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FIRST CHURCH OF SATAN MISSION STATEMENT

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"An organization dedicated to the education, communication and spiritual needs of those walking the left hand path."

You have the choice of accepting or rejecting what I have to say. If you find it difficult or impossible to accept, I would advise you dismiss my concepts entirely, if you wish! Why do I say this? My objective adheres to a set of Satanic principles outlined by Aleister Crowley:

"The essence of every missionary message has always been to assimilate the taught to the teacher, and it has always been accompanied by bribes and threats. My message is exactly opposed to any of this. I say to each man and woman, you are unique and sovereign, the center of a universe. However right I may be in thinking as I do, you may be equally right in thinking otherwise. You can only accomplish your object in life by complete disregard of the opinions of other people."

What am I saying here? As a Satanist, your opinion is the one that matters. You should believe in things that are in the scope of your experience - things you consciously acknowledge as true. This has always been my first and foremost declaration with regards to what it means to be a Satanist.

Satanism is a dynamic force of social change in a society that resists change. What we are, what we have been and what we shall always be are a group of bold, activist freethinkers who will confront the vital issues of spirituality and everyday life. The Satanist knows that one's True Will is derived from nature, not society. Satan represents the will of nature and the will of nature is inviolate. The issues that plague mankind are nothing more than artificial distortions intended to separate us from our True Will. The answer to issues past, present and future is to create a society that makes allowances for nature rather than trying to subvert the natural force and form of life.

Topics we scrutinize vary, depending on the age in which we live. Here at the turn of a new millennium, we face the following:

- * Censorship laws
- * Church/state separation
- * Sexual enjoyment and expression
- * Vivisection or the use of animals in scientific research
- * Use and abuse of recreational drugs, tobacco, medication, alcohol
- * Gun control
- * Rights for gays and non-traditional families.

Stress and conflict exist when there is a divide between our carnal nature and the way we structure our society. The Satanist understands that redressing the balance is necessary but never easy. Efforts will often end up causing pain, temporarily. Some say it is easier to "go with the flow." However, one knows what happens to slow moving or stagnant water – it begins to mold!

Consider the "polite sheep" who advise caution over better judgment. Observe their words very carefully - they are poison words that deny human liberty and defy human progress. Read the following criticisms:

"Lord Egan has made statements that are simply too controversial. They have diminished his effectiveness as a leader."

"Are you sure this is the kind of image we want to project?"
"If we take this course of action it will make us look bad."

The three statements above have actually been leveled at the author more than once. They may be true. Walking this path may ensure fewer friends and more enemies, or so it will seem. Albert Einstein once wrote, "Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds."

If you are looking for a movement whose leaders have never taken a stand or been controversial, stop reading. If you do not want a leader who forces others to define their positions, Satanism is not for you. If you are that concerned about your image that you care what everyone else is going to think, the left hand path may not be the place for you to seek spirituality. Also, words such as "bad" or "evil" are Christian defined in our society and therefore questionable coming from a Satanic perspective. Political correctness has no place in Satanism. Resist the conformity and group-think of "satanic cliques." Little groups of sheep that rely on each other for self worth ruin the concept of self awareness that is the cornerstone of Satanism.

We will not hold your hand and lead you to where you should be. You will not be saved, and you will not find a messiah. You will find resources and others who will help you gain the confidence that you need to be the person that can depend on himself in a variety of situations. The decision is yours. Give yourself permission to take risks, explore new opportunities and strive to achieve the highest that is within you!

Satana Vobiscum! John Allee, founder First Church of Satan

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

(1999 Version)

Does Satan really exist?

Satanists argue over the existence/non-existence of Satan as an entity. Our position is that the fight should not be about whether or not you have a relationship with a real or imagined entity. The argument/discussion *should* be about whether your belief system is *dogmatic or non-dogmatic*.

If there is one tenet we hold to, it is the strong and unequivocal belief that all spiritual paths are essentially valid—mythic road maps which can lead a seeker down a similar road to the same eternal truths. This flies directly in the face of religious advocates who proselytize a One True Way approach. When you strip the Halloween mask from the face of Satanism, you are left with is "just another spiritual path" no different from any other. Traditions have not failed us, the devotee simply has to dig deeper and avoid the horrendous pitfalls of contradictory dualistic religious traditions, because "The gravest of all sins is self-deceit!"

Explain the Satanic Trinity

There are three schools of thought in Satanism. Each one has been adopted, corrupted and euphemised by Christians to symbolize Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Let the mask be stripped and the veil torn asunder that all may see:

1.) Gnostic Satanism (The Father)

There are a race of beings far more advanced than our own who live beyond our limited linear perception of time and space. They have, down through history, been called by various names; gods, angels, seraphim, "Heavenly Father," etc. These beings possess infinite cosmic power and wisdom compared to ourselves, but they are not really supernatural per se, just more advanced—nothing more, nothing less. This includes "Satan" or "Set." This tendency to worship them is a natural reaction of our primitive minds. Hereafter, we will refer to these beings as *Daemons*.

We have not as yet developed the cranial capacity to perceive or comprehend the perceptions they have acquired regarding the complex nature of this universe. Direct intrusion into our lives and affairs would thwart our potential growth and evolution—we must continue to struggle and be allowed to make our own mistakes, otherwise evolution is halted, as there are no lessons being learned. There is, however, a natural way in which these Daemons (or *Watchers*) inspire us and communicate ideas; through an impersonal device known as the Archetypal Form which exists in the realm of the collective unconscious.

The collective unconscious is a psychic realm that we as humans share, and it has been developed layer upon layer for ages—the most accessible "layers" would be common to one's family, then the tribe, race, and so on. By the time we reach the bottom layer, we realize that every living thing is connected to every other living thing, throughout our world, galaxy and Universe! Even our mentors, the daemons acknowledge their origins and state, "All the gods are of the god. All the goddesses are of the goddess. And the god and goddess are of the All." The Daemon Satan, himself, venerates the miracle of creation, the dark womb from which all life has sprung.

The collective unconscious has a dual aspect—it consists of instincts and archetypes. Instincts are rudimentary survival

responses which have been preserved in psychic memory throughout generations of the species. Archetypes are primordial images which have evolved out of the instinctual content because we have attained a certain level of being. These primordial images are nothing less than primitive ideas and symbols, or series of symbols, which formulate our perceptions of the world and our place in it. The archetypes are also our portals to infinite wisdom, because they provide the natural way in which Daemons can communicate with humankind, behaving not unlike computer modems.

This conversation occurs when the consciousness is an altered state. The particular state of mind required has a name: samadhi or *Gnosis* (pronounced "noe-sis"). It is the No-mind, the *ain* or nothing, stopping the internal dialogue. It is also one-pointedness, passing through the eye of a needle.

There are two methods used to achieve gnosis; the inhibitory mode, where the mind is progressively silenced until only a single object of concentration remains, and the excitory mode, where the mind is raised to a very high pitch of excitement while focus on an idea is fixed or maintained. The latter describes the exalted state of the celebrant during a Greater Black Magical operation. There is a push/pull effect that transpires because strong stimulation eventually elicits a reflex inhibition which paralyzes all but the most central function—the object of concentration. That object could be a petition or question posed to a certain deity or archetypal form—it could be a visual of some future event. Thus strong inhibition and strong excitation end up producing the same effect—that one-pointed consciousness, or gnosis.

Please note that inhibitory and excitatory techniques can be employed sequentially, just not together in the same operation.

2.) Traditional Satanism (The Son)

All creatures on the wheel of life evolve gradually, as do the souls which inhabit these forms. All life springs from the All, that dark force which permeates the Universe and sends each atom spinning; prana, orgone or cosmic energy, call it what you will—it is the Dark Mother Kali/Shiva.

Beginning with the lower order of species, one particular strain will possess what could be termed a "hive soul." Take for example the monarch butterfly—there are thousands in existence, yet they collectively possess one soul. When a specie dies and is considered extinct, that collective soul forms the basis for a new specie. The hive soul will eventually see it's last (collective) incarnation and emerge as a unified individual soul.

To my knowledge, there are many human souls which have come into existence this way, however, the process of Becoming does not end there!

Theories regarding divergent lifelines and parallel universes are all very true. The human soul can not as yet declare it's unique existence, for it enjoys simultaneous multiple existences in these various dimensions. A perceptual blurring together of these realities and various past life recollections is avoided by a natural "cosmic buffer" which serves a pragmatic purpose; enabling one to *focus* and thereby benefit from the experiences, choices and lessons of his/her current lifeline. The cycle of life, death and reincarnation continues unabated for millions of years and slowly, these lifelines begin to merge until they become fully integrated and... when they do... a daemon is born!

Daemons possess great cosmic power, multi-dimensional awareness, a magnified Will and a superior intellect—as a result, their lives are infinitely more complex than our own. Unlike mortals, they choose a time and place to express themselves physically.

When daemons walk among us, they are born into this world in the usual fashion—there are no virgin births or "immaculate conceptions." Also, the physical body is very frail with a limited cranial capacity compared with evolution on a universal grand scale. Therefore, the daemon lends only part of his essence to a human incarnation, otherwise the concentration of prana would be too great, akin to overloading an electrical appliance. This explains why Christians have this concept of Jesus being "the son of a god." It must be stressed that, as a race, these advanced souls come infrequently—they are not at war with one another as our primitive mythologies suggest.

When daemons incarnate, the "cosmic buffer" serves a slightly different purpose; by merely focusing their attention, they can retrieve information on an "as needed basis" concerning past lives, other dimensions, cosmic events... The conscious mind, in this case, is so sharp and focussed, it can easily penetrate the buffer which still serves much the same purpose; avoiding an overload of psychic sensory information.

Joan of Arc was also a daemon and there were others. Lucifer is perhaps the oldest and wisest amongst them always choosing the form of a shaman, priest or healer. Since this world began, the daemon answering to the name "Loki/Lucifer/HarWer" has made his appearance fewer than four times. Lucifer is the Illuminated One, the Light Bearer, the outward physical manifestation of The Prince of Darkness.

You must always remember that daemons are merely a manifestation of the future of our race. We are all inherently divine, the Co-Creators of a new age of Man! In this fashion we shall Create Gods in Our Own Image, for we are the Creator, and we are the Created. Thus, the cornerstone of our faith shall always be; "There is no god above Man."

3.) Generational Satanism (The Holy Spirit)

There is a more important aspect of Satan, above/beyond any archetypal form or evolved existence—and that is the force these historical myths represent! The so-called yin, sod, prana or atma (breath of life). It is the Dark Force or animating principle which permeates and balances the Universe, the Cosmocrator! This force is also called entropy for it consumes time/space, but in doing so, new life is created. It is mythological greek Ouroboros, the serpent devouring its own tail—the alpha and the omega—the solve et coagula of existence! The words inscibed within the circle read, "The All is One."

Wiccans refer to this force as *The Goddess*. Some Satanists fancy it as the Dark Mother, Kali/Shiva. In the Vedic (Tantric) tradition, the SAT (Being, The One) is manifested from the TAN (Boundless Darkness, The All) Ergo, Satan. Physicists call it dark matter. Wilhelm Reich had a name for it—orgone energy. But it is not energy, nor is it matter! However, it molds everything that *is* energy/matter. There is no stasis, anywhere. Satan indeed *pushes* everything into existence, then *pulls* everything back to its doom or primary essence. It Wills what man calls evil, yet causes good.

Can you define "Left Hand Path/Right Hand Path?"

LHP = Left Hand Path RHP = Right Hand Path

LHP: Divinity permeates Nature. The All is One. People rejoice in the fleshly life.

RHP: Divinity opposes Nature. People seek redemption from the flesh.

Are you related to Anton LaVey's Church?

Anton LaVey is dead. His real name was Howard Stanton Levey, a self-loathing jew who invited Nazis and skinheads into his organization and put them in positions of power! We are being very public about our intention to maintain a Satanic organization that is **not hostile and manipulative towards its own members**, and we've been very concerned about the manipulative and hierarchical nature of LaVey's Church of Satan, with Blanche Barton as its new High Priest.

The FCoS focuses more on individuality and diverse expressions of Satanism. Our High Priest, Lord Egan, was a member of the early Church of Satan lead by LaVey, back in the early 70's. He sees himself returning to the self empowering Satanism no longer alive in the organization lead by Ms. Barton.

The connection between the FCoS and the CoS is admiration for the Satanic Bible as a strengthening book, as most members of the early Church of Satan remember it, and as many new supporters of the CoS understand that book and Satanism. Today, the elitist ego bashers and personality manipulators of the San Francisco CoS, have forgotten or subverted the original purpose of the Satanic Bible as strengthening and respecting of individuals and their autonomy of mind. Instead the CoS has used the Satanic Bible as a manipulative tool to lure members who are later bashed by superiority/inferiority games.

How do you compare with the Temple of Set (ToS)?

Temple of Set—(Promethean Gnosticism)

The dark force which permeates and manifests the Natural Universe is not identified with Set (Satan), but God. The purpose of Xeper is to achieve separation, isolation from the Natural Universe, a state of unique existence outside our perception of time and space. Like the Christians, Setians are dualists—their diety has an "opposite face," a physical manifestation known as HarWer (The Devil), defined as "fitful" (spasmodic, chaotic, irregular).

The First Church of Satan—(Dark Gnosticism)

The dark force which permeates and manifests the Natural Universe is One—there is no "other" and this is the most wonderful of all possible worlds! The Christian god is a comic book character. The process of Becoming involves the magnification and expansion of one's Will within the confines of the Natural Universe and other multi-dimensional existences—an integrated state of existence which *transcends* time and space.

Isn't Satanism a brutal religion? What about love?

Many Satanists play right into the "dualistic trap" laid out for them by the Christians, Islamics and certain Hindu sects. Since these religions preach tolerance, brotherhood and kindness, they feel dutybound to react in an adversarial manner! Perhaps the worst thing one can do is mention the "L" word (love) before a group of Satanists.

The spiritual religions are psyche-denying, of that there can be no doubt—they forbid emotions like anger and lust, but in doing so they burst upon us unbridled! The evangelist forms a compulsive need for hookers, Islamic fundamentalists become an angry, bloodthirsty mob, etc... One would think that the Satanist would learn from these examples, but they don't. Hardly beyond adolescent development, many hormonally-challenged LaVeyans choose the polar opposite extreme; love is equated with weakness, hate with strength. Yet in practice, the opposite is true.

The daemonic approach is to embrace the totality of human experience; love and hate, joy and despair, empathy and indifference. One cannot achieve the pinnacle of ecstacy without having first experienced the very depths of gloom—it's a simple law of nature! Yes, we live in a marvelous universe of duality, but the source of all life is the One, whose center is everywhere.

Do Satanists have a moral code?

Only that which was penned almost a century ago by famed poet and mystic, Aleister Crowley;

Liber Oz There is no god above Man.

Man has the right to live by his own law -to live in the way that he wills to do:
to work as he will:
to play as he will:
to rest as he will.
to die when and how he will:

Man has the right to eat what he will: to drink what he will: to dwell where he will: to move as he will on the face of the earth.

Man has the right to think what he will: to speak what he will: to write what he will: to draw, paint, carve, etch, mould, build as he will: to dress as he will.

Man has the right to love as he will: --- "take your fill and will of love as ye will, when, where and with whom ye will!" -- AL. I. 51.

Man has the right to kill those who would thwart these rights. "the slaves shall serve." -- AL. II. 58.

Aren't Satanists "devil worshippers?"

No! The difference between Satanism and devil worship is simple;

Devil worshippers are nothing more than wannabe renegade Christians still drowning in the belief that to be a Satanist they must use dogma that is the reverse of Christian belief.

Satanist are free thinkers, moving forward spiritually through self-exploration and spiritual stimulation.

Strictly speaking, a devil worshipper is someone who worships evil as a moral absolute. The Satanist does not recognize "good and evil" per se—only cause and effect (yin/yang).

Do Satanists engage in animal sacrifice? Isn't that a cheap "thrill" kill used to stimulate the emotional/magical effectiveness of an inferior magician?

Traditionally, the magician would have regularly killed his own meat, as did everybody else. With that in mind, he must have been pretty dulled to the experience of killing when it came to a sacrifice, so I can't see that the "thrill kill" applies to traditional magic. This concept is modern and due to our removal from the killings in which we all participate (unless you're veggie). I won't be surprised if it happens in isolated cases, but that's a separate issue. The phobia surrounding the sacrifice is hysteria, based in the main from our culture's phobia of ritual and occult in general.

Our take is that in the medieval witchcraft/magical traditions, animal sacrifice was a continuation of a pagan practice whereby the god was in reality "fed" by the slaughter. The word "Psychodrama" was not around, and for us to force our magical theories on others is a bit presumptuous. Santeros

insists that the sacrifice is necessary, and by all accounts their magic is indeed powerful.

The second point—the denigration of the magician who requires the sacrifices. I see this as a covert attempt to moralize the issue. What offends here is the taking of an "innocent life" to attain one's selfish needs.

In nature, an animal kills in self-defense or for food—that is why we *strictly enforce* the following rule; "You kill it, you eat it." We strongly believe that adolescents who "thrill kill" the neighborhood dog, cat, rabbit, squirrel, etc., in the name of Satan should be forced to eat the carcass of the animal (properly cooked, of course!) Society, in general, is out of touch with nature and out of touch with reality. Its time to wake-up and smell the coffee...

What is the meaning of the goat and that star symbol?

The Sigil of Baphomet.

The five symbols (one at each point of the Baphomet) are five Hebrew letters: Lamed (L), Vau (V), YOD (Y), Tau (Th), and Nun (N). These letters spell out the Hebrew word Leviathan (LVYThN).

- 1. The Leviathan is associated with the Ouroboros, or Serpent eating its own tail. This element of the Baphomet is derived from the Ophites who used the Serpent as a symbol of Wisdom. The Serpent represents the big-bang/crunch of the Cosmos (the simultaneous creation/destruction).
- 2. The Star itself comes from the Pythagorean school of Mathematics. Many have missed the association of Pythagoras' name with Python (another form of the Serpent Leviathan). In fact, one of the more Esoteric derivants of Baphomet is "Baphe-Metis", that is, Initiation into Wisdom-Measurement.
 - 3. The Goat is Pan, the symbol of nature itself.

These three elements represent the Trinity, the three clans or schools of thought united under one symbol. Today, these people are known as Satanists, i.e., Tanists, SAT = "The One", TAN = "Darkness" (that which is *invisible*). The three clans are: (1) Pan/Arcadia—the goat (2) Ophite Jews—the Hebrew letters for LVYThN (3) Pythagorean—the pentacle, or pent-alpha, most commonly called the pentagram.

With two points up, the Pentagram symbolizes the natural and healthy venting of emotion. The one point down is the Lightning bolt or ENTROPY which produced the spark of life as we know it. You will notice that the center of the star resembles a house. Regarding the one-point-up (actually this star is truly "inverted") we say that the "house" is upside-down.

The sigil of Baphomet is not a legal trademark or corporate logo as others would have you believe! Why? Because it was not created in this century! Anyone can use this symbol—it is in the public domain, just like the christian crucifix or jewish star of david. If any person or organization threatens to sue you for using, advertising, posting or merchandising items displaying this symbol, please report it to us immediately! They are perpetrating fraud and will be dealt with swiftly and severely.

What are your ethics regarding love spells?

Magic spells can be thrown any number of ways and it is delineated in the updated version of *Satan's Bible*. Also . . . you brought up a very important point: What I'm about to do is give you information based on years of practical experience, not "theory" or some Wiccan Rede based on half-truths...Yes, you can throw spells to *force* people to fall in love with you, but if you do it to the wrong person, you will be very very sorry! First you *must* do a spell to attract "the perfect soul-mate" someone who is hand-picked by Lucifer himself (I'm not kidding). I

know a witch who did this. When she met the right man, it was at a social gathering—out of the corner of her eye she kept seeing the witch goddess Hecate doing an exotic dance around him. Every time she looked directly at him, she was gone!

The witch knew this to be the sign she was waiting for—it wasn't a mere hallucination. Her heart was beating—he was rich, handsome and wanted nothing to do with her! But... the very fact that they were compatible spiritually? This gave the witch a clear advantage—the overwhelming force of nature was in her favor! She did a spell forcing him, binding him to her and it worked—he phoned her the next day. They have been together for 15 years (a true story). Love spells are very tricky. You might think you've found the right man, ignored all the warning signs and wind up in and out of divorce court or even worse, destroying yourself over the wrong person.

Do Satanists have regular meetings?

More and more Satanism is coming out of the closet and it will soon go public. This will happen in Salem, Massachusetts (USA) sometime in the near future. A difficult road lies ahead, but the future of Satanism will be as an alternative mainstream religion. In the meantime, private meetings will be held in member's homes and occasionally rented facilities.

Jesus died for my sins. What has Satan done for me?

Satan, my dear, has not insulted your intelligence by even considering such an ineffectual and ecologically unsound act. Dead Sea Scrolls recently translated, allude to the fact that Jesus didn't either. Of course, if you really believe that Jesus did choose to die for you instead of running off with Mary M. for a lifetime of bliss, then I have a neat toll bridge that I'll sell you cheap. Did you ever notice how fast an old god dries up when a

new one is sold to the public? Jehovah was far too much trouble to fool with, so today, only a few hanger's on even remember his name.

Do Satanists use drugs?

Most practicing Satanists are also Black Magicians or Wizards of one level or another. Obviously, it is not wise to fool around with the gross and elemental powers of the universe while on a bum trip or fuzzy in the head. Satanists need total control of every thought and action when at risk and cannot condone the limiting effects of drugs, or for that matter, alcohol. Focus, Intent and Will are adversely affected by substance abuse and are therefore avoided. There are some psychedelic substances which give the magician insight and open psychic channels, but the results are short-lived and do not encourage discipline. Generally speaking, drugs and magic do not mix!

Harmless mind-altering substances like marijuana, peyote, even alcohol may be used on rare occassion in recreational and/or traditional ceremonial settings, but the Satanist should always observe *strict rules regarding moderation*.

The First Church of Satan advocates the **legalization of all drugs** and the immediate closure of the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) and FDA (Food and Drug Administration) government offices in the United States. Why? We believe in personal responsibility. Mortals must be given right to choose—to make their own mistakes and suffer the consequences of their own actions.

