

IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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AMICUS CURIE  
IN FAVOR OF  
O CENTRO ESPIRITA UNIAO DO VEGETAL  
DOCKET #04-1084

**APPENDIX A**

**AFFIDAVIT-1**

**Rev. Joan Bello**  
**P.O. Box 623**  
**Oneonta, New York 13820**  
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**<http://www.benefitsofmarijuana.com>**

Affidavit

I, Joan Bellow, am a resident of the State of New York. My mailing address is POB 623, Oneonta, New York 13820. My date of Birth is 7/29/42. Any other contact information is listed on the signature line below.

I affirm under penalty of perjury as defined in the laws of the United States and the State of Iowa that the following Affidavit is true and complete to the best of my ability.

I am making this statement for the purpose of notifying the Supreme Court of the United States of **Plain Errors** of fact and law contained in the decisions under review by this Court in Gonzalez vs. O Centro Espirita Uniao Do Vegetal, docket Number 04-1084 as set forth in the Amicus Curie Brief to which this Affidavit is attached.

I am making this statement for the purpose of supporting the O Centro Espirita Uniao Do Vegetal Church in the decisions of the lower courts that interpret the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 - 42 U.S.C. sec. 2000bb et al - to mean that a sincere act of religious exercise that is substantially burdened by a federal law must be justified at trial by government proofs of the facts of a threat to public health and safety of such magnitude as to support a compelling interest on the part of government to regulate the act of religious exercise.

Further, I support the interpretation of RFRA that is applied to the O Centro Espirita Uniao Do Vegetal Church to mean that the government must make the fact proofs that the least restrictive means of regulation has been used to regulate the sincere act of religious exercise that is found to cause a compelling interest on the part of government to regulate it.

Further, I support the interpretation of RFRA to mean that RFRA applies to the drug laws, provides a means of exemption from the drug laws for sincere religious exercise, and provides exemptions from international treaties affirmed by the United States Senate and otherwise effective upon my actions as a citizen of the State of New York, member of the United States of America.

I now state for the record under penalty of perjury that:

I sincerely use Cannabis Sacrament in my religious exercise.

I am substantially burdened by the federal drug laws that restrict or prohibit my growing, possession, use, transfer and acquisition of cannabis, commonly known as marijuana, for my sincere religious exercise.

I have found that my use of Cannabis Sacrament enables me to come to a greater understanding of my status as a human being faced with decisions about the morality of my acts and the acts of others.



I have found that my use of Cannabis Sacrament enables me to exert greater control over my human nature in body, spirit, psychology, family interaction, social interaction, economic interaction, political interaction, community interaction, and my fundamental interaction with the Creator of All.

