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**Quote:**

The Marijuana, cannabis, or hemp plant is one of the oldest psychoactive. Cannabis has become one of the most widespread and diversified of plant cultivated plant all over the world in a variety of climates and soils. Cannabis has been used as remedies for thousands of years and the active ingredients of the plant are used in a multitude of medical conditions.

Marijuana has been used throughout history in many different cultures to alter perception and consciousness - in other words, to get high. Its effects range from inducing relaxation and provoking mystical experiences, to heightening the capacity to feel, sense, and perceive. It is the most popular of what are called "recreational drugs."

6000 B.C. Cannabis seeds used for food in China

4000 B.C. Textiles made of hemp are used in China. Remains have been found in this period and from Turkestan a century later. 1

2727 B.C. First recorded use of cannabis as medicine in Chinese pharmacology. From the world humankind has used cannabis for a wide variety of health problems.

1500 B.C. Cannabis cultivated in China for food and fiber

1500 B.C. Scythians cultivate cannabis and use it to weave fine hemp clothing.

1200 - 800 BCE Bhang (dried cannabis leaves, seeds and stems) is mentioned in the text Atharva veda (Science of Charms) as "Sacred Grass", one of the five sacred plants used by medicinally and ritually as an offering to Shiva. 3

700 - 600 BCE The Zoroastrian Zend-Avesta, an ancient Persian religious text, mentions cannabis in several volumes, and said to have been written by Zarathustra (Zoroaster), referred to as "good narcotic" (Vendidad or The Law Against Demons)

700 - 300 BCE Scythian tribes leave Cannabis seeds as offerings in royal tombs.

500 B.C. Scythian couple die and are buried with two small tents covering their bodies. One tent stick was a decorated leather pouch containing wild Cannabis seeds. This is the story told by Herodotus. The gravesite, discovered in the late 1940s, was in the Tien Shan Mountains in modern-day Kazakhstan.

500 B.C. Hemp is introduced into Northern Europe by the Scythians. An ancient seed of the Cannabis plant, unearthed near Berlin, is dated to about this time.

500 - 100 BCE Hemp spreads throughout northern Europe.

430 B.C. Herodotus reports on both ritual and recreation use of Cannabis in Scythia (Herodotus The Histories 430 B.C. trans. G. Rawlinson).

100 - 0 BCE The psychotropic properties of Cannabis are mentioned in the I Ching (Pen Ts'ao Ching which is attributed to an emperor c. 2700 B.C.

0 - 100 A.D. Construction of Samartian gold and glass paste stash box found in a tomb for salt, buried in Siberian tomb.

70 Dioscorides mentions the use of Cannabis as a Roman medicament.

170 Galen (Roman) alludes to the psychoactivity of Cannabis seed confect.

500 - 600 The Jewish Talmud mentions the euphoriant properties of Cannabis.

900 - 1000 Scholars debate the pros and cons of eating hashish. Use spreads.

1090 - 1256 In Khorasan, Persia, Hasan ibn al-Sabbah, the Old Man of the Mountain, recruits his followers to commit assassinations...legends develop around their support. These legends are some of the earliest written tales of the discovery of the intoxicating properties of Cannabis and the supposed use of Hashish. 1256 Alamut falls.  
Early 12th Century Hashish smoking very popular throughout the Middle East.

12th Century Cannabis is introduced in Egypt during the reign of the Ayyubids on the occasion of the flooding of Egypt by mystic devotees coming from Syria. (Gardner, 1972)

1155 - 1221 Persian legend of the Sufi master Sheik Haidar's of Khorasan and his use of Cannabis and it's subsequent spread to Iraq, Bahrain, Egypt and Syria. A number of narratives of the use of Cannabis as an inebriant.

13th Century The oldest monograph on hashish, Zahr al-'arish fi tahrir al-'arsh, has since been lost.

13th Century Ibn al-Baytar of Spain provides a description of psychoactive properties of Cannabis.

13th Century Arab traders bring Cannabis to the Mozambique coast of Africa.

1231 Hashish introduced to Iraq in the reign of Caliph Mustansir (Rosenthal, 1959).

1271 - 1295 Journeys of Marco Polo in which he gives second-hand reports of the use of Cannabis by al-Sabbah and his "assassins" using hashish. First time reports of Cannabis reaching the attention of Europe.

1378 Ottoman Emir Soudoun Scheikhouni issues one of the first edicts against hashish.

1526 Babur Nama, first emperor and founder of Mughal Empire learned of hashish.

1549 Angolan slaves brought cannabis with them to the sugar plantations. They were permitted to plant their cannabis between rows of cane, and to harvest. 3

mid 16th Century The epic poem, Benk u Bode, by the poet Mohammed Eb Baghdad, deals allegorically with a dialectical battle between wine and hashish.

17th Century Use of hashish, alcohol, and opium spreads among the population of Constantinople.

1606-1632 French and British cultivate Cannabis for hemp at their colonies in Virginia (1611), and Plymouth (1632). 3

Late 17th Century Hashish becomes a major trade item between Central Asia and Persia.

1798 Napoleon discovers that much of the Egyptian lower class habitually consumes hashish (1977). He declares a total prohibition. Soldiers returning to France bring hashish back.

19th Century Hashish production expands from Russian Turkestan into Yarkand, Turkestan.