Do Satanists have specific role models?

The saints of our religion have been those great men and women who were the "movers and shakers" of their day—those great philosophers and inventors who helped reshape the way in

which we view our world—the paradigm shifters! We proudly present this partial list of names:

Ayn Rand, Camille Paglia, Dr. Jack Kevorkian, Friedrich Nietzsche, H.L. Mencken, Wilhelm Reich, Nikola Tesla, Bertrand Russell, Oscar Wilde, Madonna, George Carlin . . . and many more!

How can I find out if Satanism is for me?

If it really matters to you, and you really want to know, then you have but to ask. In the dark of night, and with a open mind, say out-loud and really mean it, "Satan, I want the truth." Now, don't expect a burning bush experience, but over a period of time, events will transpire and chance meetings will occur so that one day, you will realize that the truth has been there all along. Of course, you will be as a judge, compiling many pieces of information and experience into a whole. When the process is complete, you will then have to weigh the facts and make an informed decision.

The answer you receive from Satan, using the above stated method, will be the "truth" you are seeking, but it will be your truth! When one begins "channeling messages" for others to read, then canonizing said documents, he no longer has a special relationship with the Prince of Darkness having betrayed his basic evolutionary premise, self-determination. A solid line of demarcation exists between gnostic self-enlightenment and the evangelical tenets of a self-appointed "pontiff."

Our contribution to Satanism? Being able to carry the movement to this next level.

First Church of Satan Qualifications for Priesthood

Those who aspire to the FCoS priesthood MUST submit a 300 word essay (minimum) entitled "Why I Wish to Represent

the FCoS." Considering the current profile of those who represent the CoS in California, we have become a bit leery of those chosen to represent us. We will be looking for those who possess "people skills" and the ability to communicate ideas, along with a basic grasp of the Satanic philosophy. Of course, you must first become a member!

Greater Black Magical skills, the fact that you can quote Nietzsche verbatim, pronounce enochian or speak Klingon fluently will hardly be a deciding factor. We wish to know what is inside your HEART first and foremost—all other issues are secondary. Once you are chosen for the priesthood, charters for local covens will be granted. You may become as public or as private as you wish and we will alert you to new members in your area.

Let us say that the FCoS is an organization whose time has come. It is particularly geared to those individuals whose foundations and stature are firm enough to interact with all sorts of other abstract thinking and logic and yet not lose their own balance or identity. The question is never whether the FCoS is big enough for an individual. The question is more likely: "Is the individual big enough for the FCoS?" The history of the FCoS is being written at this very moment. Watch it change the face of Satanism.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

(2004 Version)

Satanism is arguably the most misunderstood religion or philosophy. Some people see its followers as sociopaths who are only seeking attention; others see them as serious sources of evil in the world. Even among its own adherents, there can be a lot of confusion. There are several types of Satanists that exist, just as there are several types of Pagans and Christians.

Satanists may argue over the existence of Satan as an entity. There is no right answer to this question in the First Church of Satan. There are matters which are considered mysteries simply because of the present lack of empirical evidence to confirm their theoretical reality. In many religions, this would be considered "a leap of faith." Suppositions will never become "facts" because they are untestable by science. These subjective conclusions are human constructs, such as love, hate, good, evil, etc.

What you will read in these FAQs are statements approved by John Allee, founder of the First Church of Satan. These are his opinions. They are not to be considered as the only truths or conclusions that can be made. As a Satanist, or a walker on the left hand path, you are encouraged to think for yourself and take the responsibility to find the truth as you know it.

What are the rules of Satanism?

People who are looking for a book of "Satanic Rules to Live By" do not win our respect. Our brand of Satanism and Paganism isn't a religion based upon a book. We are not looking for "followers" who need rules and guidelines presumably written by some higher authority. Please remember, it was the allegorical Lucifer who challenged the authority of "God." For us, followers are a dime a dozen!

The First Church of Satan is a "free thought" organization. We are seeking individuals who are intelligent enough and courageous enough to create a set of rules for themselves and then live by them.

Invariably, there are idiots out there who have complained, "Well, isn't your strong stance on individualism dogmatic? Aren't you just imposing another set of rules for others to follow?" I am telling you that no one has the right to tell you how to live your own life. If you wish to interpret that as "imposing a new set of rules," we would suggest that you seek psychiatric help.

Do you worship evil?

You can not even define evil without discussing what is good. Therefore, the two are inseparable. One can not understand darkness without experiencing light. One cannot appreciate day, without having night. Opposites compliment, define and complete one another. To destroy all evil in the world means there would be no good left to appreciate, therefore the Satanist does not worship or disrespect either quality! We value ourselves and nature instead and venerate opposition in balance!

The definition of good and evil is subject to change because it exists only as a perception. "Evil" is a label we assign according to our mood swings to those who are politically incorrect. The ascended masters of Eastern Philosophy become the fallen angels of Western Philosophy. One man's "demons" are another man's "saints." Theologians create gods and devils in man's image, then conflict between them to divide the heart and

conquer the soul! They pit spirit against matter, then appoint themselves position of supreme arbiter, divine interpreter of right and wrong, good and evil.

"Good" are the things we like. "Evil" are the things we dislike. It often depends on who or what you are. As Diane Vera says, if you're a mouse, cats are evil, but to the pet owner, cats are heavenly. Therefore, evil is not an essence - it is a value judgment. From a Christian point of view, Satan is "evil." Satanists are truth seekers who desire to peek behind such labels.

Of course, there are certain ethical wrongs, but they are set by a society or culture so that all can live harmoniously. Examples of these would be thieving, disrespectful behavior and killing or abusing an innocent. A Satanist respects societal ethics, as do people of other faiths.

A chief attribute of the trickster god is the role of Devil's Advocate. The Satanist illustrates "opposition in balance," wielding contradiction like a scalpel in the hand of a skilled surgeon. Our objective? Closure to this unnatural dichotomy, this madness you call "good and evil." Bringing flesh and spirit together. The establishment of a New World Order, free of guilt, self-loathing and shame, where every man and woman is the god of his or her own life. Satanists look upon religion as the starter of wars and the breeder of hate and intolerance. We believe that people are intelligent enough to instill moral and ethical codes into a societal structure without a threat of an imaginary supernatural being wreaking havoc on an offender.

Are God and the Devil enemies?

Some religions certainly pit the two together in a constant battle of good versus evil, while others seem to illustrate it as a tension that keeps the universe in balance. It is curious that these same religions claim to have "one god." Islamic fundamentalists and Christians define themselves as monotheists, but practice dualism; they imagine a devil opposed to the creator, but creation cannot be divided against itself. If the devil physically exists, then God exists.

Here is another concern. If God created Satan, then God is Satan. You cannot create something unless it is a manifestation of your own will. How can you make a computer if you don't know how? You would have to base it on knowledge of that computer, or in this case, God's knowledge of "evil." So, God is evil. If God created hell, he'd have to know about eternal torment, meaning God is tormented. If God created humans, and humans are imperfect, God is imperfect. Christians blind to reason should refer to Isaiah 45:7, "I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things."

Why can't you be Christian just like me?

When someone asks this question they are really saying, "Why do you refuse to accept the Christian God and His Kingdom?" Christians do not have a patent or trademark on the word, "God" and neither do their desert counterparts, the Muslims. Christians are taught to evangelize. They have an agenda to save you - it is far from hidden. These well-meaning individuals feel they are doing the right thing by taking away your right to practice your own faith.

A Satanist and a Christian have a major difference in perspective. It is the same difference that most pagans have with Christians. To the Christian, God is that all-knowing, all-powerful Oz out there. We have a concept of divinity which does not delineate the creator from the created. God is not only in my life, God is my life. Simply put, God IS... period! He does not have to be invited into my home like Dracula. I do not have

to ask him for salvation.

In Satanism, every Man and Woman is a star - a breathing, physical manifestation of that which is divine. The same value that the Christian will attribute attribute to Christ (Christ comes from the Greek word, simply meaning, annointed), the Satanist attributes to all mankind. Therefore, Man is God. Hail Thyself!

It is very hard for the Satanist to even relate to the idea of saving grace or original sin. It seems rather incomprehensible that a baby brought into this world through the miracle of birth, begotten out of love is "stained" with some sin. There is nothing more innocent or beautiful than a baby. Satanists are charged with the care and protection of all innocents. Those who wish to demean and exterminate us have lied about our feelings and actions toward babies, just as Christians have done with Jews and alleged witches. If you remember your history, the Romans accused Christians of using baby blood in their rituals, when Christianity was a new religion! It is hard for a Satanist to understand the concept of letting Jesus into your life since there there is no "original sin" which separates us from our true nature or the words in the Bible.

Satanists also deal in the here and now, not in a fantastic afterlife. There is no deity sitting on a cloud, making a list of who's naughty and nice. You alone are responsible for the choices you make, be they wise or foolish and you are the one you'll have to answer to for those choices. The parable of Lucifer's rebellion does denote free will, but certainly does not encourage devil worship - it simply teaches us not to bow before a higher authority. If I stumble and fall, it will be by my own hand. Should I rise again, it will be by my own hand. If a Satanist chooses to believe in divine intervention at all from an outside force, it would be considered co-creationist activity.

There is no passive acceptance of action from an outside deity within the philosophy of Satanism as there is in Christianity and Judaism.

Do you hate Christians?

Won't you please accept my beliefs and not judge me?

It is sadly amusing that Christians often ask us to respect their beliefs and not judge, but do not extend the same courtesy to others. It is not just the Christians. This happens with any group that believes they are in possession of the "one true path." The wielding of this alleged truth by the religious right has caused many pagans to lose their jobs, their children, and other rights. If these things were happening to Christians it would be widely televised and the public outcry would be deafening! The Satanist knows all too well that in the United States we have only the illusion of religious freedom.

Sadly out of the ashes of recent tragedies, some good will come about. A generation of children raised in the shadows of the twin towers will have learned a thing or two concerning accountability. They will be asking questions like; How can one quote scripture so often yet refuse to put words into practice? The horny red devil will not be a convenient scapegoat when the face of evil is that of a white, upper middle class teenager. A pitchfork pales in comparison to the use of an airplane as a weapon or biological and chemical warfare. Catchy bumper sticker slogans like, "Christians aren't perfect, just forgiven" makes little sense after the first strike in a war.

Christians are often afraid we will try to convert or defile them in someway. Anyone who is insecure in their own faith is afraid to talk with someone of a different mindset. Satanists do not evangelize. We do not encourage a sheep mentality. The only reason you will ever see public announcements is to simply bring like-minded people together. It is not to turn others into something they are not. Satanism promotes individual sovereignty — the belief that every man and woman is the center of an universe. Satanists live by their own rules and accept responsibility for their actions. It is a state of mind which reveals a certain level of emotional maturity.

I sometimes receive messages from undecided people who would like to visit a Satanic church to "see what goes on" before they take the big leap into Satanism. They view it as they would any religion; a uniform system of religious indoctrination and, of course, they would like to "test the waters" first to see if they like it. They do not realize that Satanism insists you believe in yourself first and foremost. The self-aware Satanist does not require religious conversion or further convincing. We encourage anyone to read and study before committing to any religion. Visit more than one ritual from more than one priest. Try more than one tradition. This is probably the only religion you are going to find where we can honestly say "It is all about you!"

Do you believe in hell?

Polybius, the ancient historian, said:

"Since the multitude is ever fickle, full of lawless desires, irrational passions and violence, there is no other way to keep them in order but by the fear and terror of the invisible world; on which account our ancestors seem to me to have acted judiciously, when they contrived to bring into the popular belief these notions of the gods, and of the infernal regions."

As you can see from this quote, it was political and economic leaders who created these religious myths in order to keep people under their power. The ancient Roman leaders gave the people breads and circuses; carnivals, gladiator shows, and a

host of underworld myths in order to keep the people ignorant and too busy to think for themselves. People create their own heavens and hells.

Can you tell me the Truth about the Devil?

Does the Devil really exist?

Some Satanists view the Devil as the first individual - the first being to acquire consciousness and self-awareness. This lends itself to free will and is the true meaning behind Lucifer's "fall from grace." We are all inheritors of that gift, so if you are asking me what the devil looks like, I would simply tell you to go look in a mirror. In other words, as the Inxs song lyrics read "every single one of us ... the devil inside."

We have a choice as to whether we decide to utilize that aspect of ourselves.

The most common misconception about the Devil is that the Devil is somehow responsible for the free will choices we make as individuals. Is the Devil behind all the evil in the world? It would depend on what you would define as the devil. We, you and I, and all other individuals are responsible for the evil and all the good as well. Human beings are creatures of habit and whenever a force of change is introduced to a system it is upsetting, perceived as "evil."

Change itself is the universal constant. Just when you think you've got everything figured out and all your beliefs neatly categorized, the trickster devil comes along and whacks you upside the head with an apparent contradiction. You see, we are being "fooled by the Devil" because that is how we learn through our own mistakes! Without problem solving, existence becomes futile, meaningless! The Devil represents life's onslaughts and challenges which we must face and overcome to evolve physically and spiritually. John Milton put it this way,

"Satan is the force of change that wills forever evil, but does forever good."

Those who trash the Devil are beating up on themselves. The good guy/bad guy mentality sanctioned by the Islamic and Christian faith is dehumanizing and dangerous. The same technique is used by the military establishment. When John Allee served in the army during the Vietnam war, the troops were shown propaganda films depicting Asians as slant-eyed devils who pillaged and raped women. The objective was to dehumanize the enemy so they could be killed without conscience. It is effective programming and excellent military strategy. The point is whether you choose to use it in your own personal life!

More recently, here in the United States, commercial airliners were hijacked by a group of Islamic fundamentalists who were taught from a very early age that America was "the Great Satan." With fanatic religious devotion, they commandeered the planes to crash into strategic locations, killing themselves and everyone aboard, along with thousands of innocent people. Again, these hijackers were desensitized. They were not murdering men, women and children; they were vanquishing Satan. Thus, anything that they did, could not be seen as more evil than what they were attempting to overcome.

Many Christians fear that the Devil wants their soul. Again, you have to understand the definition of the Devil. Secondly, for there to be want, there must be separation or division. The source of all life is the One, whose center is everywhere. All layers of intelligence in the Universe are cut from the same dark cloth. We are it. It is us.

You cannot be separated from your soul. It is what makes you ... you. You may worry about what the agenda of Satanism really is and what the Devil's purpose is on this planet. In

essence, you are really asking the age-old question, "What is our purpose on earth? What is the meaning of life?" Free will determines what you believe and how you perceive things. You are an aspect of divinity, therefore life means exactly what you think it means. Decide right now whether you will define your life from a perspective of free will or fear. One path is that of passive acceptance. The other is that of the trail blazer.

Can you define "Right Hand Path/Left Hand Path?"

The Left Hand Path is an approach to knowledge that is dark, hidden, receptive. It is the path of silence and inner revealing through meditation. The passive, feminine, Yin influence is felt here. Its symbol is the pentagram with the point going down, representing the vulva, and the two points up, symbolizing yielding breasts. The head of the goat invokes the earth element and the hebrew letters for Leviathan signify the waters of the abyss. Often referred to as the baphomet, from the Greek "Baphe and Metis" meaning wisdom measurement, the sigil pays homage to the Goddess Sophia. BEING is the primary focus of the Left Hand Path.

The Right Hand Path is an approach to knowledge that is illuminated, evident, active. It is the path of interaction and participation. The active, masculine, Yang influence is experienced here. Its symbol is the pentacle with the point going up, representing an erect phallus, and the points drooping on both sides, the testes. Several artists have depicted a man superimposed on the star or pentacle. The figure to the right was drawn by Cornelius Agrippa von Nettesheim (1486-1535) for a book entitled "The Magic of Arbatel." Recent attempts to corrupt the pentacle will fail - superimposing the face of the Goddess upon it won't change its true nature. BECOMING (Xeper) is the primary focus of the Right Hand Path.

The Right and Left Hand Path are not opposed to one another and have nothing to do with Western Philosophy or Christianity. To create anything, form and force (Yin and Yang) must work together! A passive idea is worthless unless it is followed by an active deed. Conversely, the doing of deeds helps one acquire new ideas. This is the way life works and the way magic works.

The Satanist does not respect one symbol above the other. In ritual, the most likely choice is the one hanging above the altar. If the Working involves sending or transmitting energy, the RHP symbol is used. If the Working involves receiving or absorbing energy, the LHP symbol is used.

I'd like to take the time to clear up yet another mystery. I realize some of you may find some of this material disturbing, but there are things that *must* be stated. As our students explore magic and the role of certain archetypes, it's important to know the principle players and their natural associations. I've already simplified things and intend to be even more straightforward:

We have Horus/Set representing both the healing and destructive power of the sun. But how can Lucifer, Lord of Light also be the Prince of Darkness? The quick answer to that question is that he rules the heart of the Dark Goddess.

Satan or the Devil was never said to be the Prince of THE Darkness. It was intended as a riddle. "Darkness" refers to the Goddess. The title "Prince of Darkness" is a endearing sentiment illustrating the formula "Love is the Law, Love Under Will."

Which deity is on the side of Love? The Goddess, representing Order. Which one has to do with Will? The so-called devil or God of Chaos. Passive and Active. Form and Force. Flesh and Spirit. The same qualities come into play.

Furthermore, you cannot elevate the spirit while condemning the flesh and vice-versa! The truly enlightened individual realizes that all matter is composed of frozen energy or "spirit" and there can never be any separation. The aspiring magician must maintain a BALANCE in his or her perspective and not place one symbol above the other because they compliment, define and complete each other. Truly, the All is One!

Isn't the name "First" Church of Satan misleading?

The First Church of Satan has more to do with how the Church of Satan was about at FIRST. The CoS has changed from it's inception, and that's where the FCoS comes in. The CoS, in it's evolving stance of stratification and more became the bane of those who enjoyed the CoS for what it originally was but no longer is. So when we use the name "First" Church of Satan, it's more to convey the more original ideas both of the time of the forming of the CoS and also the ideas behind Satanism BEFORE the CoS.

Some Satanists may believe in a deity called Satan, while others may not, but here we do not scoff at either view, as we hold either one valid! So in NOT scoffing at those who believe in a more traditional (pre-CoS) view of Satanism, we are in a way preceding in at least thought, what others hold. Henceforth, the First in: The First Church of Satan. Essentially, bringing Satanism closer to it's roots.

What is the difference between the FCoS and CoS?

Our High Priest, John Allee, was a member of the early Church of Satan lead by the late LaVey, back in the early 1970s, and fondly recalls the libertarian, Dionysian bent of the Church in those days. The FCoS recognizes that much of LaVeyan

Satanism in its original form was a simplified version of the teachings of the great dark magus Aleister Crowley. We, believe, as did Crowley, in the sovereign uniqueness of each individual -that "every man and every woman is a star," and in the right, if not the utter responsibility, of each human being to cast off the preformatted identity handed down by society in order to remake the self, to become "God-like" (Crowley's "Formula of I.A.O."). This quest to truly become yourself, as Nietzsche put it, can only be accomplished by freeing the mind of the inculcated control mechanisms of The Matrix. We believe this can be done by the application of Dionysian activity under the control of the intellect, or Dionysus under the yoke of Apollo -what the poet Arthur Rimbaud called "a systematic disordering of all the senses," the key term here being "systematic." Crowley's motto "Love Under Will" is a similar expression of this formula, and, as can be seen in Chapter VIII of The Satanic Bible, entitled "Indulgence . . . Not Compulsion," this was a philosophy that Anton LaVey himself once subscribed to, albeit in a less philosophically evolved form.

The current Church of Satan really does NOT subscribe to the democratic form of sovereignty-for-all that the original CoS, via Aleister Crowley, embraced. Instead, the fading, threatened CoS is now reduced to babbling inanely and disdainfully about "elitism" and "eliteness," terms which in their view apply exclusively to their own ever-shrinking membership under hapless current High Priest Peter Gilmore. This seems to be tied up with a fondness, which they of course continually deny, for all things Nazi, Adolph Hitler and company being the ultimate symbol of the Apollonian mentality taken to its logical, deadly extreme: Order as Death, in other words. Today's CoS, while still claiming to be rooted in a "Dionysian" philosophy, in reality appears to be composed of a joyless conglomerate of

straight-edge Neo-Nazi types who eschew all forms of transformative, "Dionysian" pleasure and attack those who espouse it as being mindless neo-hippies. We say, tell it to Baudelaire, to Jean Genet, to Jean Cocteau, to Henry Miller, to Lou Reed, to David Bowie, to most of the great artists who responded to an age of ultra-rationalism by going *outside* the prescribed and proscribed boundaries of society to bring back crucial knowledge. The FCoS believes that the individual has the right, if not the *obligation*, to conduct "crucial experiments" – *experimentum crucis* – upon the self. A Satanist is first and foremost a freethinking individual, a self-created entity — this key point must NEVER be lost or obscured!

To quote Norman O. Brown:

"The human body is not a thing or substance, given, but a continuous creation... an energy system... which is never a complete structure; never static; is in perpetual inner self-construction and self-destruction; we destroy in order to make it new."

Our overall stand, then, on Anton Szandor LaVey?

While we recognize Anton LaVey's contribution to the ongoing manifestation of the Satanic in the mundane realm, we also feel that, as many dark magicians before him have done, LaVey eventually squandered his gift and his power, and became bitter and alienated: sadly it is this latter (post-1975) "LaVeyan" period that characterizes the outlook of the current CoS. This latter LaVey, a self-loathing man of Jewish descent who embraced fascism toward the end of his life, we can only regret, as he was an immensely gifted man, and as such his "second stage" was a tremendous waste of Satanic potential.

According to life-long LaVey associate Kenneth Anger, the reasons for LaVey's retreat into bitterness may have been as simple as jealousy and envy toward a greater black magician:

"Crowley would have been too much hard work for Anton," Anger said in 1998. "Anton may have been a little jealous of Crowley; he may even have been a lot jealous" (quote from Lucifer Rising: Sin, Devil Worship and Rock N' Roll by Gavin Baddeley, 78).

