

β -Carbolines: Neuropharmacology and Psychedelic Activity

Beta-Carbolines: Neurogenesis, Anti-Alzheimer's, Anti-Cancer, restored cellular proliferation,

Antidepressant, Enhancing CNS function, Psychedelic

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[Abstract]

Beta Carbolines stimulate the CNS protecting against conditions of neurodegeneration and impacting the cellular proliferation cycle acting as protein kinase inhibitors causing the production of needed cells and inhibition of cancerous and mutant cell propagation which occurs due to dysfunction in the neural system corrected by beta carbolines. Beta Carbolines inhibit DYRK1A, MAO, and AChE. They enhance GABAA receptor responses and astrocytic function, supporting neuronal survival and synaptic plasticity. This study reviews established findings, use in antiquity, then documents observations from use in practice. Additionally, it investigates the interactive effects of beta carbolines when combined with neurotransmitters of known psychedelic activity which are more effective due to MAO inhibited delayed metabolism and other factors.

Peganum Harmala, called Syrian Rue, contains harmine and other beta carbolines. Seeds from *Peganum Harmala* provided the whole spectrum of beta carbolines used in this study. Practical dietary requirements are discussed. This investigation concludes to show that serious adverse dietary or drug interaction is uncommon and preventable allowing for regular use of beta carbolines to prevent neurodegeneration, cancer, and osteoporosis. Increased or restored neural function has wide-ranging applications in medicine. As an inhibitor of DYRK1A it promotes human beta cell production and shows potential to accompany stem cell treatments. In vitro studies are only suggestive preclinical evidence of the neuropharmacological effects however the results suggest numerous applications in medicine including treating Type 2

diabetes because of increased beta cell production. It also increases effectiveness of psychedelic therapy using psilocin or DMT. The first clinical human studies to determine dose and safety were published in 2025.(NCT05162686 and NCT05526430).

[Introduction]

Beta-carbolines act as potent modulators of brain chemistry and astrocytic activity stimulating neurotrophic signaling which support neuronal survival and synaptic plasticity. They enhance GABA_A receptor responses which in turn which can lead to neurogenesis. They promote remyelination, synaptic protein restoration, and nerve health while elevating monoamine neurotransmitter levels. At low doses leading to enhanced CNS function. At high doses beta carbolines are neurotoxic and produce mild to extreme nausea.

Here is laid out all the known traits of this plant in medicine followed by different medicinal fields of study which intersect at the beta carboline.

Antibacterial, antiprotozoal(kills free living and parasitic protozoal organisms), antimutagenic/ antigenotoxic/genoprotective([1. Moura et al., 2007](#)), preventative of DNA damage([2. Senhaji et al., 2022](#)), antimicrobial, antifungal, antiviral, antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, antidepressant, antiprotozoal(kills piroplasmic parasite), anthelmintic(kills tapeworms), antiseptic, antipyretic(reduces fever), antitumor([3. Dai et al., 2012](#)), anticancer and antidiabetic for Type 2 diabetes([4. Wang et al., 2023](#)). Insulin-signaling dysregulation was ameliorated, and GLP-1 levels elevated after the administration of *Peganum harmala* seed extract for 4 weeks.([5. Saleh](#)

[et al., 2021](#)) Multiple studies have confirmed these qualities.[\(6. Sharma et al., 2022; 7. Moloudizargari et al., 2013; 8. Sharifi-Rad et al., 2021\)](#) One study found harmine to be more effective than stem cell treatments for pancreatic beta cell production.[\(9. Rosselot et al, 2024\)](#)

The beta-carbolines in *Peganum Harmala* have been proven to be medicinally helpful for:

leukemia[\(10. Zaker et al., 2007\)](#), lower urinary tract symptoms[\(11. Saeidi et al., 2015\)](#), dermatoses[\(12. El-Rifaie, 1980\)](#), bronchitis and asthma[\(13. Liu et al., 2015\)](#), influenza[\(14. Moradi et al., 2017\)](#) and leishmaniasis[\(15. Rahimi-Moghaddam et al., 2011\)](#) which is a wide array of clinical manifestations caused by parasites of the Trypanosomatida genus. Harmine is also a vasodilator/vasorelaxant[\(16. Shi et al., 2000\)](#), aphrodisiac[\(17. Subhan et al., 1998; 18. Enema et al., 2018\)](#) and cognition enhancing[\(19. Santos & Hallak, 2017; 20. Shu-Ping et al. 2018\)](#) as an Acetylcholinesterase inhibitor(AChEi)[\(21. Adhami et al., 2011\)](#) and butyrylcholinesterase inhibitor(BChEi)[\(22. Zhao et al., 2013\)](#) Harmine also induces osteogenesis(bone regrowth) and prevents bone loss by suppressing osteoclastogenesis [\(23. Yonezawa et al., 2011; 24. Patel et al., 2012; 25. Chen et al., 2020\)](#) and promotes neurogenesis(the birth of a neuron in brain growth or repair) [\(26. de la Fuente Revenga et al., 2015; 27. Morales-García et al., 2017; 28. da Cruz et al., 2023\)](#) and is restoring astrocytic functions[\(29. Li et al., 2011; 30. Liu et al., 2017\)](#) upregulating astroglial glutamate transporters removing excess glutamate from the synaptic space protecting neurons and preventing excessive intracellular calcium which accumulates in mitochondria and triggers cellular death.[\(31. Eunhee Kim et al. 2021; 32. Gielecinska et al., 2024\)](#) Reducing glutamate is a therapeutic aim in treating epilepsy. Excess glutamate contributes to neurodegenerative disease.[\(33. Todd & Hardington, 2020; 34. Verkhratsky et al., 2023\)](#) Harmine is also an inhibitor of

cyclin dependent kinases(CDK), protein kinase DYRK1A([35. Göckler et al., 2009](#); [36. Frost et al., 2011](#)) and others which are key regulators of the cell proliferation cycle([37. Song et al., 2002](#); [38. Song et al., 2004](#)). CDK inhibitors are also past and future in cancer treatment.[\(39. Asghar et al., 2015; 40. Ahmad et al., 2020\)](#) It is also an MAO inhibitor.[\(41. Herraiz et al., 2010; 42. Herraiz & Guillén, 2018\)](#) Harmine has been shown to reduce anxiety by inhibition of neuroinflammation.[\(43. Zheng et al., 2023\)](#)

[Cancer]

As confirmed in recent research, the beta carbolines in *Peganum Harmala* show anticancer activity. Numerous types of cancerous cell growth are inhibited, including breast cancer[\(44. Ding et al., 2019\)](#), pancreatic cancer[\(45. Wu et al., 2019\)](#), ovarian cancer[\(46. Gao et al., 2017\)](#), gastric cancer[\(47. Li et al., 2017\)](#) and others. In fact, most beta-carbolines exhibit anticancer effect can augment cancer treatment solutions being used. Beta-carbolines, particularly harmine and harmol, exhibit promising anticancer properties by inducing apoptosis and inhibiting proliferation in various cancer cell lines.