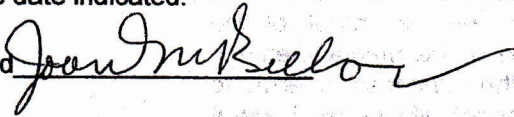
Further I wish to inform this Court that the benefits of marijuana on the developing spirit can be demonstrated through the "science of vibration" which is the ancient science of Divinity as taught and practiced in the India-of-old (still in existence after a five thousand year legacy and which has been adapted to various more modern religious groups and sects that appreciate the spiritual benefits of marijuana) and that I have personally experienced those beneficial effects and find them necessary for my religious practice. Let it be known that the human being is composed of body, mind and soul and that each component of being human can be explained via the methods of modern objective science. While there is concrete proof of the physicality of the body, inferential recognition of the mental element, there is without doubt also the existence of the livingness, referred to as the spirit, which when it is no longer present, life as we know it ends. The spirit or individually contained soul of each person may or may not be apparent to the mental stance of objective science, however, all religious thought recognizes the soul as the life-giving aspect of human existence. Surely no one would deny the right of every citizen of the earth to advance his / her soul-awareness to the point of approaching the Divinity within, if that is, in fact, a person's goal, and there is no harm to either the community at large or the person. Whereas those who realize the spiritual benefits of marijuana (have been measurably affected by the vibrational kernel of the marijuana plant) - all offer similar explanations of their enhanced experience as well as manifesting noticeable similarities in less aggressive and self-centered behaviors; all state, unequivocally that marijuana expands their consciousness to the point of being able to ascertain the Divine, if only momentarily, nevertheless those moments remain indelibly imprinted on their entire being and those moments can be continually attained to by the utilization of the marijuana plant and each moment of Divine realization is of utmost importance - have an inalienable right to utilize the natural substance that advances their understanding of a Supreme Power, and further aids those who are of the Marijuana Faith, to work toward becoming what may be referred to as "a better person," specifically dealing with the possible evolution of the human being toward a less selfish, more creative, more compassionate, less angry, more tolerant perspective. Since marijuana can and has been shown, without doubt to calm the mind, by numerous studies that measure scientifically (objectively) both the type and speed of brain waves which are experienced subjectively as both calming and illuminating, there can be no argument, according to all the religions of the world which calls for one-pointed, serene, concentration, *such as in prayer*, that to calm the mind via less distractedness is the first and most necessary step that leads to the unfolding of That Which is Beyond thought. Marijuana is one such natural substance being utilized around the world by millions of believers who are being burdened unnecessarily by the prohibition of their sacrament even though cannabis is not only compatible but actually healthful to both the human body and its mental component (in direct contradiction to the intentional misinformation that has been

promulgated concerning the effects of marijuana via those irreligious materially-oriented persons who fear that the soul-enhancing effects of marijuana may be somehow detrimental to their own gain) via the Human Cannabinoid System, discovered through objective science over the last decades, but which has been intuitively recognized and honored and revered by those millions of people, throughout the world of the marijuana faith – in these present times and including thousands of years of historical worship.

I respectfully request that the Supreme Court of the United States affirm the interpretation of RFRA made in the **Bauer and O Centro** cases.

I affirm under penalty of perjury that above made statement is true and complete to the best of my ability as indicated by my signature below on the date indicated.

Signed



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AFFIDAVIT-2

**Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church**

**Jeffrey A. Brown,**

**656 East Highway 50,**

**Clermont, Florida, 34711**



## Affidavit

I, Jeffrey A. Brown, am a resident of Clermont, Florida in the County of Lake. My mailing address is 656 E. Hwy 50, Clermont, Florida 34711. My date of birth is January 4, 1955.

I affirm under penalty of perjury as defined in the laws of the United States and Florida that the following affidavit is true and complete to the best of my ability.

I am making this statement for the purpose of notifying the Supreme Court of the United States of Plain Errors of fact and law contained in the decisions under review by this Court in Gonzalez vs. O Centro Espirita Uniao Do Vegetal, docket Number 04-1084 as set forth in the Amicus Curie Brief to which this Affidavit is attached.

I am making this statement for the purpose of supporting the O Centro Espirita Uniao Do Vegetal Church in the decisions of the lower courts that interpreted the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993-42 U.S.C. sec. 2000bb et. al. to mean that a sincere act of religious exercise that is substantially burdened by a federal law must be justified at trial by government proofs of the facts of a threat to public health and safety of such magnitude as to support a compelling interest on the part of government to regulate the act of religious exercise. Further, I support the interpretation of RFRA that is applied to the O Centro Espirita Uniao Do Vegetal Church to mean that the government must make the fact proofs that the least restrictive means of regulation has been used to regulate the sincere act of religious exercise that is found to cause a compelling interest on the part of government to regulate it. I support the interpretation of RFRA to mean that RFRA applies to the drug laws, provides a means of exemption from the drug laws for sincere religious exercise, and provides exemptions from international treaties affirmed by the United States Senate and otherwise effective upon my actions as a citizen of the State of Florida of the United States of America.

I now state for the record under penalty of perjury that ;  
I sincerely use cannabis in my religious exercise.

