

Gurdjieff Oskiano

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Gurdjieff and Opium Q&A

Attendees: Robin, Paula, James, Robert D, Robert P, Kelly C, Bobbie P, Stephen F, Sandra W, Ofelia L, Gwynne M, Marnie H, James O'D, Sasa, Michelle F.

RB: Bears have been known to consume opium poppies, the plants from which opium is derived. This can happen accidentally, if bears eat poppies that are growing in their habitat. Or, it can happen intentionally, if bears are drawn to the opium poppies' sweet smell. Consuming opium poppies can cause bears to become intoxicated, which can lead to unpredictable and dangerous behavior. Finally, opium and bears have also been associated with each other in art and literature. For example, the French painter Christophe Fratin created a bronze sculpture called "Ours fumeur d'opium" (Bear Smoking Opium) in the mid-19th century. And, in the novel "The Brothers Karamazov" by Fyodor Dostoevsky, the character Alyosha Karamazov has a dream in which he sees a bear smoking opium.

SW: Radiations – two kinds of radiations? Energy that comes from me, the trees ... almost like you were saying the hormones were. And a kind of absorption! Emanations – what is the difference? Living in the plant ...

RP: If you eat celery, you are living in the celery in that moment. Just eat – you are in the aura or atmosphere of the plant. There is vegetation, another level and Polormedekhtian level.

SW: Have total disregard for first food too much of the time. Place for me to investigate.

RB: I have taken Ayahuasca and Peyote. Ayahuasca is treated as grandmother ... Same with Peyote – entering the world of Peyote. Don't know if it was a good thing and not good enough that I want to do it every weekend.

SW: Now drugs are everywhere ... curious, but still afraid.
How do homeopaths get hold of opium?

RP: As far as I know they get the opium and dissolve in alcohol and take one drop and put into 100 drops ... dilute it and dilute it. That strength can go forever. Working with vibration – as far as I can see. No substance in it unless in herbal form.

Different prescribing rules. Substance for diarrhoea and homeopathic for constipation.

SW: Do people grow opium poppies?

RP: Different species.

SF: Drug problem is that people ... take in excessive doses so people take in way that nature hasn't intended. Have taken opiates in small quantities ... did encounter opium once in an opium den in Asia. Doing research on how to grow somniferum myself. My experience was for some of the techniques we use in this work – to use attention longer on sensation. To get out of intellect and emotional impartiality ... was the effect. Being in crowds – no fear of others – and more ability to focus on inside not outside. Normally my outside eclipses ability to put attention on inside world. You can get glimpses of higher centers with drugs but can't keep it ...

Observations on extent to which opium might accentuate efforts we need to do ...

RP: You are able to form sentences – Keats or de Quincy who can write those things down and you have a gift and would be able to use it and get those things down. If you were able to write it ...

RB: G says it to Ouspensky in ISOM and there is a definite statement made in terms of use of narcotics – gives an indication of where you can go but can't take you there. Another thing associated with ayahuasca and peyote – healing ceremonies. You hear that there is a healing ceremony and come to hear what grandmother tells you. Peyote cures things. It had better, because it is very uncomfortable – sitting around for hours chomping on peyote and drinking water and trying not to throw up. Not sure whether it is a good or bad thing.

G advises you should experience everything once. If somebody was throwing an opium party next door I would probably try it. If you know about the work, you have some idea – have inhabited your inner world – associations, things linked together. With Peyote was present for a long time, but didn't try to score loads for another time ... It is a group activity – fire man – water goes around, peyote goes around and singing goes around.

Sasa: He then told me that following his motor accident he had been compelled to produce energy artificially. To this end, during the few following years, he had consumed enough drink to have killed ten men and, in addition, forty pounds of opium. To my question, "Did you know in advance what you were doing, or was it an experiment attended by a grave risk?" he replied, "It was necessary to create energy artificially, my condition and my means and aims were such. I knew, yet it was also an experiment and risk." From <https://gurdjiefflegacy.org/40articles/money.htm>

James: My daughter lives in Sweden and thinks this is a correct way for solving these problems. These are short cuts to higher states of consciousness and there is a price to pay for that. Price for hallucinogenics can be high. I had experiences with opium as a young guy. Taking little bullets – gooleys – started getting bigger and then suddenly no more about and experienced terrible pain – withdrawal. Never touched opium since. Very fine experiences with opium. Emotional and calmed me down and experienced different centers because not always emotionally centered.

RB: My son messed about with drugs and became schizophrenic and how has to take medication for the rest of his life.

MF: A friend of mine who has deep depression by high functional. Started treatment and now found psychiatrist working with drugs. Psilocybin from mushrooms first and has access to deep emotions that he never had. Now not working effectively and now going to LSD under a psychiatrist. If taking for fun and for escape from problems or if you really want to work. He is determined to open doors inside him that led to depressions. Impressive for me to see that.

Milk and addictive affect of mother's milk. Had a brother who didn't get mother's milk because my mother was sick with TB during pregnancy and my brother was always 'not here' – missed something. It is important even though the milk is addictive.

I always thought it was that you were bonding when feeding on the breast and now have view that it is the milk itself.

RP: With mother's milk get all genetic information from ancestors. Emotional/psychological understanding.

SW: Opium is about dealing with suffering – intentional or unintentional.
References to meetings ... Vitvitskaia and ... goat skins. Karpenko in particular.

RP: p204 for firing range and p214... Healings – Hawaiian and Spiritualist Churches.

SW: Opium dens and astral plane – never thought about people traveling to contact ancestors on an astral plane.

RP: They come and you can connect with them.

SW: Also like what Robin said about ancestors being your younger self.

James: Astral plane on opium. Had great rush for my mother ... entered the house and mother and sister were fine and then back in my body.

BP: Through several decades and generations see ill effect ... most see where people left family in conflict – dual loss.

RB: It is said in many places ... this is group work. If you have gone a long way in one direction, probably ignorant in another direction. We need each other. If only thing we did was to inspire others to go further will have achieved something.