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Psycchedelics and the Law
A Prelude in Question Marks

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Im Innern ist ein Universum auch.
Goethe

... & every Word & every Character
Was Human according to the Expansion or Contraction,
the Translucence or
Opakeness of Nervous fibres: such was the variation of
Time & Space
Which vary according as the Organs of Perception vary.
William Blake, Jerusalem

No individual can keep these Laws, for they are death
To every energy of man and forbid the springs of life.
William Blake, The Devil's Party

and the Part of Angels (Jesus
answering Los from the fire.)

When Kaga no Chiyo, the poetess who lived toward the end of the Tokugawa regime, wrote her famous haiku (Asagao ya!) in humble homage to the morning-glory, she had no premonition that the seeds of this twining plant might contain a hallucinogenic substance and alarm legislators, governmental agencies, and law enforcement officers. Yet on August 1, 1963, Senator Vance Hartke, Democrat of Indiana, urged the Senate Commerce Committee to investigate whether the sale of morning-glory seeds should not be controlled to prevent harm to public health. Dr. Abram Hoffer, director of psychiatric research for the Province of Saskatchewan, Canada, contends that repeated or heavy ingestion of the seeds may cause ergot poisoning and thus gangrene. Following his lead, biochemists on the staff of the Food and Drug Administration are doing analyses. It is safe to presume that the police watch certain areas in Boston, New York, and San Francisco where young people, chiefly students, are suspected of buying the seeds "for kicks".

Whether or not Chiyo's plant, descendant of Ipomoea nil which grows in the Eastern Hemisphere, in fact shares the psychopharmacological qualities of Rivea corymbosa, or ololiuqui, a hallucinogenic morning-glory whose active components have been identified as similar