I am substantially burdened by the federal drug laws that restrict my growing, possession, use, transfer and acquisition of cannabis for my sincere religious exercise.

I have found that my use of cannabis enables me to come to a greater understanding of my status as a human being faced with decisions about

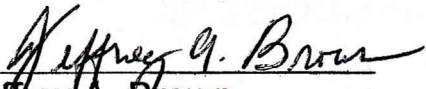


the morality of my acts and the acts of others.

I have found that that use of cannabis enables me to see and know that God is a spirit of love that lives within.

I respectfully request that the Supreme Court of the United States affirm the interpretation of RFRA that is made in the Amicus Curie Brief to which this Affidavit is attached.

I affirm under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statement is true and complete to the best of my ability as indicated by my signature below on the date indicated.



Jeffrey A. Brown  
Jeffrey A. Brown

8/20/05  
dated

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AFFIDAVIT-3

Church of Work,  
Rev. Christopher M. DeMars,  
21542 Crestview Drive,  
Sonora, California 95370



## Affidavit

I, Rev Christopher M. DeMars, am a resident of Tuolumne County, California. My mailing address is 21542 Crestview Dr. Sonora, CA 95370. My date of birth is February 7, 1955. Any other contact information is listed on the signature line below.

I affirm under penalty of perjury as defined in the laws of the United States and The State of California that the following Affidavit is true and complete to the best of my ability.

I am making this statement for the purpose of notifying the Supreme Court of the United States of Plain Errors of fact and law contained in the decisions under review by this Court in Gonzalez vs. O Centro Espirita Uniao Do Vegetal, docket Number 04-1084 as set forth in the Amicus Curie Brief to which this Affidavit is attached.

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I now state for the record under penalty of perjury that:

I sincerely use Cannabis, in my religious exercise.

I am substantially burdened by the federal drug laws that restrict my growing, possession, use, transfer and acquisition of Cannabis for my sincere religious exercise.

I have found that Cannabis can assist people in doing their Holy Work with the proper mental attitude.

I have found that Cannabis assists in bringing the Congregation together within the Holy Spirit.

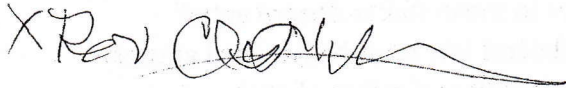
I personally use Cannabis to treat the symptoms of my Multiple Sclerosis.

I believe that medicinal plants, including Cannabis, are living examples of God's infinite love for Man to deny them is to deny God's Love.

I respectfully request that the Supreme Court of the United States affirm the interpretation of RFRA that is made in the Amicus Curie Brief to which this Affidavit is attached.

I affirm under penalty of perjury that the aforesaid statement is true and complete to the best of my ability as indicated by my signature below on the date indicated.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rev. Christopher M. DeMars", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rev. Christopher M. DeMars  
Church of Work

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Date: August 21, 2005



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**AFFIDAVIT-4**

**Right Reverend Smiley James Harris,  
P.O. Box 87,  
Lucerne, California  
(USA; Zip Code Exempt)  
[Domestic Mail Manual sec 122.32]**

## AFFIDAVIT

I, Right Reverend Smiley James Harris, ordained by the Universal Life Church; founder, administrator, and pastor of the "Church of the Greater Faith and Redemption"; am a Citizen of the California Republic, holding domicile in the city of Lucerne, for the County of Lake.

I accept mail at the following address: P.O. Box 87; Lucerne, California Republic, USA; Zip Code Exempt [Domestic Mail Manual §122.32]. I am over the age of eighteen and I do knowingly and intelligently compose this affidavit.

I affirm under penalty of perjury as defined under the laws of the State of California that the following Affidavit is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I make this statement for the sole purpose of notifying the Supreme Court for the United States of America of the Plain Errors of fact and law contained in the decisions currently under review by this Court in Gonzalez vs. O Centro Espirita Uniao Do Vegetal, docket Number 04-1084 as set forth in the Amicus Curie Brief to which this Affidavit is attached.

