

Review of: "Sacred Plants and Their Miraculous or Healing Properties"

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This is a wonderful subject with very captivating photographs that make it very pleasant to peruse. However, the contribution would benefit from more focus. The abstract is far too long. In general, abstracts are not more than 300 words. The abstract says that the work will focus on mandrake and peyote, but then goes on to include kava kava and other plants. The English would also benefit from editing. The author's heart is clearly in the right place, but the work needs more coherence. The relationship between healing and sacred effects needs to be clarified and developed. The two discussions should be consolidated into one. This is a very wide and general review article and does not require a Results section unless a procedure and purpose are clearly stated and followed. The use of italics seems haphazard and so loses its meaning. More work is needed to make this contribution tighter and suitable for publication. My suggestion would be to start with the Abstract and then have the rest of the paper follow and not deviate from it. The author should be encouraged to create from this wide-ranging and highly promising *prima materia* a shiny and valuable "philosopher's stone."