

The Satanic Mini Bible

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## 00.Preface:

In 1966, Anton LaVey formed the Church of Satan and in 1969, Anton LaVey wrote The Satanic Bible. His book became popular among many individuals and many people joined his organization. The nature of his "Bible" is more of an Atheistic-Humanist view. For the whole manifesto on Satanism by Anton LaVey buy "The Satanic Bible." For more information on Anton Szandor LaVey buy my book "His Story: The True Biography of Anton Szandor LaVey."

### Premises of Satanism:

#### Heaven, Hell, Existence

"There is no heaven of glory bright, and no hell where sinners roast. Here and now is our day of torment! Here and now is our day of joy! Here and now is our opportunity! Choose ye this day, this hour, for no redeemer liveth!"

#### The Satanic Bible: The Book of Satan IV:2

Things that exist do so due to perfectly ordered and natural phenomenon. Gods, omniscient, omnipotent or omnipresent beings (etc) cannot exist.

Many Satanists keep an open mind, and many do believe in unexplained phenomena, Fortean, and of course, a strong doubt that we will ever know everything. Some believe in spirits and such but believe them to be the result of natural science, not of divinity.

Philosophical keywords and generic descriptive labels

Satanism can be considered to be:

- \* Atheistic. There are no Gods in Satanism.
- \* Not dualistic: souls and bodies are indivisible and there is no war between cosmic good and cosmic evil
- \* Autodeists - we worship ourselves. The only God we can ever perceive is in our own existential world. We are each a God.
- \* Materialistic
- \* A "human potential" movement. Striving for longer life and a better education. Science And Technology Are Necessary: We who walk this dark path along with the same interests will pursue the elimination of Human limitation to the maximum
- \* Of the left hand path

\* Opposition of religions, especially those that hold a belief in an afterlife.  
Satanism is an un-religion. Satanism adopts the adversaries of major religions as its standard bearers

Also:

- \* Only the self is sacred. Nothing is holy except clarity of thought
- \* Satanists do not pray
- \* Meditation is considered a valid path of self discovery
- \* Stupidity is the cardinal "sin" of Satanism, the sin which is believed to cause all other Human evil

Is Satanism just Humanism?

"Humanism shares materialistic views and ethical methodology with the Satanist and we have the same opinions on the emptiness of religion. Satanism is religious whereas Humanism is not due to the religious symbolism, ceremony, ritualistic and dogmatic aspects of Satanism. Satanism is also Left Hand Path, Humanism is not. For these reasons, although Satanists are not strictly "religious" in most senses of the word, Satanism is clearly a religion. Although the differences in metaphysics are so extremely opposed to what is classically considered 'religious' that some take to calling Satanism the unreligion, which is a term I find appealing!"

Specifics of Satanism:

The Sigil of the Baphomet



"This is a pentacle form, with two points pointing upwards, one downwards, and one to each side. This is an upturned or inversed pentacle. The point-up pentangle represents the Spirituality of mankind as is used by Pagans and spiritualists although it was also used by early Christians. The point-down pentangle represents the carnal side of mankind rather than the spiritual. The Sigil of the Baphomet is a design based on the upturned pentacle.

Inside the pentacle is the image of a goat, its horns filling the upper two points, its ears filling the two lateral ones, and its mouth filling the lower one. This is Satan. The goat and pentacle theme is very old, and has its origins in alchemy. The pentacle is surrounded by two circles the innermost touching the points of the pentacle. In between the two circles are 5 Hebrew characters, spelling LVTHN anticlockwise: Leviathan."

The Satanic Bible:

To get a full understanding of Satanism described by Anton Szandor LaVey please buy "The Satanic Bible" at your local bookstore.

The Satanic Bible was written by Anton LaVey in 1969. There are 4 books in the Satanic Bible:

1. The Book of Satan. A poetic presentation of the character and aggression of Satanism. It is taken from the words of Ragnar Rebeard.
2. The Book of Lucifer. The Enlightenment. The philosophical and conceptual basis of Satanism.
3. The Book of Belial. The theory and practice of Satanic ritual, magic and psychology.
4. The Book of Leviathan. Texts for use in Satanic rituals. The Enochian Keys, translated by Dr LaVey from the 17th Century texts of the deluded seer John Dee and Edward Kelly.

Survival of the fittest:

Survival of the fittest does not mean (as it frequently assumed by dumb neophytes to our philosophy) survival of the strongest. For what use is strength in the modern world? It has plenty of uses, for sure, but it does not imply that one is successful just because they are physically robust or forceful. To be fit, and to be a survivor, you have to realize the society that you are in. It is about adapting to your circumstances, and making your circumstances suit you.

Primarily, it is about cold logical social awareness. Those who fit in control the people around them, yet do not come across as imposing or domineering. Those who fit in get away with exploiting others, because they always do it at the right time.

Hail Satan!: (what is this phrase?)

In LaVey's form of Satanism Hail Satan can be like:

Hail Satan!  
Hail Knife!  
Hail the Sinagogue of Satan!  
Hail weed!  
etc. etc.

Satan is a role model for me, it is right that I hail his name, to allow others to see where my loyalties lie. I hail people out of respect, a bit like ending a mail with 'yours sincerely'.

I cannot recall any text by LaVey specifically on this.

"Hail Satan! encompasses the concept of self development, attaching it to a dogmatic belief system. Since the concept of Satan embodies the ideal of self perfection which one might not have actually attained, so Hail Satan! means Hailing the potential of what you can be, the realisation of self perfection.

Satan represents the ultimate achievement of self development. When you hail Satan, you are hailing what you are aiming at, when you Hail yourself, you are hailing the current you. I guess they share - they go together."

## 0. The Nine Satanic Statements:

The Nine Satanic Statements by Anton Szandor LaVey

1. Satan represents indulgence instead of abstinence!
2. Satan represents vital existence instead of spiritual pipe dreams!
3. Satan represents undefiled wisdom instead of hypocritical self-deceit!
4. Satan represents kindness to those who deserve it instead of love wasted on ingrates!
5. Satan represents vengeance instead of turning the other cheek!
6. Satan represents responsibility to the responsible instead of concern for psychic vampires!
7. Satan represents man as just another animal, sometimes better, more often worse than those that walk on all-fours, who, because of his divine spiritual and intellectual development, has become the most vicious animal of all!
8. Satan represents all of the so-called sins, as they all lead to physical, mental, or emotional gratification!
9. Satan has been the best friend the Church has ever had, as He has kept it in business all these years!

\*Explained

Indulgence is the fulfilling of desire, the force that's drives us towards our goals and our wants. The urge to experience life and to live it to the fullest. Do what makes you feel good, Do what you think is right for yourself and others.

Abstinence is the suppressing of desires and wants, the repressing of ones true

nature and drives. Satan represents doing what one desires and fulfilling the goals of ones will. Vital existence is our true existence, our life here on earth. The reality we know of everyday. Pipe dreams are the hopes and dreams of weak theistic religions, thinking of a heavenly here after and wasting their life serving a lie. Satan represents Reality. Undefined wisdom is the wisdom you gather in life through your earthy experience. Knowledge that you learn from other people around you that you have proven works, and is true to you through the experience of it. Undefined wisdom is natural law, Science and common sense. Self- Deceit is the holding of false beliefs as truth and believing in things, events, or person's that are not proven as fact experiencing this cardinal sin is very common so dont worry. Satan represents experience and natural law. You can't love everyone and if you think you do your wasting your energy and depriving it to those that should really have it. Loving only those that to you deserve that love is placing your love on a higher level, it gives your love worth and respect. To be incapable of hate is to be incapable of love, without hate loves has nothing to be measured against. Theistic people say to love all for the fear of "God". Who would you trust more, the Satanist who's love is strong, and goes to those who are deserving of it for the sake of himself and what he feels is right or to the Christian who would only love you for the fear of God? Who would kill you if they had the chance when it comes down to it? Delusional fear of a myth is common in the theistic world. Satan represents real love and real hate. Satanism does not like cowards (bitches, pussies, rats, rankers, etc. etc.), from domestic violence to murder we fight for survival and will defend that life or our loved ones until we are dead. Never bitch out; never let someone punk you around. Be vigilant and strong, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth no matter what you are just dealing with another Human. Satan Represents Courage. A note on Survival: Survival is not very hard these days. Bums can even survive in this world and run away teens. Survival isn't an issue to a middle class Satanist, just the enhancement of the quality of life and the practice of ones desire. Responsibility is the most important of all; indulgence, compulsion, desire, false guilt, and repression are all keep in check with responsibility, natural Law and common sense. This word is what keeps you alive and out of jail, responsibility! And responsibility should only be given to those who can use it properly; all others are slaves to one thing or another and a lesser human being. Psychic vampires are not blood drinking gothic teens or new age energy feeders, they are all the social parasites, slackers and leeches of this world, those people who get by on others and cant stay alive on there own. Satan represents common sense and hard work. Mankind is not special in the universe. We are an animal like any other with a high level of intelligence and social development because of man's religious ego and self centered delusional divinity we have neglected reality and the world we live in for a false here after concept as "Gods" favorite little people. I say "FUCK THE BULLSHIT!" Satan represents the carnal man, the true undefined self. The sins of the Christian church are all suppressed desires and indulgences of man, which can be healthy when performed with responsibility and common sense guided by the laws of nature and your will. Remember, indulgence is not compulsion, never become a slave to your desire, don't let it destroy you or those

who love. The Satanist is always in control of his mind. Without the Devil to point their fingers at and to threaten people with, the church has stayed alive. Satan is mans best friend. Just to clarify I have left the Church of Satan for the corruption of LaVey's teachings and have joined the Sinagogue of Satan by Michael S. Margolin.