I make this statement supporting the O Centro Espirita Uniao Do Vegetal Church in the decisions of the lower courts which interpret the Religious Freedoms and Restoration Act of 1993 ["RFRA"], as codified in Title 42 U.S.C. §2000bb et al; to mean that any sincere act of religious exercise which is substantially burdened by any law must be justified by the government upon proofs that the facts support a "palpable threat" to public health and safety of such magnitude so as to support a compelling interest on the part of government to regulate the act of religious exercise.

Further, I support the interpretation of RFRA as applied to the O Centro Espirita Uniao Do Vegetal Church to hold the government to the burden of proving that the least restrictive means of regulation has been employed to regulate that sincere act of religious exercise, which is found to have caused the compelling interest on the part of the government.

I support the interpretation of RFRA which holds RFRA as applicable to all laws. I understand RFRA provides an exemption from all laws for sincere religious exercise, and provides exemptions from international treaties affirmed by the United States Senate and is as otherwise effective upon my actions as a Citizen of the California state Republic, a member of the United States of America.

**FURTHER;**

I stipulate that I regularly use, possess, cultivate and/or transfer and/or acquire cannabis as part of my sincere religious exercise.

I stipulate that I am substantially burdened by the federal drug laws that restrict my cultivation, possession, use, transfer and/or acquisition of cannabis for the sincere religious exercise of myself, and my congregation.

My use of cannabis enables me to reach a greater positive understanding and peaceful involvement with my fellow man, as is the will my GOD.



My GOD empowers me through my use of cannabis to achieve greater levels of control over the weaknesses of the flesh and human nature.

My GOD empowers me through my use of cannabis which allows me to form a greater communion of mind, body and spirit. This enables me to interact from a positive center of peace, enabling and building strong family and social interaction skills.

My use of cannabis empowers me so as I am able to maintain a relationship with my GOD which forever brings me closer to my GOD.

FURTHER, I wish to inform this Court that the Federal governments denials of religious accommodations has reached alarming levels.

Case#C-05-0566 VRW in the Northern District Court of California (currently on appeal) is similar to the case at Amicus Curie. However, the plaintiffs (myself, and two others) in Case#C-05-0566 VRW have been repeatedly (three times) invaded by the federal government, despite the fact that the location is a recognized church; infringing under Title 42 U.S.C. 2000cc, et seq.

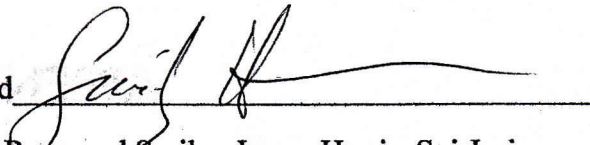
Case#C-05-0751 MJJ also in the Northern District Court of California (pending) addresses the federal governments denial of religious accommodations as pertaining to identification, so as to deny plaintiff (myself) access to the court, the court clerks offices, and access to the building on the presumption of federal jurisdiction.

I respectfully request the Supreme Court of the United States to affirm the interpretation of RFRA that is made in the Amicus Curie Brief to which this Affidavit is attached.

I affirm under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief as indicated by my signature below.

Dated: September 5, 2005

Signed



Right Reverend Smiley James Harris, Sui Juris

Citizen of the California state Republic

P.O. Box 87, Lucerne, California Republic, USA

Zip Code Exempt [Domestic Mail Manual §122.32]

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## Affidavit

I, Rev David A. Jack, am a resident of Angels Camp, Calaveras County, California. My mailing address is PO Box 392, Altaville, California. My date of birth is November 1, 1942. Any other contact information is listed on the signature line below.

I affirm under penalty of perjury as defined in the laws of the United States and (the State of Residence) that the following Affidavit is true and complete to the best of my ability.

