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# From the Editor



So what should a Demonolatry magazine contain? This was a question that plagued me for some time. It was obvious to me a good magazine should include national and international news that affects our religious freedoms, but also how-to articles, reviews of music and movies from fellow practitioners, articles about how Demonolatry affects our lives, and even some fun stuff. So for our debut issue I scoured the deepest regions of the internet (I didn't have to go far) to find wonderful authors to write for us. The result is **Black Serpent**. It is my hope you'll find this issue educational as well as enjoyable. And since it's free (unless you bought a paper copy off of Lulu) we hope you'll enjoy it. We welcome reader comments and articles, artwork, fiction, poetry, and even games for the Daemonic Games section from fellow practitioners. With that I give you our first issue! May Lucifer light your way.

Adrianna, The Editor



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# Rite To Lucifer

## Oleum and Incense of the Quarter: Lucifer

By J. Thorp

An oleum is a specialized oil made with herbs, flowers, roots, and resins that are used as offerings to the Demons/deities.

Incense is an herbal mixture that is used in ritual for a purpose, adoration/worship, or meditation. It is made of whole herbs, flowers, roots, and resins and is non-combustible.

### Lucifer Oleum

Olive oil  
Black mustard seed  
Lemon peel  
Poppy seed  
Alum

### Lucifer Incense

Benzoin resin  
Wormwood  
Goldenrod  
Lavender  
Cinquefoil

## Basic Rite To Lucifer

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The Altar must face the East most point of the ritual chamber. A candle is set at each elemental point. The elemental demons are invoked by use of the Enns with the dagger. Flereous first, work clockwise leaving Lucifer for last. An incense of Sorcery invokes atmosphere.

Light the candles from Flereous to Lucifer. Then - Carrying an incense wand or burner in one hand and a dagger in the other (doesn't matter which) approach each point and kneel reciting the Enn for Lucifer and wave the dagger through the smoke. Finally, invite the fifth element (Satan, spirit) from the center of the ritual space.

Kneel at the altar in prayer: "We pray thee Lucifer, bestow upon us the strength of your design. Let the eagle bring us a new understanding. Your light shall be our protection and guide us through this life to enlightenment. We are as the wind. We humbly pay homage to thee in our offer of incense that you may know our respect for your vast strength. We offer requests of knowledge and reflection that we may employ your creation to do so. Hail Lucifer. Lord and Master of Enlightenment."

Then comes the typical ritual body in which requests of concentration, knowledge, intellect, and purification are burned at the altar. (i.e. a bowl, incense burner, or bonfire.) The ashes must be crushed to a fine powder and later dispersed in the wind. Some sects choose to sing hymns and go into longer durations of prayer before the ritual closing.

The ritual is closed as thus: "Hail Lucifer. Lord and Master of Air. We thank thee for being present at our ritual. We bid you, go in peace."

Close the ritual as normal. If practicing solitary - change all "we" to "I" Also - the prayer can be done with a single candle if you lack the space, time, or supplies to do a drawn out ritual.



## *Recipes for the Celebration*

An easy way to keep the celebration headache free is to delegate cooking responsibilities. Let people bring appetizers and desserts, and take care of the main course your self. Of course getting the entire group involved in cooking (let everyone chop something up) can also be fun if you want to make a day of it. The following are simple ideas that even people who don't know how to cook can help with.



## *Appetizers*

### **BBQ Smokies and Other Ideas**

In a slow cooker, empty four packages of Little Smoky sausages and three 18 oz. Bottles of barbeque sauce. Heat several hours before participants arrive. Buy a variety of crackers and cheese (you will have to cut up the cheese and place on platters before people arrive). Also, for the vegetarians in your group, cut up fresh vegetables (carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, celery, radishes, and table onions) for dipping in ranch dressing.



## *Main Course*

### **Beef Burrito Bake**

- 1 pound ground beef (*for vegetarians the Boca pseudo gound beef works great, but use all three packages in the box and only use 3/4 the packet of seasoning*)
- 1 packet Lawrey's Beef Burrito Seasoning (McCormick and Schilling suck in this recipe, but if you like them, go for it)
- 2 packages of Pillsbury croissant roll dough (low fat)
- 2 bags of shredded cheddar or colby-jack cheese (Smart Balance works fine)

Prepare beef according to the burrito seasoning packet. Get a pizza pan or stone and open the

dough. Arrange the dough to where the lower half of the triangle of dough is in the inside of the dish and the pointy part of the triangle is on the outside. This is very important. I don't know how to explain it better. Just that the thicker side of the triangle needs to be at the middle of the pizza pan/stone. Work around the pizza pan to make the dough form a sunshine shape. Press the dough pieces together.