There is a prevailing attitude in the CoS that, in order to become a Satanist, you must pay a hefty \$200. (USD) admission fee to join their club. Karla LaVey warns us, "Keep in mind that you do not have to join anything to be a 'real' Satanist. Do not let any institution or group convince you that you must be a 'member' in order to be a Satanist. To be a 'real' Satanist you must first be yourself; joining any organization will not automatically make you anything. This is something you must do on your own."

We in the FCoS are being very public about our intention to maintain a Satanic organization that is not hostile and manipulative towards its own members, and we are very concerned about these qualities re the current Church of Satan, with Peter Gilmore as High Priest. John Allee is determined to avoid the mistakes made by his mentor, Anton Szandor LaVey, and to bring to fruition a society which Crowley called "the logical climax of aristocracy, yet at the same time the logical climax of democracy, by asserting each individual equally to be the center of the universe." This is hardly some mush-brained Rousseauian vision, as the CoS would have you believe: we say, let's level the playing field, and then see who can "produce the goods." Going around with your nose in the air while claiming, without proof or justification, that you are better than everyone else, is the mark of people who in reality consider themselves inferior. Obvious, when you think about it, and hardly a "Satanic" attitude.

I'm a Satanist! How do I explain it to my parents?

We are assuming you live with one or both of your parents, so you probably shouldn't make this too confrontational. If the issue degenerates into a screaming and yelling match, no one will benefit. One option is simply to conceal your interest in Satanism. Until you know more about Satanism, this may be your best choice. You certainly don't want to go through the emotional turmoil of a fight with your family if you aren't certain that you are committed to Satanism.

When you are confident enough, or simply sick of covering, tell your parent that you have chosen a path other than Christianity. If they begin to object, ask them to reference exactly which points they disagree with Satanism on. They probably don't understand much about Satanism and you can point this out to them by asking them to name specific problems. Satanism requires study, not worship. Much of the material covered in this FAQ came from heated discussions we've had with various individuals, including parents. Remember that you are not debating which religion is more correct, you are simply taking the stand that no one should tell another what religion to accept.

If the truth were known, many people are living lives of quiet desperation, trapped in a cell where they are both prisoner and jailer. When you declare yourself a Satanist, you are proclaiming your independence and freedom and likewise nullifying the same lies which keep your parents trapped inside their cages. So, when you present your case, it will be with evidence that is most uncomfortable. What if mom and dad aren't ready to hear the truth? They may feel threatened and decide to lash out at you, even disown you! Therefore, before you confront your parents, consider the possibility that their fear of discovery may be greater than your fear of being discovered.

What can I do to advance the cause of Satanism?

Depending on where you live in the world, Satanists gather in small groups. And we meet in the shadows, away from the prying eyes of the public. This atmosphere of trepidation creates a generally unstable situation for Satanists, a lack of cohesion. Whether we care to admit it or not, the next generation of Satanists will be the social activists or civil libertarians. Sooner or later, Satanism will have its equivalent of a Rosa Parks (black civil rights advocate from Montgomery, Alabama, U.S.) On December 1, 1955, Ms. Parks refused to surrender her bus seat to a white passenger. This brave woman was arrested and fined for violating a city ordinance, but her lonely act of defiance began a movement that ended legal segregation in America, and made her an inspiration to freedom-loving people everywhere.

There are Satanists who will howl that any attempt to advance the cause of Satanism must result in self-sacrifice or martyrdom which would run contrary to a lifestyle advocating indulgence over abstinence. We then find these *same* Satanists engaged in damaging, cowardly cyber attacks against other Satanists with whom they disagree, depriving them of their indulgence. A striking contrast separates brutal selfishness from rational self-interest - the first is intrinsically stupid, destructive. Advocates of brutal selfishness insist life is a Darwinian struggle of survival of the fittest, but they conveniently omit certain facts; in nature, cooperation and self-sacrifice are equally essential. A lioness gladly lays down her life to defend her cubs, insuring the continuance of the pride, her living legacy.

The future heroes of Satanism will not be opulent stage celebrities in garish costumes playing loud, offensive music. Instead we will witness the emergence of exceptional people who aren't particularly famous or wealthy, but rich with self-respect. Satanists who defiantly rage against the machine will be our new heroes and they will leave a legacy none of us shall soon forget.

At this point, you're probably wondering, "Just how much of a sacrifice am I required to make??" Of course, that entirely depends on you! It could be as simple as explaining your beliefs to a friend, then continuing a relationship based on tolerance and mutual respect. You may perhaps wish to make a stronger statement and start a weekly discussion group on Satanism. John Allee went as far as hosting a local cable television show on public access. At first he encountered strong resistance, even death threats. However, the mighty oak was once a little nut that held its ground. It takes years, but eventually people begin to admire you for your courage!

Do Satanists commit hate crimes?

Unfortunately, there are malcontents of every color and creed. Here in the United States, a Jewish cemetery was vandalized and swastikas were spray painted everywhere. When the juveniles were captured, it was discovered they had no Nazi affiliations whatsoever. They were just young vandals using well known symbols of hate in a desperate cry for attention. However, a few local journalists ran with the headline, "Nazis desecrate Jewish cemetery" because that sells more copy and produces higher ratings.

Always question what you hear and what you read. Look for the facts. Remember the old newsroom saying, "Dog bites man" does not sell a newspaper. "Man bites dog" makes good copy.

What about Exorcisms?

Originally this word came from the Catholic Church with set rituals and prayers. Priests who were trained would deal in cases such as this. Also, believers were given prayers to say that would help keep 'evil' at bay.

Today's Roman Catholic Church still has trained exorcists, however, they rarely perform exorcisms, and the Church always looks for natural, medical and psychological causes first.

Other religious sects are not so professional in their dealings with their beliefs. Recently here in the United States, two Christian parents were arrested for beating the devil out of their child during an exorcism rite, effectively killing her. Of course, you'll never hear a lead story with the caption "Christian parents kill child" because it would offend many listeners. It is also irresponsible journalism. But if the caption reads "Satanist parents kill child in bizarre ritual," that would be fair game. Since Paul's letters in the New Testament, the devil has served the convenient function of scapegoat and that tradition is reflected in today's news headlines. What this accomplishes is to deflect blame onto an impersonal devil. People need to take responsibility for their own thoughts, words and actions.

Is the Devil all about repressed thoughts and desires?

There could be something to this idea. Certainly, throughout history, we have seen that people believe that the devil is responsible for thoughts and actions considered "evil" and "wicked." This would include alternative sexual lifestyles, radical beliefs, or anything that is not what could be considered a societal norm.

When Founder John Allee was featured in a Boston weekly entertainment newspaper, he found himself contacted by a lot of transvestites - men who were fond of wearing women's clothes. At first, this confused him, because he could not understand why they would have any interest or feel a connection to what he had to say about Satanism. What he found is that the devil often

represents repressed thoughts and desires; those things we never want anyone to know about or that we are ashamed of in our lives. The devil represents those characteristics within ourselves that we find undesirable - that we would rather shove into one corner and totally ignore. Some of these naturally should be explored, others are best given an alternative outlet.

Our question to you as a Satanist is, "Do you really think it is wise to repress thoughts and desires? When a person goes for psychological counseling, they are attempting to focus on certain memories or experiences locked away in the shadows and bring them out into the light where they can be examined. This is why I tell people they should not fear the devil, but attempt to look beyond good and evil in their search for the truth."

I was raised a Christian. How can I deprogram myself?

I believe people have different temperaments. If you are trying to free yourself from the control mechanisms of the matrix, one might try making fun of religious dogma, the tool of the oppressor. For instance, join the Church of the Subgenius! Following are a few quotes from the Discordians;

Give a monkey a brain and he'll swear he's the center of the universe.

All fanatics must die!

Cthulhu saves our souls and redeems them for valuable coupons.

Truly great madness cannot be achieved without significant intelligence.

Every absurdity has a champion to defend it.

One man's theology is another man's belly laugh.

So laughter is certainly one way, but not the only way to free yourself. There is also the process of venting anger which most people disapprove of because they fear violent eruptions. Shielding people from unpleasantness is what our society tries to do, but we have gone too far attempting to create a perfect world for ourselves. Merely suppressing hostility is *not* the way to establish order!

And so, if a person is raised in an oppressive atmosphere of total religious intolerance and they want to burn a bible or trample a few crucifixes, I say let them! Some people become Hindus, Christians and Moslems and they find spiritual harmony and balance. Bully for them! We are not talking about those people! We are talking about people who have had religion forced upon them. We are talking about people who have been shackled and enslaved by a religion. And when I say "religion," I mean *any*religion, including Satanism. Let us also try to liberate others because, in doing so, we free ourselves! Selfishness doesn't always work in the real world because the real world behaves according to laws of tidal gravity, cause and effect! We get out of life exactly what we put into it.

Another approach to deprogramming yourself is exposure to material condemned by authority figures. Read Mein Kamph by Adolph Hitler the first week, then Das Kapital by Karl Marx the next week. Despite popular claims, it will not rot your brain! If you should perchance read "The Trial of Gilles De Rais," you will not suddenly become a serial child rapist and murderer. But you may get a peek at the dark side of human nature and actually learn something. While you're at it, pick up a copy of "Justine, Philosophy in the Bedroom and Other Writings" by Maquis De Sade. Look beneath the surface of all things considered taboo and do not relent!

Now that you've deprogrammed yourself from the ravages of organized religion, shake hands with a new enemy; the apostles of Satanic morality! These individuals would like nothing more than to save you from exposure to John Allee's deplorable degeneracies. Controlling what people think "for their own good" is a clever form of thought control and Satanists utilize it daily against their own kind. But who's to blame?

The newbie Satanist begins his journey upon the left hand path and is appalled to discover no structure or solid guidelines! They expect of Satanism a way to *reprogram* themselves, but our objective ought to be helping others *deprogram* themselves! Misleaders are portraying themselves as politically-correct paragons of virtue who offer a roadmap for weary travelers upon the left hand path. They appear erudite, but will attack with vitriol those who threaten to expose their true agenda; converting Satanists to a neo-Christian belief system.

Satanism requires *less* structure and *less* control, because our objective is and has always been individual sovereignty, *not* the monopolization of power.

What is your position concerning satanic stratification?

When individuality is crushed it is tyranny, no matter what label you affix to it; stratification, ethnic cleansing or holy war. The despot will profess he is enforcing the will of God or the mandate of Satan!

Anton LaVey did the cause of Satanism a grave disservice when he advocated stratification, calling for layers of hierarchal authority within the ranks of his organization. Since Satanism exalts Man as god and declares the Satanist to be Belial (without a master), LaVey's policy was doomed to failure. The result? Satanic infighting ensued and lasts to this day. Energy better put to constructive use is being senselessly squandered in a virtual pissing contest amongst peers. Routine posturing, bickering, slander and clandestine acts of terror against rival groups has made the LaVey cult a volatile one.

For the impotent, Satanic organizations represent the

promise and illusion of power. Those who fail to climb the social ladder can flash their Satanic credentials to impress their friends. Mortals define themselves through various physical points of reference. John Allee looks upon degrees as silly, worthless pieces of pulp and acknowledges dependency upon them as an affectation of appearance. One might well ask, "Then why call yourself High Priest?" Certainly, hubris or excessive pride has little to do with it. Any search across the internet will demonstrate Allee is generally more despised than loved as High Priest. It has all to do with actions, not words - *living the title*, portraying myself as a role model.

Hereafter, we arrive at the inevitable question, "Aren't titles necessary to establish some sort of discipline or control?" Understand, we are Satanists! We must not allow ourselves to be defined by a culture which prescribes to a slave morality. Our objective adheres to a set of principles outlined by Crowley;

"The essence of every missionary message has always been to assimilate the taught to the teacher, and it has always been accompanied by bribes and threats. My message is exactly opposed to any of this. I say to each man and woman, 'You are unique and sovereign, the center of an universe. However right I may be in thinking as I do, you may be equally right in thinking otherwise. You can only accomplish your object in life by complete disregard of the opinions of other people.'

My mission is, in short, to bring everyone to the realization and enjoyment of his own kingship, and my apparent interference with him amounts to no more than advice to him not to suffer interference."

Isn't Satanism a brutal religion? What about curses?

It is imagined that the Satanist's favorite pastime is throwing curses upon the weak, the susceptible. In reality, we live by the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." And certainly, if you were to treat another person badly, without just cause, would you not expect to be treated poorly in return? We live in a universe of cause and effect. The rationale for a curse should be to redress the balance once a wrong against someone has been committed.

Yes, the All is One! There is a subtle link between everything and everyone in the universe. The spear in the side of my enemy is a spear in my side also! But why focus on one aspect of the truth? Life is paradoxical in nature - there is an *opposite* truth; survival of the fittest. Death and destruction completes the circle of life, then comes rebirth, regeneration. All are equally important and necessary!

Evolution is determined by the ability to adapt and defend oneself. If I am attacked ruthlessly, I am obliged to protect myself and my loved ones. As a singular aspect of divinity, I will decide when it is prudent to throw a curse upon one of my enemies. My first successful curse was at the tender age of 14 and I was quite proud! Now, nearly four decades have passed; given the same circumstances, I'd gladly do it again.

The daemonic approach embraces the sum total of human experience; love and hate, joy and despair, empathy and indifference. One cannot achieve the pinnacle of ecstasy without having first experienced the very depths of gloom - it's a simple law of nature! As we traverse the Left and Right Hand Path, we find perfect balance and strength at the matrix of this dichotomy. Yes, we inhabit a universe of conflict and duality, but the source of life is the All One, whose center is everywhere.

Do Satanists have a moral code?

John Allee believes the best summary was penned almost a century ago by famed poet and mystic, Aleister Crowley:

Liber Oz

There is no god but Man.

Man has the right to live by his own law -to live in the way that he wills to do:
to work as he will:
to play as he will:
to rest as he will.

To die when and how he will:

Man has the right to eat what he will: to drink what he will: to dwell where he will: to move as he will on the face of the earth.

Man has the right to think what he will: to speak what he will: to write what he will: to draw, paint, carve, etch, mould, build as he will: to dress as he will.

Man has the right to love as he will: --- "take your fill and will of love as ye will, when, where and with whom ye will!" -- AL. I. 51.

Man has the right to resist those who would thwart these rights. "the slaves shall serve." -- AL. II. 58.

Satanism has always favored the interests of the individual over the collective. "Do What Thou Wilt" should be taken literally! Beware of the neo-Crowleyan, pseudo-Satanist with his neatly repackaged, rationalized, sanitized, deodorized, whiter than white, cardinal virtues. No matter what the source, dogmas and creeds are meant to enslave.

Laveyan Satanists generally live by The 9 Satanic Statements and The 11 Satanic Rules of the Earth:

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 that 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 person and he cries out to be relieved.
- 7. Acknowledge the power of magic if you have used 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 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.

Anton Szandor LaVey, 1967 c.e.

The Nine Satanic Statements

- 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 is the best friend the church has ever had, as he has kept it in business all these years!

LaVey, 1967, c.e. From the Satanic Bible

The above statements and rules are excellent guidelines for any Satanist to follow and a good framework for the beginner on a left hand path. A good site for beginners on Laveyan Satanism from the Church of Satan is found at www.satanism101.com.

Remember, it is best to always follow the laws of the land. They are there for one's safety in the vast majority of cases. If you make the choice not to obey the law for whatever reason, make sure it is a conscious choice, and be ready to suffer the consequences.

Do you worship the devil?

Modern Satanists do not worship the devil; they do not even believe in this Christian-created being. However, some do. Theistic Satanists do believe in an entity known as Satan and Devil Worshippers also believe in Satan as a deity. Theistic Satanists see Satan as an actual dark pagan god.

The difference between Satanism and devil worship is simple:

Devil worshippers are nothing more than wannabe renegade Christians still drowning in the belief that to be a Satanist they must use dogma that is the reverse of Christian belief. Satanists are free thinkers, moving forward spiritually through self-exploration and spiritual stimulation. Strictly speaking, a devil worshipper is someone who worships evil as a moral absolute. Satanists, on the other hand, view Satanism as a religion and a philosophy.

Satanists boast of Luciferian pride; the ability to challenge any authority, but understand the importance of asking questions with proper respect. Only cults teach that you must never question your leaders! Stratification is the law by which the devil worshiper abides and servitude is their portion. Satanists are strongly opposed to devil worship or any hierarchal system which seeks to enslave the spirit and damage the individual or a community.

The FCoS holds to the belief that all spiritual paths are essentially valid. Traditions have not failed us, the devotee simply has to dig deeper and look within, because that's the only place you're ever really going to find any truth! Avoid the horrendous pitfalls of religious polarization and remember, "The gravest of all sins is self-deceit!"

How can a Satanist NOT worship Satan?

Does a Buddhist worship Buddha? Of course not. Does a Nudist worship Nude? It all depends on what you would consider "worship." Worship need not describe groveling before a deity or expressing an unhealthy attitude that diminishes ones self worth. Unfortunately, many Satanists view worship in this negative light, then move to an opposite extreme; exalting oneself as godhead while disregarding the universal life-force. As a result, we've witnessed nonproductive, egomaniacal infighting between Satanists.

We suggest a *balanced perspective* coupled with an appreciation for irony because the creator and the created are codependent! It is foolish to imagine a Christianity based entirely upon altruism and it is foolish to imagine a Satanism based entirely upon selfism. To lead a happy and productive life, balance is the key!

Also, we need to view "worship" in a different light: a feeling of love, adoration and devotion towards the archetypal forms of whom we are a physical expression.

Do Satanists engage in animal sacrifice?

Satanism has no actual history of animal sacrifice, though the Judeo-Christian and most of the other major religions are steeped in it. This is perhaps the most asinine and hypocritical allegation directed towards Satanists. Look at the following example:

Farmer Brown runs a poultry farm in New England. Every Thanksgiving (a national holiday), family members from far and wide come to visit, give thanks and enjoy the traditional dinner. The morning the guests are about to arrive, Farmer Brown grabs the largest turkey he can find and chops off its head with an axe, then prepares the bird for his guests. When the guests arrive, they all sit down, say a prayer, "Bless this, Thy bounty which we are about to receive."

Now the scene I just described is fairly common. Could this be ritual sacrifice? Of course, the religious zealot will rant, "Ritual sacrifice occurs during or prior to the act of killing!" So, let's clarify; If Farmer Brown bowed his head and said a little prayer to sweet Jesus before he chopped the turkey's head off, that would be a ritual sacrifice and therefore, a crime against god and nature. Brown should wait until he is about to eat the roasted carcass, standing as head (priest) of the household, before a long table (altar), saying a glorious prayer before the entire family (congregation).

This "ritual sacrifice" argument is bogus, purely in the eye of the beholder. If a rabbi performs a kosher killing at the local slaughterhouse, it's called "Passover." If a Christian Santeria priest cuts of the head off a chicken, it is called "murder." These contradictions were brought before the U.S. Supreme Court and the Santeria practitioners won! It is legal for them to practice their religion in the United States.

The First Church of Satan does not promote or practice the ritual slaughter of animals, but we will defend unto death the right of orthodox Jews, Christians, Santerians, etc., to continue this practice unabated, as long as the slaughter is humane and the flesh properly cooked and eaten. It makes no difference whether you say your prayer before the animal is slaughtered or at the dinner table, after the animal is cooked. It's time Satanists quit riding the wave of a make-believe guilt trip invented by orthodox Christians! (The only opposing argument I care to listen to is the sincerity of a non-hypocritical vegetarian.) Satanists cherish the free will of all living creatures. Like any animal, we kill for food or survival (clothing, self-defense).

So, what's this ritual sacrifice nonsense really about? It's about religious persecution - a fake argument to punish those religions you disagree with. We have at least learned this from the Satanic Panic of the 1980s.

When reverence for nature is absent, self-respect is diminished. Perception impacts behavior and vice-versa. When an adolescent boy "thrill kills" the neighborhood dog or cat for the sake of cruelty toward the pet or its owner, this is not natural aggression because animals do not "thrill kill" other animals. It is a common symptom seen in the behavior of those later convicted of murder and abuse. When kids look for a defenseless animal to torture, it is because they feel tortured themselves, so they seek a comparable scapegoat. Satanists refuse to protect those who would use the religion to showcase aberrant behavior.

If your child is mentally disturbed, get help. Blaming the devil is not going to solve your problem. If any person kills a living thing and it is not a part of a religious situation (such as Santeria) please get the facts. Tolerance is good. To not do something when there may be animals, children and others in danger from a nut (of any religious persuasion) is irresponsible.

Does Satanism encourage sex with minors?

While Satanism encourages "indulgence instead of abstinence," this does not necessarily have to refer to just sex.

The individual would dictate what types of behavior he or she would like to indulge in. In other words, Satanists do acknowledge moral codes and have ethics.

The Eleven Satanic Rules of the Earth state: "Do not harm little children" (9); "Do not make sexual advances unless you are given the mating signal" (5) and "Do not take that which does not belong to you unless it is a burden to the person and he cries out to be relieved" (6). Clearly, an adult having sex with young children is not appropriate.

State laws and opinions differ when we start talking about teenagers having sex with teenagers. It would be more convenient to somehow delay the process until physical maturity matches mental maturity, but that is not reality. It all comes down to choices once again. Stress and conflict exist when there is a divide between our carnal nature and the way we structure our society. Anton LaVey stated, ". . . man's carnal nature will win out no matter how much it is purged or scourged by any white-light religion." In other words, you can struggle against nature all you want, but she will have the final say and the last laugh in all situations... so what are you trying to prove?

The job of mother nature is to prepare the child's body for reproduction. Your job as a parent is to prepare the child's mind. This is a call to all parents who can read these words; try educating your children! Be diligent, be responsible. Provide a moral and ethical framework - apply discipline when needed. Raise your child to be a responsible young adult, that's all you can do. Tell the truth. Share your insight. Then, let go.

When a child reaches puberty, which is the age of sexual consent according to nature, parents no longer are able to control the child's sexual behavior. You cannot be with that child every hour of every day. If you find yourself acting as moral arbiter in the life of your sexually active teen, twenty, or thirty

year old, it's time to get a life! A natural instinct is the urge to protect a child, but only to a certain point - when you go beyond that point, healthy, natural instinct turns to unhealthy, unnatural obsession. Most successful parents will tell you that the vast majority of instilling ethics and morals into your children is done by the time they reach 12 years old. There are laws, existing laws, that protect people of all ages from rape and sexual harassment. We strongly suggest that these laws be enforced.