I am making this statement for the purpose of notifying the Supreme Court of the United States of Plain Errors of fact and law contained in the decisions under review by this Court in *Gonzalez vs. O Centro Espirita Uniao Do Vegetal*, docket Number 04-1084 as set forth in the Amicus Curie Brief to which this Affidavit is attached.

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I now state for the record under penalty of perjury that:

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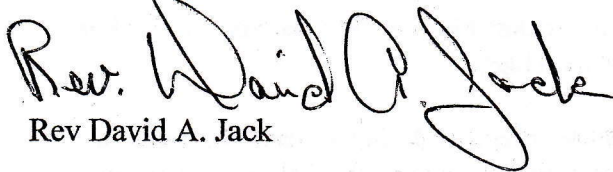


Further I wish to inform this Court that it is my belief that Cannabis has stopped the rapid growth of my brain tumor through the Gnosis of the Holy Spirit.

I respectfully request that the Supreme Court of the United States affirm the interpretation of RFRA that is made in the Amicus Curie Brief to which this Affidavit is attached.

I affirm under penalty of perjury that the aforesaid statement is true and complete to the best of my ability as indicated by my signature below on the date indicated.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. David A. Jack". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "D" and "A".

Rev David A. Jack

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Date: August 17, 2005



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AFFIDAVIT A-6

UNIVERSAL OHANA ALOHA EARTH  
OF THE CHURCH COGNIZANCE

Rev. Daniel Jeffrey,  
P.O. Box 1004,  
Pahoa, Hawaii 96778

AFFIDAVIT

I, Daniel Jeffrey, am a resident of Puna, Hawaii County, Hawaii. My mailing address is P.O. Box 1004, Pahoa, HI 96778. My date of birth is September 25<sup>th</sup>, 1949.

I affirm under penalty of perjury as defined in the laws of the United States and the State of Hawaii, that the following Affidavit is true and complete to the best of my ability.

I am making this statement for the purpose of notifying the Supreme Court of the United States of Plain Errors of fact and law contained in the decisions under review by this Court in Gonzalez vs. O Centro Espirita Uniao Do Vegetal, docket Number 04-1084 as set forth in the Amicus Curie Brief to which this Affidavit is attached.

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Further, I support the interpretation of RFRA that is applied to the O Centro Espirita Uniao Do Vegetal Church to mean that the government must make the fact proofs that the least restrictive means of regulation has been used to regulate the sincere act of religious exercise that is found to cause a compelling interest on the part of government to regulate it. I support the interpretation of RFRA to mean that RFRA applies to the drug laws, provides a means of exemption from the drug laws for sincere religious exercise, and provides exemptions from international treaties affirmed by the United States Senate and otherwise effective upon my actions as a citizen of the State of

*M.*  
~~Arizona~~  
Hawaii

member of the United States of America.

I now state for the record under penalty of perjury that:

The Cannabis Hemp Plant is The Holy Sacrament of my religion, and that its use in all of its many manifestations is mandatory in my mode of worship.

I sincerely believe that the Cannabis Hemp Plant is the biblical "Tree Of Life", the biblical "Seed Bearing Herb", and is also the biblical "Tree" of which the leaves are "for the healing of the nations". I sincerely believe that the Cannabis Hemp Plant has been extensively utilized by every human culture throughout all of history, and was directly responsible for the initial development of the world's religions.



I sincerely believe that the Holy Cannabis Sacrament is absolutely necessary for mankind's understanding of, and proper participation in, God's Divine Plan.

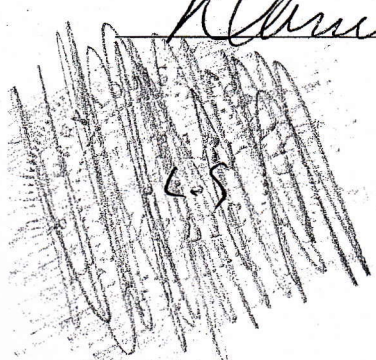
I sincerely believe that my uses of the Cannabis Hemp Plant are not harmful to myself or to society. I sincerely believe that the Cannabis Hemp Plant will extend my lifespan, improve my health, and enhance my quality of life. I sincerely believe that the Cannabis hemp Plant IS THE ONLY HOPE for the salvation of the Earth, and IS WHAT GOD MANDATED FOR ALL HUMANITY TO USE, to meet all of our legitimate Earthly needs.

