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THE WAR FOR MEANING: What are the Stakes in the New Psychedelic Research?



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WEBINAR Presentation via Zoom application

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I will discuss an interesting emerging agenda in the pharmaceutical industry after early results in clinical trials and bench science have revealed the therapeutic promise of a small class of traditional serotonergic psychedelic substances like psilocybin and dimethyltryptamine. In particular, I will discuss concerning rhetoric from specific labs emphasizing the importance of mitigating the 'psychedelic' effects of molecules and isolating their 'essential' specific non-psychedelic therapeutic properties. I will discuss why such goals are potentially ethically and scientifically problematic, and whether or not traditional pharmaceutical pathways can steward the re-integration of this interesting class of drugs back into healthcare and culture.

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