



Despite its disturbing effects, Hofmann would go on to champion the careful use of LSD for a range of psychiatric, spiritual and medical purposes until his death in 2008, noting its success as a treatment for alcohol dependence and other difficulties requiring a mind-changing experience to move forward. But he never understood or embraced it as a recreational drug, neither before nor after it was listed as an illegal substance in the 1970s.

This joy at having fathered LSD was tarnished after more than ten years of uninterrupted scientific research and medicinal use. LSD was swept up in the huge wave of an international mania to spread

## Drug literacy

Big ideas

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