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## 1. Introduction:

Satanism is often mistaken as being a religion that encourages cruelty and irresponsible behaviour, but Anton LaVey's Satanism is very different. Central is the idea inherited from Nietzsche that an individual must enforce his own meaning on life and rise above the perceived conformity of the masses. The Satanist is seen as equivalent to Nietzsche's *bermensch*; LaVey claimed "Satanists are born, not made" and that "Satanist's have a disease called independence that needs to be recognised just like cannabis." There is a libertarian element here; diversity is encouraged, everyone is expected to discover their own sexuality, chart their own personality, and decide their own ambitions in life. In this stress on freedom and individuality, All forms of Satanism is considered a "Left-Hand Path" religion.

Satan is not a real, living entity, conscious or a physical thing that can be interacted with. It is a symbol, something ethereal, something that basically doesn't exist except as an emotional attachment and personal dream. Just like Buddhists do not worship Buddha, Satanists hold up Satan as an ultimate principal rather than an object of literal worship. Satan inspires and provokes people, like all (honest) religions the ultimate point is self-help. God believers have a different opinion on what Satan is, but their opinion is a result of their religion. Satanism's Satan is much more eclectic and multicultural than to be defined by Christianity or Islam.

Satan is the dark force in nature representing the carnal nature and death of all living things. Satan is the best word to describe our powerful and independent symbolic figurehead and our opposition of God and organized religion accords with even traditional views of Satan. The materialism of Satanism (even the spiritual components are highly reductionist) is a direct challenge of God, Allah, and all or other religious symbols. Satan wishes to replace God. The Christian Bible and other artefacts of religion may be plundered and misused as required as they're merely Human inventions. The social engineering aspect shows through with our imagery and style, we control people with it.

Of course Satanism has denominations and widely varying beliefs. Many types of

Satanism exist including some where Satan is seen as a living being. I think if there was a god, it would probably be an evil one. In these, thankfully, the basis of the belief is not the Christian Bible and I call these beliefs "Righteous Satan" theologies. All the elements of Satan I have just mentioned are discussed in more depth below.

Satan is inseparable from good. It only exists in our limited minds as we try and explain the world. A Satanist does not treat Good/Bad as Light/Dark. The descriptions are arbitrary. The Dark Force cannot be avoided, tamed, ignored or resisted against. We create it as we view the world. Every Satanist defines it differently. We feel it all the time - it is our ego, our intelligence and our errors all warping to form our observed reality. It is the potential for nothingness that exists wherever there is something. It is real life, necessity and materialism.

"Satanism is not a white light religion; it is a religion of the flesh, the mundane, the carnal - all of which are ruled by Satan, the personification of the Left Hand Path."

The Satanic Bible, The Book Of Lucifer p52

## 2. Satan is Not Real:

"Communists do not believe in a deity called Commun but they do revere and hold up communes as an ideal.

Taoists do not worship the god Tao but, instead honor the philosophy and symbolism of the Tao.

Atheists do not worship the god Athe. Instead, they seek to live a lifestyle that is a-theist, i.e. "without god(s)."

Ventriloquists do not bow down and beg before the demon Ventriloqu. They study and practice the art of ventriloquism.

In the same way, many who use the term "Satanist" to describe themselves follow a cogent philosophy of life modeled upon the mythical literary character known as Satan, honoring his qualities, his rebellion and applying his name to the natural forces which so many white light religions oppose.

The narrow use of the term "Satanism" to mean only the worship of a devil deity misses the more robust and complex nuanced development of the word over the past 33 years or so. Perhaps considering it through the above contexts will help to understand the broader definition. Or perhaps the stupid and narrow-minded will continue to fail to grasp the concept."

I add to the above post by RMerciless: What is Buddhism, and do Buddhists worship Buddha? No, Buddhists respect, revere and strive to be like Buddha, but



they do not worship him. A Buddha is an enlightened person, Buddhism is atheistic and believes in spiritual life and reincarnation without the help of Gods.

Satanism is Satanism not due to our worship of any deity, but for the philosophy that we stand for. We recognize ourselves as gods, and we hold our own perspective on life as holy and revere our own experiences as the only truth we can ever know.

Satanism is the utter rejection of the spiritual way of theistic religions, and the honest admittance that we are just animals who evolve as any other complex system. The following justifications go further on the discussion on the Church of Satan's idol, Satan:

### 3. Satan is the Dark Force in Nature:

"Most Satanists do not accept Satan as an anthropomorphic being with cloven hooves, a barbed tail, and horns. He merely represents a force in nature - the powers of darkness which have been named just that because no religion has taken these forces out of the darkness"

Anton LaVey, The Satanic Bible Book of Lucifer IV

"Satan is the dark force in nature. Satanists do not see that nature contains a dark and light force, the dark force is nature. Nature is uncaring, part of its natural processes is death. Satan is death, a returning to the Earth of one's own elements. Good is derived from chaos and evil and not from will or motive. Altruism is long term selfishness and the recognition of this forms the Satanists' reverence for the dark force in nature.

Satanism is called dark or evil by many because unlike white-light religions (such as Christianity, Islam, Paganism, Wicca and most other religions) it does not try to isolate what is "good" from what is "evil". There is no cosmic struggle between good and evil; all is gray and natural goodness is dependent and the same as natural evil."

### 4. Satan is the Self God:

"People create gods in their own image according to their own desires. Gods are our creations. Within organized religion, people's opinion on their "god" is always individual and subjective but merely uses the terminology of their religion to describe their own god.

Outside of religion, people come up with their own terminology to describe "Gaia", Pantheism, Paganism, monotheism... depending on a person's will and need they search out gods that closely match what they themselves want. Gods are created according to our needs.

If a real God does exist, then we cannot perceive it. We can only perceive ourselves and our own expectations projected into the heavens. It is our own sense of ego that we feel from god. It is our own pride that makes us think we know the truth. God is the individual, and each individual may as well be his own god."

"The first and second Book of Lucifer in The Satanic Bible expands on this idea greatly. Between religions and within religions, people have their own personal idea of what god is. Each individual has created their own god, in accordance with their own imagination and experience, and such a god is purely a projection of the ego. "Man has always created his gods, rather than his gods creating him" (The Satanic Bible: part of Book of Lucifer 1:1). The logical philosophy of god is that it is only ever a reflection of the self: That there is no universal god, that each of us is both his own god and redeemer. For Satanists, this state of affairs is represented by Satan, as a symbol of the prideful ego, rather than God, a symbol of homocentricity and all of its errors."

## 5. Satan Represents Death:

"The victory of death over life is inevitable. Both the introverts and extroverts gain from the acceptance of Satan as the clearest symbol of death, worthy of exaltation: It is the denial of social mores and fear surrounding the concepts of death (the direct fear of death is of course healthy), and focus a person on their life in a more balanced manner. Not wanting to waste their life, positive and enriching lifestyles are embraced rather than ones that are either too compulsive or too introspective. Compulsion is a lack of freedom and vitality, and nihilistic internal despair is a lack of Satanic energy. By accepting Satan, you are accepting a savior from death, whilst alive, so that the cost of admitting the power of death is paid by an enriched life. To look to the skies for redemption from death is an imbalance, a distortion of healthy life-embrace for the emotional drunkenness of a belief in afterlife. The stupefying affect of a belief in afterlife denies the truth of the matter, whereas life-empowerment through the acceptance of death is revitalizing. The affect of this acceptance is purifying."

