

Tobacco

Ethnobotanical History



Ethnobotany definition: The scientific study of the traditional knowledge and customs of a people concerning plants and their medical, religious, and other uses.

It is important to say here that what i offer with Tobacco is far from what you can learn from a Maestro.

It is far from a Tobacco Dieta.

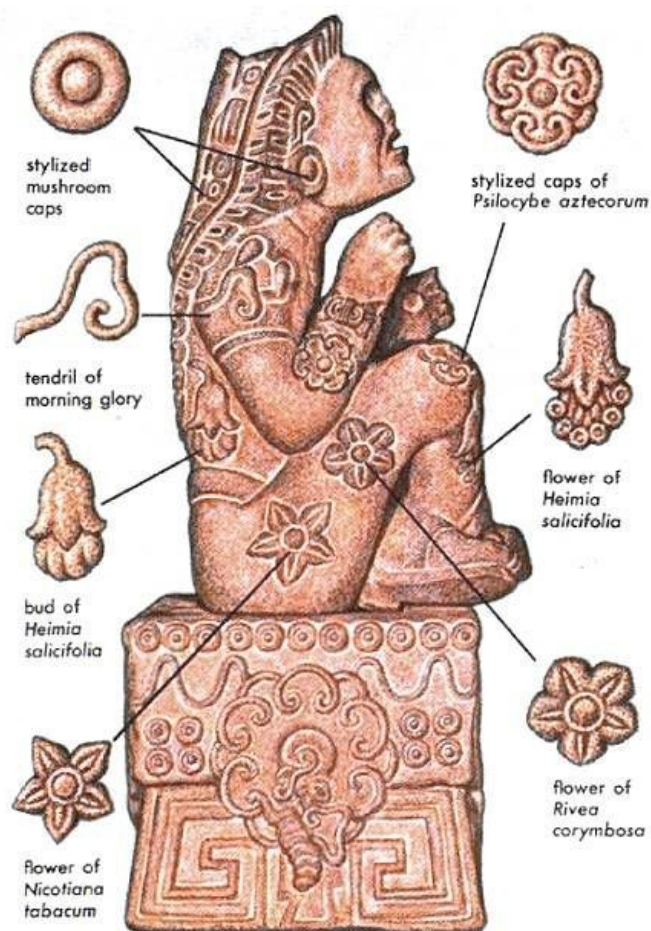
The Intention is to humbly connect to this Plant Spirit that is so highly revered by The Native Folks of The Americas and which is now available for anyone around the world. The Intention is to plant seeds and to spark your love for this plant. Perhaps to even grow a plant or 2 yourself.

I have found that when brought into relationship with ixCacao for Cleansing or Prayerway Medicine, He Truly Shines White Light.

I would like to introduce you to Xochipili, An Aztech Statue, The Prince of Flowers.



Engraved on Him is Sacred Flowers that were Precious Companions to The Aztec People. One of These Flowers are known to be Tobacco.



The process of domestication began perhaps 6,000-8,000 y ago in the Andes of South America.

In The Western Mind, Tobacco is Poorly Understood and Abused.

Its actually surreal to think how much we have simply ignored about this plant.

And much of The Tobacco for sale today is filled with additives and chemicals. Bizarre.

How did this happen?

Genetic selection and modification by people ultimately produced species such as *Nicotiana rustica* and *Nicotiana tabacum*, which have larger leaves and higher nicotine content than earlier wild varieties.

Domesticated tobaccos spread into Mesoamerica and the Caribbean and reached parts of what is now the southeastern and southwestern United States.

However, they were absent in most of western North America, a vast area inhabited by hunter-gatherers where several different species of indigenous (often referred to as “desert” or “wild”) tobaccos are found, including *Nicotiana quadrivalvis*, *Nicotiana attenuata*, and *Nicotiana obtusifolia*.

Thus,

There was an important change in The Over All Human Relationship with Tobacco when The Wild Plants got Cultivated for their desired Big Leaved Properties and The Trade of Tobacco started commercially thanks (or no thanks to) The French Traders in The 1800's.

There are so many Sacred Ways that Tobacco was and still is brought into relationship

with The 2 Leggeds.

If we Think about Tobacco as a Plant, and not only as an end product, we can start with
a Classic Ethnobotanical Journey:

It starts with a seed

And where to plant that seed is important.

In certain communities Tobacco Seeds are plant around The Edges of Gardens and Homes as it is believed to Hold Protection.

Form the beginning Tobacco as revered and respected.

After The Plant has Grown to Maturity, there is The Harvest.

Leaves and Seed and even The Flowers are Harvested.

Seeds are saved for a Next Crop.

Leaves can be used Fresh or Cured for All Different Kinds of Medicines, from Skin Conditions, Body Cleansing/Purge, Spiritual Cleans/Purge, Bathing, Womb Medicine, Smoke Medicine, Offering Medicine.

Flowers for Offering, Flower Essence, Bath Remedy.

Here is a Beautiful Link of how 1 Culture Relates with Tobacco:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4HskODphk8Q>

Classicaly Tobacco has been known as 'The Cure All' Plant in The Old Americas.

And there were many and still are many different ways of using this plant for Medicine.

Smoke, Smudge, Offering, Chew, Snuff, Topical, Steams, Compress, Baths.

Some awesome links:

Wild Tobacco of North America

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicotiana_attenuata

Known as Coyote Tobacco

<https://medium.com/the-happy-botanist/nicotiana-attenuata-a-plant-with-four-lives-c253e520a263>

Seeds to Grow:

[https://www.richters.com/Web_store/web_store.cgi?](https://www.richters.com/Web_store/web_store.cgi?product=X6493&show=&prodclass=Herb_and_Vegetable_Seeds&source=799158.29456)

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Everything Wild Tobacco:

https://www.google.com/search?sxsrf=ALeKk03eEDGMMRHWYyNnqzxKHhkc-j2QDg%3A1586201568496&ei=4IOLXuLbHZzagwe_oJ2IDw&q=wild+tobacco+north+america&oq=wild+tobacco+ameri&gs_lcp=CgZwc3ktYWlQARgAMgYIABAWEB46BAgAEFc6BAgiECc6BQgAEJECOGllAEoRCBcSDTEwLTMzN2czNDRnMTNKDAgYEggyMC0yZzRnMIC0K1i3SWCNVWgAcAJ4AIAB4QKIAfMekgEEMy0xMpgBAKABAaoBB2d3cy13aXo&sclient=psy-ab

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<https://www.pnas.org/content/115/46/11742>

The Father of Etnobotany

<https://puffherbalsmokes.com/blogs/news/schultes-ethnobotany>