Public Satanists are routinely martyred, accused of ritual or sex crimes, paraded, condemned before the media, stripped of their privacy, self-respect and presumption of innocence. Cowards resort to false accusations using words such as "devil worshipper," "homosexual," or "child molester" to incite public reaction. No one should sexually impose upon an unaware, unconsenting child, or mentally impaired adult for that matter, or senior citizen! But, more often than not, the pedophile accusation is the first yanked from the hat! That thing which threatens our young, be it real or imaginary, is certain to push buttons and trigger defense mechanisms! False morality, outmoded Christian values, prey upon the imagination, subverting this natural instinct to protect our young, transforming this drive into a destructive, deadly weapon; a blunt instrument in the wieldy hands of the cunning puppet master. Take for example the evangelical preacher who cries from his pulpit, "Homosexuals are trying to recruit our children! We must fight to save our kids!"

H. L. Mencken said it best, "The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed - and hence clamorous to be led to safety - by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary." When people cry wolf, it dulls the scream of the true victim.

As a culture, we are sexually obsessed with our young. You

see it in magazines, on television... everywhere! Satanists acknowledge this reaction, even have a definitive term for it; The Law of the Forbidden. Once rooted, cultural taboos become erotic obsessions! Recently, during this new millennium, the city of Boston was shaken when a local archdiocese of the Roman Catholic church released a list of names of priests accused of molesting children. It has happened in our dioceses. It happens in locker rooms in schools. It happens in families. We need to have education and awareness. Children who have better self respect, body image and self esteem will be less likely to "give it away."

It does seem odd that in one state a fourteen year old can get married to the perpetrator, yet in another, she would be sending him to jail. Some states recognize same sex marriages; most do not. Sometimes we have to depend on the parents to work with the flow of nature to raise responsible, productive adults who will respect their own bodies and those of others.

Do Satanists advocate spanking or corporal punishment for kids?

We strongly advise FCoS parents to administer *Discipline Tempered with Love*. Never strike a child over the mere fact that he or she has inconvenienced you. If a child spills a quart of milk, calmly get a mop or sponge and teach them how to clean it up. Do not chase your child around, correcting each and every mistake. Teach them responsibility - make them do it!

Next, it is foolish to protect your child from the *effects of folly*. Does your child whine and complain when it is time to go to bed? Simple solution. Let them stay up, then drag them to school exhausted the following day. In a few short weeks they'll be putting themselves to sleep!

Corporal punishment should be administered when a child

begins to exhibit behavior that could adversely affect their own well being. Stealing bicycles, cars, money from mom's purse - this could one day land him/her in prison. In such cases, corrective actions should be taken.

What are your ethics regarding love spells?

Magic spells can be thrown any number of ways - you should stick with the method you are most comfortable with. What I'm about to do is give you information based on years of practical experience, not "theory" or some Wiccan Rede based on half-truths... yes, you can throw spells to *force* people to fall in love with you, but if you do it to the wrong person (which is usually the case), you will be very sorry because love spells bind people together!

Love spells are tricky and can lead to obsession. You might think you've found the right man, ignored all the warning signs and wind up in and out of divorce court or even worse, destroying yourself.

Jesus died for my sins. What has Satan done for me?

First of all, Jesus did not die for your sins. A daemon like Gandhi, Jesus, Joan of Arc, will sometimes give their life for an expressed cause, to set an example for others straining under the yoke of oppression. He was simply saying, "Look upon me. I lived life on my own terms, according to my own design, and I was willing to give my life rather than forfeit my divinity." It worked for a while, but his message of unity was seized... distorted by political opportunists... couched in lies and deception!

The Wheel of Life turns and cycles us through the ages of time where events are staged again and again, ad infinitum. On each corner page of history the same principle powers appear on the scene. Donning their mortal masks, they reenact the divine drama.

Do Satanists use drugs?

It's a very difficult concept for people to grasp that there is a positive side and a negative side to every issue. Ingesting mind-altering substances; beneficial or harmful? The truthful answer is: both. Yes, drugs can expand your consciousness and unlock your hidden creative potential... and yes, this is a path fraught with peril, hazardous to your physical and mental wellbeing.

In life, there are no guarantees, just as there are no free rides! Seasoned Satanists approach each and every issue dispassionately, like scholars. If an issue touches a sensitive nerve, these Satanists will quietly retreat and re-examine their own thoughts/feelings toward the object in question, from every conceivable angle! Eventually, they arrive at that lofty plane of indifference, where passions from both sides of the argument are quelled. However, this is often easier said than done - it may require goring one or two of your own sacred cows!

The FCoS thus stresses that drug use and drug addiction are not the same thing. Not everyone who uses is an "addict." Media talk shows and news correspondents, for their own greedy ends, always seem to promote ideas which only resonate with the notion of the perpetual victim. All of this is merely part of the overall process by which such agencies attempt to rob you of your volition, and implant their own self-serving agendas in your brain.

What drugs can do, however, that most often goes unexplained, is provide access to the Dionysian (subjective) realm that we close off so often in the pursuit of slave-like everyday "normality." To be creative, access to this realm is a

must, and drugs are one -- but, we need to stress, NOT THE ONLY -- way to get there. A reasonable question to ask seems to be: "If drugs are so terrible, then why is it that so much great art has been created by drug users?" Answer: drugs take the user out of boring and mundane everyday reality and the constrictions of the societal superego into a freer mental and spiritual space.

Of course, there many examples of great artists and thinkers who have also been drug users. Coleridge, DeQuincey, Baudelaire, Freud, Crowley, Rimbaud, Charlie Parker, Miles Davis, Lou Reed, and so on. Interestingly, if you compare work done on drugs, and work done when straight, by many artists, you will find that almost invariably the work done on drugs is far more inspired: in the realm of popular art, a good example would be David Bowie's work from 1970-1980, done when he was a heavy narcotics user, and which towers over anything he's done since. There are no shortage of people in rock and roll alone who've given up drugs and never come close to greatness again. This is no mere coincidence, and the inquisitive Satanist needs to examine the reasons for this.

Of course, the artist risks self-destruction in this process of discovery. But to quote Rimbaud, "A poet makes himself a visionary through a long, boundless, and systematized disorganization of all the senses... He attains the unknown and if demented, he finally loses the understanding of his visions, he will at least have seen them! So what if he is destroyed in his ecstatic flight through things unheard of, unnamable: other horrible workers will come, they will begin at the horizons where the first one has fallen!"

Finally, the word to take note of in Rimbaud's exhortation - which differentiates the drug user from the kind of "addict" the media loves to demonize - is "systematized." One undertakes

this experiential journey with a goal in mind, not in a random and directionless fashion. As Miles Davis said, "It's when you take drugs and you ain't got nothing to do that you get in trouble." The FCoS again stresses that this is NOT, we repeat, NOT, a task to be undertaken lightly, nor is it meant for everyone. It is an option.

The First Church of Satan advocates the legalization of all drugs and the immediate closure of the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) and FDA (Food and Drug Administration) government offices in the United States. Why? We believe in personal responsibility. Mortals must be given right to choose - to make their own mistakes and suffer the consequences of their own actions.

FCoS founder John Allee has his own take on drugs: "Except for caffeine (tea, coffee), I've never used heavy drugs and have relied on meditation to achieve altered states of consciousness, including out-of-body experiences. When Satanists ask my opinion on whether or not to experiment, I immediately draw out a list of other options like yoga, rituals, breathing exercises, etc. The fact that I've examined both sides of the issue does NOT mean that I endorse illicit drugs!!

How can I find out if Satanism is for me?

If it really matters to you, and you really want to know, then you have but to ask. In the dark of night, and with a open mind, say out loud and really mean it, "Satan, I want the truth." Now, don't expect a burning bush experience, but over a period of time, events will transpire and chance meetings will occur so that one day, you will realize that the truth has been there all along. Of course, you will be as a judge, compiling many pieces of information. When the process is complete, you will then have to weigh the facts and make an informed decision.

The answer you receive from Satan, using the above stated method, will be the "truth" you are seeking, but it will be your truth! When one begins "channeling messages" for others to read, then canonizing said documents, he no longer has a special relationship with the Prince of Darkness having betrayed his basic evolutionary premise, self-determination. A solid line of demarcation exists between Gnostic self-enlightenmentand the evangelical tenets of a self-appointed "pontiff."

CRIMSON MAGIC SECRETS REVEALED

Note: Crimson Magic is an essay based on the writings of John Allee and is thus, a belief of the tradition, now known as the Allee Way - a middle pillar form of magic, that blends ceremonial magic, witchcraft and Satanism. The following does not represent the beliefs of members of the FcoS, but was written by its founder, and is presented here for one's reading enjoyment and education.

Introduction

As with the discovery of many magical formulas found to be effective through the centuries, some have been the result of trial and error experiments, while others were conceived through private revelation. It is difficult to accept this theory and practice of Crimson Magic as one's own, since while it may sound new and foreign to our western tradition, I believe it may have been practiced many centuries ago.

Practitioners of most magical traditions understand that colors have their own intrinsic powers. They each carry a certain charge of energy or vibration. While the hopelessly ignorant tend to look at magicians and label them as "black" or "white," this is done to quell their own fears. There really is no such thing; an adept knows it is all about the magician's intention. The cruelest magician with the most evil demeanor can save the life of a baby, while the well meaning mother could kill the woman next door. The same energy that is used to heal can also be used to kill. Further, that energy comes from the same source, no matter what the practitioner chooses to call it! As Anton LaVey pointed out in *The Satanic Witch*, those who refer to themselves or others as "white" witches are deluding themselves. LaVey points out that the term is relatively modern, having first been used in 1940 by William Seabrook.

Color magic is more common than ever before. You can not pass a new age section of a book store without seeing dozens of books on color healing, candle colors, and other creative uses of color in magic. Our use of color is not much different. Certain colors have certain vibrations that work with particular deities. As you study further, individuals work with certain colors, certain organizations work with certain colors, even certain religions work with certain colors for various festivals! There is a method to this madness and it is universal.

Some of the more astute often ask why this working is not labeled red magic. It is important that this art is not confused with the so-called "red witches," though there are some similarities in our paths. Red and crimson are not the same shades. There is a difference that is far more distinct than seen on an artist's color palette. Red carries different tones and ingredients, and with it, different associations. Red is known to carry the life force, blood, the power of Mars, aggression, and male energy, just to name a few of its aspects.

Crimson is a stronger and brighter color. While red is used in many magical traditions and a variety of religions, crimson is a distinct property of the left hand path. Crimson magick is especially dangerous because it resonates with a daemonic form, magnifying the will of the celebrant twenty-four fold. Occultists who use the term "red magick" are confused - crimson is the definitive color of a daemonic halo.

Those who have a background in color magic will notice that crimson incorporates in its very makeup the strongest colors including reds, yellows, oranges and pinks, including some black and brown. Thus, you have a very powerful vibrational tool. It can carry all the associations of red, but the strength and fire of orange, the partnering of yellow, the self-love of pink, the inner energy of black and grounding of brown.

Sending a Spell

While sending a spell or manifesting in general can become easy for an adept, once you begin working directly with a deity, it becomes more difficult. Working with nature's flow is elementary, working on another plane presents a new set of challenges. One cannot "will" a primal force in nature to do your bidding since it represents a source through which life becomes animated. However, these forms do possess intelligence and behave as energy amplifiers and equalizers. With proper concentration and correct focus, you can "bounce" a spell off a god form and expect to feel your power directed back at you in the same manner it was sent, magnified incrementally! This measurable and testable effect can be illustrated.

stumbled upon One Christian Crimson magick accidentally! He decided to "throw a curse" on the devil. Having gone through special preparation, he procured a black voodoo doll anointed with holy water and several glass head pins - a small altar in the corner of the attic was lit with candles. As he raised each pin, he stabbed an organ or limb and proclaimed, "I curse your (hand, foot, heart, groin) in the name of Jesus Christ!" After the ritual, he headed down the stairs, tripped and fell and fractured a hip. During my hospital visit, he explained how the devil had gotten his revenge. I explained how the devil had not done a blessed thing - his energy had become intensified, then reflected back to him. I quoted this passage from LaVey's Bible, "Bring forth the legions of the army of Hell, that the Lord of the Abyss may be magnified, whose name amongst ye is Wrath!" Finally, I had put the fear of Satan in someone! (pun intended)

The sad note to the above is that though his spell was effective, he could not understand that he had caused his own

injury. It is amazing that so many mundanes and magicians often sabotage themselves consciously and subconsciously in this way. What never ceases to amuse me is how quickly Christians are quick to curse anyone or anything which threatens their shaky beliefs, then they damn the left hand path for this very activity.

Fun with the Fundies

While most of the Christian/Fundamentalist/Born-Again types damn their own brethren and original keepers of their faith, the Catholic Church, as being pagan, again they are confused. It is the Church that has written and rewritten the original text of the Bible that they consider the actual word of God. American Christians take this book as gospel, but slam the Church as they do so. Jesus himself states to treat one's brother as one would treat himself, yet the Born Agains have not yet figured out that the Catholics are the fundies' brothers and sisters. Even other Christians who do not exactly agree with their political agendas end up being labeled "pagans." Such a dirty word! It would short circuit the intelligent brain if you spend too much time trying to understand their logic.

Of course, fundies were the first to point fingers at the accused priests of the Catholic Church before they were even proven guilty. They forget the events of the past two decades prior to this publication of this document; the rather sad cases involving Jim and Tammy Bakker and the air conditioned dog house, Jimmy Swaggart, and the many other evangelists who have used their God to procure everything from sex with secretaries, prostitutes and money from those who can least afford it.

The person who continues to make the most money from the Satanic movement in America continues to be Bob Larson and his ministries. He spews his beliefs on his radio programs and his books. He begs for money without any kind of remorse, as he truly believes he is somehow saving people from themselves. Unfortunately, this is the same man could not even say a nice word about a dead man. He forgot that adage about not speaking ill of the dead. On the day that the death of rock star Kurt Cobain, lead singer of the Seattle grunge band Nirvana, was announced, his comment to one caller was that Cobain went around "wearing a dress."

Larson's program did not responsibly discuss the problems that could lead to depression, or issues concerning gun control, or even issues involving drug abuse, instead Larson decided to point out the evils of rock and roll and "devil music" plus his usual rants. He could have made a difference that day. He could have earned the respect of parents if he had addressed the problem from a Christian perspective. I am not the only one who tuned in to see how this important issue would be handled. It was a definitive day for every minister who deals with teens.

For many teens of all faiths (especially the unchurched teen) Cobain was their idol, if not a God form in a way. Larson had an opportunity to make a real difference. He could have turned this tragedy into something good, but instead he turned it into a total train wreck. America was listening; the world was waiting. He was simply not up to the challenge. To put it in his religion's terms, if you liken his situation to Christ and Satan, this time the adversary won, hands down.

The Power of Words

George Harrison wrote a song, utilizing a term from the old American South - the devil's radio. It is a great term for gossip. It also is a great term for the untruths often spread on the internet and by the media. Often such jabber, gets the more

intelligent person to search for the truth. Whether the adept comes from the right hand path or the left hand path, the well trained are early taught that words have power.

Think back to the last time you had a fight with a loved one. You can damage a prized possession by mistake, ruin a favorite article of clothing in the wash, delete something on their computer, and still that does not end a relationship. If you want to irrevocably ruin a relationship, you do it through words. Top marriage counselors will tell you a marriage is not ruined by actual infidelity, but by whom and how the other partner finds out. Again it is all in the words.

I have been a teacher and minister of Satanism and the left hand path for over three decades and my wife has been a teacher of witchcraft and a minister for over two decades. Because we come from opposite sides, there are many things we do not agree on. One thing we absolutely agree on is the power of words. The most important thing we can impart to any student is the choice of words in rituals and spells. One word can change a blessing to a curse. One word can turn an effective spell into a dud. This is a universal truth and it is true in any language. Words have power. They ultimate carry your intent. You must remember this

The Responsible Magician

Crimson Magic is dangerous because we are dealing with intrusive force, not just the "bending of probability." With a simple meditation exercise, you can raise your kundalini, possibly far in advance of your ability to emotionally and psychologically handle it. Only you can be the judge of whether this is the right decision for you. Within the occult community, you will find those who overestimate their abilities. Some have been burned by their own bravado. Many have learned lessons.

Sadly, some have become tragedies and had to seek psychological help due to their own ineptness.

There are those walking the left hand path on the other side of the spectrum. One cannot sometimes help but laugh at the "rationalists-turned-magical-authorities." The rationalists who love to dabble in the occult are everywhere! They often cause problems for themselves and others without realizing it. Before they'll brandish that wand or sword or repeat an incantation, they must first be convinced they are not making absolute fools of themselves. And so they delve into the writings of the mystic Crowley, a poet inspired to publish a few gems amidst copious labyrinths of masturbatory musings. The rationalist's objective is to baffle his critical faculties, so they'll shut down. Now he can perform his magic with a minimum of mental distraction. For some individuals, the shortest distance between two points is never a straight line! Unfortunately, a confused, drunk, or drugged wannabe magician is a prescription for disaster. Stay away from them ... far away. Do not attempt Crimson Magic if you are under the influence of anything or anyone but yourself.

According to Satanists, magic is an art that requires the "suspension of disbelief," but isn't "faith" a more succinct term? Hell forbid that modern Satanists adopt words like "faith" into their vocabulary. What would become of us? For those of you who are not familiar with my works or my belief system, let me briefly explain that I am far from your typical Satanist. While many will say that Satanism is the reverse of Christianity and not a pagan religion, I strongly disagree. The role of the adversary has been around in religion since religion began. One did not have to have "Satan." The Egyptians had Set, for example. Pwyll in the Welsh myths had an adversarial streak to his personality. Lancelot proved to be the ultimate Judas in the

Arthurian Cycle. The Northern tradition is ripe with Loki. One cannot forget Ereshkigal. It is all on how you choose to define your faith. I feel that Satanism can be an earth-based religion, since Satanism itself is based on the here and now, not on an imaginary future kingdom. We also understand these powers as ceremonial magicians – they are not simply tied to a Judeo-Christian root. It is amusing to realize that Jews were thought to possess magical powers back in medieval times. Depending on the culture, Christians believed the Jew gained these powers from making a deal with the devil. These beliefs extended to other non-Christian religions, such as various pagan religions. The Inquisition was one horrific consequence of these beliefs.

It's All About You

The joy of being your own God is being able to create your own belief system. You decide how you wish to see your faith. Do not let others tell you how to believe or what to believe or you'll truly find yourself on the wrong path!

For the following rituals and exercises to be effective, you must believe in the existence of the All One; a first cause, grand designer or creator/creatrix of the universe. If you are sitting there, reading an Ayn Rand novel, pondering chaos theory, or calculating the mathematical probability of sentient life elsewhere in the universe, you are wasting your time. Crimson magick will not help you and will not work for you. At some point you have to take that "leap of faith" to do effective magic at this level. If you are not ready, that is fine. You may continue to study. We need people like you to balance the magicians in this movement. Just respect that there are some who believe and some who prefer not to.

It is important that you create God in your own image, just as humans have always done, but it should be an image you've secretly favored. If you have a print of the deity or a statue sitting on your altar, it may help you focus, but a clear mental image is all you'll ever need.

Angels and Daemons

There are some humans who believe they are direct representations of angelic or daemonic forms. In my way of thinking, angels and daemons are the same order of light being. You will even find Christians agreeing to this concept. At the time of this writing, the world population is approximately 6,253,082,868 people; approximately 300 of them are nephilim (angelic or daemonic beings). Far from being divine, these individuals simply respond differently to energy than the average person. Most will act as amplifiers or equalizers. There are more than 300 who have this "gift" to a more limited degree. These people, while gifted in some ways, are cursed in others. Some Wiccan or Witches will call these people feys, the Celts would say they had the gift of second sight; other occultists simply call them adepts; the name changes according to the environment and culture. While some people insist that what is being referred to is a learned trait, it should be more correctly seen as a genetic propensity. It is a skill that is natural and can be honed through training. There has never been research as to whether one without any innate talent could produce the amplification, so that is left to occult theory. It would be interesting to see this done in a scientific setting. There have now been actual scientific studies done on psychic vampyrism (see sources below). There is hope that such studies will be completed in the future.

Before the critically minded, left brained, left hand pather believes I have let my mind wander into the land of makebelieve with this talk of fairy folk, read carefully what I have to say. Do not confuse the use of the word "fey" with today's airy fairy ideas. Here we are speaking of the ancient god forms, the Tuatha de Danaan. Fairies are found in all cultures in the world. Do your own research. They are not all diminutive sprites and certainly not all happy and light. In many cultures, not just the Celtic, they retreated into the land. Like the Judeo-Christian demons and angels, they have supernatural powers and a history of unusual positive and negative interactions with humans. From these meetings, come the tales of the changelings (or babies resulting from a union of a fey and mortal), disappearances of a mortal and loss of time. You will find that these same themes are found again and again, even in our modern culture, this time attributed to UFO activities.

The fey are also not that dissimilar to the concept of the nephilim. Here are some examples of the traits of a nephilim (or fey or whatever term you wish to use):

If an individual is around one, they may at first fear there is a vamping of energy, but no energy is lost. The energy in the room is being manipulated somehow. An individual may sense it, but not be able to figure out the source. A nephilim can amplify the emotions or feelings in a room without realizing it. A nephilim's natural shielding will send an individual's emotions back to them. Take for example, a person who is angry at a nephilim and is simmering at him. The person may have that anger amplified back at him to a degree where the person is sure the nephilim is either sending hate or actively cursing him! On the other hand, a night of pleasure with a nephilim can be pure ecstasy.

Again, the nephilim will mirror your feelings back to you at a multiplied rate. Often those involved in the occult may have been involved in a relationship with someone with a touch of fey blood. As mentioned previously, it is believed there are about 300 (this is my own personal estimation) of the "heavy duty" variety if you will, but there may be thousands of those who exhibit the trait to a lesser extent. Because I am not convinced that it is not a genetic based trait, it could be that it may be as simple as a dominant-recessive situation. Obviously, it could be something that is both genetic and a personality trait. Science may be able to answer these questions in the future. For now, it is left to conjecture. You are free to dismiss this, or theorize as I do.