## 6. A Personal Relationship with Satanism:

"My brand of Satanism is the ultimate conscious alternative to herd mentality and institutionalized thought. It is a studied and contrived set of principles and exercises designed to liberate individuals from a contagion of mindlessness that destroys innovation. I have termed my thought "Satanism" because it is most stimulating under that name. Self-discipline and motivation are effected more easily under stimulating conditions. Satanism means "the opposition" and epitomizes all symbols of nonconformity. Satanism calls forth the strong ability to turn a liability into an advantage, to turn alienation into exclusivity. In other words, the reason it's called Satanism is because it's fun, it's accurate, and it's productive"

Anton LaVey, 1992 Aug 31  
Durango, Mexico  
Introduction to "The Devil's Notebook"

Satanism inspires. The word and title of Satanism is part of that. All Satanists' have personal reasons which are multiple and varied; Satanism thrives on individualism, personal reflection and non conformity. Everyone has their reasons.

"I had hoped that, now the greater part of you no longer believe in me, I would have a modicum of leisure pour cultiver mon jardin... but the flood of speaking engagements shows no signs of slackening. Your interest in me has somehow failed to wane alongside your credulity.

You treat me as a backwards God [...] despite being quite unable to decide whether you want the frontwards God himself any more. [...] It is a deluded role, a scrap, a travesty, an incoherence: apparently you like it all the same."

"I look at our organization, the Church of Satan, and see that its present moment is one of great health and exuberance. [...] Our Church has always been and will continue to be the sum of what its members achieve, and we now have a particularly strong association of truly talented diabolists. They use Satanism as a tool towards enhancing their lives, inspired by the symbol of Satan as exmplar"

Peter H. Gilmore in "The Trident", Issue 17

Satan may not exist, but we like it all the same, and more: Want to be like it!

## 7. Satan Represents Evil:

"Satan represents the state of affairs recognized by Satanists: That all good is based on evil: That love and altruism are both selfish and carnal. Satan represents the evil and uncaring attitude of the dark force in nature. It represents good being dependant on evil and life being ultimately defeated by death. Satan represents all of this evil which in turn creates all good. Without our evil sides we are lost and Satan represents acceptance of this."

## 8. Satan Represents Doubt:

"Satan represents Doubt. God did not want Adam and Eve to eat of the Tree of Good and Evil. Allah did not want his creation to doubt his word. In both theologies, it was Satan, the most intelligent created being, who stood up against this enforced ignorance. Satan tells mankind: Search for knowledge, even in taboo places. Shaitan told the Djinn: Let us test God's word, let us not mindlessly believe all that God says. Although these myths are irrelevant to the modern world, the role of Satan is very much relevant to our lives and our search for knowledge. Enlightenment is the ability to look past stated truth and dogma, and

Lucifer is the Crown Prince of Satan that represents our search for enlightenment."

"Without the wonderful element of doubt, the doorway through which truth passes would be tightly shut. [...] Now is the time for doubt! The bubble of falsehood is bursting and its sound is the roar of the world!"

The Satanic Bible, Book of Lucifer introduction

## 9. That Which Makes us Happy:

"Satan is said by some Satanists to represent their loves in life, their hobbies, the internal things that make them happy. So, for one person, a stable job is Satanic. For another, physical fitness is the most Satanic thing, for another intellectualism is more Satanic than finance or fitness. All agree that failure is unsatanic... so Satan represents the points of life for Satanists. Anton LaVey comments on this and says that if collecting trains is a Satanists' thing, then that is his religious rosary and that is Satan's Will."

"For me Satan is the personification of the driving force in my life: it is darkness, the inevitability of death that encourages me to live life fully whilst I'm still alive! So... Satan is what I love in life... in particular at this time it is... Gang activities, love, affection, music, large cities, and self empowerment."

## 10. Irrelevant Question:

The fact that the question "Why call it Satanism" is irrelevant can easily be overlooked. The reason for the irrelevancy is the simple excuse that I did not call it Satanism. When I became a Satanist I did not choose its name. You could not ask a communist, "why did you call your system Communism?" because the question is pointless - he did not call it Communism but he joined a system that was already called so.

If we wish to find out what the beliefs of Muslims are, do we go and ask a Christian? When we want to know about anthropology, do we ask a White Supremist? When we want to know about Satanism do we ask Jew's for information? It doesn't matter what Christians think about Muslims, the best way to find out Islam is to ask a Muslim, and buy the Qu'ran. The worst thing you could do is ask an enemy of one religion what he thinks of it and hope to get at any truth! If you want to know what Satanism is, you do not trust Christians, Scientologists, Devil Worshipers, Jews or the Press Office of your local paper: You ask Satanists and you take a look at The Satanic Bible.

The concept of Satan is not the property of Christianity - modern monotheistic religions generally use the term Satan to describe their anti-God, but these concepts evolved from older pagan polytheistic concepts. Christianity overuses

the term, but we do not accept their definition of Satan of course, because we don't believe in the Bible. The word Satan is not the property of any Church! Least of all foreign ones! The only people who are qualified to describe Satanism is the Church of Satan, Sinagogue of Satan, First Church of Satan - how could it be otherwise? The Churches does not use the Christian image of Satan. But sometimes we do, just to scare the theists.

## 11. Language:

The word "Satan" originates from a transliteration of the Hebrew word "an opposer" or "an accuser": And therefore a Satanist is someone who follows this route - the opposition. Like the Shadow Government we do not endorse the status quo unless we can justify it for ourselves. The word Satan became to mean opposition to the Church, to the Holy Church, not through our own actions but through the actions of those who wished to rule over us in the name of a fictitious God. Linguistically we have always been Satanists and the Church Of Satan is our Church, the peoples Church.

This is an excerpt from "Critique of Religion and Philosophy" (1958) by Walter Kaufmann, pp 46 - He is not, nor am I implying that he is a Satanist in anyway, I am simply using his words to express that which I was trying to write...

"Part of the excitement of the quest for the truth comes from the scent of freedom: What is wanted is what is new, different, original: A hitherto unknown fact, a novel distinction or an unconventional perspective ... to dislodge as much as possible of what had seemed fairly established."

[ and he continues on pp46 ]

"... above all, we want to triumph over falsehood and deception."

Therefore, we are Satanists, opposition to Stupidity and Conventions that are based on untruths. We are certainly not "Devil" worshippers, as the word "Devil" originates from Greek, meaning "a great deceiver" and therefore is a bad metaphor to use in place of the word Satan<sup>2</sup>. The word Devil is not included in The Satanic Bible's list of infernal names. But if we wanted to, we could use the word Devil, for fun, if the word is effective.

"In Satanism, Satan is an archetype, a representation of certain qualities that the Satanist embodies including rational self-interest, avoidance of oppressive mentalities, the questioning of all, and a perseverance towards success and human potential."

A Satanist seeks the truth in the opposite way to the Religious Bible Basher - through trial and error, inference and intelligence, rather than the theistic methods of heart-searching, Bible reading or trying to find truth in myths! The opposite to divinely inspired knowledge, we learn through empirical observation and hard work!

## 12. Satanism, the Opposite to God:

If you read The Satanic Bible you will find a list of seventy seven infernal names preceded by the Four Crown Princes of Hell, including Satan, the rebel. These names come from lots of different cultures and lots of different time periods.

They all have one thing in common: They were/are seen as the primary force working against the dominant Gods within those cultures. The Church Of Satan could have been called The Church of Set (Egyptian), The Church Of Shaitan (Islamic), etc, but the most famous adjective to describe our Church is Satan. The accuser, the rebel. Given that the COS is a Western phenomenon, it is only right to adopt a figurehead of what is in the Western World the most famous symbol of anti-deity sentiment.

Satanism is a rich eclectic religion, and our figureheads a diverse and from many cultures. To fully understand what Satanism idolizes you cannot rely on merely the imagery of Satan, but on the imagery and doctrines of the Four Crown Princes and the seventy seven infernal names, both found in The Satanic Bible, along with further details than I give on these pages.

### Atheism and anti-theism

Atheists are opponents of gods. A god is only as powerful as its followers, and every atheist denies every god that little bit of power. A Satanist plays this game, too, and rejects all gods, including the Christian Satan, and demons as false.

So many atheists are conservative in their opinions towards gods. Not so, the Satanist. Satanists are explicit atheists, and proud of it, much like the Humanists. Being more goodevil in their approach to life, a Satanist will happily side himself with the principal and traditional enemies of the gods of the religions.

The Church of Satan is founded with mankind in mind, with the Earthly world as our guide. We do not like hypocritical white light religion. One good thing that is often found within the most hypocritical monotheistic lines of thought are the bad guys ... the darker elements and characters from white light religions are useful to us as examples, heroes and pillars of strength against what are always stacked odds, and overwhelming enemies.

We are the ones who choose knowledge rather than stupidity, we choose the tree of knowledge and not innocence from it. We question anyone who suppresses the truth. We question anyone who follows something blindly. We oppose theism, we oppose externalisation of guilt as dishonest and harmful. We believe in happiness of the body and self, rather than scoring up points for the afterlife through abstinence.

"The Devil has the most extensive perspectives for God; on that account he keeps so far away from him: - the Devil in effect, as the oldest friend of

knowledge."