Beta-carbolines induce neuroendocrine response, restore central nervous system cellular function[\(5. Saleh et al., 2021\)](#), and protect against oxidative damage of brain mitochondria and synaptosomes[\(48. Kim et al., 2001\)](#) suggesting protection against neurodegeneration.

[Alzheimer's]

The spectrum of Beta Carbolines in *Peganum Harmala* inhibit acetylcholinesterase, thereby reducing acetylcholine metabolism. Alzheimer's patients are given AChEi's(acetylcholinesterase inhibitors), to raise acetylcholine levels with more potent effect than *Peganum Harmala*.[\(49.\)](#)

[Ibach & Haen, 2004;](#) [50. Galimberti & Scarpini, 2016](#)) Acetylcholine is the substance of focus in memory supplements.[\(51. Hasselmo, 2006\)](#) *Peganum Harmala* is an AChEi which increases the levels of the neurotransmitter acetylcholine by reducing the metabolism rate of acetylcholine.[\(52. Yang et al., 2015\)](#) Acetylcholine is responsible for its role in memory recall and for its cognitive enhancing effects. It also is used the dream state of the mind.

Acetylcholinesterase(AChE) is closely related to Butyryl Cholinesterase(BChE). *Peganum Harmala* is also a proven BChE inhibitor as well.[\(53. Tundis et al., 2016\)](#) Additionally, recent knowledge collectively recognizes that MAO inhibitors have proven as effective therapeutic agents for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease.[\(54. Manzoor & Hoda, 2020\)](#) Furthermore, Beta-carbolines such as harmine, harmol, norharmane, harmaline have a high affinity for DYRK1A and modulate multiple sites on the Tau protein[\(55. Frost et al., 2011\)](#) by Inhibiting DYRK1A mediated Tau phosphorylation reducing neurofibrillary tangles which are the identifying marker of Alzheimers disease. It is preventative to neurodegeneration and promotes neural health.

[Neurotoxicity and Adverse Drug Interactions]

All reference studies previously cited are dose dependent. Beta-Carbolines are helpful in small amounts and harmful in large amounts.

The beta carbolines from *Banisteriopsis Caapi* or *Peganum Harmala* combined with the antidepressant Prozac causes serotonin syndrome which has resulted in death in some cases.[\(56. Edinoff et al., 2021\)](#) It is considered unsafe during pregnancy because very large doses become toxic and will abort a human fetus.

Microdosing will safely reveal individual sensitivity. One or two breaths of smoke will safely reveal if eating *Peganum Harmala* will be a bad idea. Smoke rarely can cause nausea and only for a brief time. Eating it would be far worse in that case. *Peganum Harmala* is a Reversible MAOI, so it has fewer and less extreme reactions with medicine or food containing tyramine than a synthetic irreversible MAOI. A multivitamin containing fermented soy as an ingredient in an otherwise compatible diet can cause several hours of extreme nausea and vomiting. Some aged and smoked meats will be nauseating depending on the food processing methods. Fresh is always best due to tyramine from aged or damaged food being the primary cause of dietary incompatibility.

[Full Spectrum Alkaloids]

The alkaloids of *Peganum Harmala* seed are approximately 4-10% of the weight of the seed found in the brown skin of the seed, whereas the alkaloids of *Banisteriopsis Caapi* vine are only a fraction of 1% of the total weight of the vine found throughout the woody vine. Only those

Following are the most well-known, first discovered, and most largely present constituents:

The Beta-carboline alkaloids: harmine (initially known as - telepathine, yageine, banisterine), isoharmine, acetyl norharmine, norharmine, harmaline(aka dihydroharmine, DHH, harmidine), harmalol, harman([57. Pulpatti et al., 2008](#)), harmalacidine(HMC)([58. Wang et al., 2018](#)), harmalidine and tetrahydroharmine(THH, leptaflorine)([59. Herráiz et al., 2010](#)), isopeganine([60. Asgarpanah & Ramezanloo, 2012](#)), pegamine, dipeginol, dipegene([61. Faskhutdinov et al., 2000](#))

The Quinazoline alkaloids: desoxypeganine, deoxyvasicine (deoxypeganine), vasicine (peganine), vasicinone, peganidine, isopeganidine, dipegine

[Classifying the alkaloids]

Of the 160 known alkaloids found throughout the plant, beta-carbolines and their derivatives including the tetra-hydro-beta-carbolines (THBC) total approximately 60 of them. A sizable portion of the 100 remaining are pyrrolo-quinazoline alkaloids. In addition to their parent

pyrroloquinazolines and quinazolines, exists a series of quinazoline glycosides also referred to as the glycoalkaloids.

The complete list of all 160 known alkaloids in *Peganum Harmala* was published in 2023 [\(62. Anstis et al., 2023\)](#), collectively presenting numerous recent discoveries about the known alkaloid contents. The molecular composition is being studied by the most cutting-edge techniques. Beyond chromatography and high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), the newly discovered alkaloids structures, including stereochemistry, were elucidated through spectroscopic analyses, quantum chemistry calculations, and single-crystal X-ray diffraction in 2017 growing the list of known alkaloids found in *Peganum Harmala* in the past recent years.[\(63. Wang et al., 2018\)](#)

[Ayahuasca]

Peganum Harmala is often called "an amplifier" of entheogens. It has a synergistic effect with the 5HT neurotransmitters Psilocin, DMT, Bufotenine, and Mescaline caused by MAO enzyme inhibition delaying the metabolic process. *Banisteriopsis caapi* has the same primary alkaloids which are most abundant and therefore has mostly the same effect. Both plants can be used to make Ayahuasca. *Peganum Harmala* grows in arid desert conditions. *Banisteriopsis caapi* grows in the jungle as a vine. They contain the same primary alkaloids and are therefore both used for the purpose of creating Ayahuasca.

