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PERPETUAL HERESY

Satanism has been defined as the 'Carnal Doctrine'. Its catchphrase has been stated as 'indulgence'. If there is no more to Satanism than this, it is difficult to justify its continued existence other than as a hobby for the bored, a scam for the con-artists and a rationalization for trivial selfishness.

Satanism as the expression of carnality during the West's Medieval phase was indeed heretical. The Church declared the carnal to be inful. Satanism as the adversary of the Church's repressive system was indeed fulfilling its historic and cosmological function as a rebellion against the status quo. The celebration of fertility had been at the centre of pagan belief and worship since prehistoric times. Suddenly the virile peasant was confronted with an alien dogma which declared such belief to be meriting eternal damnation, and held up the 'pale Galilean' as god. Satanism was the pagan response to christian repression, the orgies of the sabbaths cathartic releases from the pervasive, stale atmosphere of Jesus and his church. If Satan was the enemy of the Church, then he was the ally of those it oppressed. If the Old Gods of fertility were devils in disguise - as claimed by the prelates - then let them continue to be exalted as such. Indeed the image of the Devil came to be that of Pan, the horned and cloven-hoofed god of fertility.

Even in 1966 when LaVey founded the Church of Satan the Carnal Doctrine was still a relevant expression of rebellion against moral stasis.

For several decades now, however, fleshly indulgence has been ascended. The moral codes have been trodden under cloven hooves. The christian commandments relative to sexuality are broken without hesitation by all but the most puritanical and neurotic (i.e. those from which christianity has traditionally drawn its most fervent support). All save these now recognize sex as one of the primary physiological drives, as vital to one's health as eating.

Affirming the Carnal Doctrine today is about as relevant and heretical as affirming the need to eat sufficiently. The Carnal Doctrine ceased to be specifically Satanic when it replaced the old moral codes several decades ago. In fact the carnal doctrine is today a well-and-truly entrenched part of the status quo.

Satanism in some quarters is therefore overdue to move along. Yet many self-styled 'Satanists' continue to refer to Satanism as the 'Carnal Doctrine', and their slogan of 'Indulgence'. The adversarial role of Satanism thereby becomes redundant, Satanism becomes irrelevant, a travesty of itself.

It is therefore time for the Satanist to reconsider whether he is

taking such realities into account, or simply adhering to something which was long ago incorporated into the System, and which is therefore no longer specifically Satanic (i.e. heretical).

How, then, shall the Satanist return to his role as the upsetter of stasis? Instead of the 'Carnal Doctrine' let us now describe Satanism as 'Perpetual Heresy.' Now is the time for a return to the traditional essence of Satanism in order to reformulate its creed as relevant to the present.

Just as Satanism confronted the repressive Church system of yesteryear, today we are confronted by other stifling dogmas and moral preconceptions as pervasive now as the sexual repression of the Medieval church. Satanists should stand as the standard bearers of 'forbidden knowledge' today, as they have in the past, and quit expounding what is already generally accepted. Indeed, the judaeo-christian mythology established Satan as the bearer of forbidden knowledge to humanity, as per the Genesis legend of Adam and Eve and the Tree of Knowledge. The apocryphal Book of Enoch, additionally, relates that when 'the sons of god' (i.e. the Fallen Angels) descended to Earth to mate with 'the daughters of man' (as alluded to in Gen.) the tyrant god Jehovah engulfed the Earth with the Deluge because they had imparted 'forbidden knowledge' to man.

While the Greek fertility god Pan has traditionally been identified with The Devil, and was aptly symbolic of Satanism's Carnal Doctrine, Prometheus is another figure of Greek mythology which, today especially, more aptly embodies the Satanic principle. I would go so far as to contend that the Prometheus legend more richly embodies the Satanic principle than even the Hebrew mythos from where we draw the name of the arch Adversary. For in the Greek legend we find Prometheus defying the tyrant-god (in this instance Zeus) by imparting to man not only the gift of fire, for which he is best known, but also knowledge of astronomy, writing, domestication of animals, seacraft, medicine, metallurgy, all those arts which form the very basis of Civilization, and which were supposed to be denied to man by god lest such 'forbidden knowledge' upset the divine stasis. Prometheus, like Satan, was cursed by the tyrant-god, in this instance enchained to a mountain and his liver feasted upon by an eagle. Just as Jehovah cursed Adam and Eve and later brought forth the Deluge to punish Man for his acquisition of 'forbidden knowledge', here Zeus afflicts humanity with the various curses coming forth from Pandora's jar.

There is nothing like 'forbidden knowledge' to upset established order of stagnation based on fear and ignorance. The Church certainly recognized this with its Index of Forbidden Books and persecution of heretics such as Galileo and Copernicus. All such heretics serve the Satanic principle, even those who still profess to believe in Yeshua, as they all contribute to the destruction of stifling dogmas, that humanity may advance in knowledge and culture.