If you run into one of these feys, as I call them, they may be of the left hand path. They will, however, buck it constantly. The dark feys will constantly try to add the mystery or gothic elements to their belief systems. For the purist, this will be a constant cause of frustration. It can also be amusing. These are the ones who truly embrace earth-based Satanism and dark paganism. They will not understand the efficacy of the Black Mass or anything to do with traditional Satanism that reverses Church dogma. Some may be described as "fluffy," but do not be so quick to dismiss them. Others may have more of an ancient approach to their magick. Listen to their logic. You may find that their darkness just does not vibrate with anything except a pre-Christian belief system. You will find these people particularly fond of Set, Ereskigal, Loki, and the shades of Hades, for example.

As you begin to increase your abilities in Crimson magic and other workings, you will find there are many paths to the same source. Do not be so quick to cast off a possible resource. There are going to be the fey types that will magnify negative attributes in your personality or negative energies in your grotto. Remove them from your presence or group. These people do contribute to a toxic relationship or to negative relationships which will lead to the breakdown of a group.

Any psychologist will say you can not change an individual. Satanists believe in free will, above all. Get out of unhealthy relationships and unhealthy situations that will damage group dynamics. Feys can be addictive. You will find that some of these types can almost succeed in selling even the most salty Satanist the Brooklyn Bridge! Know this ahead of time. They are as adept as a Satanic Witch in using their charms, and worse, many do so unconsciously. These people are men and women. It is not just a sexual thing – you will find them in business and extracurricular pursuits. They are the ones who bubble with enthusiasm. Chances are if it is too good to be true, it usually is not true.

The nephilim are human with a touch of otherworldliness, so they have this attitude of walking between worlds. Sometimes their morals are not the common or accepted codes. Often they will exhibit a love-hate relationship with humanity in general. People in turn tend to love or hate these nephilim, as there is nothing mediocre about them. The nephilim are a limited example of the Crimson Magic effect. Because they have natural shielding, most senders exhibit an eighteen fold return on their emotional investment.

Normally, if you are sending any negative emotions, you would not want that kind of return. Most occultists also will reasonably shy away from any bounce-back or boomerang effect in magic. Here is where it gets interesting.

There are the primal forces of nature and then there are the originators or co-creators (god and goddess). If you attempt to bounce energy off any nephilim's daemonic form, you will experience an eighteen-fold return. However, should you focus on the Creator, your return will be twenty-four fold! Choosing a deity resembling the Creator is therefore more efficacious. Herein lies the problem and a solution:

The Creator has roughly seven million names and he answers to every one of them in every language, right down to local or regional dialects. Going back through history, the role of Aiwass has been as God's messenger (male aspect).

In the past, I have been criticized for my following statement, but I will continue to make it; I believe I am one of the nephilim. This does not come from an "inflated ego," but from the experiences of others who have tried to send emotions to me. I have also had spells, both positive and negative, bounce back. While this can be a very handy situation, it can also be annoying. While I have had a witch work a weight loss spell for me, it was very disheartening to find that she was losing weight very easily, while I was not losing as quickly. Understand that I do not think that I am the only nephilim in the occult movement or inhabiting this planet. There are quite a few that I know of; I am honored to know a few personally. They choose to not come out and announce what they are. The nephilim aspect of the person would be called the daemonic form. This form would also have a name. My form's name is Aiwass. It is that simple and that complicated. This information came to me through private revelation. You may choose to believe it or not.

Transmigration of Souls

Further, I have cited some revolutionary views on reincarnation. This also has put me in the "hot seat" in the occult community. I still stand by what I have said. I will explain it further. I believe in actual reincarnation - the transmigration of souls. This is not necessarily a Satanist view, it is my own view. I also believe one can be given information through the collective unconscious, as Jung called it, or the akashic records or whatever name you're accustomed to. Either way, it is the vast storehouse of information in our universe. In such cases, one

may not have been the actual person, but may be experiencing the memories of a thought form or god form, or even a cartoon character! This could be through dreams, visualizations, path workings ... a variety of situations.

I use this theory to explain how more than one person can claim to be Cleopatra. While we make jokes, it might explain why this happens. Think of it from a science fiction viewpoint where the person time travels for a snippet of that life to see or learn something. We all have met a few reincarnated Isises, Marilyn Monroes, and Julius Caesars. Certainly, it could all be hogwash. There is a possibility, however, that it is not.

Armed with this information, understand that I once experienced "something" in which I felt I was Heracles (Hercules), born of a mortal woman as a publicity stunt hatched by Zeus, the Creator. The ploy worked, of course, and Hercules became a hero to the Greek people and the perfect liaison or messenger. I wish to make a salient point, however; during this time, Hercules had a daemon brother, Pan, who now he seems to have taken the place of Zeus as the male counterpart to the goddess in the Wicca religion! This would seem to pose a problem if your objective is to strictly focus your concentration on a deity representing the Creator. You can avoid confusion simply by addressing the deity this way; "I call upon [any name], Creator of All Things!" Don't delude yourself into thinking one pet name for the Creator is more efficacious than another or that a mispronunciation will not resonate with his true form - what matters most is your intent. The same is true of the mystery involving the correct pronunciation of "Aiwass" - no one has gotten it right, but he responds nonetheless. For the record, we will break it down phonetically for you; ahh - whey - ess. The first part, "ahh" is what you say when the doctor takes out his tongue depressor, next comes "whey" as in "curds and whey" and finally "ess" as in "dress." Repeat until it smoothes out. Aiwass is ingrained in the psyche of the consumer as the devil (Scratch). The supposedly secret masonic brotherhood calling itself the Illuminati worships Loki, the trickster, yet another form! And who can forget Montu, the hawk-headed warrior god of Thebes, etc.

There have been times in earth's history when the gods took no effort to hide their true identities. Those were times we've lived to regret; being blamed for things we had no hand in, being praised for things that were the result of your own ingenuity; same as you do in your prayers to your God today! In those days, mortals would sometimes create a spectacle in the marketplace when one of us walked by. If there was any reason to live atop a mountain, isolated from the populace, it was due to the fact we felt ostracized. Of course, there was also the redundancy of false daemons - people claiming to be daemons who really weren't. Upon reading this magical treatise, the adept should be able to easily devise a method determining true from false. It is important to remember that, before the gods became cosmic celebrities, they traveled the same path of spiritual and physical evolution as everyone else, crawled out of the primordial ooze, like everyone else, swung through the trees, put their socks and shoes on one foot at a time, like everyone else. We begged on street corners, were stricken with leprosy and malaria, endured countless lives being no one of particular importance.

I have given you a lot of information above, but please note some of the more important points. These theories do not necessarily work against the main tenet of Satanism: you are your own God. In essence, they enhance that relationship and bring it to a richer understanding of your path. The deeper knowledge should in turn bring you to a deeper communion with deity. Although different people and different cultures use

different names, we all can recognize the God for who He is and all that He is. It also does not discount the existence of a Goddess as we recognize there are women who are Satanists as well. We do not discount the possibility of a God and a Goddess or a multitude of Gods if you will, making up the All, since every man and woman in Satanism is considered to be his own God. Again, it is your path - you write your own dogma. We have to take care not to pigeonhole ourselves into believing only a certain way or segmenting our thoughts.

The nephilim alive today practice a variety of religions: Christian, Hindu, Muslim, Jewish, Taoist, Wiccan, Satanist, etc. The nephilim tend to be able to identify with all belief systems and do not care what anyone chooses as their religious label. This attitude is perhaps best expressed in John Godfrey Saxe's (1816-1887) version of a famous Indian legend:

It was six men of Indostan
To learning much inclined,
Who went to see the Elephant
(Though all of them were blind),
That each by observation
Might satisfy his mind.

The First approached the Elephant,
And happening to fall
Against his broad and sturdy side,
At once began to bawl:
"God bless me! But the Elephant
Is very like a wall!"

The Second, feeling of the tusk Cried, "Ho! What have we here, So very round and smooth and sharp? To me `tis mighty clear This wonder of an Elephant Is very like a spear!"

The Third approached the animal,
And happening to take
The squirming trunk within his hands,
Thus boldly up he spake:
"I see," quoth he, "the Elephant
Is very like a snake!"

The Fourth reached out an eager hand,
And felt about the knee:
"What most this wondrous beast is like
Is mighty plain," quoth he;
"Tis clear enough the Elephant
Is very like a tree!"

The Fifth, who chanced to touch the ear,
Said: "E'en the blindest man
Can tell what this resembles most;
Deny the fact who can,
This marvel of an Elephant
Is very like a fan!"

The Sixth no sooner had begun
About the beast to grope,
Than, seizing on the swinging tail
That fell within his scope.
"I see," quoth he, "the Elephant
Is very like a rope!"

And so these men of Indostan
Disputed loud and long,
Each in his own opinion
Exceeding stiff and strong,
Though each was partly in the right,
And all were in the wrong!

Moral:

So oft in theologic wars, The disputants, I ween, Rail on in utter ignorance Of what each other mean, And prate about an Elephant Not one of them has seen!

Everything in Moderation?

In nature, everything is balanced. The Hermetic Laws are clear on this. Around you, in the physical world, everything exists due to tension and balance and cause and effect. Think about parallel universes, time line shifts and how geo-magnetic forces effect the cosmic buffer. Due to the wobbling of the earth's axis, humankind is in for a very unpleasant surprise in the not too distant future – a blurring of realities, past and present.

Before the Big Bang, the god and the goddess were One (Satan and Babalon looked upon from this perspective is ideal, since the image of the androgyne Sat + Tan cannot possibly serve our purpose magically, as you'll soon find out). Now that the Universe is formed, there is duality and paradox in everything we see. Satan is the architect, builder, destroyer. Babalon is the life-giver, nurturer, protector. The yin/yang symbol beautifully illustrates the interplay between these forces, creating balance and change. They define, compliment and

complete one another. For the sake of simplicity, we are sticking with Satanic iconography. We could just as easily portrayed the god and goddess as Set and Nephthys, Vishnu and Lakshmi, Zeus and Hera, Manawyddan and Rhiannon, the Lord of the Hunt and the Lady of Wild Things or whatever happens to thrill or titillate you.

Many people have asked me what I believe about the future or in terms of what will happen from a religious viewpoint to the world. Briefly, here is my basic belief. There will be two ages. During an Age of Fire, Satan becomes the power that magnifies, world religions become patriarchal and Babalon lies dormant. During an Age of Ice, Babalon is the power that magnifies, world religions become matriarchal and Satan lies dormant. The only exception to this rule are daemons who are either of the god (Satan) or of the goddess (Babalon).

For example, since Aiwass is of the god, Satan will always represent the force which magnifies his power. There also exists a female aspect of Aiwass, whose power is strictly magnified by the goddess. When a daemon meets his or her counterpart, the relationship is like heaven and hell. It will be instinctual for the two to maintain separation and balance. I would liken our relationship to a boy and a girl on a seesaw or teeter-totter while one is up, the other is down, but there's that brief level moment when both sides catch an equal glimpse. When both sides come together, perfection is realized but with it comes that exquisite fear of annihilation. Why? The nature of reality is such that perfection cannot be maintained because change is the universal constant. This explains the big bang and the big crunch - in the beginning the co-creators separate and subdivide. In the end, they come together and the universe is sucked into a black hole. The two then realize perfection as one, which sparks another Big Bang - we're back to square one.

Soul Mates

More astute readers will find that I have revisited my views on the animus/anima or soul mate issue. Since my last writing, many know that I found this woman and the event has marked yet another milestone in my life. "Found" is not really a correct word since we have known each other for two decades, yet she and I kept our distance from each other, physically, geographically and emotionally, while remaining friends. Looking back on that alone, tends to amaze me.

From the critically minded side, I can tell you, that I honestly had no idea how she felt. Being the bunny that she is, she always scampered out of reach. She was younger and less experienced, and I pretty much ignored her, I'm afraid to say. I knew she had a lot to learn when I first met her. She was very hung up on herself and her life. She will even admit to that. I was not her type. She was the preppie type and first degree witch, trying to live a double life. She was also in that phase of development where she believed there was a difference between "black and white" witches. She was working on her first degree. Meanwhile, being a blonde 24 years old in the media, she was in that shallow phase that women get into. She knew she had that feminine power over men and enjoyed using it. I was not going to let her. This teed her off and so that in itself made her remember me.

I will not lie and say I recognized her as my anima. I did know I had to meet her and approach her for some reason. I did know I had to let her know who I was and what Satanism was about.

From her side, I scared her to death. She was not sure if I was a serial killer or the most interesting person she had ever met. She admits that either way she knew I would somehow change her life. She claims to have felt a sexual charge, but it

was not strong enough to overcome her fear. She was afraid to ask me out or even procure my phone number. We both knew we would find each other again and we did. For twenty years, she knew how to reach me and where I was, but rarely contacted me except to get together occasionally. She got married and had a successful broadcasting and advertising career. She continued to develop and grow as a Witch.

When the death of my internet persona, Lord Egan, was announced, she became very open about our long term friendship, and her feelings about me. She became even more protective and while she was often attacked by my detractors, she became particularly relentless. It was during this time FcoS members realized who she was and how long she and I had been friends. To her credit, even when she was a little newbie in the craft community, she had never tried to use me to make a name for herself. Further, as she came into her own, and was criticized for being my friend, she never once denied our friendship. She put herself and her own position in the Salem community on the line more than once by refusing to give up her association with me. I never understood why this "fluffy bunny" felt the urge to stick up for the "biggest, baddest Satanist" in town. She had a lot to lose, and nothing to gain. But it all makes sense now.

This was the first time since we had met that we were both free from other committed relationships so we could pursue each other. Perhaps it is finally time. We have both done our time in service. I had done my thirty years in service to the horned God; she had given her 20 to the Goddess. It seems that now our remaining years will be spent serving together.

While I continue to learn and grow spiritually, it is never easy to deal with one so like oneself, yet so opposite. It can be damning! The frustration and the pain involved in learning about myself and my anima fortunately are balanced by the

pleasure and happiness such a union evokes. It is particularly significant to both of us as we were looking for a worthy magical partner. On all levels, we have met our match. Within this, for our students and others, are lessons to be learned about all relationships. It is very easy to confuse the tensions and balancing that is natural between two willful and prideful individuals as problematic. If you label anything as a problem, it will become that. In a relationship, label your emotions for what they really are. Men often label their fears as anger or feelings of being trapped. Women label their feelings of insecurity as ambivalence toward the relationship. It is important that there be communication on all planes.

Being soul mates is not enough to make a marriage last. A relationship has to be cultivated like a precious flowering plant, so it will grow and produce beautiful blossoms for years to come.

Grounding Exercise

After performing each of the following magical exercises, it is perhaps wise to use the following grounding technique to align your chakras.

- * Stand tall with both feet together, arms relaxed down by your sides, palms open.
- * Inhale as you normally would, then hold your breath for about ten seconds.
- * During this suspension, visualize celestial light coming straight down through the top of your skull (crown chakra), washing down through your torso and finally exiting through the soles of your feet to the earth below.
- * Once the flow feels smooth and even, exhale and begin to breathe normally.

* As you do, mentally tie off the flow beneath the soles of your feet, then do the same above your crown where the light source entered.

As you practice this grounding technique, you may come across another that you feel more comfortable with, one that feels right. Do not hesitate to use it. This applies to every magickal text you have ever read or will ever read. Your approach to magic is a means of self expression – it's what makes you the god or goddess of your own life.

Raising the Kundalini

This exercise stimulates nerve endings and open neural pathways you never knew you had. You might experience some momentary pain or discomfort. If you tend to be neurotic or anxious, this exercise may magnify that condition along with your other emotions. Our main objective is to bring about your awakening, rapidly increase your psychic powers and intellectual capacity.

- * Sit comfortably on a chair or sofa as you normally would (you may fold your legs into the lotus position familiar with students of yoga)
- * Imagine the goat man or devil sitting the same way, facing towards you.
- * In your mind you speak to him, quietly acknowledging his existence. "Lord Satan, Creator of All Things, I summon the fiery serpent within you to rise and lift its head! Your kundalini power is rising, increasing, rising, increasing. Awaken to full power!"
- * Focus and visualize this energy, focusing on the red sex chakra.

- * Visualize this energy entering the base of his spine, slowly climbing up until it reaches the top of Satan's head.
- * Watch the energy coming through the opening of the thousand pedaled lotus where on the top of his skull, the energy resembles a thousand sparklers during a celebration.

Some experts will insist in order to do this properly, you must pause to charge each chakra as kundalini rises up the spinal column. I find this unnecessary. Study the chakras in the body as it should be a part of your basic training. Try it both ways and see which works best for you.

Always remain focused. You may also see the red dissipate as it goes through the body into a pink and then come out as a hot white light. This is also to be expected for some. If using the goat god does not work for you, any god form will be fine. A female form is also perfectly acceptable. Repeat this mental exercise for at least twenty minutes – morning is the best time. Adopting the proper attitude is very important; perform these exercises for the greater glory of Satan, but remember you reap what you sow. The wondrous irony is, since you are a sentient expression of the Creator, you are the one who benefits.

Glamour and Invisibility

Impossible? We are not just talking Jedi mind tricks. Mass hypnosis is a tangible, verifiable phenomenon and not the work of science fiction. The uses of glamour and invisibility are endless. These feats are difficult to accomplish the first time, but once you've succeeded and begin to gain confidence, they become quite simple.

Glamour involves charging the aura of a sentient or non-sentient thing to such a degree that the mind of the casual

onlooker is tricked into seeing something that really isn't there. It raises some interesting questions about how we perceive reality.

Glamour can be used in the commission of a crime or a love spell. It is all about one's intent. The bottom line is, what the receiver interprets is not really there. I have used the example of a magician who was a criminal. Using glamour to pass pieces of paper off as money, he repeated a mantra or hypnotic command over and over again, "The paper I hand the cashier has the look and feel of a genuine twenty dollar bill." There is a reason why he chose the false appearance of a twenty and not a one-hundred dollar bill - closer scrutiny could shatter the glamour if it was weak to begin with.

The gentleman then proceeded to cut pieces of blank paper to approximated the size of the note. During his trip to the market, he made a purchase and handed the cashier a blank slip of paper, but his own nervousness shattered the illusion - the cashier looked down and realized she was making change for a bill that wasn't there! He fumbled, replaced it with the correct cash in his wallet, but that did not dampen his spirits. The next day our roguish friend meditated two hours undisturbed, then used the same ploy on a different cashier. He was successful this time and thereafter, discovered something amazing; once the glamour is set in place, it will last twenty-four hours before it begins to dissipate. This is true of individual glamours, as opposed to glamours cast by groups of nine, which tend to have an exponential effect lasting weeks!

To the person(s) casting the glamour, nothing has changed - everything appears completely normal. Success is gauged through results. There are some caveats. Obviously, I do not encourage breaking the law. Secondly, not every person is going to be affected by your charms. You are warned. It is far more fun

and less dangerous to put a glamour on yourself or a friend who needs a date. Go to your favorite "watering hole" after you have made him or her the "most attractive" or "the perfect mate" and let the games begin.

Women need to use glamour prudently. Adding sex into your glamour can be fun, but also dangerous. Remember the adage "be careful what you wish for." Lillee recalls a witch at college who threw a glamour on herself so all the men would want to sleep with her. The girl was the victim of a vicious gang rape and left college after that. Witches and magicians need to think through their intentions before they put them into action.

When covens, grottos, or groups of witches gather together to cast a glamour, they mean business. One incident involved a group that wanted their location kept secret. They had used an invisibility spell on their house, I shattered it. Why did I bother? The group allegedly had ties with the Illuminati. The point here is that many groups and individuals use invisibility. It is not Hollywood. These people or objects do not actually become non-existent, but they do fall so far in the background, they are simply unnoticed. It is as if the prettiest girl in the class suddenly became Plain Jane. No one would notice her. What happens when a celebrity wears a successful disguise? He or she is able to fade into the crowd. This is how it works. People don't remember seeing the person or thing - there is nothing special about them or it. Glamour is usually used to enhance one's attributes, while the invisibility spells are used to remove distinguishing aspects. Invisibility is nothing more than a glamour intended to give the illusion something isn't there when, in fact, it is.

The most common use of Crimson Magick is the creation of self-glamour. Since this involves charging your own aura, you'll find it difficult putting things past friends and relatives. Here's why: Imagine you are walking to and from school or work everyday. You pass down the same street and notice a small pebble in the middle of the road. For the next four or five days, you make it a point to notice that small pebble every time you pass by. Thereafter, you'll find you don't even have to think about it - every time you pass by, your eyes fix briefly on that pebble, something you would normally not notice. Similarly, your friends and relatives have already identified the real you - a glamour intended to mask reality could fail.

Invisibility Exercise

Try this regularly and monitor your results.

- 1. Sit comfortably on a chair or sofa as you normally would (or fold your legs into the lotus position familiar with students of yoga.)
- 2. Imagine the goat man or devil sitting the same way, facing towards you. In your mind you speak to him, quietly acknowledging his existence. "Lord Satan, Creator of All Things, you are now invisible. People see through you as if you were not there."
- 3. Visualize Satan vanishing before your eyes.

Experiment. Do this for a few hours then step outside. Success is determined by the way others interact with you. If you fail, keep practicing. Practice every day until you begin to see results. (see notes on the first exercise)

Choose It and Use It

I know two adepts who played a mean trick on a man living at home with his mother. They successfully turned themselves

invisible, then proceeded to knock on this man's door. He opened it, looked around and saw no one. In the meantime, both slipped inside the house invisibly. Soon after, they proceeded to switch lights on and off, cause pictures to fly across the room and chairs to stack themselves on the kitchen table. Later, the two quietly let themselves out, the way they came in. The man and his mother were convinced the house was haunted with poltergeists and promptly sold the house.

Yes, you can use Crimson magic for such things if you really want to. I would not suggest it. Most people ask me about using Crimson Magic for career and love magic. The answer is of course you can! The benefits of the glamour and invisibility exercises in the board room and in private meetings cannot be underestimated. Many an adept has gotten a position or a raise, by sending the right signals... literally!