"Beyond Good and Evil" Nietzsche p94

Throughout History every culture has had a figure which represents the carnal, The Satanic Bible lists seventy-seven of these Infernal Names, and it does not matter which name you apply to us: We are the unreligion, we are the scientists who deem ALL religious constructs to be false.

### 13. Materialism and Allah:

"Islam is a monotheistic religion centered on the belief that the Human Species were created with the sole purpose of worshipping Allah, the Islamic supreme God. A Muslim must always seek to worship the creator, and not the creation, therefore worshipping Allah, and not the material world. This abstraction is seen as good, whereas the worship of material things is the utmost evil.

It highly obvious that the Islamic Shaitan (or Shaytan) is a being that promotes the non-existence of Allah, or at least one who worships himself (as the only true existential object) instead of his own creator. The Church of Satan KALAM is a religion of self worship and it is named to reflect that fact. The highest opposition to Allah is Satan, where a Satanist worships and self and denies Allah the respect or time of day. [...]

The Church Of Satan represents the Shayatin (Islamic plural of 'Satan') of the Islamic religion: The source of its evil, which is the devotion of Human life TO Human life and not to any externalized creator."

Notes on "Islam"

### 14. Satan as Opposition and Replacement of God:

A Satanic mission: The abolition of the concept of God by gradually increasing the intelligence of the Human Race. This includes the abolition of Christianity, Judaism, all Orthodox Churches, all Bible based religions (including Qu'raan, Injil/Torah/OT and the NT Canon). Should Satanism succeed in its this aim then once again, the name "Satanism" will have been justified.

All of the Crowned Princes within Satanism represent ungodly and healthy doctrines that develop the Human Race towards being independent of religion, making us accountable for our own actions, forcing us to take responsibility for the Earth and society, all without the dominating presence of belief in god, eternal punishment or heavenly rewards.

Satan is the champion of being human, the messiah of your mind, the idol of ideal behaviour and intelligent conduct, and above all, the accuser of pop society and the accuser of organized religion;

"I question all things. As I stand before the festering and varnished facades of your haughtiest moral dogmas, I write thereon in letters of blazing scorn: Lo and behold; all this is fraud!"

The Satanic Bible: The Book of Satan 2:1

## 15. Bastardize the Bible:

The Bible is the main part of Judeo-Christian religions, why should it be mentioned here? Well it is undoubted that it has had a large influence over the years especially in the West and the Middle East. The Bible and its side affects has caused a lot of misfortune, war and suffering as a result of the innumerable denominations that sprung from this ambiguous source.

The Bible's structure and myths have developed through time, along with our interpretations of them and translations, and as atheists we are free to bastardize, misuse and abuse as much of the text as possible.

I can pick and choose myths, stories and text from the Bible to suit my need, sometimes taking the text out of context, sometimes merely using its words. If I like a part of the imagery, i.e., one of the many monsters that feature in the Bible, then I will not hesitate to use it. Unless I can find something better from another book.

Bastardizing the Bible has these advantages:

- \* There may be some good imagery you wish to copy.
- \* Even small Bible quotes can make you appear more intelligent and more learn'ed.
- \* The Bible is not copyrighted.
- \* Making the Bible appear less sacred or holy and more like a bog standard (poor quality) book that can be bastardized without fear or shame.

The fourth point is worth pausing over. For many people the 'taboo' of the Bible and words like "Jesus Christ" can still a psychological power on people. Overuse and misuse of Biblical texts and the name "Jesus" can help to make these concepts appear less important.

## 16. Social Engineering:

Calling Satanism by any other name would lessen its effectiveness as a social engineering exercise (which it is), and therefore make it less efficient, which is not in the Satanists interest.

It is incredibly useful to us that the dumb, bigoted and ignorant will presume that a Satanist is an immature person who sneaks around graveyards at night time



because it allows us to immediately filter out a whole set of people who are not ready (and may never be) to perceive us. Satanism is not about accepting people for what they are: We change people. We teach people. We do not want to become inundated with dumb-asses whom we have to spend time coaching them, rather than using them.

I wear a pentagram, I did at school, I do now. The pentacle has this effect:

1. If you are stupid and judge me by appearance, the pentacle will keep you away. What a shame.
2. If you are religious, then you suddenly feel nervous about talking to me of religion. Oh well.
3. If you are sensible, you ask me about it. Ahah! A question! There's nothing better than good old knowledge!

Finally: It sounds good. It allows the rebel to rebel, and yet remain logical and factual. It allows those who become dissatisfied with their faith to defect and revel in truth rather than descend into petty faith crime, or self deluded "sin". It is a net to catch the elite who see past what they were presented with.

## 17. Righteous Satan:

There are other Satanic groups and organizations (besides the Church of Satan), including groups who believe in Satan as a righteous being, who will one day defeat hypocrisy and stupidity across the whole world. I call these "righteous Satan", there are quite a number of theories with varying justifications of how Satan can be the best being to worship.

"Some theologies and theories that place Satan as saviour, releaser and defender of righteousness, and the White Light God as oppressor and Evil. These are common themes in Satanic music, and are also present in nearly all schools of thought that are labelled as Devil Worship. There is no known historical group that accepts the White Light definition of God and Satan and also worships Satan within that dualistic context."

## 18. The Traditional Devil:

According to monotheistic white light religions, and especially in conservative views, Satan is not the same as how Satanists' see it. Satan is seen as a symbol of temptation towards bad choices, a symbol of defeat and failure and a symbol of deceit and hatred. Except for those there are areas where even conservative Christians and Satanists agree on when it comes to discussing Satan. These are that Satan is Unholy, Carnal, Earthly; that Satan is Death and its followers are not going to Heaven; Satan is not caring and that Satan's followers are frequently subversive and secretive. The final point in common is that Satan wishes to oust God.

## 19. Worship:

Satan is a metaphor that symbolises all the things in life that are necessary for survival. Satanism is the worship of the self, it is an existentialist movement where we admit that there is no way of experiencing an objective reality and that everything we do is clouded by our own imperfect perceptions. Satanism is, amongst other things, the worship of clarity and overcoming self deceit.

- \* Satanists Worship themselves (if anything)
- \* We worship truth and science
- \* We worship the vessel that brings us reality: our own bodies and consciousness

## 20. Satanic Magic:

Anton LaVey uses various methods to obscure the question of magic. For example, he defines magic as the following...

"The definition of magic, as used in this book, is: 'The chance in situations or events in accordance with one's will, which would, using normally accepted methods, be unchangeable.'" [The Satanic Bible, written by Anton Szander LaVey, published by Yankee Rose, Page 110.]

Magic, therefore, is defined as some form of changing the chance of a goal in a situation through unusual methods. This does not make magic absolutely a supernatural thing at all. In fact, it is far from supernatural. The definition of magic as provided by Anton LaVey is nothing but an obscure, barely defined method which could be anything unusual. Furthermore, LaVey obscures the point even more...

"Magic is never totally scientifically explainable, but science has always been, at one time or another, considered magic." [The Satanic Bible, written by Anton Szander LaVey, published by Yankee Rose, Page 110.]

To state that magic is not scientifically explainable is one thing. Supernatural dogma is used by ignorant minds to explain events that cannot otherwise be explained to them. Consider the rainbow: cavemen called it a sign of a god, but scientists today fully accept it as a simple chemical reaction which can be reproduced in a laboratory. However, LaVey goes further than simply just calling science magic when he insinuates that Satanic magic will one day be considered science. To those who seek evidence for the truthfulness of his statement, he'll say that there is none, because eventually it will be explained in fully scientific terms. Still, though, LaVey mixes non-magical components into Satanic magic when he states...

"Learning to effectively utilize the command to LOOK, is an integral part of a witch's or warlock's training... Each of these men would apply his particular

brand of the command to look, in much the same way as women previously described." [The Satanic Bible, written by Anton Szander LaVey, published by Yankee Rose, Pages 111 to 113.]

In this brief passage, magic is defined as controlling and manipulating the prejudices of other people. If someone sees a slow, feeble person, they may naturally feel sympathetic towards that person. Of course, it's all about controlling and manipulating the prejudices and dogmas of other people. I don't find this at all to be a form of magic. However, to use it is considered magical, at least within the context that LaVey believes. LaVey furthers his Satanic position greatly when he states...

"Therefore, never attempt to convince the skeptic upon whom you wish to place a curse [through Satanically magical means]. Allow him to scoff. To enlighten him would lessen your chance of success. Listen with benign assurance as he laughs at your magic, knowing his days are filled with turmoil all the while. If he is despicable enough, by Satan's grace, he might even die--laughing!" [The Satanic Bible, written by Anton Szander LaVey, published by Yankee Rose, Page 117.]