[Soma-Ayahuasca]

Peganum Harmala is most common in India, Algeria, Turkey, Iran, and Morocco where it is referred to as Harmel. There has been much debate about what the Soma Plant or Soma brew is that is mentioned in ancient Sanskrit texts and there is evidence suggestive that the plant could be *Peganum Harmala*.[\(64. Flattery & Schwartz, 1989\)](#) Zoroaster called it Haoma in the Avista Veda where it's considered the plant of life. It was called Soma by Brahma-manu in the Rig Veda. *Peganum Harmala* was found in Neolithic sites of the Caucasus from 5000 B.C. and in a pre-Dynastic Egyptian site dating back to 3700–3500 BC.[\(65. Samorini, 2019\)](#) Through metabolic profiling of organic residues recovered from archeological artifacts it has been proven that *Peganum Harmala* was used for fumigation in Iron Age Arabia.[\(66. Huber et al., 2025\)](#)

Ayahuasca traditionally contains *Banisteriopsis Caapi* and Chacruna(*Psychotria viridus*). It is probable that "soma" was a term like "ayahuasca" where *Peganum Harmala* is used in place of Caapi in those dry regions. In Sanskrit, "soma" refers to a ritual drink. In Greek, the word "Soma" means "Whole Body" and this plant does have a whole-body effect.

[*Peganum Harmala* in Islam]

Peganum Harmala is known as Espand/Esfand in the Muslim community and is more culturally significant. It is mentioned in hadith literature to be consumed in a drink and in another place that burning the seeds is pleasing to the Jinn or angels and protects a person from "The Evil

Eye" and that "God has appointed Angels over the plant", and in the Sahi'i medical collections of the 15th century it is written:

"Whoever for 40 days, eats 1 mesghal (4.64 grams) harmala mixed in water in every morning, the light of wisdom will turn on in his\her heart and he\she will be immune from 72 diseases that the least of them is leprosy."

[Happiness]

Serotonin is a key neurotransmitter implicated in mood regulation and happiness. Increasing serotonin levels is the object of pharmaceutical antidepressants. Natural solutions for raising serotonin levels have also been established.[\(67. Young, 2007\)](#). *Peganum Harmala*, used solely for the purpose of an antidepressant has been the study focus of many research teams, and found to be effective,[\(42. Herraiz & Guillén, 2018\)](#) primarily by inhibition of the MAO Enzyme.

[Antidepressants]

The global antidepressants market size is approximately \$20 billion USD in 2025. Recent data reveals a dramatic social increase in long-term prescriptions of antidepressants [\(68. Luo et al, 2020; 69. Mojtabai & Olfson, 2014\)](#).

MAOIs are medicine that inhibit MAO enzymes. Irreversible MAOIs are synthetic and not plant alkaloids. They are unnatural and far stronger than the reversible and natural MAOI. They covalently bond to MAO which permanently destroy it. Although once popular in medicine, today synthetic MAOIs are only used as a last resort for prescription antidepressants. During the 1950's, when synthetic MAOI antidepressants were first discovered, clinicians noted that they caused "inappropriate laughter". Over the years there were many deaths and near deaths as the full purpose and understanding of the MAO enzyme was only being first discovered. Variations of reuptake inhibitors became preferred antidepressant prescriptions for safety reasons and the MAOI earned a reputation as dangerous.

Now in 2026 the vastness of dietary and medicinal interactions documented in medical journals is mostly in reference to synthetic irreversible MAOIs and either does not apply to *Peganum Harmala* or it does apply to a far less degree. *Peganum Harmala* is a reversible MAOI which means that the beta carboline alkaloids have temporarily bonded, not covalently bonded to the MAO enzyme. Reversible natural MAOIs are much safer than synthetic irreversible MAOIs but rarely are the two types of MAOI differentiated by modern medical literature with warnings. Interaction risks with high-tyramine foods or with serotonergic drugs is possible but relatively uncommon in naturalistic and clinical settings. [\(70. Guimarães dos Santos & Hallak, 2025\)](#) Neurogenesis is now a recognized approach to antidepressant medication [\(71. Pascual-Brazo et al., 2014; 72. Rotheneichner et al., 2014\)](#) as more ideal solution than the currently popular reuptake inhibitors.

[Widescale misinformation]

At popular information sources such as WebMD, Drugs.com, and RxList in 2025 is published “Syrian Rue causes hallucinations” which is very misleading. Using 2 to 5g, with no other co-ingested visionary plants, *Peganum Harmala* will not cause any visions or hallucinations. 2g is minimally sufficient to provide medicinal action, any more than 4-5g of seeds by itself will cause nausea, not visions or hallucinations. Those information sources are incorrect, and the false information leads many away from fear of hallucinating.

[Materials and Methods]

Peganum Harmala seed was acquired online in bulk for \$45 per kilogram. In the United States it is unregulated and not considered a controlled substance so it was freely given to many people who showed interest and provided experience feedback. Swallowing whole seeds with a glass of water is effective. Water based extracts are effective. Using a Food processor and a fine screen colander the brown skin of the seed can be separated from the white pit to capsule the powder which is also effective. All these methods use the full spectrum of alkaloids supplied by the seed as opposed to a select isolated beta-carboline alkaloid derived from synthesis or alkaloid isolations.

Inhalation of beta carbolines was the primary route of administration with vapor DMT due to the rapid onset. Also, regular inhalation of smoke multiple times per day was investigated.

Various kinds of pipes were used. An issue being that almost half of the alkaloids melt and run eventually to clog a pipe or into the mouth. A pipe was devised to catch the oils so they can be smoked however all smoking devices were functional. Smoking only the brown skin of the seed and disposing of the pit increases quality.

DMT was obtained by straight to base naphtha extraction from *Mimosa Hostillis* rootbark. Purity was refined by redissolving and reprecipitating multiple times with naphtha. Isolation was achieved by freeze precipitation in a tall column resulting in DMT at the top and DMT-N-Oxide/NMT and other alkaloids at the bottom. The individual alkaloid isolations were tested, and it was determined that the combined whole spectrum produced the best effect. Various combinations and doses were tested. Wherever DMT is mentioned in this research, it implies the total alkaloid content from *Mimosa Hostillis* rootbark of which DMT is the majority.

[Complex Ayahuasca Brews]

Many practitioners and shaman debate if Peyote belongs in the brew, with mushrooms, chaliponga and chacruna at the same time however they are all equals from a certain metabolic perspective. A total alkaloid content of 80mg DMT with an MAOI can be a powerful experience. In practice, (40mg DMT with 1.5g mushrooms) or (60mg DMT with 1g mushrooms) and the MAOI was well received as a first round dose with an optional second serving sometime after feeling the effects. To a group of people who had all experienced Ayahuasca from multiple sources, an edible with the first two doses combined was served. Each participant within this

group with prior experience was allowed to consume it as 1 portion producing more intense effect for those seeking it or as 2 portions which made everyone comfortable with the timing and the dose as their own decision leading to a great experience for everyone.