This is the Satanic principle, as stated by Kurt Seligman in Magic, Supernaturalism, and Religion (1968):

"Satan is an individualist. He upsets the commandments of Heaven which enforce a definite moral conduct. He inspires us with dreams and hopes. He endows us with bitterness and discontent, but in the end he leads us to the Better... He is that 'force which strives for the evil yet causes the good.'"

Those 'Satanists' who today have failed to recognize, or admit, the fulfilment of the Carnal Doctrine have relegated Satanism to the level of

pampered weakness, the ideal of the Yuppie, a cowardly existence to which they aspire under the guise of hedonism, of a contentedly pleasurable life devoid of struggle and perpetual Self-Overcoming on the way to the Nietzschean ideal (and the Satanic ideal) of Higher Man, prelude to the Over Man (godhood) which will only be expressed when Satanism rediscovers its origins. And it must be stated that these origins do not begin in the puerile generation of the 1960s, but of ancient origin, and were best articulated in more recent times by the Anti-Christ philosopher Nietzsche.

This ancient heritage of Satanism is the uplifting of humanity to godhood, "to be as gods", as the Hebraic scriptures put it in Genesis. The Carnal Doctrine of Satanism during the Middle Ages (actually an instinctive response) was a detour, the pagan's healthy reaction to christian repression. Time to get back to original principles: to again hold aloft the Promethean Flame.

We must consider the role of Satanism as 'perpetual heresy' in the world today. What are the dominant creeds and dogmas which are stifling human ascent towards godhood? We may answer that they are at this time primarily these: firstly, the dogma of universal equality, with the levelling it entails, pervading every aspect of Western society; then the current push towards a 'New World Order' being promoted by the revived Puritan/Hebrew Money alliance; the myth of the 'divine right' of Israel to rule the world, energized and sanctified by the legends of 'The Chosen People' and 'The Holocaust'.

Like the prelates of the Medieval Church, the exponents of these dogmas repress all ideas considered heretical: genetic engineering, eugenics, indeed the very science of genetics itself in favour of sociological and environmentalist analyses; revisionist historical research which is questioning some of the most cherished beliefs of contemporary Judaism, with the response that 'heretical' books are being banned and burned, teachers are being removed from their jobs, scholars are being jailed, fined, beaten and killed for asking awkward questions.

These are areas of 'forbidden knowledge' which today require the light of the Promethean Flame to be shed upon them. They are the sacred cows which need slaughtering to overcome stasis. What are some of the things that Satanists can do as free-thinkers and heretics? Support societies, journals and individuals promoting free-thought, anti-censorship, eugenics and genetic research, historical revisionism, national and cultural diversity in opposition to levelling universalism; back extremist causes which upset stagnation, whether of the Right or the Anarchist (because less dogmatic) Left and insinuate your own ideas; establish your own front groups and journals where necessary; and prepare yourself, your family and friends physically and psychologically for the apocalypse of the old order and the coming of a new Dark Age, that there may emerge from the darkness a spark of Luciferian light that will engulf the world as a purging and illuminating Flame.

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THE ALLIANCE OF THE INFERNAL ALTAR

I am interested in forming a Satanic grotto in San Diego, California, called The Alliance of the Infernal Altar (AIA). The purpose of AIA will be to support a local group of Satanists' ritual needs, as well as serve as a base for representation. I also plan to set up an electronic bulletin board, through which our ideas can be expressed to the masses. Though I am mainly looking for contacts in the San Deigo Ca. area, I welcome ideas, etc. from anyone. I will be in Japan through April 1992, so I can be reached through the following forwarding address:

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BOOK REVIEW

THE NINE DOORS OF MIDGARD: A COMPLETE CURRICULUM OF RUNE MAGIC by Edred Thorsson, Llewellyn Publications, Minn. 1991 (279pp).

Thorsson has been one of the principal exponents of the Teutonic esoteric revival this century. He has not only brought to life Teutonic paganism for modern man, but he has also made available to the layman the hitherto virtually inaccessible works of Guido von List and other late 19thC. /early 20th C. rune masters.

The Nine Doors of Midgard is the curriculum of the Rune Gild, of which Thorsson is the Grand Runemaster. Here we are treated to a step-by-step process of runic initiation. We are shown that Norse paganism is as complex and sophisticated as anything claimed by the East or the Levant, whilst lacking the obfuscation one often finds in these systems. We learn that from the Norse tradition are derived a detailed cosmology and 'Tree of Life, the Yggdrasill, runic 'yoga', breathing, meditation and pathworking exercises, divination, shamanism, mantra, and hondstodhur (runic hand shaping).

Those of Teutonic descent (English, Norse, German....) will more readily be able to identify with this than with, say, Jewish or Hindu esotericism, since they will be drawing upon archetypes deep within their own psyche.

Thorsson makes a distinction between Odinism and Odianism. The Odian as distinct form the Odinist who worships the God Odhinn, emulates him. "The Odinist worships, the Odian becomes himSelf or herSelf."

