

Corrections to article published in Village Voice (and other papers), January 8, 2014: “A Remote Arizona Church Offers Followers Peyote-Induced Psychedelic Trips”

- Immanuel’s son Juan did not die. It was his older brother Byram. Juan who goes by the name of Will, lives in Santa Fe New Mexico, where he makes his own pottery and cares for his mother. Immanuel was not driving the truck and was not present at the tragic accident.
- Carlos Castenada’s work has long been regarded as fiction by scholars. For more accurate and scientific information about peyote’s alkaloids, please consult MAPS or EROWID, or Edward Anderson’s [Peyote the Divine Cactus](#).
- No one is getting rich off Peyote. The holy sacrament Peyote is not for sale at the Peyote Way Church. The gross income listed in the article does not reflect the taxes paid by Mana pottery, or the cost of upkeep for buildings, vehicles that wear out quickly on the rough roads, or minimal salaries for minimal staff. Our records are available upon request.
- The church is tolerated and even admired by many of its Mormon and non-Mormon neighbors. Mormons tend to know a thing or two about religious persecution and do not tend to practice it. The many other friends of the church, in and out of Graham County public office, will go unnamed, but we know who you are and appreciate your kindness, acceptance, and often support over the decades.
- When Immanuel and his associates purchased the land in Aravaipa, it was not in foreclosure. It was Immanuel who was often battling foreclosure to hold this beautiful 160 acres as a sanctuary for all race Peyotism.
- Membership is not a one time fee, but an annual donation. We, like all other non profit organizations, depend on membership support.
- To a person who considers Peyote a Holy Sacrament it is painful to hear it described as a hallucinogen. We consider the word hallucinogen to be a pejorative. It is an inaccurate term that has been used since the 50’s and 60’s to denigrate the Peyote experience and not an accurate description of the experience.

- Peyote is an endangered species that only grows naturally in South Texas and Northern Mexico. The establishment of discriminatory Peyote laws that limit Peyote use strictly to Native American members of the Native American Church, while prohibiting these same people from cultivating their holy sacrament, is a threat to the survival of this sacred plant. Unconstitutional discriminatory Peyote laws seem designed with Peyote extinction and the extinction of Native American culture as the government's prime objective. Leaving the welfare of this holy plant in the questionable "control" of the Federal Government means losing the help of botanists of all races and beliefs who have the knowledge to secure the future of this sacred spiritually healing plant.
- Bill Russell, an actor known as "Apache" Bill Russell, fought in WWI not the Spanish American War.

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