Mixing all natural MAOIs in proper proportions is also good practice. Use either *Banisteriopsis Caapi* or *Peganum Harmala* but not both unless they are both portioned to $\frac{1}{2}$ because they share the same primary alkaloids which cause nausea and toxicity in excess. Proportions of each element in the brew will prove to be key. The science can steer us towards logical and illogical combinations.

Peganum Harmala has a good interaction with noribogaine which is the metabolite of ibogaine from iboga root bark. Noribogaine stays bound to neural receptors for days or weeks after using iboga. While the metabolite noribogaine remains active, the effects of *Peganum Harmala* are amplified so that 1 or 2g of *Peganum Harmala* seed alone has a comfortable effect. DO NOT mix *Peganum Harmala* directly with iboga or ibogaine, before the noribogaine metabolite is in action the combination is dangerous. Using *Peganum Harmala* or an ayahuasca mixture a few days following the use of iboga is very good. In this case, timing is key. Iboga never belongs in an Ayahuasca brew. Another consideration about iboga, although some noribogaine makes *Peganum Harmala* better, too much could be a problem. Frequent iboga use causes a buildup of noribogaine which is known to have caused check-ins at mental hospitals, unlike frequent use of *Peganum Harmala* or Ayahuasca.

Although 5MeO-DMT is present in trace amounts <1% in chaliponga and yopo which mix well, those provide very small amounts of 5MeO-DMT. Most experience reports mixing 5MeO-DMT with an MAOI are difficult and advise against it. It should not be added to Ayahuasca although it exists as a natural analog to DMT.

Datura or Angel Trumpet is a deliriant that causes confusion, amnesia, and hallucinations as opposed to visions. For example, a hallucination of a chair that does not exist causes a person to fall and get hurt. I know firsthand nightmare testimonies about the use of Datura which has left a few victims in a permanent state of psychosis although most recover within days or weeks. Datura should never be added to Ayahuasca.

[Combining neurotransmitters]

Peganum Harmala is exceptional amid entheogenic plants because it interacts with many other plants causing them to produce a greater effect than using either plant individually. Since the MAO enzyme became bound to alkaloids in the rue, the neurotransmitters remain in effect longer from most other entheogenic plants. Users commonly report profound subjective experiences, epiphanies, self-realizations, and personal transformations from the use of DMT, mushrooms, or peyote individually. [\(73. Carhart-Harris & Goodwin, 2017\)](#) Even more so when those plants/neurotransmitters are used in conjunction with *Peganum Harmala* to enhance therapeutic potential.

[Mushrooms]

Psilocin is a natural analog of DMT. It has a Hydrogen and Oxygen in the 4 position of the DMT base molecular structure. Psilocin (4-HO-DMT) is partially metabolized by MAO. The combination of mushrooms and *Peganum Harmala* is commonly called Psilocausa. Mushrooms are being used to treat depression and anxiety with abundant accumulating evidence of therapeutic success.[\(74. Carhart-Harris, 2016; 75. Griffiths et al., 2016; 76. Hakami Zanjani et al., 2023; 77. Goodwin et al., 2025\)](#). *Peganum Harmala* prolongs the mushrooms effect and acts as an MAOI antidepressant preserving serotonin. When combined with a high dose of psilocin it can cause increased and even uncontrollable laughter all the way to an unimaginable degree, Holy Laughter for need of a term. High dose psilocin has proven to be long term helpful with deep personal growth.[\(78. MacLean et al., 2011\)](#) *Peganum Harmala* should be strongly considered in clinical settings when appropriate. With any sized dose, the psilocin experience is not only longer its better with *Peganum Harmala* so long as the diet has been compatible and there are no adverse medication reactions. *Peganum Harmala* compliments many prescription medicines and can be approached safely before fully engaging with it. Clinical trial data for MAOI and psilocin combinations is limited. User experience reports provide evidence of safety and therapeutic effectiveness.

[Yopo]

Consider the alkaloids which are neurotransmitters in Yopo snuff. The primary alkaloid in *Anadenanthera Peregrina* is bufotenine another natural analog of DMT with the hydrogen and oxygen in the 5 position. Bufotenine is (5-HO-DMT). Yopo snuff also contains trace amounts (DMT) and (5-MeO-DMT) ([79. Torres & Repke, 2012](#)). These neurotransmitter alkaloids are all metabolized by MAO. The Piaroa natives of southern Venezuela use both *Anadenanthera Peregrina* seeds and *Banisteriopsis Caapi* in their snuff preparations and chewed the Caapi vine beforehand. ([80. Rodd, 2002](#)) They use the white ash from trees to activate their snuff at a ratio of 1:1.

Peganum Harmala adds a calm and grounding effect that enhances and stabilizes as well as lengthens the effect of these neurotransmitters. It makes for a longer and smoother experience. The effect of Yopo when combined with an MAOI is better.

A shaman who learned from his grandfather in Puerto Rico prepared Yopo for me from a local tree using the white ash remains of a burnt conch seashell used to activate the snuff and served it after service of Ayahuasca. Alternatively, calcium hydroxide can be used to activate it with 2 or 3 parts seed to 1 part calcium hydroxide rigorously mixed. The traditional combination of Yopo within an ayahuasca ceremony causes the snuff to become more effective because the MAOI is in action. The combo is ancient practice using Caapi in some regions.

Peganum Harmala is a little simpler to work with than *Banisteriopsis Caapi* because you can eat 2-5g of seeds compared to boiling down 20 to 50g of vine. Caapi extracts can be smoked by drying the concentrate onto smoking material however smoking *Peganum Harmala* is easier.

Smoke is immediately effective in 2 large breaths of *Peganum Harmala* seed skins. It is calming and relaxing. For the absolute best effect, eat the *Peganum Harmala* then wait 40 minutes then smoke the *Peganum Harmala* before applying the neurotransmitters.

[Peyote and San Pedro and Peruvian Torch]

Alexander Shulgin documented that the MAO enzyme inhibition using *Peganum Harmala* lowers the threshold dose of mescaline to be half that of normal.[\(81. Shulgin, 1991\)](#) The MAO inhibition operates on phenethylamines equally as with the tryptamines like DMT and serotonin. All being neurotransmitters that *Peganum Harmala* preserves in the body and protects from an otherwise more rapid metabolism and elimination from the body.

[Smoking DMT]

Clinical potential of DMT and Vapor DMT has been established.[\(82. Falchi-Carvalho et al., 2025; 83. Colosimo et al., 2025\)](#) Ideally the DMT is vaporized as opposed to smoking it because burnt DMT has a smell that is very strange and somewhat unappealing. The vapor is odorless. DMT can be put between layers of marijuana or smoking material in a pipe, it will work, it will also smell unusual. That pipe will be dedicated for smoking DMT due to the lasting smell of the pipe.