On the inside circle, spoon beef onto the dough, add cheese over it. Then, take the outside part of the dough and fold it over the beef, tucking into the center.

Bake according to the Pillsbury croissant roll instructions, or until the dough is golden brown.

**Serve with** sour cream, chopped olives, lettuce, tomatoes, extra cheese, salsa, and/or chili.



*Dessert*

### **Strawberry Shortcake**

For strawberry shortcake buy a pound cake, strawberries, and whipped cream. Wash and cut up the strawberries the night before. To serve dessert, cut pound cake, top with cut strawberries and whipped cream. Serve. (You can also serve this with Vanilla ice cream)

### **Fruit Cocktail**

You can serve it out of a can, but fresh is always more fun. Cut up fresh fruits like banana, pineapple, strawberries, cantaloupe, watermelon, and honeydew melon, throw in some grapes, top with a light sprinkling of sugar, mix well, serve with whipped cream.

### **More Tips:**

- Use paper plates, plastic cups, and plastic ware so clean up is a snap.
- Have someone else bring the beverages.

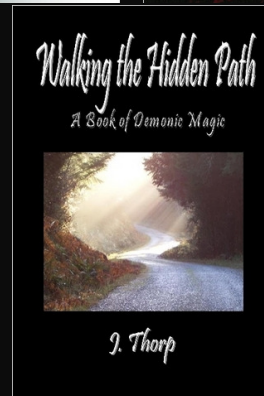
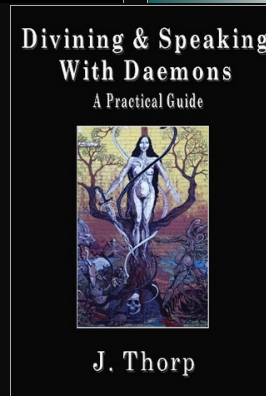
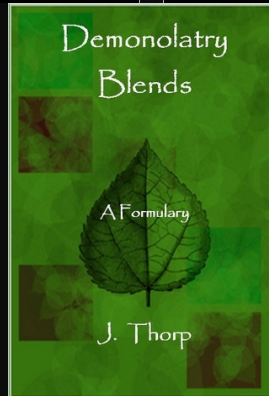
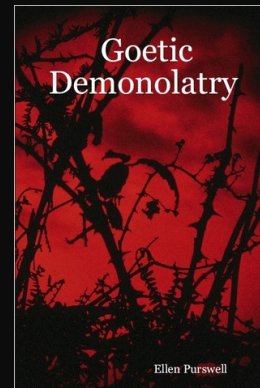
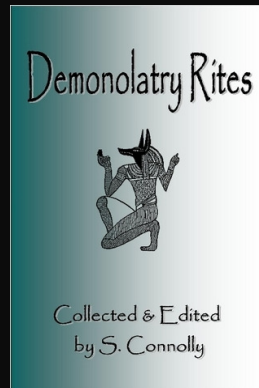
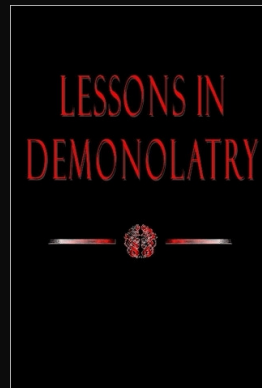
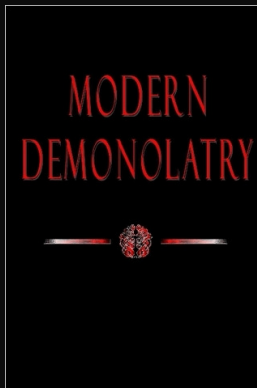
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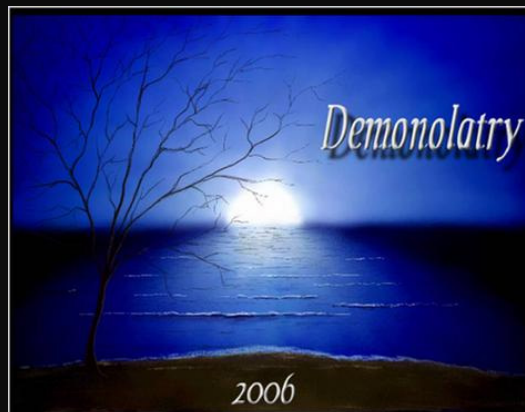
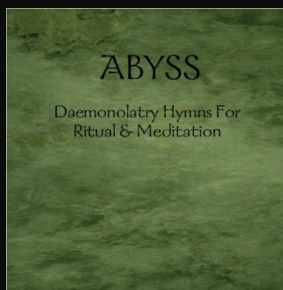
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# *Share Your Religion, Lose Your Job*

By S. J. Reisner



*Just Jesus*

**Disclaimer:** This article is not meant to give legal advice, nor should it be treated as such. It contains general advice about what you can do if you encounter religious discrimination in the workplace. If you need legal advice, talk to your attorney.

