

## Tears of the Gods

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the Chinese believe the  
tea plant sprouted from  
the tears of Gods  
while in India Ganga is  
the plant attributed to Siva  
who is known as an inveterate  
smoker

both attributions seem apt  
as both (once sacred) plants  
enhance the body and mind

the Himalayas in spring  
and summer see the harvesting  
of tea in Darjeeling and Ganga-rubbing  
in every balmy mountain valley  
producing prized black attar

but not to be forgotten is the poppy  
its resin produces euphoria  
the stuff of dreams  
preferred by poets and shaman

a world away the coca plant is  
sacred to indigenous tribes and shaman

every plant that alters everyday  
consciousness is revered as sacred  
for good reason, traditional cultures  
do not view altered states as illusory  
but as other dimensions of mind/experience

mind mushrooms thrive in cow shit  
in northern and southern Oz  
tops and meannies,  
smooth as can be

police have no business  
regulating plants and fungi  
used as sacraments

mind plants exist in almost

every clime and locality  
the Gods are kind  
offering their flesh and tears  
to heal our bodies and souls

there is an abundance of  
natural Holy sacraments;  
refuse all lab synthetics,  
they are not of the body of God

*"And all should cry, Beware! Beware!  
His flashing eyes, his floating hair  
Weave a circle round him thrice,  
And close your eyes with Holy dread  
For he on honey-dew hath fed,  
And drunk the milk of Paradise."*

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