For the best effect, eat the *Peganum Harmala* then wait 40 minutes, then smoke the rue followed by the DMT. The effect is more like Ayahuasca. Ayahuasca is effective for treatment resistant depression.[\(84. Palhano-Fontes et al., 2019\)](#) Vapor DMT served from a coil vape pen designed for wax is stronger than from an oil vape pen. Both have no odor. DMT has a melting point of approximately 112 °F(44.4°C). It is normally a solid and must be diluted to work in an oil vape pen. Each type of vapor device has a place and time. With a strong dose from a wax vape pen, require that no spectators break silence to the person having the experience and encourage the experiencer also to refrain from speaking although that is rarely necessary - this is an example of a concept called "holding space" and providing a proper setting. Conversation about the mundane is out of place and distracts from a more important awareness that could become the focus. Mixing DMT with alcohol can cause problems. One person went in front of a beautiful goddess who said, "I'm not talking to you when you've been drinking", then left him in a dark place.

Peganum Harmala makes the experience "better" and "more navigable" according to many with "an afterglow". My analogy is that using *Peganum Harmala* in that way is "putting on a parachute before getting into the cannon". The effect of *Peganum Harmala* can be described many ways. The term "amplifier" is misleading. Many people are not wanting to "amplify" their DMT experience and the term causes some to shy away from combining *Peganum Harmala* when it would have given them more navigation ability and a better experience assimilation, integration, and recall.

[Combining MAOIs]

Peganum Harmala mixes with other MAOIs like passionflower. Also, turmeric which only becomes effective with crushed black pepper to improve the absorbance of the curcumin in the turmeric. The combination of turmeric and pepper is known as Golden Milk and originates in Ayurveda. These MAOIs have a different bonding affinity to the MAO enzyme and mix well. They have a noticeable effect when combined to mushrooms and can operate independently or enhance the stronger *Peganum Harmala*. Only the addition of Caapi requires reducing the amount of *Peganum Harmala* - because it contains the same alkaloids.

4-5 grams of *Peganum Harmala* seed is approximately equal to 50g of caapi vine, use one or the other or half of each. A full dose of both is too much and guarantees nausea. This is the strongest natural MAOI.

Golden Milk based on 1 almost heaping tablespoon of turmeric + ½ teaspoon crushed black pepper as one dose, 2 to 3 doses is safe. It is a thick mixture and difficult to ingest a more than 1 dose.

Tea from Passionflower vine at about 2 feet per serving is weak compared to *Peganum Harmala* however its strong enough that by itself as the only MAOI it will make a noticeable enhancement to mushrooms. By itself it's not strong enough to activate DMT, however it will enhance Ayahuasca. 2 to 3 doses are safe, 1 is enough.

Tobacco also contains beta-carbolines which act as an MAOI. Multiple studies have confirmed that only smoke inhalation provides measurable MAOI effect so although snuff is popular with

Ayahuasca and does provide a mental clearing, the smoke creates the better MAOI effect. Nicotiana Rustica provides the strongest MAOI however too much Nicotiana Rustica smoke quickly causes nausea and dizziness, so it has a high potential to cause problems when used as an MAOI with Ayahuasca. Standard pipe tobacco is the next most effective as an MAOI. Processed commercial cigarettes do provide some MAOI activity but effectiveness varies widely. It is toxic as secondhand smoke so should be avoided in groups that do not all smoke them. Pipe tobacco, and tobacco in general is a plant that can have place in Ayahuasca.

[Smoke]

Smoking *Peganum Harmala* seed has a mild and comfortable effect that differs from the effect of eating it. All the alkaloids of interest exist on the brown skin on the seed. They melt and vaporize in heat. The seeds are prone to absorbing moisture as humidity, they should be fully dry with very low oven heat, if necessary, before smoking. A cigar torch lighter works best. Seed can be smoked in a pipe. Load a very small bowl. After one large breath, the charred and half burnt seeds should then be discarded rather than burning them further and reducing them to white ash. Two good breaths will provide MAOI effect. The quality of the smoke is enhanced by discarding partly burned seed and not smoking the pit which contains no medicine.

[Service Procedures]

Peganum Harmala has been included in many ceremonies throughout history involving various other special plants considered to be sacraments by people who hold them with exceptional regard. Some people will use *Peganum Harmala* without any other plants then go about their day as normal seeking the subtle effects or as medicine to their ailment however when

Peganum Harmala is combined with neurotransmitters preparation should be done.

An entheogenic experience combining *Peganum Harmala* with plant-based neurotransmitters of various sources can be had alone or with a small group of people that have agreed to be together. Ideally a quiet place in nature or to music in an environment clean, orderly, and prepared.

[Sound and Smell]

With some plant medicine mixes sounds become more connected to waves of thoughts, visions, and patterns as if the very sound waves can be seen revealing a beautiful voice or an ugly tone. One person enjoyed quietly humming to himself in an adjoining space. The sound and vibrations made from within differs from hearing sounds produced by others or external sources. There is evidence of music playing a helpful role in psychedelic therapy [\(85. Timmerman et al., 2018\)](#).

Aromatherapy can affect autonomic function and mood. Essential oils and incense can be helpful. Mere inhalation of essential oils has resulted in enhanced emotional wellness,

calmness, relaxation or rejuvenation of the human body.[\(86. Ali et al., 2015\)](#) Incense and entheogens were ritual ancient traditions.[\(87. Dannaway, 2010\)](#)

Incense can be merely enjoyed or can help as sounds and smells can make deep subconscious connections to thought or emotions. Multiple essential oils have been proven to affect the central nervous system, affecting blood pressure and neurotransmitter levels. [\(88. Tanida et al., 2005; 89. Lizarraga-Valderrama, 2021\)](#) The depths and magnitudes of the experience depend on the selection of plant sourced neurotransmitters which can be mixed with *Peganum Harmala* and MAOIs, not the incense. Incense does matter for a mysterious reason. For a special journey make special preparation.

[Exploring The Self]

Deep and personal transformations are reported by many people from the effects of *Peganum Harmala* combined with other entheogenic plants. New awareness can be momentary or lasting. A new perspective of the self can sometimes be realized and the forces within that control self can be confronted. Your own patterns of habit in actions, speech, reactions, or thought can sometimes be observed from new perspective as well as recognizing your connection to living trees and plants and living things. DMT exists in all living things and somehow raises the awareness of life. DMT is a special molecule because it exists in all living things. Trace amounts of DMT are found in most plants and all animals. A recalibration of self by remembrance of relation to life is common.