Odianism lends itself readily to the LHP, and indeed Thorsson himself is a high initiate of the LHP. He writes: "The Odian does not seek union with Odhinn, but rather with his or her own unique Self, a mirror of Odhinn's own Godly task. Were we to seek to abandon our own Selfhoods to any extent, Odhinn would only look on in disgust..."

...The Odian should be truly beyond good and evil. By identifying all polar extremes, seeking them, experiencing them, and thereby

recognizing that it is only in his her own Self that these poles have meaning, the Oodian is able to get beyond these terms..."

This the Norse-descended Satanist can be thankful that his native inheritance has been recovered for him.

There is something of the Nietzschean here also, of Self-Overcoming: "The path of the Oodian is one of unending change. A new stage of being always lies hidden just behind the horizon; it is this knowledge that leads us to our restless power of continuous transformation and constant innovation..."

With this both the Setian and the adherent of the Nietzschean-Faustian synthesis expounded by the OLHP will identify.

LAW OF THE STRONG

"The law of the strong: this is our law, and the joy of the world". Aleister Crowley, Liber AL

Whatever one may think of Crowley and the Qabalistic obfuscation of his doctrine, Thelema, once the Hebraic maze is unravelled there stands forth a doctrine which is essentially Nietzschean, and therefore has a certain common ground with Satanism.

"Nietzsche may be regarded as one of our prophets", wrote Crowley, when declaring that Thelema champions 'master morality' above that of the slave, the noble above the serf, and the lone wolf above the herd.

A morality of strength which Satanism demands is the antithesis of the life-dreading dogmas of the lap-dog masses, with their christianity and their Sermon on the Mount, and other fantasies designed to offer comfort from the brutal world of reality. Indeed the blasphemous repudiation of the Sermon on the Mount (the creed par excellence of the weak and worthless) by Satanism brings one back to a profoundly positive philosophy, in that it is inverting a negative. This is apparent in the rites of genuine Black Masses, and in the pagan declaration of Ragnar Redbeard, whose Might is Right was incorporated into Anton LaVey's Satanic Bible as the Book of Satan: Blessed are the strong, for they shall possess the Earth. Cursed are the weak for they shall inherit the yoke. Blessed are the powerful, for they shall be revered among men. Cursed are the feeble for they shall be blotted out. Blessed are the bold, for they shall be masters of the world. Cursed are the humble for they shall be trodden under hoofs....."

Such are the cosmic laws - partly reflected by Darwin's 'natural selection' which have dragged humanity up from the slime. Such are the laws which must again prevail if humanity is not to slide back into the slime of undifferentiated existence. For these are the laws of life; they are the laws not only by which species evolve towards higher forms, but by which civilizations arise to advance Man culturally.

Nature has inscribed in granite the timeless dictum that if the strong and mighty do not prevail, they will be engulfed by the weak and worthless, by sheer weight of numbers. And the strong and mighty - the culture bearing stratum - can only be overcome by their inferiors if they

themselves succumb to the rot of decadence, of soft living and soft options, under the guise of some new religious revelation or cultural 'sophistication', rationalizations for the abdication of their Duty to posterity.

All great human endeavours are founded upon might and conquest, upon hierarchy and inequality, upon a recognition of the primacy of the noble and warrior castes, and the recognition of their mastership by the lower (note the example of Vedic India in particular and the principles upon which that Civilization was founded and flourished - and on the principles upon which it floundered and died).

Today, as in the end-phase of previous High Cultures, we find the reversal of cosmic reality in favour of sickly humanitarianisms, whether it be called christianity or liberalism, etc., demanding that all have some right to 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness', and when these utopian ideals fail to materialize of their own accord - as they should if reflecting the cosmic pulse of life - who is it that 'foots the bill' but the ever diminishing creative minority of the world? And the more that is given to alleviate the conditions of the incompetent and the hopeless of mass humanity, the more their situation is aggravated. What good can come of trying to sustain the unsustainable, until the creative minority itself becomes impoverished or is genetically washed away into oblivion? What is to be gained by subsidizing the breeding of ever more specimens of lower humanity?

The law of the strong demands the elimination of the unfit, of the worthless, and this means of simply letting nature's biological mechanism once again become operative, freed from the intervention of the humanitarian. Far from from this being an 'extremist' solution, it is one conducive to balance, for the humanitarian gestures of the missionaries of Yeshua and Liberalism have had their day and have achieved nothing but further suffering.

The Earth is overdue for a human purging, an Apocalypse of the Masters reasserting their supremacy over the Earth, the antithesis of the Revelation of the mad John. As Nietzsche wrote: "That which is falling should also be pushed.... And him that you do not teach to fly teach to fall faster!" (Thus Spoke Zarathustra).

What shall replace the old world of the weak and the worthless? A return to the laws of the cosmos - to the law of the strong, to the mastery of the world by the Masters, a 'Satanic empire' of unlimited aspiration and potential which shall Will into Being that Satanically-spawned 'mighty and renown' race of "giants" written of in the Hebraic scriptures (Gen. 6:5) with fear and dread.