The uses of the kundalini exercise and the others in the love category are also endless. Glamour can even the odds in a market where the superficial seems to rule. In our youth obsessed, looks-obsessed society, it is hard to get someone to take a second glance if you are not that perfect ten. With some glamour, you will have an edge. For the more attractive magician, to avoid being bothered during an outing, a little invisibility can go a long way. With Crimson Magick anything is possible. Remember to state your intent clearly.

"Lord Satan, Creator of All Things, when (men/women) look upon your physical form, they see their ideal mate!" Once again, notice the wording - it is as if you were casting the spell upon the deity and not upon yourself. The result will be an amplified self-glamour.

Make sure you state which sex you wish to attract if you are heterosexual. A rather amusing story comes from a witch who simply stated that she would find the perfect companion. Instead of a lover, she found a homeless golden retriever!

This kind of magick adds a whole new dimension for bisexual and gay witches as well. It is important to avoid politically correct English which could mask your true intentions. Finding the perfect roommate for a gay man is not proper if he really wants a relationship with a live-in lover! A heterosexual girl should not simply state she is looking for the man of her dreams if she is wanting to meet the man she will marry. She may simply end up meeting Tom Cruise and getting his autograph. On a similar note, a man should not ask for just any job, but the job that will give him the money, recognition and esteem he needs and deserves.

Pursue the path of inspiration and indulgence through Crimson Magic. Enjoy the knowledge of the spiritual and mundane planes in your personal and professional life. Use your newfound powers to bring joy to yourself and others. May you receive what you truly desire in this life.

John Dewey Allee Salem, Massachusetts August, 2003

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MY ADVENTURES IN THE CHURCH OF SATAN'S EARLY YEARS

In 1970, I joined the Church of Satan with my first wife Anne. We attended local meetings in Framingham, Massachusetts at Union Avenue. I left the CoS in 1974 and sent my resignation letter directly to the Grand Secretary, Michael Aquino. In the past, going back to when I was the editor of Brimstone Magazine, Aquino never denied I was a member, even though I brought it up casually a few times. Now, information is being manipulated to make it appear I was never a member, presumably to save certain people embarrassment. According to Aquino, my wife WAS a member. What did I do? Stay home, take care of the kids? Excuse my language, but it appears someone is full of excrement.

I am no longer going to go into what happened back then. While some people insisted that Anne was my sister, anyone who grew up with me in Watertown, Mass, will tell you I do not have a sister. I do not even have a sister-in-law named Anne. Unfortunately, like so many marriages that start so young, because my relationship with Anne failed, this only added fuel to the fire of the rumor mill. Anne has moved on with her life, as I moved on with mine. I only wish her the best. Now, as Paul Harvey would say, back to "the rest of the story."

The CoS Aegis held monthly meetings. Coffee and cookies were the refreshments, alcohol was strictly prohibited. The witch with the most charm was Nicole, always outspoken and way ahead of her time! She once commented, "Jesus Christ was the greatest Satanist that ever lived!"

I remember one night we decided to try an experiment; extinguishing all the lights, we sat silent in total darkness in the front living room. Finally, Bob turned to each one of us and asked, "What are you thinking right now?" Anne came right out and told everyone what was on her mind, "I want to have sex with Bob." Near the end of the experiment, Bob had to use the bathroom. He fumbled in the dark and made his way up the stairway. The bathroom was straight ahead. My wife whispered, "I'm going after him." I whispered, "Are you crazy??" But it was too late, she was heading for the staircase! Well, as it turns out, Bob had finished and was just about to make his way down the staircase when he feels Anne brushing up against him in the dark! The poor man must have jumped straight out of his skin! Then he finally pulled himself together and blurted out loud for everyone to hear, "OH HERE, LET ME GET THE BATHROOM LIGHT FOR YOU." Then he quickly made his way down the stairs . . . I'll never forget it. Hilarious!

Looking back, I would say our fearless leader, Jzamon, was one of the few positive role models I've encountered as a Satanist. Imagine being a visible spokesperson for the Church of Satan back in 1970. He came very close to being a catholic priest and then decided to go in the opposite direction! Some were charmed by him, others feared him.

On one occasion, Bob had neighbors over who asked him if he could demonstrate his magical powers. He was happy to oblige and got a candle out of the cupboard, set it in a holder on the table, then lit it. Sitting on a chair several feet away, he explained how he could concentrate on the flame and extinguish it by sending "nerve electricity" from his eyes. He then stared at the candle and in less than a minute the flame died out. Of course, this was a trick - some form of stage magic, but the will to believe is a powerful thing! Since it was done in the context of

a psychic experiment with a known Satanist, the neighbors were too frightened to sleep that night. They had nightmares for about a week!

When Satanism first emerged as a social movement, it was fun. More optimistic, less cynical. I was a member of the CoS and quit around the time the Aegis of Amon-Ra became the Grotto of Amon-Ra. My wife stayed on.

It boggles the mind that a young man wet behind the ears would actually continue to bother people about whether or not I was a member of an organization over 30 years ago. The Church of Satan boasts thousands of members, and very few organizations keep records for more than ten years back, and often purge records of inactive members. Fortunately, help came in the form of Michael Aquino.

On Wednesday, November 20, 2002, it seems the question concerning my early membership in the CoS was resolved by Dr. Aquino in an email to Ryan S. (an internet troll who publicly declared me a fraud, a charlatan, a pedophile and reduced me to an acronymn: F.M.W.A.B. - Fat Man With A Bird). In a message dated 11/16/02 4:37:03 AM, Aquino writes:

"... was John Dewey Allee ever a member of the Church of Satan? I began keeping the C/S membership records in late 1971, and maintained them through 6/75. During this time Anne Allee was an individual Satanist I*. My final 1975 database run has this remark against her entry: 'Orig. with hsb John D.' So at some time Anne did have a joint membership in the C/S with husband John D. Allee, but I don't have any details as to time or length."

Among many of the other rumors, this one continues to pop up now and then. It never ceases to amaze me that I have been asked to provide a copy of my first marriage certificate, as well as proof of my involvement with the CoS. These are people

who do not know me. I have been treated better by the media than by those on the net who want me to pass out my personal information and that of a woman (Anne Allee) who does not choose to live her life in the public eye. If I learned anything during my early adventures as a Satanist, it was to deal with the shock and discrimination from those who were closed minded and ignorant. Unfortunately, they still exist, alive and well, within our own movement today.

My suggest to anyone who is starting their own groups and grottos. Take pictures, keep your membership cards, and laminate them. You never know what you may need to prove you exist to the kids on the internet. Some complain about the auditing from the IRS. The boys in the trees are much worse and they have much more time on their hands.

CHILDREN AND THE LEFT HAND PATH

Someone told me that when they saw a television program where I was baptizing a child, it bothered them. "Satanists are acting like Christians. The child is powerless to object. What made me angry about my own baptism is, I NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO SAY NO! The priest marks the pentagram on the infant's forehead and they shout Hail Satan. This reminds me of Christianity. I have nothing against marriage and funerals because that indicates free will, but baptisms?"

I strongly disagreed and responded. "Are you trying to suggest that you will never try to impress your values upon a child? Let's be realistic and really think this through. Do you intend to stop your child from attending birthday parties, Halloween and Easter egg hunts? They are rituals too! Do you intend to hide all the books in your library, ban television until your kid's old enough to vote? Harry Potter promotes a belief in magic, so I guess movies are out of the question. Do you intend to raise a sociopath?"

Every child needs ritual, fantasy, and role playing. The drama of myth and legend embodied by religion plays a vital role in a child's natural development. When native American Indians tell their kids legends of the Great White Spirit or animals speaking with one another, it provides a link to that tribe's collective unconscious, past and present and provides a feeling of continuity, a sense of identity, purpose. We need ritual in our lives today, this has been evidenced by Joseph Campbell, who saw myth as an important part of the fabric of society itself. The collective unconscious, a term coined by Jung, is a psychic realm that we humans share, and it has been developed layer upon

layer for ages. Every living thing is connected to every other living thing, throughout our world, galaxy and Universe!

You may ask, "What occurs in a culture stripped of myth, where pop psychology and scientific skepticism negates this tribal current?" One need only pick up the newspaper and read about kids killing kids, the "trench coat mafia," etc. Blindly following the herd can be detrimental, but total alienation can be equally catastrophic! When a child discovers he or she is adopted, they will move mountains to discover their roots - who their parents are, what they value. Simply put, the herd mentality has its useful, even necessary aspects. There has to be a connectedness. We all need to feel a part of a larger whole.

As far as choice of traditions are concerned, a Satanic baptism celebrates a child's natural state and claims that he is perfection in what he is - there is no attempt to "indoctrinate" the child into anything! The infant is godhead, not the deity! Their free will and the choices they will make as adults is what is we worship. Compare this with a Christian baptism where the child is considered "unclean" to begin with because a "sinful dirty deed" brought them into this world.

I believe this person when he says his choice was taken away, but I'm sure this betrayal has more to do with his family and the way they tried to raise him. Ritual, faith, can be a force which sustains... pulls people together OR it can be a force of oppression. The question is, what is the intent? Clearly, the First Church of Satan is NOT the Vatican! If the child in question grows up angry, resentful, it will have more to do with events following his baptism!

One parent said, "Don't make the mistake of believing that all Christians baptize children. Large Christian denominations including Baptists, Methodists, Pentecostals, most non-denominational churches and many others are strongly against

the idea. We have four boys, and there is no way we would have baptized them when they were babies. *If* they make the decision to be Christians later in life, they can also make the decision to be baptized. Of course, we hope they will, but it's not the kind of decision we can make for them."

Our society is always making decisions for children from the time they are born! Forget the fifteen minute ritual - what about the twenty-four hour routine? Parents give their children the tools necessary for survival! We instill within them our values every day, whether you care to admit it or not. We expose them to our routines, our rituals, our cultural heritage from the time they are born! We do this every day. Then, when they reach that wondrous age of rebellion, they begin to form their own opinions. They then keep the values they find useful and discard the values they find worthless and you as a Satanic parent must respect their wishes!

But don't start by giving your child an empty plate from the time they are born because that is not how the real world works. Potty training is not imposing - teaching the child to wipe before it flushes is not imposing! Those parents I speak with advance the point of view that any parent who would baptize his or her child must intend to impose their beliefs upon that child for the rest of their life! Why are we making these assumptions? Could it be Satanists carry a lot of unnecessary baggage? Perhaps guilt over the fact we are Satanists? Why this guilt?

Adults who leave the family faith, choosing to become pagans, often "forget" to tell family members. Though they are "free to make their own decisions," few actually tell family, parents, friends and employers they are Satanists. Few invite non -Satanists to their baptism. This happens not just with Satanism, but in Wicca as well as with born again Christians! Adults have this marvelous freedom to choose, but are fettered

with fear. The infants in this instance appears less encumbered than the adults.

The child will likely forget the fifteen minute ritual performed for the benefit of family and friends. The adult blames current feelings of self-loathing on an event ("I was baptized against my will as an infant") because it is less painful than examining his relationship with his family. In this case we see that guilt is not just the property of recovering Catholics as so many claim, and that the responsibility needs to be accepted ... by you.

No one is saying that baptism is a must. In fact, forming your own opinion regarding this issue is more important. You must be comfortable with the faith decisions you make for yourself and your family. Your right to exercise your free will concerning how you intend to raise your child should be respected by all. It is an important point, however, to point out that baptism is a sound Satanic practice.

Here is a "Satanic" bedtime story for the kids, derived from Hindu mythology:

THE ROAR OF AWAKENING

Once Upon A Time a tigress, big with young, prowled hungrily for many days without discovering any prey, when she came upon a herd of goats. She leapt ravenously upon them, but the strain of the leap brought about the birth of her cub, and she, from sheer exhaustion, died in the process. The goats, who had scattered, returned to their grazing to find a tiger cub, whimpering beside its mother's body. In compassion, they adopted the poor creature and raised it as their own.

At first, the goats suckled the tiger cub with their own young, and as time passed it learned with them the language of

the goats, adapting its voice to their gentle bleating. At first, it was difficult to nibble the thin grass blades with its pointed teeth, but in time it managed, and the vegetarian diet kept its form trim and its temperament meek.

One night, after some years had passed and the tiger cub had nearly grown to his full size, a fierce old tiger attacked the herd and again it scattered. The cub, however, completely unafraid, remained where he was. He had never seen another tiger since his birth, and he stared at the intruder with utter amazement. Then he began to feel a little self-conscious and uttering a thin and forlorn bleat, he nibbled at a blade of grass while the old tiger stared at him in amazement.

Suddenly, the old tiger roared, "What are you doing among this herd of goats? What are you eating?" The cub looked up and bleated, then returned to his grazing. The tiger roared again, "What is this sound you make? Do you think you are a goat?"

Then, taking the cub by the scruff of the neck and shaking him, he carried him off to the edge of the pond. Setting him down, the old tiger compelled the younger to gaze at the glassy surface, illumined by the moon. "There!" he roared. "Do you see the two faces reflected there, yours and mine? Are they not the same? Like myself, you have the face of a tiger, and indeed you are one. Why do you imagine yourself to be a goat? Why do you utter only that miserable bleating sound and nibble pitifully on thin blades of grass?"

At first the young tiger did not know what to say. He stared at his reflection and that of the old one. Troubled, he shifted his weight from paw to paw, and bleated quiveringly. The old tiger seized him again by the scruff of his neck and carried him off to his den. There he gave the young tiger a piece of raw meat from a fresh kill. The cub, shuddering with disgust,

turned away and bleated. The old tiger ignored his cries and turned him again to the meat. "Take it! Eat! Swallow!" the old one bellowed, and forced the bloody meat into the young one's mouth.

At first, the unfamiliar taste and texture of the food was unbearable to the young tiger. He chewed as best he could, but the muscles of his jaws were weak from grazing, and his teeth not used to anything tougher than grass. The old tiger was relentless however, and as he chewed, the young one began for the first time to taste blood. He was alarmed at the new taste, but then amazed.

Eagerly he swallowed the first morsel and seized another and began to chew. And as he chewed, a strange sensation began to creep over him, a fiery strength flowed into his veins and nerves and muscles and throughout the whole of his body. An excitement and a kind of drunken joy filled his heart. He licked his jowls and opened his mouth in an enormous yawn, as if awakening from a long sleep. His tail swept from side to side, and then from the depths of his lungs, grown mighty from the surge of energy that now flowed in him, there burst the terrible, glorious and triumphant roar of a tiger.

As the echoes of that roar died away down the valley below, the old one said to the younger, "Now do you know who you are? Come, let us go to the hunt."

This then ends our tale. Personally, I enjoy this story more than the one about those hooligans, Hansel and Gretel, who push that kindly old witch into a flaming hearth!

A myth is a myth is a myth; you may choose a parable from the Holy Bible, Bhagavad-Gita or Watership Down (the Bunny religion) or Winnie (the Pooh Bear religion). Same archetypes, same morality plays. There is no difference because the subjective mind does not distinguish! But myths are important! Again, it taps into the collective unconscious, provides the ego with a point of reference, necessary to our physical and emotional well-being. Choose your myths wisely and they will benefit you and your child!

WORSHIP OR SELF-WORSHIP? WHAT IS SATANISM?

How can you call yourself a Satanist if you do not worship Satan?

It depends upon your definition of "worship." Are you expressing reverence to your deity or to yourself? Are you simply performing a ritual and following a religious practice? Are you groveling at the feet of some imaginary deity? Why debase yourself when you are an aspect of divinity?

Web of Lies?

Some see life as a web of interconnections. They believe everything is connected to everything else and the All derives from the One. They focus on the Source and view themselves as insignificant. While the theory of interconnection is valid and can be seen as part of Hermetic Law, no part of the web is insignificant. Reducing one's importance to a weak link is unhealthy. It diminishes your ego. Some Satanists realize this and move to the opposite extreme, exalting oneself as godhead while disregarding the source. While using the Law of Polarity to adjust the problem is a wise idea, this is going to far. This only causes the imbalance to continue, but in the opposite direction. As a result, we've witnessed a nonproductive clashing of egos between individual Satanists and Satanic organizations, each with an agenda. It is almost impossible to imagine a Christianity based entirely upon altruism and it is foolish to imagine a Satanism based entirely upon selfism. To lead a fruitful existence, the needs of the many must be balanced against the needs of the few, or the one. Again, balance is the key!

Co-Creationism and Satanism

Co-creationism is a theory where but deity and mortal create together. Some see this as a beneficial situation where "God helps he who helps himself" if you will. There is another way to view this relationship. The creator and the created are co-dependent - they exist for one another. God creates Man in his image because he wants to be worshipped. Man creates God in his image because he wants something to worship. Of course, when you hear a Satanist use the word "God," he is referring to Satan or the divine essence within, not Yahweh or Allah.

Well trained Satanists have a distinct advantage over other pagans. Because we see ourselves as god, and thus allow that our brethren are also divine, respect is vital. Showing deference and proper etiquette can be the trademark of a Satanist, provided the essence of that deity within each of us is accepted, and acknowledged appropriately.

Do you consider yourself better or above mere mortals?

If everyone were the same, life would be very boring. Everyone is born with different abilities and varying levels of talent. Everyone has unlimited powers that they may choose to awaken and hone. There are a few avatars born in such a way that they have a more direct connection to the power source, which makes them special. And I would draw that same comparison with anyone born with a special Gift. Concert pianists, for example, are born, not made. You can take a child out of the womb, set them on the piano stool from day one with a private tutor, send them to Juilliard or Berklee and the best you'll get is a flawless replication of some of the great masters. However, there will always be those who are born brilliant. If anything, I'm taking the talk of "daemons" which began around 1974 CE in LaVey's church with the Ninth Solstice Message

and I am placing it in a context that is more natural, less supernatural.

Many ask where daemons come from such as an outside source of another dimension. They exist in a magnified and simultaneous multi-dimensional awareness! And as the soul evolves, its focus in the physical universe becomes stronger, not weaker as hypothesized by religious fundamentalists. You've probably read somewhere that I claimed to be a direct physical manifestation of a so-called higher power (daemon). If you understand the definition of what a Satanist is, then this would not be so hard to grasp. As a Satanist, I choose to see the divine within myself. This is a personal revelation. You do not have to believe me or accept what I say. One may believe a friend who thinks they have been reincarnated, for example. This does not necessarily make the person mentally unstable. Christians feel that Iesus has come into their hearts and "saved them." These are personal revelations of faith. These are not statements that need to be verified or reported to a mental health professional.

There is magic in all religions and all faiths. Even Satanism. For some that are uncomfortable with the word magic, they prefer the more passive word "miracle." Magic happens. The fact remains that anyone can perform a miracle if their Will is applied in the correct fashion, with diligence and persistence.

Energy Work

Supernatural powers or energy does exist. Some Satanists do not agree with this. Though most are surprised to hear this, many Satanists are excellent healers, counselors, therapists, spell casters and energy workers of all types. They do not just perform workings for themselves, but often perform rites of compassion for others. The most powerful energy work is done by working

with the flow of nature and directing it by visualizing the results. The energy is out there, but like a lamp, you have to notice it, and turn it on. The analogy of electricity - AC (alternating current) compared to DC (direct current) is a way to point out the difference between a magician who has had to hone their skilled and a naturally gifted path worker both use the same energy. In fact, it is the same energy that the Wiccan uses and the Charismatic Christian uses. The Satanist likes to believe that the source of that energy is Satan, the Creator. The energy actually comes from the All, and may be coming from a female deity, or a god of any religion.

The energy may be easily stored in some people, others will need to work to build it. In the end, magic workers are results oriented. Anyone can find some form of success, depending on how devoted they are to their practice and concentration. The naturally gifted, of course, will have an easier time of it. Before anyone brands me as delusional, I would say that I do admit to having a natural gift, but would not use words such as "higher" or "lower" to describe them. Higher magic is that of a ceremonial nature. Lower magic is that of a folk healing tradition. These terms do not translate to your psychic gifts.

Think of your psyche as a macrocosm, a universe unto itself. Your subjective mind is a place where the pantheon of gods are reflected. Like it or not, we are all a reflection of the Creator, however we see him/her/it/them. In the final analysis it does not matter how far you've progressed spiritually – belief in one's own abilities is the most potent magic there is.

Why bother?

My objective in offering this information adheres to a set of Satanic principles outlined by Crowley, a man who also believed in praetor-human intelligences; "The essence of every missionary message has always been to assimilate the taught to the teacher, and it has always been accompanied by bribes and threats. My message is exactly opposed to any of this. I say to each man and woman, you are unique and sovereign, the center of an universe. However right I may be in thinking as I do, you may be equally right in thinking otherwise. You can only accomplish your object in life by complete disregard of the opinions of other people."

IS DEVIL WORSHIP A SYMPTOM OF PSYCHOSIS?

Often, I have been criticized for strongly suggesting a solid line of demarcation be drawn between Satanism and what is commonly referred to as "devil worship." I'd like to take this argument one step further and declare that devil worship is often a symptom of psychosis.

Why do I make such a strong statement? Simply put, SEEING IS BELIEVING. As a visible spokesperson for Satanism, I have received emails and letters from people who see the devil as a final refuge in their flee from sanity. This has occurred over many years and continues to this day.

Like it or not, most people equate the morals and values inherent in a system to its mainstream religious philosophy. For example, the sociopath living in North America or Britain or Australia will exhibit anti-social behavior and often anti-Christian behavior as well! The devil becomes an icon to which they are inevitably drawn.

The type of individual I am describing would naturally see me as the devil's representative. Therefore, the following ACTUAL MESSAGES I've received should come as no surprise:

[beginning of message]

"MY FAMILY ARE FU@#ING CATHOLIC AND I ATTEMPTED TO MURDER MY FATHER RECENTLY! I KICKED HIM IN THE HEAD UNTIL HE WENT INTO HAVING A FIT!! I DO NOT LIKE MY FAMILY OR THEIR PHEROMONES, ETC AND IF I SUCCESSFULLY BEAT?KICK MY FATHER TO DEATH NEXT TIME JUST REMEMBER!!! People ANNOY ME UNTIL I VIRTUALLY KICK MY FATHER AND REGULARLY BEAT MY MOTHER! LEGALISE CANNABIS BEFORE I KICK MY DAD TO DEATH AGAIN. I WILL NEVER FORGIVE GOD, JESUS, THE WORLD, WHOEVER IT IS FOR:

"LEGALISING 'GAY MARRIAGE' BEFORE CANNABIS!!!!