I am being SUBSTANTIALLY BURDENED in my religious exercise by federal and state drug laws that restrict my cultivation, possession, use, transfer and acquisition of the Cannabis Hemp Plant, and the various manifestations thereof, including the fibers, living seeds, flowers, and oils, as needed in my mode of worship.

I respectfully request that the Supreme Court of the United States affirm the interpretation of RFRA that is made in the Amicus Curie Brief to which this Affidavit is attached.

I affirm under penalty of perjury that the aforemade statement is true and complete to the best of my ability as indicated by my signature below on the date indicated.

Amiel Jeffrey DATE 9-6-05



Subscribed and sworn to before me this

6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 19 2005

Mary Louise Soriano  
Notary Public, State of Hawaii Mary Louise Soriano  
My commission expires May 12, 2006

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AFFIDAVIT-7

Northern Lights Church,  
Reverend Andrew G. Kinnon,  
24651 Doria Avenue,  
Mission Viejo, California 92961



## Affidavit

I, Reverend Andrew G. Kinnon, am a resident of Mission Viejo, Orange County, California. My mailing address is 24651 Doria Ave. Mission Viejo California 92691. My date of birth is March 3 1962. Any other contact information is listed on the signature line below.

I affirm under penalty of perjury as defined in the laws of the United States and (the State of Residence) that the following Affidavit is true and complete to the best of my ability.

I am making this statement for the purpose of notifying the Supreme Court of the United States of Plain Errors of fact and law contained in the decisions under review by this Court in Gonzalez vs. O Centro Espirita Uniao Do Vegetal, docket Number 04-1084 as set forth in the Amicus Curie Brief to which this Affidavit is attached.

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I have found that my use of Cannabis enables me to come to a greater understanding of my status as a human being faced with decisions about the morality of my acts and the acts of others.

I have found that my use of Cannabis enables me to exert greater control over my human nature in body, spirit, psychology, family interaction, social interaction, economic interaction, political interaction, community interaction, and my fundamental interaction with the Creator of All.

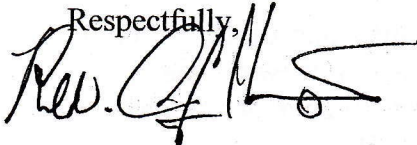
Further I wish to inform this Court that it is my belief that Cannabis stops

my migraine headaches and neck pain through the Gnosis of the Holy Spirit.

I respectfully request that the Supreme Court of the United States affirm the interpretation of RFRA that is made in the Amicus Curie Brief to which this Affidavit is attached.

I affirm under penalty of perjury that the aforesaid statement is true and complete to the best of my ability as indicated by my signature below on the date indicated.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rev. A.G. Kinmon". The signature is stylized and written over the word "Respectfully,".

Reverend Andrew G. Kinmon

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Mission Viejo, California  
92691

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web site: [NorthernLightsChurch.Org](http://NorthernLightsChurch.Org)

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**Eddy's Medicinal Gardens  
and  
Multi-Denominational Ministry  
of  
Cannabis and Rastafari  
Rev. Charles E. Lepp,  
9176 Upper Lake Lucerne Road,  
Upper Lake, California 95485**

## Affidavit

I, Rev. Charles E. Lepp, am a resident of Upper Lake, Lake County, California. My mailing address is 9176 Upper Lake Lucerne Rd. Upper Lake, Ca. 95485. My date of birth is May 24, 1952. Any other contact information is listed on the signature line below.

I affirm under penalty of perjury as defined in the laws of the United States and (the State of Residence) that the following Affidavit is true and complete to the best of my ability.