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Things that men fear are pleasure to me
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Never wanted to be just an ordinary empty fool
Desire desire desire inside of me
Never easy to understand my ways
Don't try to change me let me be myself
Gaze into my eyes of flame
See the burning passion dwelling there
I ask you only once do you want to share
Desire desire desire inside of me

Teens suspected of Devil worship
(Evening Post 15 July 1991)

by JULIE ROBERTS
Police reporter

Masterton police and youth workers believe a satanic cult ring involving up to 20 teenagers is operating in the town.

But they are frustrated that so far at least no one has laid an official complaint.

Masterton youth aid constable Brian Edmonds said police had been alerted to the black magic group last month by Marshall Coley, head of the town's Wairarapa Community Resource and Activity Service.

Mr Coley runs an advice and Access training referral centre for unemployed young people and those wanting further education.

Mayor Bob Francis was warned by Mr Coley two weeks ago and says he is disturbed. "But I want more proof and whatever this might be I consider it a police matter and I'm confident they can deal with it."

Mr Coley has also contacted Upper Hunt police Senior Sergeant Laurie Gabites who has studied ritualistic abuse in Toronto and Chicago and is the community relations co-ordinator for the Hutt district.

Mr Gabites was reluctant to put a label on the goings-on in Masterton, but said it appeared there was some kind of "satanic practice" in action.

Mr Coley said he personally knew of about 20 youngsters who has been drawn into the sect, which he believed gathered regularly at a house in Masterton to worship the Devil.

He said youngsters had told him drugs were used at the secret gatherings of the sect. And teenagers were "educated" in the arts of satanism through "detailed satanic booklets" forwarded to them from an address in Wellington.

"We gathered up our evidence over a period of weeks, by talking to the kids that come into our centre, then told police what was going on. The community has to be made aware this is happening. Some of these kids are very frightened."

Mr Edmonds said police would be "very concerned" if a satanic cult was operating in Masterton. "But we've checked out the information Mr Coley gave us and so far we haven't come up with anything. We've had no complaints from teachers or pupils either," he said.

Mr Coley said staff at the Chapel Street youth centre were first alerted something was wrong about six weeks ago.

"All of a sudden we noticed a real change of attitude in some of the kids. They started becoming unco-operative and arrogant... we knew there had to be something very wrong to make them change like this."

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Presuming that the above newspaper report is accurate, I would like to comment on the situation involving this Satanist group.

[Note: I understand that this group has no connection with the Masterton-based Order of the Sword of Damocles, which apparently doesn't even condone alcohol consumption let alone drugs].

(1) Drug involvement is an open invitation for the police to

disrupt Satanism as a bona fide religion, for the mass media to print its sensationalist smears, and for the church to justify its intrusions.

(2) In NZ one can stay within the laws of the land and practice Satanism. On this basis no Satanist should take any crap from police, churchmen or social workers.

Note the comments from const. Edmonds that police would be 'very concerned' if a Satanic cult was operating in Masterton as if Satanism per se is an illegal activity.

Any intimidation of Satanists in the pursuit of their legitimate religious and ethical beliefs by police, churchmen, social workers, or anyone else, will be taken up with the appropriate complaints authority.

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Uncle Setnakt Says

The spring is upon us. Uncle Setnakt's yard is yellow with daffodils and fragrant with hyacinths. Uncle Setnakt is in a generous mood and has decided to give you a seven-step ritual (in honor of the seven heads of the first beast), which must be performed exactly at midnight on the Wednesday/Thursday cusp or -- of course anytime you feel like it. I'll round out my column with a couple of remarks about the rite (in honour of the two eyebrows -- ahem horns of the Second Beast). This rite may be done alone or by a group. If by a group, each participant must take part in each round of toasts -- NO PASSING!

1. Prepare your chamber. The preparation of a sacred space sets up all the moods and expectations you want for Self-exploration and Magic. If you reuse a chamber often, the mere entering of it can put you in a state of communication with yourSelf and -- perhaps -- the Unknown that lies beyond. For communication with the Prince of Darkness, the creator of isolate intelligence, the chamber should be dark, display His Pentagram (the Kaliyuga Productions Pentagram will do excellently if like Uncle Setnakt you can't paint your own), and those ritual tools you deem necessary. You'll also need a quantity of sweet liquid (Uncle Setnakt recommends water with a little honey -- this mixture may touch off some dim ancestral memories indeed considering that the roots of the words "mead" and "soma" both mean honeyed water). The chamber should be quiet and out of the way, so you can relax, calmly listen to yourSelf.

2. Prepare yourself. Read through this article and be sure you've found the internal and external facts you'll need. Dress for the occasion, whether it is ritual robes or just a black tasteful suit, you are going to honor the highest part of yourSelf! Your attitude and demeanor should be one of solemn joy! Don't approach this rite until you are both prideful and joyful. When you enter the chamber, remain in darkness and silence for a while, until your mind is working smoothly and the rite can flow out of you freely.