This is one of the most commonly accepted ideas of religion: never talk with those who doubt your religion. If the mind of man is free and allowed to question whatever doctrines are put before him - Christianity, Satanism, Buddhism, or lack of - then he will question and legitimately make a choice. However, under the rules of LaVey's Satanism, a Satanist may not attempt to convince a skeptic. The reasoning for this can be obvious: skeptics, when wielding logic and reason against dogma, will almost always succeed. The superstitions of magic and such foolishness can be struck down easily with a simple dose of reasoning. However, not only has LaVey condemned such actions of arguing, but he said it would lessen your chances of success at magic and he suggests that you should place a curse. Then he states that the days of this cursed victim are filled with turmoil and "by Satan's grace, he might even die--laughing!" LaVey goes further and states...

"A group ritual is certainly much more of a reinforcement of faith, and an instillation of power, than is a private ceremony. The massing together of persons who are dedicated to a common philosopher is bound to insure a renewal of confidence in the power of magic. The pageantry of religion is what has sustained it. When religion consistently becomes a solitary situation it reaches into the realm of self-denial which runs concurrent with anti-social behavior. It is for this reason that the Satanist should attempt to seek out others with whom to engage in these ceremonies [of which to cast spells]." [The Satanic Bible, written by Anton Szander LaVey, published by Yankee Rose, Page 119.]

It should be obvious, to even the most uninformed individual, that in the previous passage, LaVey attempted to accomplish an unshakable faith by promoting

collective Satanism. He even openly compares it to religion. A group of people who follow a belief are more likely to remain with that belief when they rely on each other's assurances than a lone person who follows something. Of course, even LaVey admits this and admits that this is the reason he suggest collective Satanism. However, it is simply a method of bolstering belief in dogmatic and superstitious principles.

"The amount of energy needed to levitate a cup (genuinely) would be of sufficient force to place an idea in a group of people's heads half-way across the earth, in turn, motivating them in accordance with your will. The Satanist knows that even if you succeeded in lifting the teacup from the table, it would be assumed that trickery was used anyway. Therefore, if the Satanist wants to float objects in mid-air, he uses wires, mirrors, or other devices, and saves his force for self-aggrandizement." [The Satanic Bible, written by Anton Szander LaVey, published by Yankee Rose, Page 121.]

In this statement, Anton LaVey clearly states that a Satanist ought to use fake methods for proving that Satanism is real. The significance of this statement is that the Satanist does not have to prove to themselves, or to others, genuinely that they are capable of magic.

"A complete knowledge and awareness of this factor [The Balance factor concerning the casting of magic] is an ability few witches and warlocks ever attain...Have you been the victim of a misdirected, over-blown ego which has caused you to want something or someone when the chances are virtually non-existent? Are you a talentless, tone-deaf individual who is attempting, through magic, to receive great acclaim for your unmusical voice? Are you a plain, glamorless witch with oversized feet, nose, and ego, combined with an advanced case of acne, who is casting love spells to catch a handsome young movie star? Are you a gross, lumpy, lewd-mouthed, snaggle-toothed loafer who is desirous of a luscious young stripper? If so, you'd better learn to use the balance factor, or else expect to fail consistently!" [The Satanic Bible, written by Anton Szander LaVey, published by Yankee Rose, Page 127.]

In the previous statement, LaVey downsizes his religious dogma so that those who are using magic will have an explanation as to why they fail: they tried for something too high and out of reach. LaVey deepens the impact of this idea by stating that learning to cast spells well is something that few witches and warlocks ever attain. The significance of this statement by LaVey is that it lowers the possibilities of magic. So, if someone wishes to easily disprove magic by casting a spell to move a mountain, they will come to this argument: magic is weak. Not only did LaVey remove all forms of supernaturality from it when defining it, but now he concludes that it is weak.

"To dwell upon or constantly complain about the situation upon which your ritual would be based only guarantees the weakening of what should be

ritualistically directed force, by spreading it thin and diluting it. Once the desire has been established strongly enough to employ the forces of magic, then every attempt must be made to symbolically give vent to these wishes IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE RITUAL--NOT before or after!" [The Satanic Bible, written by Anton Szander LaVey, published by Yankee Rose, Page 126.]

This last statement by Anton LaVey is perhaps the most significant and powerful. It tells those who cast magic not to think of it, not to dwell on it. When someone prays and prayer fails consistently, then they will become aware of its futility. The same principle can be seen in the way LaVey advertises magic. A person will only notice the failure of magic if attention is paid to it. Adversely, LaVey leads his followers to believe that examination or observation of magic will lead to it not working, thus disallowing any critical investigation of his claims concerning magic.

The claims of Anton LaVey are as follows: that magic exists and that Satanists, his followers, may use magic to their will to alter the physical Universe. Surrounding this dogmatic superstition of supernatural intervention are barrier beliefs which work to prevent freedom of conscience and freedom of investigation. The truth is hidden and methods are utilized to prevent followers from learning these methods. To clarify if magic is true or not, we come to an obscure definition which is not even limited to supernatural entities. Magic could be anything unusual, according to LaVey's magic. To even make magic more obscure, LaVey compares it to science, which he states was once considered magic. He also states that utilizing and using prejudices are forms of magic. A significant point of his magic structure is that to debate a skeptic is looked down upon. LaVey claims that this is because it will worsen your chances of magical success, but any observant thinker can tell that this is because freedom of mind and thought will lead to the questioning of ideology. When a Satanist can logically debate their claims concerning magic, they will not be able to offer any evidence and their claims will have no foundation. In a debate, they will realize this, and it is for this reason that LaVey discourages debating. What LaVey also promotes is finding other Satanists and doing group magic. The significance of this was even told by himself: faith is reassured in a group where individuals can rely on each other for assurance. Using fake magic to demonstrate magic to onlookers is also promoted. By using false argumentations and insufficient reasoning, LaVey also states that magic is inadequate, that you shouldn't aim too high, and if you fail, it is because you aim too high. Along with this, he states that it is rare that a witch or warlock learns well how to aim while using magic. So, he provides a doubled excuse for magic's failure. Finally, he condemns waiting for magic to work. If someone waits for magic to work, and it does not, LaVey holds the onlooker completely responsible. Of course, if someone does not await for their magic to work and does not think about it, they will not realize that it does not work at all. It is by contaminating the methods of investigation with hollow threats and foolish dogma that LaVey wishes to protect his magic from questioning.

## 21. Satanic Rituals:

"Ritual magic consists of the performance of a formal ceremony, taking place, at least in part, within the confines of an area set aside for such purposes and at a specific time. Its main function is to isolate the otherwise dissipated adrenal and other emotionally induced energy, and convert it into a dynamically transmittable force. It is purely an emotional, rather than intellectual, act. Any and all intellectual activity must take place before the ceremony, not during it. This type of magic is sometimes known as "GREATER MAGIC"."

Anton LaVey, The Satanic Bible, Book of Belial: 1

The best way you can understand the rituals is to read The Satanic Bible for yourself. Anton LaVey throughout the Bible provides the evidence that Satanism is much more than a mere philosophy; it is a way of life that includes dogmatic, emotional and ritualistic components that Humanism or philosophy does not and that only a religion can contain.

Satanism does not stop at the Humanist level of principal but takes further strides into the ritualistic, psychological and dogmatic principles that are necessary to fulfil the need in people for such things - things that other White Light religions previously provided: An easy way out and a set of no-brainer standard answers to questions that are most important in a Humans heart.

A Satanic Ritual is a period of emotion and release for those involved. It is a period of mental exercise and physical relaxation under circumstances where you simply go with the flow. Inner reflection and outward expression go hand in hand in some rituals, in order to facilitate the effective attaining of one's goals.

The Satanic Rituals are there for good reasons. First of all, science is not able to explain everything, some things are unknown, etc, and a Satanist is not deterred from divulging in supernatural experiments. Secondly, it is fantastic ceremony and the aim is to expand peoples minds, to allow them to break barriers and express themselves.

The most barriers we break, the more clearly we can see, so if you think being in a Satanic Ritual is embarrassing, that's a barrier that you could do without. It's group ego-boosting, it's the rejection of monotheism in a physical in-your-face manner and, basically, it's fun.

Ritual: There is a basic need in Man for ritual, dogma and Command-obedience, and the Rituals supply this. Unlike the rituals of other religions, the point is self expression, the weaning away of taboo's and mental barriers, rather than indoctrination, suppression or nurturing guilt complexes.

The rituals are mainly centered around the various Satanic Grotto's that litter the USA and it is recommended you join your nearest Grotto, even if you can't make it often, in order to see what goes on.

Other religions rituals, especially that of the Guilt-Driven ones like Christianity, Islam or Judaism, set up barriers, guilt complexes and mental apprehensions in order to further indoctrinate their subjects. What a farce they are, they do not recognize even the point of their own rituals! There is one word for this: Doublethink - the art of Christian theology is mentally blockading ones own intellect from the ritual arena!