"LEGALISING 'GAY CONSENT' BEFORE CANNABIS!!!

"LEGALISING 'GAY ADOPTION' BEFORE CANNABIS!!!!

"LETTING XTIANS SMAOKE CANNABIS WHEN IT IS SATANIC!!!

"LETTING XTIANS HAVE MY SATANMAS PRESENTS LIKE DOOM3 ON X-BOX!

"HAVING CANNABIS ILLEGAL RATHER THAN A SATANMAS GIFT JUST FOR SATANISTS!!!

"Please just remember I absolutely do not FORGIVE IT!!! CANNABIS IS TOO GOOD FOR XTIANS, JEWS, SIHKS, MORMONS, MUSLIMS AND ATHIESTS!! CANNABIS IS JUST FOR US!

"NOW EVERYTIME I THINK HOW LONG IT HAS BEEN ILLEGAL, I JUST THINK HOW LONG THE GAY CUNTS HAVE BEEN MARRIED BEFORE MY SMOKE IS LEGAL, IT DOESN'T JUST GO BACK TO THE '71 'MISUSE OF DRUGS' BY NOW!

"DEATH TO POOFS, GAYS, QUEERS AND BENDER CUNTS!!! LEGALISE CANNABIS!! LEGALISE CANNABIS! LEGALISE CANNABIS! Another day of sexual frustration I DID NOT COPE WITH!! I DID NOT

ATTEMPT SUICIDE again today, but fu@# me I did not COPE WITH IT! Another day where committing suicide is the main thought crossing my mind raher than being married!!

"Cast a spell so that the next girl I DESIRE asks me out as her boyfriend! DO IT! DONT REGRET IT! DO IT FOR ME! JUST DO IT!! I DONT WANT TO HAVE TO SEND 'Allah Maphomet Mohamed Satan' another donation directlt to hell from you on HOW STINGY LONDON GIRLS ARE WITH SEX TO ME. I HATED SEX THINGS ABOUT LONDON SILENT GIRL. LONDON IS BLOWN UP NOW BECAUSE ITS GIRL IGNORES ME! Cast the spell I wish before my furious Master Satan destroys Frigid London for ME AGAIN!!!!

"Hail Satan! Hail Satanus!
"(name witheld)
"ps. Where is my membership pack??"

[end of message]

Here's another message I recently received:

"I have had Star Wars, the personal computer and several other things stolen from me back in the 60's. I have been radio wave tortured to the point of severe disfigurement and been on infrasound and government mind reading equipment since I was very little as well as psycho tortured by u.s. Government all my life. I am currently being punished by Billy Graham and Chuck Smith intraskull. I have tried all my life to embrace the occult and find an alternative to shortwave christianity. I am currently being tortured for following the Ancient Ones-not yaweh, jesus or the holy spirit. The government is turning me into a lucas physical dpuplicate all the way down to withered skin, plumping by radiowave and hair loss. They have melted my breasts and

vaginal and anal tissues. I can no longer defecate without the government moving my bowels. I hope it is better for you than it is for me."

HP Allee's summary:

In closing, I would like to state that REAL SATANISM is not anti-god or anti-religion or anti-government or anti-anything, and it does not lend itself to psychosis. Personal divinity has nothing to do with a diminished ego or fractured psyche. Intolerance is the symptom of a mind that does not fully embrace/exalt the Self. As you begin to love yourself internally, the healing begins and your outward view begins to change as well. The world becomes a more hospitable place.

SATANISM'S SORRY STATE

Do you come to this bar often? Pull up a chair while I pour you a reality cocktail.

For the past seven years I've heard much talk of the need to unite Satanists under the common banner of Satan, to raise money for legal defense funds, to put out material that will help everyone understand what Satanism is, to start community outreach programs, to set up funds to loan organizations to build local churches. These are noble ambitions, but in the year 2003, it has the similitude of "putting the cart before the horse."

I hate to be the bearer of bad tidings, but Satanism has a *major problem* with its core constituency and until this problem is resolved, we will see no social progress or movement forward.

My perspective is that of a Satanist who has been on the scene since 1970, made TV and radio appearances and communicates with dozens of Satanists from around the world on a daily basis. Although there are those who have staked their lives and reputations on being public Satanists, the vast majority are self-loathing individuals who anonymously creep onto the internet, beat their chests with fanfare and bravado, give the *appearance* of being emancipated, then quietly slink back into the shadows once they step away from the keyboard. Should one of these poseurs encounter the genuine article; a self-aware, selfconfident, articulate spokesperson, the exchange is often unpleasant. Can you reason why? It reminds me of the LaVeyan who wanted to become a "legitimate" Satanist, so he mails his one-hundred dollars, receives his membership card and declares, "That's funny, I don't feel like a god." So he proceeds to bash and bully those Satanists he feels inferior to, so he can maintain his illusion of superiority.

The bad news is, the Satanic movement is awkwardly paranoid and self-destructive. Using the aforementioned wish list, let's say we were to create a Satanic legal defense fund. I'm sure many would like to contribute to such a cause, but their own cowardice would stop them since it might jeopardize their employment prospects should their generosity become public knowledge. And then, there are those who view Satanism as a philosophy of brutal selfishness with no consideration towards others - they cannot grasp the concept of rational self-interest and therefore would not contribute, even though it would ultimately benefit them! Using current conditions as a model, it may take twenty to thirty years to raise enough money to launch you first civil case!!!

For years I've heard them say, "Let's form a committee and give these group leaders equal power. That would create an atmosphere of Unity and cease the endless bickering!" Well, let me pour you another drink. This approach has already been tried and it failed consistently each time. In fact, the situation became much worse. This is not the way to achieve comradery within the Satanic movement. The focus should be on the individual, not the collective. Satanists must achieve Unity within themselves before they can achieve Unity with each other. If you focus on the microcosm, the macrocosm will follow.

And so I have a message for the vainglory High Priests and Black Popes of Satanism; you say you want power? You shall have power! Simply address the real life needs and concerns of your core constituents and they will exalt you in return. Life is give and take; what you put into it is proportional to what you get out of it. Persevere and your long term goals will have enthusiastic support.

SATANIC WEDDING CEREMONY

INTRODUCTION

"A good marriage is one which allows for change and growth in the individuals and in the way they express their love."

- Pearl Buck

"All married couples should learn the art of battle as they should learn the art of making love. Good battle is objective and honest —never vicious or cruel. Good battle is healthy and constructive, and brings to a marriage the principle of equal partnership."

- Ann Landers

"Marriage is like a bank account. You put it in, you take it out, you lose interest."

- Irwin Corey

THE ceremony of marriage is not simply a social contract; it is a magical process, a crossing of threads in the fabric of fate. Many strands bring the couple and their families together and spin their lives into a fabric that is woven on their children.

Rituals are performed to effect change, while ceremonies are employed to sustain. Both parties, being of sound mind, agree to enter into this ceremonial binding by their free will. Relationships such as these are meant to last a lifetime, therefore the purpose is to make separation difficult. We strongly urge you to consider this action seriously, gravely seriously! To quote Father Nate Leved, "Such long term agreements were well and good a century ago when the average life span was forty years if lucky, but now that people are living to eighty or more years,

such long term agreements should be considered doubly well. Consider that if you are twenty or so years old, you may have to endure one another for the next half century or more."

The following text provides an outline—situational changes and adaptations are permissible. The priest can be either man or woman.

SATANIC WEDDING CEREMONY

THE altar and room is lit by a dozen black candles. One red candle sits on the altar, also incense, bell or gong, one silver chalice, a short sword (or dagger), a crystal ball (or stone), wedding rings and length of cord. A Baphomet plaque hangs on the wall behind the altar on the west wall.

The bride and groom will be dressed or undressed, according to their desires. A Baphomet amulet shall be worn around the neck. A selection of music shall be agreed upon by both bride and groom and played in the background as bride and assembled guests enter.

The groom stands next to the best man to the right, near the altar. Before the bride and the one who gives her away comes down the isle, there will be the usual procession of bride's maids, ushers, flower girls, etc. The priest stands in front of the altar, facing the congregation. When the ceremony is about to begin, the deacon (or best man) strikes the gong (or rings the bell toward the assembly) three times (slowly).

PRIEST:

In Nomine Dei Nostri Satanas Luciferi Excelsi! In the name of Satan, I call upon the forces of Darkness and the infernal power within! Consecrate this place with the power, love and light of

Lucifer. Join with us, we say in the binding of these two who shall be as one. They desire to make their union a matter of record, so that their friends and the society in which they live may bear witness and lend support.

Diana and Adonis, Ishtar and Tammuz, Freya and Odin . . by these and other names are divine lovers known. I invite the Gods to come bless this union as we invoke the infernal names: Amon, Astaroth, Ishtar, Bast, Lilith, Pan, Asmodeus, Thoth. (the congregation may repeat each name as it is spoken)

[Priest takes up the red candle from the altar and raises it to the south.]

PRIEST:

We call upon the element of fire to come serve us, for we are Satan! Flame the passion of (bride's first name) and (groom's first name) and fill them with all consuming ardor and lust for each other!

[Priest takes up incense from the altar and raises it to the east.]

PRIEST:

We call upon the element of the air to come serve us, for we are Lucifer! Consciousness flows, one to the other, so this couple may share a mutual wisdom and unified vision.

[Priest takes up the crystal from the altar and raises it to the north.]

PRIEST:

We call upon the element of the earth to come serve us, for we are Belial! Your strength and constancy shall keep them together as long as they both shall live.

[Priest takes up a chalice filled with wine from the altar and raises it to the west.]

PRIEST:

We call upon the element of water to come serve us, for we are Leviathan! Grant (bride's name) and (groom's name) the qualities of serenity and patience and a love as deep as the ocean.

Hear me, you Watchers who lurk in the darkness. Be mindful of lovers such as these and provide them a bastion of solace and protection.

Bride and groom, up until this moment you have been separate in thought, word and action. As this cord binds together your hands, so do your lives become joined.

[Priest takes up the cord from the altar and ties together groom's left and bride's right hands.]

PRIEST:

(Bride's name), you bring the energy of BABALON; boundless, dark, intuitive, and soft. I bid you blend these energies with (groom's name) to make your lives together whole. Take this cup as a symbol of your love.

[Priest takes the chalice from the altar and puts it in the bride's left hand.]

PRIEST:

(Groom's name), you bring the energy of SATAN; expansive, bright, logical and hard. I bid you blend these energies with (bride's name) to make your lives together whole. Wield this blade as a symbol of your love.

[Priest takes up short sword from the altar and places it in the groom's right hand.]

GROOM:

I pledge my blade, as I pledge my soul, ever to your service. Like this blade my love for you will be strong and enduring, so that our lives together will always be protected. Accept it, my beloved, and with it all that is mine becomes yours. Even if our paths should later diverge, yet I will always be your true friend, to love you and lend you aid and protection. By seed and root, by bud and stem, by leaf and flower and fruit, by life and love, in the name of Satan, I, (groom's name), take you, (bride's name), to my hand, my heart, and my spirit.

BRIDE:

I pledge this chalice, as I pledge my soul, ever to your service. As from this cup, my love for you will pour forth so that our lives together will be nourished. Accept it, my beloved, and with it all that is mine also becomes yours. Even if our paths should later diverge, yet I will always be your true friend, to love you and lend you aid and protection. By seed and root, by bud and stem, by leaf and flower and fruit, by life and love, in the name of Babalon, I, (bride's name), take you, (groom's name), to my hand, my heart, and my spirit.

[Groom dips the blade into the chalice.]

PRIEST:

BABALON and SATAN, female and male, dark and light . . . neither has meaning without the other, but through their eternal interplay the universe is born.

[Priest takes blade and chalice and puts them on the altar.]

PRIEST:

This bond I draw between you; when you are parted in mind or body, there will be a call in the core of you, one to the other, to which nothing and no one else will answer. By the secrets of the earth and water is this bond woven, unbreakable, irrevocable. By the law that created fire and wind is this bond written in your souls.

[Priest unties the cord that binds bride's and groom's hands and places it on the altar. Priest takes up couple's rings.]

PRIEST:

Your vows have been made before your friends, the forces of Darkness and all the Gods of the Pit. These rings, like your vows, are without beginning or end. They are the physical representation of your promises to each other's spirits.

[Bride takes groom's ring and places it on his finger. Groom takes bride's ring and places it on her finger.]

PRIEST:

Above you are the stars, below you are the stones. As time passes, remember—like a star should your love be constant, like the earth should your love be firm. Have no fear and let not the ways or words of the unenlightened give you unease, for Satan is with you, now and always! I now pronounce you husband and wife. The work of joy is done and yet begun!

[Bride and groom kiss.]

PRIEST:
Hail (bride's name)!

CONGREGATION:
Hail (bride's name)!

PRIEST:
Hail (groom's name)!

CONGREGATION:
Hhail (groom's name)!

PRIEST:
Hail Satan!

CONGREGATION:

Hail Satan!

[Deacon (or Best Man) strikes the gong (or rings the bell) once. Candles are extinguished.]

END OF CEREMONY

THE ART OF VAMPIRISM

PSYCHIC vampirism is a form of natural selection. It pits the will of one individual against another, testing psychological strengths and weaknesses. To the victor go the spoils; the reward is the vitality or life force of the one defeated. In the energy jungle, many adepts are all too aware of this psychic Darwinism. Whether you actively participate or not, you will inevitably become predator or prey. You may begin to experience increased energy, improved health, a sense of immortality or become prey to one more focused, balanced. We cannot insure your safety and it is not our purpose to debate the morality or ethics of such a treacherous game.

One who boasts of vast power and superior strength is often a good target, because more often than not they are compensating for a weak ego. Another good choice is the person who uses guilt to manipulate others or feigns mental illness to justify vile behavior. Another favorite prey are the halfwits who screech about moral culpability and political correctness—these amateur vampires cowardly invoke religious taboos to fatigue others through unwarranted guilt and fear. If perchance you should expose one of these fools, they will quickly attempt to incite you into a long-winded, drawn out, pointless debate in an attempt to usurp your vitality via tediousness! Of course, these techniques have long been used by Christians and are now being employed by dabblers too timid to boldly release their vampiric essence.

"Dracula" (pronounced drak-quel-ahh) is a Romanian expression which can be broken down; "dracul" means "the dragon" or devil, "a" added to the word means "the offspring of." Therefore, Dracula is the son of the devil.

From the Bible, Adam's son, Abel's brother is Caine (also often spelled Cain). Legend tells us that due to his punishment, Caine was the first vampire and said to be Dracul!

IMPORTANT: Do not anticipate results! You must have complete and absolute faith in the power of your psyche! Remain cool and confident and avoid obsession! Perform the ritual *passionately* and with total singularity of purpose! Upon completion, blow out the candles and relinquish all thoughts pertaining to the ritual—that is, of course, until the next time. Above all, do not tell anything to anyone. Remember as with all magick—the pyramid: to know, to dare and to keep silent! Your victim must be kept totally ignorant about your nocturnal proceedings.

PREPARATIONS

The altar should be positioned against or closest to the west wall. A plain black cloth will be your cover. On the altar you will have: two black candles with holders (additional lighting may be provided by black candles throughout the chamber), a ceremonial dagger, a human size realistic looking skull), a bell (the loud, clanging traditional style), and a chalice.

Optional: Above and behind the altar, at eye level, may hang a black inverted cross (this is not necessary). If you are using a photo of the intended person to help you focus, you may affix it to the wall or place it on the altar.

MUSIC

My favorite is Night On Bald Mountain by Mussorgski. A fabulous vampiress we know loves the theme from Miami Vice. Other choices will include selections from Wagner or Grieg. You may like Type O Negative, Dark Aria by Danzig, or movie soundtracks from Legend, Interview with the Vampire, The Hunger or Bram Stoker's Dracula. Others may prefer death metal or opera. Whatever you choose, remember that setting the correct "tone" is extremely important. Do experiment.

ELIXIR

In this working the chalice must be filled with some red liquid which the celebrant enjoys. It matters not what it is. What is important is that it represents the blood of the sacrifice. Wine, non alcoholic grape juice, Hawaiian Punch brand drink, cherry soda, or tomato juice are fine choices.

THE BLACK FLAME

This must be placed in the center of your altar. A sterno can provide the bluish-black flame.

DRESS

Black, of course! An amulet bearing the inverted pentagram must be worn. Full robe is optional, nudity is not appropriate for this ritual.

THE RITE BEGINS

[Ring bell—six times in the direction of the south, six times toward the east, and six times toward the north. Lift dagger and point it to the west (or at crucifix)—recite the invocation.]

Invocation

CELEBRANT:

In nomine dei nostri Satanas Luciferi Excelsi! In the name of the Master Satan, His Excellency Lucifer, I command the forces of Darkness and the Infernal Power within!

[Trace a cross with the dagger—top to bottom, then right to left. This may be inverted or equal armed. Light the Black Flame—continue with invocation.]

CELEBRANT:

The Black Flame is kindled, and the Gates of Hell swing wide open, revealing the dreaded daemon Caine who comes forth to work His Will upon creation! Beware foolish mortals, for it is my double which now comes and appears before ye!

Behold! I am the god of yesterday, today, and tomorrow—the Guardian of Time and Eternity! Sovereign! Unique! Undefiled in wisdom! Unmatched in strength! I call upon the elements to serve me and the forces of creation to manifest my desires!! Arise! Enter into this Working by the words of which follow:

[Again, point the dagger at the West—recite the Invocation of the Elements:]

Invocation of the Elements

CELEBRANT:

Caine! Dracul! I seize upon and manifest the power of the vampyre. Come forth Caine, that I may use your form to execute my Exalted Daemonic Will! Color my imagination with stirring legend and folklore! Cloak me in layers of invisibility and secrecy. Bestow upon me stalk and flight—the form of wolf and bat! Enable me with sharp fang that I may pierce deep, sucking hard and rich, fresh warm blood of my chosen sacrifice!

[Raise chalice towards crucifix as an Offering, dipping the index finger of your right hand into the liquid. As you speak your victim's name below, run that finger over the rim of the chalice in a counter-clockwise direction.]

CELEBRANT:

I partake of this chalice, the Vessel of Life, and gorge myself on the essence of him/her whose name is as this sound, (victim's name)."

[Drink from chalice—drain it completely! You are now ready to summon forth the Four Crown Princes of Hell! As you pronounce each Name, trace the sign of the inverted pentagram in the air directly in front of you at full arms reach, using the ceremonial dagger.]

The Summoning

CELEBRANT:

Come forth O Mighty Prince! Accompany me! Make your presence known to me!

(face the south) Satan!! (face the east) Lucifer!! (face the north) Belial!! (face the altar) Leviathan!!

The Grand Conjuration

CELEBRANT:

Behold the spirit of Caine, leaving a black shadow over the earth. 'Beware!' Beware!' scream the ravens of the night!!

By foot, by paw, by wing and claw, I hunt for quarry!! Through the angles of the curved dimensions I travel, flying out across the hot winds of Hell!! Concealed beneath my flowing cape, a crystal reveals where you hide!! I seek you (victim's name), I find you (v.n.), I track you down (v.n.)!! Behold, my fangs as I dive for your throat!! Feel my sharp, pointed teeth as they pierce your tender flesh!!

Huge leathery bat wings enfold you and surround you, making a prison from which there is no escape!! Hungry jowls tear into you, sucking deep!! Greedily gorging myself, I consume frantically all that there is!! Fresh life force now courses through MY veins!!

[The ritual now builds to a climax as you directly confront your victim—extend arms, fingers outstretched as if "reaching out" to his/her image. With the effort of your Supreme Will, repeat the following COMMAND several times until exhaustion ensues:]

CELEBRANT:

I drain your days!!! I drain your nights!!!

With ever increasing power, the form of the Vampyre Caine does manifest itself!! Look upon me (v.n.). Set your eyes upon my hypnotic stare; you feel pulled—drawn towards my evil

glare!! My gaze is as deep as a bottomless well; you find yourself tumbling, falling—you fell!! All awareness is of me. You have forgotten who you are; you have no identity!! You are but a vassal, a vessel, a shell; obey my commands—you are under my spell!!

I drain you. I drain you again and again; again & again & again & again. There is no end, 'til the last drop I've tasted. Your soul is now mine, (v.n.), you are wasted!!

The Vampyre is, the Vampyre was, the Vampyre shall be; my essence will live through eternity, forever to speak the word which comforts those who dwell in the shadows. Abrahadabra! Abrahadabra! Abrahadabra!

By the powers of darkness and shadow and light, I return to the world of the flesh and the living, ready to strike another night!!

[Replace lid on sterno, covering the Black Flame. Ring bell in opposite direction to Opening—clockwise.]

CELEBRANT:

So it is done!!!

[Blow out candles.]

END OF RITE

THE STAFF OF HERMES: ITS MYTH AND MEANING

THERE is a widely held belief among the religions which practice self-denial:

The desires of the flesh are considered "evil" and at odds with the spirit, which is supposedly a "good" thing. Theologians manifest and sustain this conflict to divide the heart and conquer the soul! They pit spirit against matter, then appoint themselves position of supreme arbiter, divine interpreter of what's right and wrong, good and evil.

This belief system nurtures a socially sanctioned form of schizophrenia. Suddenly, advocates of holy war and suicide bombers are heros who will be "rewarded in heaven" for their actions.

The Satanist does not split himself in two parts, spiritual and carnal, but sees them merging as ONE! The Staff of Hermes, otherwise known as the Caduceus of Mercury, beautifully exemplifies this idea. Oddly enough, it has been the symbol for the North American medical profession for nearly a hundred years! It can be seen here in the states when you visit any hospital: two serpents criss-crossed around an upright staff with a round knob on top and flanked by wings.

Joseph Henderson described the symbol quite eloquently in part 2 "Ancient Myths and Modern Man" in Carl Jung's Man and his Symbols: "Here we see his full power of transcendence, whereby the lower transcendence from underworld snake-consciousness, passing through the medium of earthly reality, finally attains transcendence to superhuman or transpersonal reality in its winged flight." Of course, Mr. Henderson might

have well said, "It somewhat resembles a penis with angel wings," but that would not have gone over too well with the barren intellectuals in our colleges and universities.