3. Begin in your standard manner. Ritual openings improve with time and use, you don't have to cut new channels to the Unknown every time you work. For those of you who are trying to reinvent the wheel, I recommend the ringing of a bell nine times and an invocation to the Prince of Darkness. An invocation in which join with His to Work a change in the world -- to break the fetters which bind us to the natural order and increase the development of mankind's evolution and consciousness as well as your personal joy and power. An invocation is not a prayer -- it is the causing of that noble part of yourSelf to rise to the surface and seek out alliances with those of its own kind. None of this "Grant me this" or "please send me so-and-so."

4. Drink in a principle or god you'll need for step 6. This continues the principle of invocation. If you wish to effect a Work in the world that requires -- let's say the use of words -- you may wish to say something like, "I raise my drinking horn to Wodenhaz, who through sacrifice of Self brought us the runes by which we may change the wyrd of the world through our writing." Drink deeply and Become Wodenhaz. If you prefer not to use the stimulation of mythology you might simply invoke a principle -- as in, "I drink to Communication through which I cast my Will upon other men and by which I establish a link with the other secret side of the Universe."

5. Drink to a human you wish to honor. This continues the principle of invocation as well as forging links between the living and the dead (if you've chosen a dead hero to honor) or between the Work you are doing and a living force in the objective universe. This reminds us that "Man is God" and keeps us from becoming hopeless cynics. The Hero chosen for this honor should be picked by the most personal of standards. It could be your father, or an Egyptian pharaoh of the XXth dynasty. If it's someone you don't know personally, research your guy (or gal). This will acquaint you with the possibilities in the human psyche as well as the combination of method and persistence needed to achieve greatness. Here's an example, "I drink to Howard Phillips Lovecraft, who remained true to the weird vision he created, and brought it forth in his own work and others that it might work upon the collective unconsciousness of mankind forever."

6. Drink to your own accomplishment. Now you are beginning to weave yourSelf into this strand. This accomplishes three things. First it helps you become prideful of real accomplishments. In our society, we are taught not to take any pride in what we do -- the "Aw shucks" attitude. This fetters us to a state of unworthiness as well as preventing us from expecting to achieve greatness. Pride is the breaker of that fetter. Second it makes us aware of the force of our Becoming, this is an important step in the LHP -- seeing yourSelf first as a tiny stream cutting your way through the world, but growing into a vast river that reshapes the land. We discover that our life has purpose and meaning and that Self doesn't flair up in random incidents, but is an unbroken continuum. Third to prepare for this toast you must examine your own life looking for objective achievements. This leads to Self knowledge, one of the principle roots of personal immortality. An example would be, "I drink to Setnakt, who cast the Runes into BRIMSTONE so that others may use them for the brilliance and glory of their desire and to His eternal glory."

7. Drink a pledge to yourSelf of a deed to be done. Herein lies the magic of this rite, through the great exaltation/invocation which you have just done, you've reached a state of changing that which is coming into being. By stating the deed you intend to accomplish, you are bringing to bear the very force you have invoked against the resistance of the world in the direction of your goal. This goal should be a real measurable goal that furthers your Being. This isn't praying to Somebody somewhere to send you something somehow -- this is you directing the forces that are within and beyond you to further your own Self. This is an extension and magnification of YOU! An example would be, "I Setnakt do raise this horn in throth to the Great Setnakt swearing that I will have finished my novel before I next sit in this hall! I swear that this work will reveal the strength, beauty, and terror of my art!" After this fearsome pledge, you must meditate on past failures and triumphs slowly letting this meditation take you to an Understanding of the nature of isolate intelligence. When this is achieved, you may close in the standard manner. For those of you operating outside of the Temple of Set, I would recommend crying out, "Hail Set! Hail Loki!" and ringing the bell nine times.

8. To be effective this rite must be done many times. Sometimes you will have to come to the chamber with an Understanding that you've failed in your goal. This will teach about resistance, you may have to recast your oath or redouble your efforts. By meditating on this you will have learned about yourSelf and the Universe. Sometimes you will come to boast on accomplishments. You will begin to sense your Becoming -- to make real contact with your godhood. This will enable you to become mightier in your magic and achievement. If practised regularly -- say one a month at

chosen midnights -- not only will you throw off muddy subjectivity but you learn the path whereby that which is within your black heart may be brought forth into the world.

9. This rite has been done countless times. This is a very simplified form of a rite of Germanic warriors called the sumble. This combination of toasts and oaths is scattered throughout Northern European literature -- its last form being found in the myths of King Arthur and the Round Table. It has been revised in a darker form by a Warrior-Priest within a knightly Order of the Temple of Set. More than this I cannot say, but here lies a Great Secret for ritual construction. take a ritual that was Worked and when you ReWork it according to the principles of your true Self -- it will Work again.

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FRIENDS OF MAN : ENEMIES OF GOD

In the Classical and Semitic religions which have been incorporated into Western Civilization since its beginnings there is a theme which is quite constant: that the 'Satanic' entities have been those which have stood with Man against a god who is tyrannical.