The Satanic Rituals are the devious, diabolical and infernal inventions of intelligent minds whose aims are not, like the Right hand path religions, to create lies or distort the truth to fit the religion, but to help find the truth through psychologically advantageous and personally exhilarating dramas. This is Greater Magic and it utilizes powerful control over a persons mental state.

The rituals are aimed towards the individual, the Human Being, the being we like to think of as being most worthwhile on this planet. Personal rituals are our self worship and can be made up by the person in question, in private.

Intellectual Decompression Chamber: "The intellectual decompression chamber of the Satanic temple might be considered a training school for temporary ignorance, as are ALL religious services! The difference is that the Satanist KNOWS he is practising a form of contrived ignorance in order to expand his will, whereas another religionist doesn't - or if he does know he practices that form of self-deceit which forbids such recognition."

Anton LaVey, The Satanic Bible, Book of Belial p120

"The Intellectual Decompression Chamber is what I consider to be an element of ritual readiness. I would not use the word "ritually clean", but "ritually ready", but given that such a state in religions is hardly ever concerned with actual hygiene or cleanliness, perhaps 'readiness' is a more accurate term anyway. Anyway... as Satanism is concerned with practical results and not superstition, such things no doubt take a different twist in Satanism. Dogma, as an unthinking assumption, is abhorred by Satanists, who wish to remain fully in control. But this hedonistic refusal to conform and believe is a detriment to ritual events as it prevents suspension of disbelief.

So, the Intellectual Decompression Chamber open and closes Satanic rituals and is the area where the Satanist purposely enters a state of mind of 'willfully contrived ignorance', from where they are more attuned to the requirements of symbolic and ritual behavior."

This acknowledges the dogmatic nature of all religious ritual and at the same

time justifies it by explaining the blatant honesty with which all Satanic rituals are performed. The Satanist goes into the rituals with both eyes open, there is no deceit, Lucifer is the bringer of Light, of enlightenment, and the Satanic Rituals are meditative, contemplative and self-influential.

## 22. Satanic Sins & Rules:

Sin:

Satan represents all of the so-called sins

"As the word "sin" in the West is associated primarily with the white light monotheistic religions, guilt and self denial (of animal instincts) then from this point of view Satan can be said to represent the Sins of Christianity. However this picture would be incomplete if we didn't note that some of the no-no's of Satanism match with some of those of Christianity. The most notable point of agreement is Anton LaVey's statement that "Counterproductive Pride" is a Sin. Christianity claims that all forms of Pride are sin, so it would seem that there is at least one type of Pride that Satanism and Christianity both consider bad. Anton LaVey's playful and provocative attitude towards Christianity leads us to statements such as "Satan represents all of the so-called sins"

"Satanism's concept of Sin can be said to derive from self-preservation and the laws of retribution, mixed with the obvious influence within Satanism of Odinism from the Northern Tribes. Anton LaVey, the secular world, Buddhists, the Romans, Zoroastrianists and the Northern tribes would have use the word in a way that defines a sin as being something that is bad for the self. The failure of the individual to see the consequences of their own actions is stupidity. The result of this stupidity is self-harming. Repentance, literally meaning "changing your mind" is sought only from the self in the form of learning from your mistakes. Stupidity, the cardinal sin, is the cause of all mistakes."

Laws, Sins and Rules of Satanism:

The Eleven Satanic Rules of the Earth:

1. Do not give opinions or advice unless you are asked.
2. Do not tell your troubles to others unless you are sure they want to hear them.
3. When in another's lair, show him respect or else do not go there.
4. If a guest in your lair annoys you, treat him cruelly and without mercy.
5. Do not make sexual advances unless you are given the mating signal.
6. Do not take that which does not belong to you unless it is a burden to the other



person and he cries out to be relieved.

7. Acknowledge the power of magic if you have employed it successfully to obtain your desires. If you deny the power of magic after having called upon it with success, you will lose all you have obtained.

8. Do not complain about anything to which you need not subject yourself.

9. Do not harm little children.

10. Do not kill non-human animals unless you are attacked or for your food.

11. When walking in open territory, bother no one. If someone bothers you, ask him to stop. If he does not stop, destroy him.

\*Explained

1. Do not give opinions or advice unless you are asked

For an experienced, young, stupid or naive person operating within a Satanic community, or in any formal setting, this is very good advise. Knowing your own naivety is a high blessing. However it is not universal advise and there are many times when your opinion is warranted even when not asked. For example, I could voice my opinion on something to aid someone's understanding, or for many reasons, and derive many benefits such as friendship, constructive debate, a sense of accomplishment. This rule is good advise, but if you are a mature person then it is not relevant in most situations. I call this a "neophyte" rule, something that you can ignore once you've got your bearings.

Proceeding to interpret this Rule in a way that results in an obvious Rule that is best obeyed nearly all the time. I feel that this Rule is more related to discussions of religion, as it is a religious statement itself. I employ it to mean "Do not give opinions on Satanism unless you are asked" which is damn good advise. Unless it comes up and you are asked about it it is very good advise not to casually talk about Satanism. Even the most evangelistic Satanists do not wonder around introducing themselves as "Simon, a Satanist"... this would be the height of self destructive rebellion in the name of cheap thrills at the expense of all respect. If you are the type of person to show yourself up with pretentious and immature public Satanic declarations then this rule is very much for you! Simply do not give your opinion unless asked!

However, mature and sensible people will be able to give their opinions when appropriate, with particular reserve about statements of their own affiliation. When in doubt, say "I'm an atheist" and debate as such.

2. Do not tell your troubles to others unless you are sure they want to hear them  
This is wise advise. I had in mind initially to write that this advise is simply

ignored... but thinking about it, it is common sense and it something I adhere to. I don't whinge, publicly moan or attention seek through telling people my problems. My friends and those that trust in me are the ones I divulge my troubles too, because I know they benefit from doing that to me, a trusted friend, in return. The disadvantages of whinging to those who aren't interested are manifold, they will think you are immature, failing, a psychic vampire leeching off of their attention.

3. When in another's lair, show him respect or else do not go there

4. If a guest in your lair annoys you, treat him cruelly and without mercy  
There have been multiple times when someone in my "lair" has annoyed me. Sometimes I forgive, sometimes I don't. However I don't think I've ever treated anyone cruelly and without mercy. Likewise I have definitely annoyed people (sometimes even intentionally) when in their own domain. They haven't treated me without mercy either, and I don't believe they'd have warrant to do so (authoritive condemnation of my actions would be a much better start)... My conclusion is that these laws are broken, or that I am not capable of interpreting what LaVey meant by them. I think he may meant "you have a right to treat people in your home how you wish", which would explain why you have to give respect in someone else's place, because they too have this right.

5. Do not make sexual advances unless you are given the mating signal  
People have asked what is the mating signal, I interpret this to mean, simply, that you should take care. Be careful not to make up signals due to your own wishful thinking.

6. Do not steal from people (paraphrased)  
Exceptions abound to this and always have done. I needn't give examples. I think this rule is designed to make neophyte Satanists and young rebels think before they steal, to make them reconsider if what they are doing is truly good for themselves. Without rules like this, Satanism could fail be a prop in a person's development if they need such a prop. It's a "just in case you're a moron, I wish to tell you not to steal" kind of rule.

"Do not take that which does not belong to you unless it is a burden to the other person and he cries out to be relieved" is very similar to rules of other major religions. In Buddhism it is reflected in the Second Precept (of the Five Precepts of Right Conduct in Therevada Buddhism), "not to take what is not given"<sup>6</sup> and Christianity's Eighth Commandment, "Do Not Steal". What Buddhism and Satanism have, common sense, is sometimes lacking in the Christian consideration of this as an "absolute". For example, who wouldn't steal a weapon from a maniac? It is only meant as a simplistic guide.

7. is not relevant.

Satanic Rule of the Earth 7 is a rule about the application of magic and not a

statement about ethics.

Acknowledge the power of magic if you have employed it successfully to obtain your desires.

If it works for you then use it. This empirical and practical approach is typical of Satanism. Anton LaVey used it and believed in it, and to that extent probably did not feel the need to try and explain it away, believing that science would catch up one day.

"Magic is never totally scientifically explainable, but science has always been, at one time or another, considered magic."

Anton LaVey, The Satanic Bible, Book of Belial

8. Do not complain about anything to which you need not subject yourself  
This is one of the greatest pieces of social advise ever. Satanists aim to be powerful people, taking their lives into their own hands because if you can't look after yourself, no-one else will. If something is wrong that you could easily change then change it. It's pro-active. Don't moan, complain or whinge, simply deal with it. Life is not fair and never will be, you need to not complain about that which is not fair and go about rectifying the problem.

