

## **Satanism Today By Rev. S. Nagash**

The Satanic Movement. It is something that has grown and grown. The 'movement' is so large, that there are a plethora of groups that one can pick and choose from. And within these groups, some have banded together, while others remain silent. Also, you have to include the groups are magickally active, and those who are not.

Unity, a term of alliance. But what most fail to realize, it that unity can be a double-edged sword. There are good and bad things that come with it. From what I have found, those who wish to 'unify' are the same who want satanism to become a household name. This is bastardizing satanism as we know it. This is the direction of the 'movement'. However, it is a pipe dream. There are too many people in high places of government that will not allow this to happen. They would cause nothing but problems. They fear us, for they don't understand us. They never will. It's as simple as that! However, we do exist and live our own lives as we see fit. No one can change that in the privacy of your own home. We live our words, rather than merely preach them. There are too many who say 'this' and 'that' on their websites. However, upon other findings, they state, "We are not really like that!" That is total hypocrisy. Now, unity, as in the unifying with those of similar beliefs can be a good thing. For example: Group rituals, exchanging ideas and views, etc.

Satanism is about ego. It is self-serving, first and foremost. There are groups out there who deem it as the role of a satanist to inform the community of various wrongdoing of the government, or other agency. What we are has nothing to do with politics, nor is a satanist, or any that I know, care about what the government does (Unless it directly affects themselves, but other than that...). There are elected officials who do that. Again, we are not the community watchdogs.

Magick and Satanism. This varies from group to group. Some satanists say that magick does not exist and some say it does. Free Thought Satanism allows the use of any magickal form. One entity/spirit may work for one person, and not someone else. Every form of magick is useful, once you erase the control tactics placed on magick. Three of the most popular control tactics are: The Three-Fold Law, Do what thou wilt and harm none, and my personal favorite, Love Peace and Tolerance. Now, there are also other things, that can constrain a satanist, and I see these quite often. This is why most satanic groups/individuals fail or only have percentage success:

- The Leaders of most groups have Magus-itis. (The full definition of Magus-itis is in Condensed Chaos, by Phil Hine. Chapter 3.)
- They don't know the basic principles of magick, let alone the universal principles. It is a possibility that some will know most of the principles, but without all of them, and the knowledge to apply them, failure or percentage success will happen.
- These groups/individuals take everything from one source. Now, knowledge is everything, and if someone reads only one book and makes the judgment that it is the best magick ever, they will falter. After all, not all books on the subject of magick are

completely true, nor will they contain everything you need to know. These individuals also fall under the Magus-itis category.

· The use of only one doctrine and following that to the letter, a.k.a. HERD MENTALITY.

The satanic movement has changed. There are those who identify with satanism, and there are those who live it. If you are someone looking to join a group setting, be sure to realize this. Realize who you are yourself; after all, satanism is about the self. Remember, those who merely identify, will portray themselves as being. Choose wisely your associations, and be intelligent.... BEWARE of HERD MENTALITY...it is everywhere, in every circle.