[Group experience]

Set, setting and group dynamics influence psychedelic outcomes. The overlapping of energy of a group exists. Every medicine mix and group are different so what is a good idea in one case is not in another. If the music is troubling one person, then for that person have the group experience the journey in silence. There are times that conversation between others is fine however there must be a quiet place of escape for meditation.

When serving Ayahuasca brews, it is best to give everyone a space they can retreat to, commonly it is a yoga mat positioned in a circle relative to the others. Some facilitators require everyone to remain or mostly remain in their space. Other facilitators allow more interaction, especially on the longer journeys and with smaller circles however everyone should still be able to retreat to solitude and remain present either near to or adjoining the group.

Ayahuasca can be served as a single dose, or multiple doses of teas or edibles. The duration can be as short as 1.5 or 2hrs from a single dose or 12+ hours from a single dose. A series of smaller doses is best for people less familiar with the medicine. One large dose can be more therapeutic. The body never builds tolerance to DMT so it will be equally as effective in 3 hours however psilocin does so a multi-dose service procedure with psilocin has diminishing effect. After the journey has passed the peak of the experience and everyone is feeling stable amid the fractal symmetry and kaleidoscope geometry very much still in effect, the facilitator might consider allowing each participant to hold their own DMT vape pen. That practice has been

very well received in the situations I was able to witness it. It is likened to serving Yopo on the tail end of Ayahuasca to utilize the benefit of the MAOI still in action. The effect blends smoothly.

The wisdom in opening a journey circle with stated intentions or prayer is because that separates the journey time as a special time through deeper consciousness as a time apart from the ordinary. This is because 3 people can eat the same thing and only 1 finds a lasting growth from it. Expectations effect outcomes. Go around the circle prior to the ceremony with stated personal intentions then go around again afterwards to share any profound experiences with the group. Sharing at the end is often beyond words or must be processed more before spoken about so nobody is required to speak afterwards. The experience sharing at closing is insightful to everyone to see how much the same or how much different it was for others. In sharing at the end, we all learn.

[Results and Discussion]

The investigation regarding regular use of the beta carbolines provided by 2 to 5 grams of *Peganum Harmala* seed worked out general dietary guidelines with some trial and error producing a strong takeaway that fresh food is generally safe and packaged food less so. Broth flavorings make an otherwise good plate of food incompatible with *Peganum Harmala*. The perceivable effect of 1 or 2 doses per day is subtle as the medicine works to do all that it does at the neurological level. A few people mentioned that things appear slightly brighter although the subtle effect at the cellular level and in metabolism of endogenous neurotransmitters is difficult to notice. Smoke inhalation provides an immediate mild effect that is more perceivable

and much shorter lasting in duration. For regular use, two serving of 2.5g is preferable over 5g to most people. Large dose effects last 12 hours or more.

The investigation of the psychological effects produced from vapor DMT and ayahuasca brews made with DMT based combinations also produced a few takeaways for harm reduction:

[\[Exploring consciousness\]](#)

I have seen only a few journeys that become extremely difficult amid countless that experience beautiful visions and perceptions which leave a lasting positive psychological impact . In the same manner that individual psychological makeup reacts to trauma in life, psychological makeup also has a lasting reaction to profound and positive experiences. DMT and other psychedelics are linked to a reduced fear of death by numerous studies. There is a frequent commonality in reporting a sense of connectivity to trees and plants and in conversing between themselves and other life without audible spoken words. A nature setting is ideal. Everyone sees sacred geometry, a beautiful fractal patterning which changes from medicine to medicine and with dose.

Do not allow a person to be pushed into experiencing these medicines if they are afraid. In one difficult case spouse pressured their partner and in another it was friends in the group who finally convinced someone who had been reluctant for some time. Do not push people beyond an open invitation. Expectations effect outcomes. When fear is a prevailing thought it manifests an experience that can disrupt not only the individual but the group.

[Difficult Experiences]

The bulk of my own personal experience as a facilitator is with service of vapor DMT that began in 2015 and lasted for a few years. In my own facilitations less than 1 per 100 were difficult experiences. Although a nature setting is ideal, one person from Australia met me in Oakland California at a Psychedelic Science convention and our only chance together was in the moment in a corner near a busy hallway full of people. I recommended eyes closed and 3 deep breaths of air slowly exhaled first. She had a beautiful experience that had been sought after for many years. Set and setting is mostly mindset when serving vapor DMT. Mindset can be perceived and influenced by the facilitator. A little anxiety before the first experience is normal. Sometimes a simple reminder that everything is OK delivers the reassurance to relax into the experience although communication between the facilitator and the person experiencing vapor DMT is not normally helpful until after the experience. Deep breathing is proven to lower blood pressure, raise blood oxygen levels and add clarity to thoughts. 2 or 3 deep breaths first is a helpful factor when working with vapor DMT. The most difficult experience I ever witnessed was in the comfort of a quiet home. It was a quiet eyes closed event. When his eyes opened, he ordered everyone to leave – and we did. Some months later he spoke about the difficult experience he had.

I have far less experience serving orally consumed DMT/Psilocin/MAOI mixtures to groups. Those last much longer were all conducted in private home settings. Moments of mild difficulty that can be personally managed in quiet calmness can be a small portion of a long, good

experience. One person broke free from a recurring dream of many years with much difficulty and another relived an unnecessary killing during time of war in exquisite detail meeting family of the deceased to hear the hopes and dreams that were extinguished in the killing. A traumatic psychedelic memory will never be forgotten but they have purpose in our personal growth or to ease passing into the afterlife.

Depths of consciousness unimaginable can be realized and eternity can exist in a moment. One man on a far less difficult journey heard the voices of family he was estranged from and counseling about how to interpret the voices relaxed him. Another facilitator had offered him milk said to counteract the experience to give him a placebo which offered him no comfort. It is wise to have both a male and a female facilitator and multiple people committed to help because an issue may arise requiring one or the other. In most groups, nobody has a difficult journey – so don't allow knowing about them to intimidate you from good medicine. Difficult experiences have purpose. Experienced facilitators only exist because they were at one time inexperienced facilitators.

[Thinking from new perspective]

Terrance McKenna claimed that there is a link between human advancements and entheogens. I propose that habitual thought patterns can be identified and altered. Skills of pattern recognition either in sciences or happenings can be aided by mental precepts adopted or abandoned in the past from a consciousness altering experience.

Altered consciousness can be used to intentionally vision or hear a specific solution however we are all at the mercy of experiencing whatever it may be. Letting go and surrendering to the great unknown and gripping only to grace and love channels in a teacher whom you will want to receive from - whatever it is that is on the lesson plan. Entheogenic plant brews can offer you to see or force you to see from different perspectives - or offer you nothing.

