The cannabis plant has seemingly been used by man for at least 8000 years. As long as 3000 years ago, cannabis was specifically planted for medicinal use. Its more celebrated use, as a recreational drug, only became common in the west during the last fifty years.

The main active ingredients giving psychoactive and medicinal effects are the so-called cannabinoids. While describing some interesting biological and chemical aspects of the plant, Dr Potter shows how, and suggests why, the plant produces these molecules. He then shows how a number of these cannabinoids are being incorporated into a range of medicines.

Health implications of the changing street cannabis over recent years are considered.

Above all else, this talk’s main aims are to be informative and fun.

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