking seriously the possibility that altered psychoactive plants and fungi, fasting, chanting, dancing, meditation or important roles in ancient religious experience.

It doesn't vindicate Allegro's theory. His attempt to derive Christianity from remains extraordinarily speculative, and evidence that psychoactive substances in religious cultures is not evidence that Christianity itself originated from them.

But the idea that psychoactive substances influenced ancient spirituality is particularly outrageous.

And that leaves us with a fascinating possibility.

Long before humans built laboratories to investigate mystical experiences, people already have discovered that certain molecules could reliably open the doors. The Kykeon was created in big urns, which we've found with ergot residues.

As far as I remember, and what is stated in the Hymn to Demeter, is it was boiled in water, adding a ergot culture, and waiting until it went black, then boiled to neutralize the ergot poisoning.

Within the Biblical usage, the Shewbread was the same recipe as Ezekiel's, same as the Essene Bread - where it was left to naturally proof with sprouted created ergot within it, it was boiled, and then baked to neutralize the ergot.

At the Last Supper Yeshua was telling the Disciples not to drink alcohol, but to eat the psychedelic Shewbread in remembrance of him... The Babylonian Pharisees (Saul, Simon petros).

The earlier Ebionite Church were using the Holy Anointing Oil made according to Bolese - Exodus 30:23-25), as then it has the power to heal many things, including cancer.

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