In the last five years there have been at least three well-publicized instances where occult practitioners have been fired from their jobs due to their employers becoming aware of their religious beliefs. In June 2004, Alicia Folberth, a Wiccan high priestess, was fired, allegedly because of her need for time off (on Halloween) to practice her faith. [http://www.connpost.com/news/ci\\_3168056](http://www.connpost.com/news/ci_3168056)

In a similar incident back in March 2001, Shirley Tingley, a witch, claimed she was fired from her job due to her religious beliefs, though her employer insisted it was because she threatened to cast a spell on a co-worker. [http://www.witchvox.com/wren/wn\\_detail.html?id=2785](http://www.witchvox.com/wren/wn_detail.html?id=2785)

Most recently, there is the case of Julie Carpenter who was fired from her job because it came out that she practiced witchcraft. According to media reports, the school stated her removal as a bus driver for the district was for the safety of the children. Ms. Carpenter was otherwise an exemplary employee and never discussed her religion with the children. [http://wcco.com/topstories/local\\_story\\_014123111.html](http://wcco.com/topstories/local_story_014123111.html)

Even non-occultists have been victims. Tresa Waggoner, the Colorado music teacher whose attempts to introduce local children to opera using Gounod's *Faust* drew a storm of criticism, has decided to take legal action after being forced to take administrative leave from the Bennett School after showing the opera led to accusations that the married mother of two was a lesbian promoting homosexuality; the plot of *Faust*, where the title character sells his soul to the devil to recapture his youth, led to her being labeled a devil worshipper. Both accusations were false. <http://www.playbillarts.com/news/article/3850.html>

Undoubtedly there are even more of these cases unpublicized. Religious freedom, it seems, is very specific to who has that freedom. Increasingly, in most US workplaces, freedom of religion only applies to Judeo-Christian religions. This means that people who practice any form of non-Judeo Christian religion are probably safer keeping it to themselves.

I have no doubt every last person reading this article has worked with a Christian co-worker who has openly discussed his/her religion. Yet, very rarely do you hear of the Christian being fired for openly sharing his religious beliefs. Nor do you often hear public complaints



against Christians witnessing in the office. The simple fact of the matter is that most people tolerate it because they think they have to.

Religion of any sort does not belong in the workplace. If religion is not a part of your job (i.e. you do not work for a religious organization), and your religion has no affect on your job performance, it cannot be used as grounds for termination. Most employers know this and here's how they get around it – they make the reason for firing the person of alternative faith legitimate.

1. They will start looking for any reason to write an employee up.
2. Co-workers who were at one time friendly toward a person of alternative faith, might turn suddenly cold and begin filing complaints.
3. The employee might find his or her work has been sabotaged by a co-worker who has made it clear he is against the employee's religious beliefs.
4. The employee may begin receiving poor performance evaluations, where prior to the information coming out, their evaluations were above average or stellar.
5. Occasionally it can be disguised as a layoff.

### **How can you know for sure when you're being targeted?**

First, not all employers are out to get people of alternative faiths. A good majority of employers probably don't care what your religion is, and don't care to know. If there are genuine reasons for termination of employment, you can bet that religious discrimination was not a part of that equation. Generally a person will know they're being targeted, especially if the following apply:

1. The information about an employee's alternative religious belief comes out and he is suddenly terminated without just cause. (i.e. He was a valued worker beforehand.)
2. The employee works in an environment where most workers have predominantly different religious views, and wherein the employee's alternative faith is viewed in a hostile manner and/or seen as a threat.
3. Co-workers, supervisors, and managers suddenly become cold toward the employee of alternative faith after his religion has been disclosed.
4. Derogatory comments are openly made, by co-workers, about the employee's religious beliefs.

Before you can effectively argue that you've been terminated for your alternative beliefs, however, you need documentation and evidence to back it up.