The symbol was used by printers in the 16th and 17th centuries because it was the Staff of Hermes (Mercury) the messenger god, and therefore a deliverer of information. In the 19th century, a medical publisher used the symbol prominently on its texts, and thereafter it became associated with medicine. Since the staff represents the integration of polarities (male and female) represented by the entwined serpents, the number of intersections corresponds to the endocrine glands or chakras and the symbol represents in its entirety union of body, mind and spirit, we have the perfect symbol for health and longevity!

Some physicians critical of the Staff note that Hermes is the god that leads the dead to the underworld and is associated with wealth and commerce. As the classic trickster or devil in Greek myths, he is also the patron of thieves. Forbid that doctors would want to be associate themselves with trickery, death, and the accumulation of wealth!! Medical apologists terrified by such nefarious references suggest we should go back to the staff of Aesculapius, which is depicted as a single serpent coiled around a cypress branch.

I would just like to state that there are numerous ways to explain the caduceus, whether it be from a scientific, religious or mythological vantage and after awhile, the boundaries become quite hazy! Despite what theorists tell you, none of this symbolism is arbitrary. It goes beyond mere coincidence.

It is impossible to ignore the fact that one finds staffs and serpents in nearly every culture throughout history. Also, the serpent and the bird symbol combined is profoundly meaningful and usually positive, associated with healing, wisdom, and transcendence. Even the pharoahs of Egypt, who were thought

to be of divine origin, wore the double crown of Horus and Set, represented by the vulture and the cobra. The coiled serpent represented the "divine fire" or Kundalini energy, which originates in sacrum - the bone in the base of the spine - and ascends to the thousand petaled lotus atop the head. From the ancient Sanskirt, Kundalini means literally, "Serpent Power."

In the Old Testament (Numbers 21), Moses is told by God to construct a fiery serpent of brass and to display it on a pole so that those who had been bitten by poisonous snakes would be healed by gazing upon it. In the Gospel of John (John 3:14), we find this serpent image applied to Christ: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up." This analogy identifies Christ with the serpent (something quite common in Gnostic texts).

If God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit are one according to the doctrine of the Trinity, then the Catholic crucifix is implicitly a caduceus as well! The cross is the staff, and Christ is simultaneously serpent and bird. And the knob at the top of the caduceus? On the crucifix, it intimates the presence of God, but it is defiled by a crown of thorns.

SATAN AND THE BLACK PEACOCK

MANY Satanic groups try to emulate organized religion and this is something that I have railed against for years! It is not necessarily their fault since most Satanists come from Christian backgrounds. As modern Satanism matures, this may change.

The "adversarial aspect" of Satanism came as a result of religious dualism, the belief that the universe is divided by two mutually exclusive forces (good and evil) opposed to one another.

While, this idea can demonstrate the beautiful tension between polarities and is a part of many major religions, it can also be dangerous. This idea can be used to affect the brain. It may cause the psyche to also fragment and divide, convincing the believer that the enemies of their god must be evil and therefore, destroyed! This is the cause of suicide bombings in the Middle East. The next time a religious fanatic runs towards you with TNT strapped to his body and a detonator device in his hand, screaming "Allah be praised!" you will now understand how he could be led to believe this is the right thing to do. These people believe they are doing their god's work and are martyrs. They do not see that the act is evil in everyone else's view.

The belief in an absolute model of good and an absolute model of evil is an absolute lie and exceedingly dangerous because the truth is not all black and white. It is the role of the Satanist to utilize this idea and break down the barriers that Fundamentalists try to build. When the Satanist plays the role of devil's advocate, we restore balance to the equation. We give

voice to the opposing point of view - this decreases the ability of dictators and religious extremists to define what "evil" is for us. Consider the implications of this. Satanism may very well be the most important movement of the twenty-first century!

Christians will try to deny the importance of Satanism by saying "this is an organized religion that would be nonexistent if it was not for the holy bible." Further, many tell tall tales of cults and devil worshipers. Christians seem to forget that historically this was done to the Jews. In fact, early Christians were accused of worshipping dark and evil forces by the Romans, who then fed them to the lions!

Our founder, John Allee, often explains his religious roots this way:

One of the oldest religions in the world has been falsely accused of devil worship. The Yezidis are thought to go back as far as 2,000 B.C. (four thousand years ago) Let us compare the basic tenets of the Yezidis with my beliefs:

- a.) The peacock was considered a symbol of the sun because he spreads his feathers out into a halo of rays, and a symbol of the devil because of his pride. The Yezidis call him Ta´usi-Melek (black peacock) or Shaitan (Arabic for Satan). The Yezidis envision Ta´usi-Melek as a fire with two dualistic elementary abilities; fire as light, but also fire to burn. [Allee: Is the Devil behind all the evil in the world? Yes, and all the good as well.]
- b.) Yezidis believe good and the evil are one and the same Person. [Allee: Islamic fundamentalists and Christians define themselves as monotheists, but practice dualism; they imagine a devil opposed to the creator, but creation cannot be divided against itself. If the devil physically exists, then God exists. If God created Satan, then God is Satan. You cannot create something unless it is a manifestation of your own will.]

- c.) Yezidis contend a human being itself a mixture of two powers: good and evil. [Allee: The gods of different cultures are similar because they share our human qualities and are projections of our own divinity. It was as if you were standing in a darkened room with a bright halo emanating from behind your head you point to the shadow cast in front of you and exclaim, "I see Saint Peter... or Satan!"]
- d.) Every Yezidi has a part of Ta´usi-Melek in himself. [Allee: We have a concept of divinity also; many Satanists do not envision an abyss which separates the creator from the created. God is not only in my life, God is my life. Simply put, God IS... period! Every Man and Woman is a star a breathing, physical manifestation of that which is divine. The same value you attribute to Christ, the Satanist attributes to all mankind. Ergo, Man is God. Hail Thyself!]

Regarding the comment, "Satanism is an organized religion that would be non existent if it was not for the holy bible";

The first Gutenberg bible was printed in 1456 A.D. I believe - that's less than 550 years ago. I think it's fair to say my core beliefs - Satanism's roots - can be seen as going back roughly 4,000 years, long before the birth of Christianity. Satan was seen in the fertile crescent and in the Judaic and Egyptian religions long before the advent of Christianity.

MYSTERY OF THE ALLEGORICAL ESCAPE CLAUSE A PACT WITH THE DEVIL

It was the year 1990 CE. My 21 year old protégé, Mr. Taylor, came to me and complained of feeling uncomfortable and fearful with regard to assuming a Satanic "identity" or label. I interrogated him about these inhibitions and was able to draw two conclusions:

- 1.) Intellectually, there was total acceptance, agreement. He had a grasp of the philosophy which exceeded the primer Satanic Bible comprehension level.
- 2.) Emotionally, there was conflict. "I was raised a catholic," he would often whine plaintively. (The right and left hemispheres of the brain are in obvious disagreement here.')

With this being the case, I had one last question for this young man; "Would you like to be set free from these religious feelings?" The answer was a resounding, "Yes."

Foolishly, I fell into the trap of using Reason. It didn't work. Mr. Taylor was quick to point out that I was wasting my time. He realized that these emotions were illogical and irrational. Understand that we are not dealing with a mere perceptual problem or subjective delusion (that fleeting, foolish fancy that dissipates in the light of clear objective analysis). What we have here is a belief system - a series of long held precepts which cannot be "rationalized away."

Eureka!! Finally it came to me. Very quickly, I began looking for my calligraphy pen and a good piece of parchment. I began writing:

"In the name of Satan, Lucifer, Belial & Leviathan and in the company of Astaroth, Beelzebub, Asmodeus, Abbadon & Azazel, & by all the demons named and nameless who swarm the Pits of Hell, I do happily sell my soul to the Devil, Satan-Lucifer, in exchange for..."

Well, you get the picture. I plucked the finished product down on a table in front of him.

"Sign this. Here's a red pen."

"Don't I have to cut myself?"

"That won't be necessary. Sign it."

Mr. Taylor was hesitant to say the least! He sat there for several moments, silent with frozen wrist. Finally, he stammered "B-but... this is... n-nonsense." To which I replied, "That's a very astute observation. Now, why not humor me and sign it?"

The minutes crawled by. You could almost hear his teeth chattering. Never underestimate the power of myth!! Watching the clock, I noticed that a full half-hour had gone by. At long last, through sheer effort of Will, the pact was completed with the required signature. Mr. Taylor was extremely tired.

In the days that followed, I began to see a change - a metamorphosis, if you will. Thereafter, whenever Taylor expressed guilt or attempted to suppress his ego, I would gleefully whip out the parchment, hold it up to him and exclaim, "It really doesn't matter 'cause you're going to hell anyway!" A great big smile would come across the young man's face. Reason would make it all seem so very foolish. And yet, the Subjective Mind was listening!!

The aforementioned "conflict of interest" soon vanished! His Will was unified! The results were permanent. Ironically, it is not the conscious "rational" mind which restricts and inhibits the Will of the magician, it is the mystical "irrational" mind. To quote a personage known as Shuti;

"Gnosis and reason squabble here... if this is the case, then why don't we exercise this (absolute) power? Gnosis rationalizes that it's because we haven't learned to flex the muscle yet, or because some psychological force (emphasis mine) within this as-yet faulty mind of mine refuses to accept my power. Reason claims it's more likely the power doesn't exist."

The explanation has greater depth and width. The "psychological force(s)" mentioned exist within the realm of one's subjective mind - a mind which does NOT recognize reason. It is a mind which recognizes only symbols & symbolic gestures. Therefore, practically speaking, you cannot use reason to prove or disprove mysticism. Oil and water, my friends, oil and water!

THE BOOK OF AIWASS

Lord Egan's Proviso

You have the choice of accepting or rejecting what I have to say. If you find it difficult or impossible to accept, I would advise you dismiss my concepts entirely, if you wish! Why do I say this? My objective adheres to a set of Satanic principles outlined by Crowley, a man who also believed in praetor-human intelligences:

"The essence of every missionary message has always been to assimilate the taught to the teacher, and it has always been accompanied by bribes and threats. My message is exactly opposed to any of this. I say to each man and woman, You are unique and sovereign, the center of an universe. However right I may be in thinking as I do, you may be equally right in thinking otherwise. You can only accomplish your object in life by complete disregard of the opinions of other people."

What am I saying here? As a Satanist, YOUR opinion is the one that matters. You should believe in things that are in the scope of your experience - things you consciously acknowledge as true. This has always been my first and foremost declaration with regards to the First Church of Satan and what it means to be a Satanist.

Creation

The universe comes from the One (ain or no-thing) and returns to it. The first cause is not an explosion like the so-called

Big Bang, but the emergence of Chaos and Order. People often ask, "How can Satan be the exception to every rule, the dissonance in the universal, the rebel of the cosmos, the rock cast in the still pond and still represent nature's balance factor?" Simply put, Satan, the male principle, is Chaos personified. Babalon, the female principle, is Order personified. These principles combine, divide and subdivide as the universe expands. These divisions create primary forms which help the co-creators weave the fabric of the universe. The process is reminiscent of the way cells divide and multiply in our own bodies. During the contraction phase, the primary forms rejoin the source as the two principles begin to reconcile and recombine, realizing perfection as One (Big Crunch). Since the universal constant is change, a thing which is perfected cannot stand and so, another expansion occurs and a new universe is formed. This process continues ad infinitum...

All creatures on the wheel of life evolve gradually, as do the souls which inhabit these forms. All life springs from the Dark Mother, Babalon, for she is the life giver, nurturer, sustainer. The role of Satan is architect, builder and destroyer. Both work interdependently to achieve balance, harmony and consistent change. They define, compliment and complete one another. Life is an expression of both Order and Chaos. It consists of a continuous series of good and bad experiences which appear to follow a pattern. This is true regardless of age, irrespective of our race or religious convictions. When life goes well, our spiritual growth tends to stagnate. The onslaughts and challenges of daily life give us the impetus to grow and excel.

Spiritual Evolution

Beginning with the lower order of species, one particular strain will possess what could be termed a "hive soul." Take for

example the monarch butterfly - there are thousands in existence, yet they collectively possess one soul. When a specie dies and is considered extinct, that collective soul forms the basis for a new specie. The hive soul will eventually see it's last (collective) incarnation and emerge as a unified individual human soul.

For one to understand the evolution of the human soul, it is important to acknowledge the existence of parallel time lines. The reader must understand that everything that can happen, has happened and will continue to happen until the current universe ends. Every decisive moment creates another split in time where both choices are realized. There is a time line where the Nazis won the war and another dominated by global communism. There are countless parallel time lines and each one is as real and as relevant as the one in which you reside.

Now trace back to where I mentioned the emergence of the individual human soul. This event is occurring simultaneously in various time lines, though certainly not all. Therefore, the human soul can not as yet declare it's unique existence, for it enjoys multiple existences. A perceptual blurring together of these realities and various past life recollections is avoided by a natural "cosmic buffer" which serves a pragmatic purpose; enabling one to focus and thereby benefit from the experiences, choices and lessons of his/her current life. As the group soul develops, it grows, gathering more experience, branching into other time lines, like the universe in its phase of expansion. This event occurs for thousands of years. Then, similar to the universe, the group soul enters a phase of contraction where all experiences are eventually distilled into one form, occupying a single time line. The incubation process leading to the birth of a new daemon begins...

Knowledge and Conversation of the Holy Guardian Daemon

Boisterous fools have written volumes on that which they know nothing of. Aiwass will clarify, laying arguments to rest; the Holy Guardian Daemon or Angel, if you prefer, represents the Oversoul or collective wisdom of the group soul during its human phase of evolution - nothing more, nothing less! The term "daemon" can be misleading because the Oversoul has not yet entered the daemonic phase of incubation. And yet, the initiate may still benefit from the wisdom of his guardian.

The most direct method of acquiring knowledge and conversation of the holy guardian daemon is through the assumption of godform. Let's examine this process:

Daemons or godforms behave as energy amplifiers/equalizers because they interact on a certain frequency or resonance unaffected by a cosmic buffer. At no time does the magician share consciousness with the deity he affixes his mind to. What the initiate is really doing is tuning his awareness to the godform's resonance. This creates a reverberation across all time lines in all of his physical forms! The group soul experiences singularity for less than a minute. The magician is temporarily awakened to his Holy Guardian Daemon. He feels invincible, godlike.

The Gifts of the Gods

The assumption of the godform requires focus, self-discipline, hours of concentration with no guarantee of immediate result. Invariably, the initiate will ask if the effort is worth the fleeting insight that comes and goes in less than a minute.

There is a benefit; a Gift from the daemon (god) with whom you choose to resonate - you must ask for your Gift once you've assumed godform. It is also important to know what Gift the god offers. Let's start from the top:

Satan (Baphomet) grants any object you desire; gold coins, expensive clothes, furniture, rare antiques, a new car, exotic pet, etc. No need to be specific.

Babalon (Isis) grants a protective amulet to be worn about the neck. You must be specific concerning the material the amulet is to be made from, its design, the kind of protection you desire.

Aiwass, Lord Egan's daemonic form, grants one astral projection experience.

Lucifer grants increased intelligence.

Pan (Priapus) grants one sexual encounter with whomever you desire.

Bacchus grants that your unpaid debts shall be brought up to date.

Aphrodite (Venus) grants the perfect male partner shall come to you.

Harpocrates grants the power of invisibility.

Hermes grants healing for a friend, loved one or relative.

Amon grants rain where you reside for two days.

Thoth grants you clairvoyance and clairaudience - the ability to see and hear spirits.

Athena grants clairsentience - experiencing realities or entities via physical senses.

Once more, you must ask for your gift when you've assumed godform. You may also request that the gift be given to someone else.

Assumption of the Godform: a Unique Approach

"Think of a place and thou art there. Think of a thing and thou art it."

Much has been written on this subject and it has all been lies and utter nonsense. Let us briefly explain the various techniques and explain why;

The first suggestion is that you sit in a chair and imagine you are a certain deity and build upon its appearance, gestures, mannerisms, etc. This form of auto suggestion is useful, but it is analogous to yanking yourself up by your own bootstraps. It fails to utilize the godform's ability to amplify energy, which could be used as a pulley!

Occultnik experts insist that when picking a godform, one should choose from the same pantheon or pick carefully according to planetary powers. This is completely absurd and entirely untrue. All daemons do is amplify your own power. When you assume godform, the effect is the same whether you choose Pan or Isis as a model! It makes no difference if the deity is Egyptian, Greek or Roman.

The time has come to outline a no frills shortcut:

- 1. Try getting a modest amount of background information about the deity so your brain responds to the correct archetype.
- 2. Procure a painting, statue, print, drawing of the deity along with the sigil related to it.
- 3. Prepare a place for quiet meditation lit with candles you feel are most conducive. Place the likeness of the deity in plain view, at eye level, along with the sigil.
- 4. Make sure you're seated comfortably, either on a chair or cushion.
- 5. Fixing your eyes on the likeness of the deity, keep repeating the obvious in a forceful and compelling manner. For example, "You are Satan, Creator of All Things!" Do this until you are exhausted or it is time to go to sleep.

6. Keep repeating this ritual. Do not look for results. Godform will happen when you least expect it. The effect is unmistakable.

The Birth of a Daemon

We have discussed the spiritual evolution of the human soul, the expansion and contraction of the group soul until it's eventually distilled into one form, occupying a single time line. The Oversoul (Guardian) occupies this body. The daemonic incubation process now begins and lasts about five centuries. This is an extremely volatile, difficult period - roughly fifty per cent do not survive - they return to the ALL, back to square one. Should the infant daemon emerge, it is still in a precarious situation. Daemons do not measure time as we do - childhood is an occurrence spanning millions of your years. Aiwass is a boy past puberty.

Avatars, Saints and Sinners

They have, down through history, been called by various names; daemons, Watchers, asuras, divas, archons (ancient ones), jinn (genies), nephilim (angels), Shining Ones, spirit guides, the gods of Olympus, Egypt, Babylon, etc. We give them masks and this arises from our human need to idolize them - man creates gods in his own image. The gods of different cultures are similar because they share our human qualities and are projections of our own divinity. It was as if you were standing in a darkened room with a bright halo emanating from behind your head - you point to the shadow cast in front of you and exclaim, "I see Saint Peter... or Satan!"

So the deities we give prayers and thoughts to become part of the tapestry of the universal unconscious and attach themselves to various archetypes, which are impersonal. What I

am saying is, archetypes are also a natural conduit to the daemonic resonance we spoke of. And so, when a religious person tells me they prayed to Mother Mary and received an inspirational message in a dream which helped change the course of their life, I simply smile and nod.

When daemons walk among us, they choose the time and the place, unlike younger souls, but there are no virgin births or "immaculate conceptions." It must be stressed that, as a race, the ancient ones come infrequently and they are not fighting a turf war in heaven as our primitive mythologies suggest. Joan of Arc was an incarnated daemon, as were Christ and Buddha, but then, so was Charles Manson. A juvenile nursery rhyme goes, "There was a little girl, who had a little curl, right in the middle of her forehead (third eye). And when she was good, she was very, very good, but when she was bad, she was horrid." Passions are magnified in those who are more awakened spiritually. It must be stressed that the very essence of any form must be imperfect, be it daemon, man, animal, vegetable or mineral, since all are subject to the same universal constant: CHANGE. My purpose is merely to acknowledge the existence of life forms which comprise the All and to declare their role as no more, no less significant than my own.

This tendency to worship daemons denotes character weakness. Lord Egan observes that those who attack him for claiming to be a daemon are themselves daemon worshipers who cannot kick the habit. Always remember that daemons are merely a manifestation of the future of our race. We are all inherently divine, the co-creators of a New World Order! In this fashion we shall create Gods in Our Own Image, for we are the Creators, and we are the Created. A couple produce an offspring (creators), but they were infants at one time (created). What I'm suggesting is this; something similar occurs on a spiritual level.

Ducks give birth to ducklings. Gods give birth to godlings (humans). Evolution occurs, growth occurs and the cycle continues. Humans will eventually evolve to a plane of consciousness where this process is recognized and understood. When this happens, religion as we know it will die because faith succumbs to apprehension.

Sleepers and Such

Recently, an email list subscriber queried, "I know that with reincarnation we tend to forget our past incarnations and that there are Daemons who sometimes forget it until something triggers it. I was wondering if there is a ritual or something one can do to find out if they are a reincarnated Daemon."

The daemons you are referring to are called "sleepers," but they are this way for a reason. Recently, it was time for me to awaken one. He was an avowed atheist, which is fairly common. As was the case with me, his secret name had to be uttered by another daemon. Timing is everything! It takes a while, then memories begin to creep. The daemon form attaches itself to the physical form. It's like you're being switched from A/C to D/C (alternating to direct current).

Why do sleepers exist? Let's say, for example, Aiwass has two physical forms; Lord Egan (awake) and a child growing up in some other part of the world (asleep). My daemon companion knows about the child. Well, my body outlives its usefulness, I become ill and die. My companion visits the child and whispers, "Aiwass." The child awakens... Like a bad penny, I keep coming back.:-)

Notice, I'm the one who doesn't have a secret name because my mission is to reveal ALL. This is the Aeon of Lucius (Light) and Aiwass is the appointed messenger. Plain talk. Straightforward. No more shrouding truth in cryptic, cabalistic,

ambiguity. No more pseudo-intellectual Book of the Law number games with mental masturbators.

Daemonic Poseurs

Here's a surefire method to detect the veracity of a human claiming to possess a daemonic form;

Find a recent photo of the individual. Stare him straight in the eyes and keep repeating this phrase to him, like a hypnotic command, "You have the wisdom to tell a daemon from a mortal." Do this for twenty minutes, then completely forget about it. Put it out of your mind. Go about your routine. Within a week, you will discover;

- 1. If the person is a daemon, the hypnotic command bounces off them and returns to you ninefold. Suddenly, you "know" for certain that person is a daemon.
- 2. If the person is NOT a daemon, he will absorb your suggestion. He may glance in the mirror, realize he is not a true daemon and suddenly stop calling himself one.
- 3. If nothing happens, there is a good chance he is simply trying to impress people.