I am making this statement for the purpose of notifying the Supreme Court of the United States of Plain Errors of fact and law contained in the decisions under review by this Court in Gonzalez vs. O Centro Espirita Uniao Do Vegetal, docket Number 04-1084 as set forth in the Amicus Curie Brief to which this Affidavit is attached.

I am making this statement for the purpose of supporting the O Centro Espirita Uniao Do Vegetal Church in the decisions of the lower courts that interpret the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 – 42 U.S.C. sec. 2000bb et al – to mean that a sincere act of religious exercise that is substantially burdened by a federal law must be justified at trial by government proofs of the facts of a threat to public health and safety of such magnitude as to support a compelling interest on the part of government to regulate the act of religious exercise. Further, I support the interpretation of RFRA that is applied to the O Centro Espirita Uniao Do Vegetal Church to mean that the government must make the fact proofs that the least restrictive means of regulation has been used to regulate the government to regulate it. I support the interpretation of RFRA to mean that RFRA applies to the drug laws, provides a means of exemption from the drug laws for sincere religious exercise, and provides exemptions from international treaties affirmed by the United States Senate and otherwise effective upon my actions as a citizen of the State of California, member of the United States of America.

I now state for the record under penalty of perjury that:



I sincerely use Cannabis in my religious exercise.

I am substantially burdened the federal drug laws that restrict my growing, possession, use, transfer and acquisition of Cannabis for my sincere religious exercise.

I have found that my use of Cannabis enables me to cone to a greater understanding of my status as a human being faced with decisions about the morality of my acts and the acts of others.

I have found that my use of Cannabis enables me to exert greater control over my human nature in body, spirit, psychology, family interaction, social interaction, economic interaction, political interaction, community interaction, and my fundamental interaction with the Creator of All.

I respectfully request that the Supreme Court of the United States affirm the interpretation of RFRA that is made in the Amicus Curie Brief to which the Affidavit is attached.

I affirm under penalty of perjury that the aforesaid statement is true and complete to the best of my ability as indicated by my signature below on the date indicated.

Respectfully,



Rev. Charles E. Lepp

9176 Upper Lake Lucerne Rd.

Upper Lake, Ca. 95485

Phone: (707) 275-8879

Date August 30, 2005

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**Church of the Cognizance,  
Danuel D. Quaintance,  
Hcr 1 Box 4352,  
Pima, Arizona 85543**



## AFFIDAVIT

I, Danuel D. Quaintance, am a resident of Graham County, Arizona. My mailing address is Hcr1 box 4352, Pima, AZ 85543. My date of birth is April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1952.

I affirm under penalty of perjury as defined in the laws of the United States and the State of Arizona, that the following Affidavit is true and complete to the best of my ability.

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Further, I support the interpretation of RFRA that is applied to the O Centro Espirita Uniao Do Vegetal Church to mean that the government must make the fact proofs that the least restrictive means of regulation has been used to regulate the sincere act of religious exercise that is found to cause a compelling interest on the part of government to regulate it. I support the interpretation of RFRA to mean that RFRA applies to the drug laws, provides a means of exemption from the drug laws for sincere religious exercise, and provides exemptions from international treaties affirmed by the United States Senate and otherwise effective upon my actions as a citizen of the State of Arizona, member of the United States of America.

I now state for the record under penalty of perjury that:

The Cannabis Hemp Plant is The Holy Sacrament of my religion, and that its use in all of its many manifestations is mandatory in my mode of worship.

I sincerely believe that the Cannabis Hemp Plant is the biblical "Tree Of Life", the biblical "Seed Bearing Herb", and is also the biblical "Tree" of which the leaves are "for the healing of the nations". I sincerely believe that the Cannabis Hemp Plant has been extensively utilized by every human culture throughout all of history, and was directly responsible for the initial development of the world's religions.

I sincerely believe that the Holy Cannabis Sacrament is absolutely necessary for mankind's understanding of, and proper participation in, God's Divine Plan.