9. Do not harm little children

Similar to rule 6, I think this acts as a statement to deter some of the crazy people that Satanism attracts. These people will either avoid LaVey Satanism or adopt it and change their ways. In either case there is no excuse for the harming of our young, LaVey expands on this law along with most the others in his writings, and states "do not harm little children, for they are our future".

10. Do not kill non-human animals unless you are attacked or for your food

Similar to 9 and 6, in that this serves to act as a prompt to those who think that Satanism involves animal sacrifice. Harming animals is stupid and pointless. Once this statement is understood, along with others, to be a kind of disclaimer as to what Satanism is not about, you can also understand the exception to this rule. For example farmyard animal are frequently killed for food even if not for your own food. Sometimes killing animals that are suffering and in pain is good. These exceptions distract from the literal interpretation of this rule, but not from the intended function of this rule which is to point out that Satanists are not (and should not be) immature animal torturers.

People are messed up and some of these messed up people find their way to Satanism. If they take it seriously, such advise will aid their development past rebellious and misguided behavior that involves animal abuse.

"Historically animal sacrifice has gone hand in hand with religion. It is only the

post-Roman Empire religious world that has fully rejected animal worship. It remains in the holy books of the world's major traditional religions, and is still practiced by some Earth religions. In order for Satanism to be out of the ordinary, it would have to actually reject animal worship. Satanism does see man "as just another animal, sometimes better, more often worse than those that walk on all-fours", so it can be expected that Satanism has an untraditional attitude towards animal sacrifice."

11. When walking in open territory, bother no one. If someone bothers you, ask him to stop. If he does not stop, destroy him  
It is not ethical to allow our species to decay and self destruct because the individuals that make up society are too meek to confront aggravating behavior. This statement accords with Lex Talionis that we will get to later in this text.

### 23. Drugs:

Are Satanists dogmatically inhibited from taking drugs?

Given that drugs are a form of self indulgence; why should a Satanist not take drugs, there is no dogmatic reason why Satanists should not. Except for one, which I will cover shortly.

Historically Satanism has attracted big drug users; Marilyn Manson, Michael S. Margolin, Aleister Crowley and multiple Satanic groups and organizations, have all used extensive drugs, in many cases to achieve various states of mind as part of study and research. And of course for pleasure and spiritual healing (meditation).

It is important to point out that drugs aren't necessary; but as long as you are not stupid (the cardinal sin of Satanism), drug use is acceptable.

### 24. Satanic Sex:

"Satanism is pro-sexuality. Sexuality is a pure form of pleasure, something that satisfies our deepest purpose in life. Modern life allows us to enjoy sex without the risks of unplanned pregnancies and sexual diseases assuming that sense is taken. Which it should be. Satanism supports any fetish, kink or flavor of sexual encounter as long as all parties involved are consenting. Some people like quality, some people like quantity.

A number of essays and texts by LaVey concentrate on the use and expression of sexual energy, but as social tools and energy within ritual. Boyd Rice says 'LaVey understood that wasn't one cookie-cutter for everyone [...] Sexual freedom doesn't mean having as much sex as possible, it means having the kind of sex you want.' Our strongest emotions and desires are sexual, we are sexual beings, it drives and motivates us more than any other factor.

Our sexuality is fluid: It cannot be oppressed. Denying our sexuality simply causes its waters to flow into other areas, sometimes in very unhealthy ways, honestly and expression fare much better than repression. Satanism is informed by modern and learned psychological, medical and scientific opinions on sex, there is no dogmatic principles or religious intolerance of sexuality within Satanism. It is very optimistic, positive and healthy: This can only be expected of such a carnal religion of the flesh such as Satanism!"

## 25. Lex Talionis:

In physics terms all actions have an equal and opposite reaction. All of our actions have consequences. The worse the action, the worse the consequences will be. This is why stupidity is the cardinal sin of Satanism. There is no divine retribution for wrongs done in life and no karmic system of rewards for the rights we do. We pay directly for everything we do, through direct cause and affect.

Your life can only be wilfully changed through your own actions. Satanism thinks more in terms of cause and effect, of Lex Talionis, than it does of morality or ethics.

Satanism has adopted a less literal approach to the Law of the Talon, as retribution and punishment (the effect of actions) may be greater than the actual if people wish, or less, if we wish. Depending, of course, on the cause and effect of the actions of the retributor on himself!

Strategic self preservation actually results in moral behavior, and self empowerment is a route to social stability.

## 26. Humanity Face to Face with Nature:

"There is also a belief in the necessity for cultivating man's carnal nature and its appetites. Nature is viewed not as a wilderness to be tamed, such as is found in many aspects of Christian thought, but as a volatile force reflected in the deepest part of man's soul. Modern man is seen as cut off from nature, and, therefore, from life itself. Indeed, one of the fundamental tenets of LaVey's Satanic worldview is that "Life is the great indulgence." This comes more from Aleister Crowley's idea of "Do What thou Wilt" than Nietzsche's self-controlled ethics. Guilt is rejected as the labor of weak, petty minds. Animals and children are celebrated in Satanism as embodiments of pure instinct and indulgence. Contrary to perceptions of ritually sanctioned animal sacrifice, LaVey adamantly denounced such practices and did not advocate the implementation of them into the Satanic rite."

## 27. Equality, Egalitarianism and Social Stratification:

### 1. People are Not Equal:

"People are not equal in any way, shape or form. I do believe in equal Human Rights, though. What those rights are are a different matter altogether. Socially, in terms of ability, no-one is equal to anyone else. Everyone is unique and that means that according to the situation, everyone has different talent.

Not everyone can lead, not everyone can follow. Not everyone can physically defend themselves, and not everyone can understand complex thoughts. In different times and places people's skills are brought to bear. It is the individuals job to find his natural position in society. It is societies job to help those who cannot perform in some areas. Each individual has weaknesses, and without society to protect us, many of our weaknesses would be fatal. Society is essential for stability and growth.

Within society, all much contribute what they can in order to achieve what they want to achieve. Hopefully, through a system of rewards, those with ability in some areas will attain more influence in those areas. This is stratification. Society (as a whole) has an obligation to help those who cannot help themselves (because we do not give up on people, even if they seem useless). But on top of that, everyone must find their own level according to their ability.

Life is unfair, the elements and the universe do not assume we have rights. You must give, create and develop yourself in society... there is no other way. The Alien Elite are those who can succeed where they want, according to their abilities and still not be victims of this amoral system, but see and understand how it works."

"Stratification - The point on which all the others ultimately rest. There can be no more myth of "equality" for all - it only translates to "mediocrity" and supports the weak at the expense of the strong. Water must be allowed to seek its own level without interference from apologists for incompetence. No one should be protected from the effects of his own stupidity." [Anton LaVey, "Pentagonal Revisionism" point One]

## 2. Equality of Opportunity, Rights and Equality in Law

"A commitment to equality [including economic and social equality] is in many respects the defining feature of socialist ideology, equality being the political value that most clearly distinguishes socialism from its rivals, notably liberalism and conservatism. Conservatives believe society to be naturally hierarchic, and therefore reject the idea of social equality as simply absurd. Liberals, however, are committed to equality, but on the grounds that all individuals are of equal moral worth and are therefore entitled to equal rights and respect. They are nevertheless born with very different talents and skills and are entitled to be rewarded accordingly: those who work hard and possess abilities deserve to be wealthier than those who do not. Liberals therefore favour equality of opportunity, but see no reason why this should, or will, lead to social and economic equality"

Liberal Equality, not Socialist: Satanism is therefore in sync with Liberal beliefs on equality, but not with Socialism or Conservatism. Socialism, in its various forms, is far removed from Satanism in terms of its ideology on economic or social equality as will be clear from the section above; people are not equal. Conservatism sounds enticing with its strong insistence on a social hierarchy, which sounds like the same as Satanic "stratification" where "water finds its own level", but in conservatism this is not what it seems, which I'll explain after confirming the Liberal position.

Liberal equality is that born are all different, but everyone should be given equality of opportunity to become great. This is in accordance with Nietzsche's philosophy on superman and with Satanism's elitism. Meritocracy demands equality of opportunity: If good people still remain at the bottom, the social system is broken. If those with talents rise, it works. This is equality of opportunity. Also the other liberal values of moral equality holds that moral beliefs are relativistic and all as valid as anyone else's. It is a hands-off approach to morality; liberalism is accused of being morally neutral, because it is. And this suits Satanists, masters of their own worlds, fine.