Enormous human advancements have been credited to the visionary states associated to altered consciousness. Nobel prize winner Francis Crick attributed the use of psychedelics as a cognitive tool for envisioning the double helix DNA structure. Kary Mullis winning the 1993 Nobel Prize in Chemistry with the polymerase chain reaction technique "used plenty of LSD." Steve Jobs once stated that experimenting with LSD in the 1960s was "one of the two or three most important things he had done in his life." Bill Gates admittedly used LSD in his youth. John Cunningham Lilly called the most important figure in the field of electronic brain stimulation extensively experimented with LSD and ketamine. Studies confirm improved pattern perception, and potential cognitive flexibility enhancements from LSD. ([90. Carhart-Harris et al., 2016](#))

[Blockage]

These plant medicine combinations are unusual in the fact that the same sized dose produce different effects depending on physiological state. If your immune system is fighting off a common cold or if the belly or bowel is overly full this can hinder the experience. Additionally,

a dietary reaction with the *Peganum Harmala* or *Banisteriopsis Caapi* can significantly hinder the experience.

[Creativity]

Numerous studies have made a positive link between entheogens and creativity in problem solving, art, music, and the sciences. ([91. Hartogsohn, 2018](#); [92. Jung & Vartanian, 2018](#); [93. Girn et al., 2020](#)). Altered states may facilitate new creative ideas or be a wonderful experience of exploration. The artist Alex Grey paints from out of body experience. The attached Figure 1 and Figure 2 are digital art that I put together and Figure 3 through Figure 9 is poetry I wrote inspired by plant medicine as evidence of creativity. In the artwork notice neurons interconnecting brains as the shaman exhales a cloud of smoke into a portal of time and space amid scrolls of knowledge in an ancient Egyptian scene of modern science.

[Makes diet matter]

Peganum Harmala by itself is rarely credited for any great personal breakthroughs. In one exception, daily use of only *Peganum Harmala* after some months of reprise from other unhealthy habits had one person claiming something of a personal transformation giving credit to *Peganum Harmala* alone. Foods with yeast extract preservatives or MSG cause nausea or digest poorly when mixed with *Peganum Harmala*, so does beer and wine. Diet and exercise are key to health and happiness - the ancient axiom remains. *Peganum Harmala* encourages healthy diet and will bring to the surface foods that are incompatible with it.

[Dietary Guidelines]

Certain foods are not good when mixed. For example, beer and milk. You can drink both beer and milk – but not at the same time. Don't suppose that you must give up beer because you drink milk every morning for breakfast. In a nutshell, this is the Ayahuasca or *Peganum*

Harmala diet:

Avoid aged cheeses such as Parmesan, Cheddar, Blue Cheese, Swiss, Gouda, Feta, Brie, Gruyere, and Emmental. Cheeses such as American cheese, Cottage Cheese, and fresh Ricotta are not aged and need not be avoided. Avoid aged, smoked or preserved meat such as Beef Jerky, Pepperoni, Mortadella, Salami, Shrimp paste, Pickled herrings, or salted Cod. Do not eat raw yeast, nutritional yeast, or any preservatives such as MSG which is a Yeast Extract. Do not eat fermented tofu or soy. Fermented soy is found in some vitamin supplements in large amounts.

The substance to avoid is tyramine. Very small amounts of tyramine will not make you nauseous, but large amounts will. Tyramine is poisonous to everyone, but the levels of tolerance to tyramine vary from person to person and from time to time. *Peganum Harmala* lowers tolerance for tyramine causing greater sensitivity to it. Tyramine is more commonly found in old, mishandled, or damaged food because many food sources contain the beneficial amino acid tyrosine. Tyramine is created by bacteria that decarboxylate the tyrosine into tyramine.

You don't need to abstain from a dash of cinnamon or from *ALL* tree nuts to eliminate *ALL* tyramine from your diet when your body can metabolize a little. Brazil Nuts and

hazel nuts are far worse than almonds. Avoid **large quantities** of spinach, cabbage, tomatoes, Italian flat romano beans(other beans are OK), pineapple, dates, snow peas, avocados, raw onion, eggplants, figs, beets, olives, broccoli, red plums, kim chee, prunes, raspberries, peanuts and peanut butter, Brazil nuts, walnuts, dried coconut flesh, (fresh sweet coconut water is OK), ginseng, licorice, cinnamon, anise, curry powder, most bullion broth cubes and powders, meat tenderizers, dry packaged and canned soups, gravy, sauces, stew mixes, instant soup dry powder bases, Soy and Teriyaki Sauce, hot paprika, nutmeg, brewer's yeast, fermented soy, beer and wine should be avoided.

Food that digests well with *Peganum Harmala*: Fresh chicken, eggs, fresh fish, fresh beef, white bread, wheat bread, rye bread, English muffins, crackers, bagels, hot and cold cereal, cream of wheat, rice, cooked dried beans, peas, and lentils, all pasta, apple, banana, mangoes, blueberries, melons, melon blossoms, egg noodles, rice, corn, asparagus, carrots, pumpkin, squash, zucchini, cooked onion, bread fruit, american cheese, ricotta, cottage cheese, cream cheese, eggs, most canned salmon or tuna fish, tuna salad, milk: whole, 2% or skim, salt, chives, sugar, maple syrup, honey, and salad dressing made from olive oil and lemon juice. Baby kale can be cooked or in a salad with hibiscus flowers. Potatoes, sweet potatoes, yams, yucca, and breadfruit are all good. Pistachios, cashews, and almonds are ok in small quantity although they have trace amounts of tyramine. Bananas are good with attention to remove all banana peel strings because they contain tyramine.

[Additional Observations]

Peganum Harmala seed glows extremely bright under a standard UV blacklight, however only when mixed with water. Soak seeds in a glass for a few days, then pour the glass in a slow-moving stream with a blacklight at night to see a long bright fluorescent streak in the water. Caapi also glows. Yellow Caapi glows brighter than Red Caapi, and red glows more than Black Caapi. Urine excreted after metabolizing Rue or Caapi also glows very bright so keep an ultraviolet blacklight handy to check it out. The pure alkaloids glow, however most brightly when wet.

[Interaction with world systems]

Peganum Harmala crosses the line from medicinal into the realm of spiritual, religious, and ritualistic. The fact that ancient Islamic texts make such an extraordinary mention of *Peganum Harmala* causes it to enter an unusual religious category. *Peganum Harmala* can be used in Ayahuasca preparations. Ayahuasca has legal committees' setup such as the Ayahuasca Defense Fund as part of the ICEERS group that use "Freedom of Religion" arguments as defense with an array of cultural historic facts.