The tyrant god is represented as one who created Man to satisfy a power-lust, to sadistically do to Man as he so wills, predicated upon keeping his human creation ignorant and fearful.

In Greek mythology Zeus is the tyrant god who forbade cultural ascent of Man. Prometheus was he who aligned himself with Man, the culture-hero who gave Man the gifts of fire, knowledge of astronomy, writing, domestication of animals, seacraft, medicine, metallurgy, all those arts which elevate Man from cave-dwelling ignorance unto the heights of Civilization. (Prometheus Bound, Aeschylus, 5th C. BC).

Here the archetypes of god as tyrant and 'Satan' as culture-hero are evident.

In the Judaeo-Christian mythos there is a similar scenario: that of Jehovah, the Hebrew Zeus, demanding that Man be kept in ignorance and servility, and that of Satan, the Hebrew Prometheus, offering the gift of knowledge to Man, in defiance of the tyrant god.

This legend itself is partly based on the Babylonian creation epic, which mentions the chaos dragon Tiamat sending a 'serpent' to Man to impart wisdom, for which both Man and serpent are cursed by the gods who begrudged Man wisdom.

There is an additional mythos only hinted at in Genesis. This is the allusion to the sons of god mating with the daughters of Man, by which were sired children who became the heroes of old. For this 'crime' Jehovah sent forth The Deluge. Although the myth is obviously of earth-shattering dimensions nothing of it is further explained in the Judaeo-Christian Bible as it has come down to us. The details must be had from the apocryphal Book of Enoch.

Here we are told that the sons of god, an angelic order described as 'Watchers', desired carnal existence and children by the daughters of Man, but such was not for angels, according to the dictates of Jehovah.

The Watchers rebelled and descended to earth. They took wives, and taught the arts of civilization, Promethean-style: botany, metallurgy, writing, astronomy, astrology, the use of paint, dyes, cosmetics, and weapons. This of course enraged god.

Man and Watchers were cursed for this knowledge. The sons of the Watchers were slain, and the Watchers were, again Promethean-style, bound. Jehovah resolved to purge the earth with The Deluge, save the servile Noah, "then shall all the children of the earth be righteous, and all nations shall pay me divine honours, and bless me, and all shall adore me," the

holy megalomaniac is quoted as stating.

"A commandment had gone forth from the Lord against those who dwell on the earth, that they may be destroyed; for they know every secret of the angels, every oppressive and secret power of the satans... they have discovered secrets..."

But Noah was chosen by god because he was "pure and good, free from the reproach of discovering secrets" (i.e. he was pig-ignorant).

Such Ages-old myths are a reflection of the Gift of Satan, a distant memory which remanifests, albeit obscurely, in the legends and religions of Man. The central theme can be deduced easily enough, however, by those free from contrived ideas of 'good and evil': that it is the Satanic beings (as literally the 'adversaries' of god) who stand with man against the godly tyranny. It is interesting to note (considering Enoch states that the spirits of the dead sons of the Watchers became 'demons') that the ancient Greeks should have had an intuitive recognition of the significance of such 'demons' (or daimons) as their guiding geniuses, the inspirers of the arts of culture which became the glory of their Civilization.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your course which my wife and I took was refreshing and very informative. Be assured that we will serve the cause with dedication. You have proved outstanding as a Satanist, and your booklets are, as far as we are concerned masterpieces. Mr & Mrs C.R. Satanic Priesthood. Mass. USA (OLHP).

Thankyou for sending me issue no. 7 of The Watcher. That was a most refreshing article on Iraq and The New World Order. There was so much bullshit, propoganda and hypocrisy flying during the Gulf War that it gave me a headache and your article has just cured it.

With Brimstone magazine recently ceasing to publish I think The Watcher will definitely be a lifeline for Satanists.

Xeper & Remanifest, T.P. Adept II⁰ (Temple of Set) England

Apologies for not having contact you for such a long time. So let

me tell you what has happened during this period.

Firstly, I have stopped following the path of LaVeyan Satanism, only leaving the very principal ideas and beliefs. I believe that 'Indulgence' is a good start in one's path to his Own Godhood, but that's all. Mere deification and worship of one's Self isn't creative, it leads only to hedonistic atheism - which I believe is descriptive of CS today. I am not leaving all of LaVey's ideas - my philosophy includes also worship of individualism, in a more creative way, though - but I think that he has gone too far in his misanthropic manifestations, he leaves the impression of a harsh, revengeful crypto-facist.

What I'm striving for nowadays is a mixture of Crowley's Thelema but leaving off his qabbalistic teachings and most of the sexual magick, Setian philosophy (though I'm not a Setian myself) and the traditions and beliefs on the Finno-Ugric people. Maybe I'm not precisely a 'Black Brother', but I'm still Self, Own will-centric enough to be on the LHP.