I sincerely believe that my uses of the Cannabis Hemp Plant are not harmful to myself or to society. I sincerely believe that the Cannabis Hemp Plant will extend my lifespan, improve my health, and enhance my quality of life. I sincerely believe that the Cannabis hemp Plant IS THE ONLY HOPE for the salvation of the Earth, and IS WHAT GOD

MANDATED FOR ALL HUMANITY TO USE, to meet all of our legitimate Earthly needs.

I am being SUBSTANTIALLY BURDENED in my religious exercise by federal and state drug laws that restrict my cultivation, possession, use, transfer and acquisition of the Cannabis Hemp Plant, and the various manifestations thereof, including the fibers, living seeds, flowers, and oils, as needed in my mode of worship.

I believe the Sacred Herb cannabis is Haoma, The Teacher, Provider, Protector; and that proper religious use promotes "Good thoughts, good words, good deeds" the mantra of my Neo-Zoroastrian, "Mazdayaznean", religion; and my religious "mode of worship" is not harmful to the health, safety, or welfare of society in general.

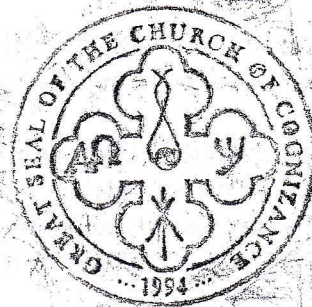
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I affirm under penalty of perjury that the aforemade statement is true and complete to the best of my ability as indicated by my signature below on the date indicated.

CC Danuel D. Quaintance

DATE 9-6-2005

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Church of the Cognizance,  
Michael D. Senger,  
P.O. Box 2252,  
Florence, Arizona 85323

## AFFIDAVIT

I, Michael D. Senger, am a resident of Pinal County Arizona. My mailing address is P.O. Box 2252, Florence AZ 85232. My date of birth is July 9<sup>th</sup> 1955.

I affirm under penalty of perjury as defined in the laws of the United States and the State of Arizona, that the following Affidavit is true and complete to the best of my ability.

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I affirm under penalty of perjury that the aforemade statement is true and complete to the best of my ability as indicated by my signature below on the date indicated.

R.C. Michael D. Senger

DATE 8-31-2005

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**AFFIDAVIT-11**

**Rev. Clinton Wiles  
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## **Affidavit**

**I, Clinton L. Wiles am a resident of Oklahoma. My mailing address is 827 NW 32<sup>nd</sup> St., OKC, OK 73118. My date of Birth is 12/21/47. Any other contact information is listed on the signature line below.**

**I affirm under penalty of perjury as defined in the laws of the United States and the State of Hawai'i that the following Affidavit is true and complete to the best of my ability.**

**I am making this statement for the purpose of notifying the Supreme Court of the United States of Plain Errors of fact and law contained in the decisions under review by this Court in Gonzalez vs. O Centro Espirita Uniao Do Vegetal, docket Number 04-1084 as set forth in the Amicus Curie Brief to which this Affidavit is attached.**

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**I now state for the record under penalty of perjury that:**

**What a person does to themselves is the most intimate and direct expression of their religion and relationship to the universe, irrespective of what may be formally or otherwise expressed; and as such is a matter between them, their god, and their pocket book.**

**Further I wish to inform this Court that the Government of the United States was not established to make us good people. Our government was established so that we the people could seek the relationship we crave with the universe as we perceive it while the government has the role of overseeing the civility with which we interact while we seek that which we desire or are driven to.**

**I respectfully request that the Supreme Court of the United States affirm the interpretation of RFRA that is made in the Amicus Curie Brief to which this Affidavit is attached.**

**I affirm under penalty of perjury that the aforemade statement is true and complete to the best of my ability as indicated by my signature below on the date indicated.**

**Signed** Clinton L. Wiles

**Name: Clinton L. Wiles**

**Address: 827 NW 32<sup>nd</sup> St.**

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