Peganum Harmala is not a controlled substance in the United States, Europe, or in the Middle East. In the United States it is classified as a noxious weed in the few dry US States where it could grow and has no regulations in other states. It does kill livestock that eat it, hence its classification as a noxious weed.

Peganum Harmala cannot be purchased from Amazon or at Walmart – keeping cattle safe.

Save the sheep.

Some in the pharmaceutical industry are aware that *Peganum Harmala* combined with Prozac and possibly other medications causes a serious serotonin syndrome reaction that can be life threatening. That danger is undoubtedly contributing to its lack of presence in major retailers in the United States. It is classified as a controlled substance in Canada and sale is regulated in Australia where major retailers also do not sell it. Many years ago, the FDA made a statement that it is their policy to promote the research of synthetic medicines. Some synthetic medicine has served humanity well and some has served business well. The plants commonly combined with *Peganum Harmala* are subject to Schedule 1 drug laws which hinders neuroscience research and treatment innovation, [\(94. Nutt et al., 2013\)](#) leaving need for clinical trials.

In 2020, voters in Washington D.C passed initiative 81 which decriminalized possession and use of entheogenic plants and fungi. DMT being extracted from tree bark allows it to fall under Initiative 81. Now in 2025 In Washington D.C. many providers offer curbside delivery for DMT vape pens. Vendors sell decals that come with a free DMT vape pen. Colorado will be the first state to serve clinical DMT planned for 2026.

[Conclusion]

FDA does not promote *Peganum Harmala* despite the overwhelming evidence of neural health benefits. Promising preclinical evidence suggests that it could be preventative for Alzheimer's and neurodegeneration. Evidence also suggests that it could be preventative for cancer because it is a growth inhibitor for cancer. It can be part of an herbal treatment for depression. The beta-carbolines in *Peganum Harmala* influence cellular proliferation body-wide. Evidence suggests it can be used as an approach to create new bone cells or improve osteoporosis conditions and that it could be preventative to such conditions. Evidence suggests that beta-carboline induced beta cell production could accompany stem cell applications. Evidence suggests that *Peganum Harmala* can accompany clinical psilocin to increase effectiveness.

Worldviews are subject to change([95. Schlitz et al., 2010](#)), Thomas Jefferson ate tomatoes in public during an era where they were believed to be poisonous due to their relation to the Nightshade family causing public consternation, anxiety and dismay on the path to a new world view.

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A being of man manifested
this manifesto, The Deed,
then he blessed it.

Being that i am,
just let me be.

I will be.

Mind my being? while i just be?
Just let me be, and do my own thing
Injustice with be's leads to stings
so what are we? - all just beings?

If we were all just beings
there'd be no injustice,
just just beings,
content to just be.

No need for deed.

No deed will do,
indeed no sting for you
just souper soup
the sacred brew
thats not naughty
and not not nice.

I trip alone, or i trip with 3
I triple my zone when im alone
and just be...
in tranquility...
with a friend or 3 or an entity

that knows how to be
before they just do
because when justice is done,
you can't justly undo.
Justice is true.

Just justice will do.

Justice is deed - when justice is due

I will just be

Justice will do.

Empty self of volumes of deed,
deed done and deed to be
while i just be...

Free from deed is free indeed.

Free i just be,

to trip on this train of thought
that i squeezed from a leaf

in the garden of God,

where Trees of Knowledge know a lot

and ancient beings have a spot

where the birds and the bees

and extractions from trees

are free...

from witchhunting judgementologies

and LOVE with no apologies

is above ALL, yes all of these

with selfish small philosophies

It is so that i manifest
this manifesto, The Deed, i did my best.

As i chant this cant

i pray an enchanted trance
will bring you to dance
with the words that i say
and the words that i cant
while i just be...

free to leave it at that

The Freedom Act, the act i best know
exact as the fact of this manifesto

Ex-act of all act,
while i just be...

exactly on track with destiny.

Not as an actor

Just - as a being

with understanding and meaning
that i spell what i speak

when in casting a deed

for justice to do

while i just be...

alone with my tea

I AM being mighty,
with eternal time

a Stopwatch in my eyes
because justice is blind

and seeing's for beings
that are justly in time
not a temporal place
but the temple space
of the inner mind,
an alien place
to an act that is blind.
I call it peace. I call it home.
I am a priest in temple zone
Man over beast in temporal zone
unjustly beings just being meat on the bone
in a temporal place
that's out of time when its fed up grace
because Justice wont run
in the human race
Justice will do to the end of the age
I will just be,
being this age, being the sage
being the stage
not the act that is grave
in this temporal place.
As a pro, i suppose
i composed this prose
for the chosen those
Supposed to know
and hear it clear with inner ear

through our temple to our brain.
So sincere our 3rd eye tear
is from joy and not from pain.
Of course we hear it
from source from Spirit
I AM of many names.
Drink a Read,
what you see?

All my tea is Almighty
Every word - to the last drop
from a special tree
in the garden of God
my specialty is brewing this thought
of special tea by the cup or the pot.
I am a man that's able
to the animal in me
be accountable ya see
as i just be...
justly being man
i stand on a standing truth
as i just be...
Justice will do.

Research refinds a planted truth
beings that be - have ancient roots
and seed the deeds
Justice will do

for me...

as i justly be...

(...)

Freedom from Speech
that silence is golden
in defiance of spoken
while i just be...

The Bond for the broken

Surety, sure as tea that im holdin
that The Deed has been noted

as i pour a tea

of more poetry

conscious of my spell

in the loss of legal deed

with the knowledge of the trees

to converse a Verse

inverted to curse the injustice on earth
and all the unjust beings!

Justice Just is

and justice will do.

I'm free as a bee

to use the flower too, in my brew

Made with certainty

that this certain tea

has a flower, a leaf, a root, and a seed
and im free as a tree from deeds to do

This much i must say
an epiphany in my ways
when just being has more to say
than talking - if i may
crawling to walking so to say
while im trippin here today
from page to page
to this generation - this entire age
Gather the broken herd
with the spoken word
when LOVE sets you free
to speak your being
in defiant of silent
to judgemental acts
the sub-mental facts
that pays deaths tax
for every grave act
Spoken into being
so i just be ... with my tea
casting spell to speech
my cast is priest so i preach
from the temple when i speak
where the jaw bone and head meet
just being more than meat
found being is profound.
Free from deed i rest so
i decreed this manifesto.

- Brian Aberle - Syrian Rue.org