Please do comment on what I've told you. Yours, J.V. Finland

Editor's Reply:

I agree with you entirely that LaVeyan Satanism is only a beginning. The OLHP's concept of Satanism has from the beginning placed emphasis on Nietzschean-style Self-Overcoming, rather than upon indulgence. Agreed, it leads to a hedonism which all too easily becomes a pandering to one's every weakness in the pursuit of a trivialized selfishness, today epitomized by the lifestyle of the Yuppie.

You will see in this issue my views on the direction we are taking, in the article 'Perpetual Heresy'. The Carnal doctrine and indulgence have been integral parts of conventional society for some three decades now and have ceased to be heretical and Satanic.

In re. to the LaVey impression of being harsh, crypto-facist, etc., I would say, first, be harsh towards oneself (self-overcoming again). It is only those who have mastered themselves who can make any claim to master others, and whether this sounds crypto-facist or not, there will always be the masters and the servants, no matter how 'democratic' a regime may profess to be. Crowley, as basically a Nietzschean, recognized this well.

Your synthesis of various magickal systems with your own native Finnish paganism is laudable. I believe one most effectively works with a system based on one's own heritage, as one may more readily tap into culturally-specific archetypes which are a part of one's own unconscious. The disposing of the Hebraic qabbalistic stuff from Thelema is also sensible in my view. What remains is a Nietzschean core.

Thanks for your letter and publications, Anti-Christ, and Essays on Satanism. Now I have some questions for you:

Why do people into the LHP need occult power? I know the LHP is not dogmatic, so I don't need the power. For me, all occult powers are fiction.

Do you believe in heaven and hell, or in angels and devils? I

don't believe. Why does the LHP use devils' names? For me, Satanists should not use devils' names because it is dogma.

Do you believe in life after death?
Why do we call ourselves Satanists?
Does Satanism proclaim the right or good deed?
What is meant by 'Nirvana'?

P.B., Poland

Editor's Reply:

The LHP is a power-orientated philosophy. First, power over yourself, what Nietzsche described as self-overcoming; one might say 'Will-Power'.

Once self-mastery is achieved, or at least the process begun, we begin to think in terms of power over others who are not themselves power-oriented, as alluded to in my answer to the previous letter. (Power elites of some kind will always rule the masses, which are by nature and normal circumstances, passive).

As for occult power, 'occult' simply means 'hidden', or 'secret'. Saying all occult power is fiction is being hasty. What makes occult power seem to belong in the realms of fantasy is its descriptions as 'supernatural', whereas in reality such powers are simply those which are not yet fully understood by the mundane sciences, just as many of those sciences which we today take for granted were once considered 'witchcraft' and 'of the devil'. There are forces and energies still little understood, although the great psychologist Carl Jung put much on a scientific footing. They can be manipulated to conform to the will of the magician, which we call 'magick'.

Everything has an energy rate of its own which may be picked up as different rates of vibration by simple pendulum experiments. The Cambridge Professor T.C.Lethbridge established this as something of a science, and discovered that even thoughts project their own rates of vibration, which may be transferred onto objects. Example: a spear thrown in anger centuries ago will have a vibration rate specific to anger which may be measured. Even names, symbols, words, etc. have their own rates of vibration, and using such words, names and symbols in ritual, energized by the focusing of the mind for a specific purpose, may send forth or alter patterns of energy to the will of the magician.

In directing such energies one is not attempting to make the impossible happen, but to make the possible probable; to tilt the balance of probability in one's favour.

As a Satanist you are striving to be a master of yourself at least, apart from the mass of humanity with its herd morality. This necessitates the empowering of oneself through whatever means practicable, and 'occult power' is one such expedient.

Heaven and hell and devils' names are man's attempts to conceptualize principles so that they may more readily be understood. We are giving shapes and form to ideas, archetypes and energies, just as we give the name of 'electricity' to the energy from which emanates from a light bulb when we flick a switch. The power invested in these energies and archetypes which we call 'devils' etc. takes on a reality of its own.

An e.g. of such psychic power at work was achieved by a Canadian psychic investigation group a few years ago, which was able to 'make a ghost' by intensive group thought, with its own history and personality. which eventually even took on an independent form and was able to give its own answers to questions posed by the group. This was the wilful shaping of energy into tangible form.

Life after death: Man seems to be something more than only 'matter in motion'. Something of his psyche may live on in another dimension after his bodily death. Indeed, even matter, everything in this world, may have its counterpart or duplicate in other dimensions; another one of Lethbridges hypotheses.

Nevertheless, as Satanists, we are concerned with our life in this dimension at this time, and should not base our present life on the moral commandments of religionists on the hypothetical basis that there may be an afterlife, which doesn't necessarily imply any moral or godly sanction to exist anyway.

We call ourselves Satanists because the name means -in Hebrew - Adversary and Accuser. We are the adversaries and accusers of all systems which stifle the ascent of Man to Self godhood. See the articles 'Perpetual Heresy' and 'Friends of man: enemies of God' in this issue.

The 'good deed' is that which preserves and enhances strong and vital life. The 'bad' deed is that which undermines the strong and the vital. To quote Nietzsche: "every individual may be regarded as representing the ascending or descending line of life..." We are concerned with the wellbeing of the ascending line. This concept is 'beyond good and evil' in the conventional, christian, liberal sense.