1. Keep a notebook hidden in your car or at home (never at the office) documenting any and all instances of religious intolerance (including how you were outed in the first place). Be sure to note the full names of the people involved, their positions in the company, and the date and time of the incidents. Write things down, including dialogue, exactly as you remember them. If there were any witnesses to the harassment, be sure to note his/her name and ask them if they would be willing to give you a written statement.
2. If you are being harassed by a co-worker about your religious beliefs, be sure to file a complaint against the co-worker with your supervisor and/or the human

resources department. Keep a copy of the report for yourself for your records. You do have to give your employer the opportunity to solve the issue. Most employers take complaints like this seriously and will write up the offending party. If the harassment continues, complain again. If the employer's efforts produce no results or the employer does not seem to be doing anything to rectify the situation, seek the aid of an attorney.

3. Always request copies of your reprimands and performance evaluations and keep them in a safe place. That way if your performance evaluation is stellar, the next day you are "outed", and then you're fired for poor performance a week later – you have a paper trail.

### **How to keep it from happening in the first place:**

Some people are "outed" by ex-lovers out of revenge, or co-workers who were at one time friends. Others "out" themselves. Here are some tips:

1. Avoid the topic of religion at work.
2. Wear amulets and talismans under your clothing or not at all. If caught with an amulet and asked about it (what's that and what does it mean?) be vague, "Oh, it's a Baphomet. It has a variety of symbolism." You're technically not lying – you're not proclaiming you worship Satan – and if you don't act like it's a big deal, chances are the other person won't either. Now if the other person knows what the symbol signifies – you might not be able to easily avoid that discussion. But if you find you must discuss it, be sure to tell the person you have no desire for your private religious beliefs to go beyond the conversation.
3. Do not share your religion with the Christians no matter how much fun you think it would be to scare them.
4. When people bring up religion or ask you about religion, politely tell them you make it a point to stay away from discussing religion and politics in the workplace.
5. Do not threaten to cast spells on, or send demons after, co-workers.

If you think you have been unjustly terminated due to your religious beliefs, and have kept good records of the incidents, you might consider contacting your lawyer, or the ACLU. Only a qualified professional can tell you whether or not you have a case. ■



# *Are We Headed For A Theocracy?*

By Geifodd ap Pwyll



## **The growing threat of a Christian theocracy, and what Demonolators and Satanists can do about it**

In recent years, we have seen a dazzling swing of the American political pendulum toward the Right. Particularly, toward the \*Religious\* Right. Some evangelical Christians are trying to put "God" in the public square. Some people are trying everything within their power to force the teaching of "intelligent design" (the next step in the evolution of Creationism) upon American school curriculums. And as we have seen with our current President, George W. Bush, declarations of "faith" have become a good way for seeking public office.

On televangelist programs, such as the fodder one might view on the Trinity Broadcast Network, it is not uncommon for us to hear sermons about how "America was originally a CHRISTIAN nation!" and "We need to take America back for CHRIST!" Many Christians in the Southern states believe, quite firmly, that the founding fathers of our great nation were evangelical Christians like themselves, and that they intended for the Constitution to be observed in a Biblical context. The fact that many of the founding fathers - including our first President, George Washington himself - were Masons and Deists seems to be glossed over nowadays, even in high school American history classes. And the fact that they included the First Amendment in our Constitution - affirming even the rights of Demonolators, Satanists, and other minority religions to observe their religious beliefs - is apparently becoming more and more problematic to some.

A new trend within the American Christian spiritual experience is a movement that is being called "Dominionism." It is sometimes called "Christian Reconstructionism" and appears to have grown out of conservative Presbyterianism during the early 1970's. Dominionist beliefs are evidently derived from Genesis 1:26 of the Old Testament:

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth and over all the creatures that move along the ground.'" (NIV)

Dominionist theologians believe that it is their responsibility, as Christians, to bring the entire world - all countries, societies, and governments - under the "Word of God." They are also Postmillennialists, meaning they believe Jesus Christ will only return to Earth after most of the world has been converted to Christianity. Under a Dominionist society, mainline and liberal Christian churches would be prohibited from holding services or proselytizing. All non-religious groups would also be prohibited from such. Perhaps you might be able to worship the Demons inside the privacy of your own home, but if you even breathe a WORD of it outside your home, you would be tried for idolatry and put to death. Likewise for committing acts of magic, homo/bisexuality, adultery, sodomy, prostitution, or even pre-marital sex. (And of course, one can only imagine what kinds of breaches in privacy a Dominionist society would entertain to "protect the moral fiber" of its subjects.) Even today, I have known a preacher here in Texas who has publicly advocated the execution of Wiccans for teaching "false religion."