1809 Antoine Sylvestre de Sacy, a leading Arabist, reveals the etymology of hashish and "hashishin".

1840 In America, medicinal preparations with a Cannabis base are available at Persian pharmacies.

1840s Heyday of the Club des Hachichins in Paris. 3

1843 Le Club des Hachichins, or Hashish Eater's Club, established in Paris. After 1850 Hashish appears in Greece.

1856 British tax ganja and charas trade in India.

1870 - 1880 First reports of hashish smoking on Greek mainland.  
c. 1875 Cultivation for hashish introduced to Greece.

1877 Kerr reports on Indian ganja and charas trade.

1890 Greek Department of Interior prohibits importation, cultivation and use of hashish.

1890 Hashish made illegal in Turkey.

1893 - 1894 The India Hemp Drugs Commission Report is issued.

1893 - 1894 70,000 to 80,000 kg of hashish legally imported into India from

1906 Pure Food and Drug Act is passed, regulating the labelling of products. Opiates, Cocaine, and Cannabis, among others. The law went into effect

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1915 - 1927 Cannabis begins to be prohibited for nonmedical use in the U.S. states...California (1915), Texas (1919), Louisiana (1924), and New York (1927)

1920 Metaxus dictators in Greece crack down on hashish smoking.

1920s Hashish smuggled into Egypt from Greece, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey

1926 Lebanese hashish production peaks after World War I until prohibited

1928 Recreational use of Cannabis is banned in Britain.

1920s - 1930s High-quality hashish produced in Turkey near Greek border

1930 Yarkand region of Chinese Turkestan exports 91,471 kg of hashish to the Frontier and Punjab regions of India

1930s Legal taxed imports of hashish continue into India from Central Asia

1934 - 1935 Chinese government moves to end all Cannabis cultivation in Xinjiang from Yarkand. Both licit and illicit hashish production become illegal in China

1936 Propaganda film "Reefer Madness" made to scare American youth away from Cannabis

1937 Cannabis made federally illegal in the U.S. with the passage of the Marihuana Tax Act

1938 Supply of hashish from Chinese Turkestan nearly ceases.

1940s Greek hashish smoking tradition fades.

1941 Indian government considers cultivation in Kashmir to fill void of hashish from Turkestan.

1941 - 1942 Hand-rubbed charas from Nepal is choicest hashish in India

1945 Legal hashish consumption continues in India

1945 - 1955 Hashish use in Greece flourishes again

1950s Hashish still smuggled into India from Chinese Central Asia

1950s Moroccan government tacitly allows kif cultivation in Rif Mountains

1962 First hashish made in Morocco.

1963 Turkish police seize 2.5 tons of hashish

1965 First reports of *C. afghanica* use for hashish production in northern

1965 Mustafa comes to Ketama in Morocco to make hashish from local kif

1966 The Moroccan government attempts to purge kif growers from Rif M

1967 "Smash", the first hashish oil appears. Red Lebanese reaches Calif

Late 1960s - Early 1970s The Brotherhood popularizes Afghani hashish.

1970 - 1973 Huge fields of *Cannabis* cultivated for hashish production in  
truly great afghani hashish is available

1972 The Nixon-appointed Shafer Commission urged use of cannabis be r  
recommendation was ignored. Medical research continues. 2

Early 1970s Lebanese red and blonde hashish of very high-quality export  
Turkish hashish from Gaziantep near Syria appears in western Europe.

Early 1970s Afghani hashish varieties introduced to North America for si  
Westerners bring metal sieve cloths to Afghanistan. Law enforcement eff  
in Afghanistan

1973 Nepal bans the *Cannabis* shops and charas (hand-rolled hash) expo

1973 Afghan government makes hashish production and sales illegal. Afg  
small.

1975 FDA establishes Compassionate Use program for medical marijuana

1976 - 1977 Quality of Lebanese hashish reaches zenith.

1978 Westerners make sieved hashish in Nepal from wild *Cannabis*.

Late 1970s Increasing manufacture of "modern" Afghani hashish. *Cannab*  
Afghanistan imported into Kashmir for sieved hashish production.

1980s Morocco becomes one of, if not the largest, hashish producing and

1980s "Border" hashish produced in northwestern Pakistan along the Afgl  
Soviet-Afghan war.

Early 1980s Quality of Lebanese hashish declines.

1983 - 1984 Small amounts of the last high-quality Turkish hashish appea

1985 Hashish still produced by Muslims of Kashgar and Yarkland (NW Ch

1986 Most private stashes of pre-war Afghani hashish in Amsterdam, Goa  
finished.

May 13, 1986 Dronabinol is placed into Schedule II by the DEA. 5

1987 Moroccan government cracks down upon Cannabis cultivation in low  
Mountains.

1988 DEA administrative law Judge Francis Young finds after thorough he  
clearly established medical use and should be reclassified as a prescript  
recommendation is ignored.

1993 Cannabis eradication efforts resume in Morocco.

1994 Heavy fighting between rival Muslim clans continues to upset hashi

1994 Border hashish still produced in Pakistan.

1995 Introduction of hashish-making equipment and appearance of locally  
Amsterdam coffee shops.

Oct 23, 2001 Britain's Home Secretary, David Blunkett, proposes relaxing  
cannabis from a class B to class C. As of June 10, 2002, this has not tak

June 2003 Canada is first country in the world to offer medical marijuana