In Buddhism and Hinduism Nirvana is the state arrived at through one's moral conduct on Earth, whereby individual existence is obliterated into a universal consciousness or godhead, thereby releasing the individual from the need to reincarnate to pay off the karmic debts of previous incarnations.

The satanist rejects such concepts, and aspires to the enhancement of the individual on Earth towards the godhead of his own Self, separate and free from any universal consciousness, or godhead outside his own Self.

TWISTED REALITY

This journal has preferred to stay clear of the factional squabbling of Satanists, which is often reminiscent of the christian churches. We have attempted to provide objective rundowns on various Satanic factions in the belief that we were providing a service to our readers by informing them of the full range of Satanism, that they may decide for themselves which versions have something to offer them. With this attitude we shall continue.

We have developed friendly relations with a variety of Satanist groups and journals, and co-operate where we can.

However, one thing we won't do is turn the other cheek while unjustified abuse is directed and ill-conceived attack, which emanated from

a group at that time affiliated with the Church of Satan, calling itself The Werewolf Order and involving Zeena LaVey, who was then High Priestess of CS. The result of this is still being felt.

It now involves Peter Gilmore, ed. of the CS affiliated magazine The Black Flame, and was carried in Forbidden Connections, the journal of the Temple of Nephthys, now called Temple of Elite, the lonely-hearts dating offshoot of CS.

In said issue Gilmore (with whom I have never had anything against personally and whose magazine I continued to recommend even after my departure from CS) is quoted as stating that this editor "continues the Setian practice of creating his own twisted version of reality to satisfy his emotional needs."

When I first joined CS a few years ago I was greeted by Anton LaVey's confidant, Blanche Barton, with a letter commenting on my "firm grasp of what true Satanism advocates."

I considered that one way I could contribute to the cause was by writing articles for The Black Flame. I was encouraged when my first article was published. This was followed by the publication of articles on Satanism and Communism, and on Nietzsche, the latter being described by Gilmore as 'powerful.'

In a letter dated 4 Feb. 1990 pamphlets and the booklet The Bible Reconsidered were described by him as being "well reasoned and make for positive introductory material for fledgling Satanists." Gilmore continued, "your energy and dedication are quite evident." On 11 Feb. he wrote: "You constantly delight me by turning in articles that focus on topics I have spent time discussing with other Satanists..."

So, with such praise, how was it that I suddenly became an emotionally unbalanced reality twister.

Here's how: I ran afoul of Zeena LaVey. Unlike Gilmore, she and her coterie of the Black House/Werewolf Order considered my writings to be "completely counter to the viewpoints of the CS". Her letter (or at least that of her Attache) implied that Gilmore, among others, was an 'imbecile', even though he was a leading rep. of the same CS Zeena at the time was High Priestess of. In light of what eventuated, could it be that the response from her and a subsequent one from Radio Werewolf were part of disruptive activity against CS, given that several months later they repudiated the Church?

Whatever the motive, Gilmore's attitude towards me cooled. Despite the derogatory reference to him in the Zeena letter, of which he was sent a copy, he apparently took the abuse without so much as a whimper, perhaps intimidated by the fact that it emanated from Anton's daughter (?).

The Werewolf Order then got in on the act, sending a letter in which it was implied that Gilmore was 'untermensch' (i.e. subhuman). I responded to this with a mirthful answer, and published the letters in The Watcher.

After it became evident that the Werewolves were not going to be leashed by anyone in CS I departed in favour of The Temple of Set.

Even so, as late as 26 July 1990 I received a not from one of Gilmore's colleagues in Hell's Kitchen Productions, commenting on how much she had enjoyed my articles and other material.

And the irony of it is that in April 1990 (just two months after her abusive letter to me) Zeena (along with The Werewolf Order) ended her affiliation with CS and repudiated her father.

On 30 Dec. she wrote to the hitherto hated Dr Aquino of the hitherto despised Temple of Set offering a hand of reconciliation, which of course is most laudable.

So while situations change, Peter Gilmore sees fit to ridicule me, while saying nothing of those who had described him as a subhuman imbercile, even after their own rift with CS.

Too much space has already been wasted here on this matter, but I think it necessary to catalogue the events should Gilmore continue with his attitude problem.

Before closing I should mention that despite what hat issue of Forbidden Connections states about Dr Aquino and his wife Lilith being currently under investigation for the rape/molestation of a small child, this odious christian ploy was settled months ago with the complete exoneration of the Aquinos and a major shakeup of the relevant SF Police dept. as a result. The statement is libellous and shows to what depths some will sink....

"Time changes things. We now stand on the threshold of the changing of the age. For nearly two thousand years man has groveled in self-righteousness at the feet of his all powerful god. Now it is SATAN who shall rule supreme... The all powerful christian church is crumbling. They preach that the meek shall inherit the earth, yet only the strong will survive..."

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