Not Conservatism: Conservatism's proponents would, as quoted above, "believe society to be naturally hierarchic, and therefore reject the idea of social equality as simply absurd". This sounds like a perfect comparison to Satanic ideals. However, it is not. What comes with Conservatism is an abhorrent defence of social inequality based on class and tradition rather than one based on meritocracy. In the conservative model, institutions and people are at the top because they're born there, socially, simply because they exist. But with no reflection of their true worth. Conservatism is closer to that Satanic Sin, "empty posturing", whereas those at the top are lucky, rather than skilled, bloated with false claims rather than fine-tuned with social grace or talent. The conservative model of hierarchy is an opposite to the Satanic belief in individual power to choose their own position in life.

### 3. Political Inequality:

"When the masses remain ignorant and stupid, plain democracy is impossible and meaningless. Hollow campaigns do not facilitate the honest voting on government activity. But the stratification of voting bias does not lead to equal votes. But equal votes is the problem, not the answer!. I would declare to all that people are not equal. What a stupid person thinks government should do is less important than what an intelligent person thinks. Unfortunately no system exists that can determine in what way a person needs to be "intelligent" in order for their vote to get a higher status. [...]"

A form of stratification fixes the leaks that democracy springs when the masses are ignorant and stupid. The tested intelligent electorate should have two votes, the uneducated and inferior should only have one. The present culture in the UK is at such a level of education that democracy has become an empty shell, until

education reaches a generally higher level stratification is the least problematic form of democracy. Better to have a functioning unequal democracy rather than a dysfunctional, hollow pseudo-democracy based on simplistic deceit. The former is a little like a meritocracy, whereas the latter is national suicide."

#### 4. Welfare:

It is to humanities benefit that we are capable of helping one another. Although there are many Satanists who disagree, I believe in protecting the weak, disabled and the ill of society, including those born with disabilities, those who have injured themselves through effort such as sport (though not those who are merely stupid, like smokers), those who are simply unlucky. This is because I am a compassionate human being.

There are those who hold that the weak should be allowed to die, or even be oppressed, because their survival is a detriment to the whole. This morality is one very close to the overpowering-state thesis of fascism, or the "community good at all costs" of totalitarian communism of Stalin-era Russia. The logic seems sound, but the result of putting this into action has, in history, without fail created monstrous regimes that have done no good for humanity. Therefore although I agree with the logic, in practice I find it too inhuman and too fraught with risk; the methods of this kind of filtering have always caused disaster, not emancipation from weak humans.

There are disputes within the Satanic community, no consensus, on the values of welfare organisations or state welfare programs.

#### 28. The Satanic Golden Rule:

Lex talionis, or the law of "fang and claw" informed much of LaVey's Satanic formulation. "Do unto others as they do unto you" supplanted the Christian directive to "do unto others as you would have them to do unto you", so that you are only to give compassion and sympathy to those who desire it. It is a reactive rule, compared with the Christian proactive rule; further it is a rule that most LaVeyan Satanists try to live by. By the rule, love, compassion, and sympathy are not to be wasted upon ingrates; these are to be given only to those who deserve them. LaVey felt that intelligent and strong people spent too much time caring for "psychic vampires" weak individuals who always demanded attention and care, yet would never give any back. He taught that Satanists should strive to remove themselves as much as possible from such people in order to live in accordance to their instincts and individual wills.

As time has gone on, the magic and anti-Christian elements of Satanism have become less and less noticeable compared to the misanthropic element."

#### 29. The Ethic of Reciprocity:



The ethic of Reciprocity is called "The Golden Rule" by Christians and "The Wiccan Rede" by Wiccans.

"This Golden Rule is called the Ethic of Reciprocity and is the most universal moral code known; appearing in nearly all cultures, being derived from multiple teachers, religions and philosophies at different times in different ways (including Zoroastrianism); dated to at least 1500bce."

It is "Do not treat people in a way that you would not accept them treating you".

Criticism of the Ethic of Reciprocity: "What you have described there is essentially the Wiccan Rede. Nice concept, however (IMHO), doesn't work in the Real World, where the vast majority doesn't follow the rule and are always willing to push you down downhill in order to gain some shortsighted narrowminded goal. And thats what we have, an endless power struggle. It might work, if you would isolate yourself from the rest of the society (until you start developing multiple personalities in your isolation)."

The ethic of reciprocity in Satanism: The version that appears in Satanism is "Do what thou will, as long as you harm no undeserving person". I think "as long as you harm no undeserving person" adds a large quantity of realism to LaVey's version. It is ethical to "Do whatever you want as long as you harm no undeserving person". Satanists are not ethical all the time. I wouldn't believe someone if they claimed to be!

I don't expect many Satanists to agree with the Golden Rule as the Wiccans or Christians see it. The former version is not a practical ethic, as Mikko pointed out, and the latter version (turn the other cheek...) is just a plain disaster. I return to Satanism and Social order when talking about Lex Talionis.

It means you must accept they anyone has the same rights as you to do whatever you do (and more, if they don't mind you doing it to them too). Such ethical systems are egalitarian (now that I think of it), just plain wrong, in my opinion! Although, it is still a popular ethic and many (I bet some Satanists do) repeat it. Sometimes it's because they haven't heard it criticised.

### 30. The Enochian Keys and Enochian Language

Dr LaVey was well learned and especially respected the poetic and magical nature of the Enochian chants and rituals. The Enochian Keys are a series of chants that appear at the end of The Satanic Bible.

"Each Key or Call is perhaps best thought of as a 'Sonic Tarot.' From a posthuman perspective their interest is mainly poetical, meditative, and for attaining altered states. I do not believe that angelic or supernatural entities are real, but I do agree with Costa ben Luca (in his Book of Adjurations) that

"amulets" (crucifixes, fetishes, rosaries etc.) have the power to "comfort the mind."

Whilst I am against supernaturalist beliefs, I do not wish to disparage the social value of communion and ritual, nor the beauty of some religious art, words and music. I use mandalas, the Enochian Chessboards (flashing Tablets), as well as the various Enochian Calls, to focus or to clear my mind."

Anton LaVey describes Enochian as possibly being older than Sanskrit, resembling Arabic, Hebrew and Latin. LaVey states it first appeared in print in 1659 in a biography of John Dee, the 17th century seer and court astrologer, who worked with his associate Edward Kelly. Personally I believe that Dee/Kelly invented this language and perhaps attempted to make it seem ancient, although some may disagree with this. Although I find it's history dubious I do think that Dee/Kelly's litanies are immensely powerful and effective in achieving the sonic tarot affect.

### 31. Corruption at the Church of Satan:

If you wish to join the Church of Satan, it will cost you a hefty sum of \$200. In return, you will receive a plastic card and a computer disc. That is all. There is no actual building for the Church of Satan. No physical church at all. You simply send in the money and receive a piece of plastic. When LaVey's wife, Diane, filed for divorce, Anton had to liquidate his assets, including the Church of Satan. Journalist Alan Cabal (New York Press, 12-18 November, 1997) observed, "It was dissolved in bankruptcy court, a fitting end for an organization that never had the slightest meaning beyond shock value. Various tinpot wannabes have attempted to keep the name going, but the cognoscenti of the Satanic tradition abandoned it decades ago when it became apparent that the Church was nothing more than a internet cash cow."

### 32. Finish:

Satanists are not passive atheists, but explicit atheists. Theologically, we are certainly evil, as the very label we give ourselves portrays that we oppose the concept of God. Our very existence denies God power and credibility. The essay on Dualism goes into this deeper.

Satanism is the unreligion, whose adherents are sided squarely with the opposition to concepts of gods. There is a Jewish proverb, "If God lived on Earth, people would break his windows".

"Why do you call yourself a Satanist?"

Because Satan is the accuser of all gods and religions, the rebel in the world of theology, and the firm and powerful denial of gods. Satan wishes to kill god, and

we feel this is a good cause. Given that gods do not exist, we're all already Satanists. The Church of Satan is however for those who feel that abstinence is not enough, mere atheism does not have the sharp edge of Satanism. Satanism is not a religion, it is the unreligion.

The (LaVeyan) Satanist does not generally believe in the Judeo-Christian-Islamic idea of God; the function of God is performed and satisfied by the Satanist him/herself. That is, the needs of worship, ritual, and religious/spiritual focus are directed, effectively, inwards towards the Satanist, as opposed to outwards, towards God.

A belief in God would not necessarily exclude someone from being a Satanist; however, many Satanists would have trouble functioning within a Satanic group or community, or practising ritual magic. LaVey's writings point towards a more pagan perspective, and view animals and nature as a model and focus of religion. LaVey's views echo much of Marquis De Sade's writings - questioning evidence for a divine, supreme being, and believing in the forces and power of nature instead.

A (LaVeyan) Satanist is likely to differ from other types of Satanist in this respect; in LaVey's philosophy, God is rarely mentioned, and never discussed directly. A LaVeyan Satanist is less likely to hold a belief in God than a Satanist who sees Satan as a rival to God."

*Ave Satanas*