The Dominionist strategy is rather simple. They believe in taking advantage of the First Amendment, which assures them the right to their religious practices. By using the First Amendment, they intend to train a few generations of children in private Christian schools. Upon growing into adulthood, these children will be expected to work for the elimination of the First Amendment, as their numbers grow larger. The Dominionists believe that they will not have to forcefully take over the country. They expect that people will naturally and peacefully convert to their way of doing things. It's only a matter of "spreading the power of God's word." In other words, it's a matter of milking the First Amendment for all it's worth and proselytizing until this particular brand of Christianity grows to become the largest in the U.S.; then, once they have become the majority, remove the First Amendment and begin incorporating biblical commandments and punishments into American law.

Now I bet that many of my Demonolator and Satanist readers are probably sweating at the brow by now. However, let's keep a good head on our shoulders. There are certain things we need to keep in mind about these Dominionists and their relations to the rest of Christianity.

For one thing, it is important to acknowledge that, unlike most other forms of fundamentalist Christianity, Dominionists stress the importance of the Hebrew scriptures (i.e., the Old Testament) over the Christian scriptures (i.e., the New Testament). This is a highly unusual position for fundamentalist Christians to take. Usually it is believed among the more conservative Christians that the Old Testament is not nearly as important as the New Testament. So this right here is an example of how unusual Dominionists actually are.

Another thing is that Dominionists openly claim that, should they attain power, they would oppress other religions and cultures through genocide and mass murder, rather than through proselytizing. Even among some of the most conservative fundamentalist sects, it is generally believed by most that proselytizing against other religions is preferable to killing people. You will not typically hear of Southern Baptist preachers calling for the merciless execution of minority religions. They would much rather just proselytize. This again is a demonstration that Dominionists do not represent the norm in fundamentalist Christianity.

Perhaps one of the most important theological differences between Dominionists and other fundamentalists is that, as Postmillennialists, they do not believe Jesus will return until far in the future. This is a SIGNIFICANTLY big difference; most fundamentalist Christian groups are Premillennialists, who believe that the requirements for Jesus' return have mostly been fulfilled already, and Christ will be showing up any day now. These various examples demonstrate that Dominionists are a minority even within their own religious culture; they are not the majority of Christians, and most Christians consider their ideas to be un-Christian. Even Ralph Reed of the conservative Christian Coalition has characterized Christian Reconstructionism as "an authoritarian ideology that threatens the most basic civil liberties of a free and democratic society."

Now that we have established who is pushing for a Christian theocracy in the U.S. (i.e., Dominionists), and now that we have considered the size of their sphere of influence in Christianity (i.e., not very large at all - yet), we may next ask ourselves the question, "What can Demonolators and Satanists do to prevent such a thing from happening?"

We must keep in mind that Dominionists want to change the Constitution to fit their own beliefs. This in itself will be a difficult task for them, but we can make it even more difficult by voting for representatives who do not make a big deal out of religion in their campaigns. Usually, this means Democrats, although there are also some Republicans who don't seem to make too much of an issue about religion. (Just an interesting side note: I have been told by some of my saner fundamentalist Christian acquaintances that even they will be voting Democrat the next Presidential election, because even they have grown tired of people like George W. Bush.) But overall, it is important for more Demonolators and Satanists to take an active role in the political process. Get yourself registered to vote, and VOTE dammit! Vote for candidates - for President, for Senate, etc. - who aren't concerned with revising the Constitution, and who believe in upholding our current democratic system of government.

Another thing we Demon and Devil worshipers can do - and this is perhaps one of the most controversial ideas I've ever proposed - is to work on our public relations with people of other religions. Many of my readers will probably find the following difficult to swallow, and many will think what I am proposing here is impossible. However, I have proven to myself that it can be done, and I am sure that if anyone else were to take some initiative in doing this, they would see for themselves that I am right.

Over the course of the past year and a half, I have devoted a great deal of time to conversing with people of other religions. Some of these have been Neopagans of various varieties. Some of them have been atheists. It's especially important for Devil and Demon worshipers to make friends with atheists, because most of the people who debunked the "Satanic Ritual Abuse" scare of the 1980's were atheists and secular humanists. Normally, it is quite easy to become friends with people such as these, so long as one makes it clear to them that one is not interested in converting or proselytizing to them. Forming alliances with atheists and people in other minority religions is good, because there is safety in numbers. And Satanists and Demonolators, by themselves, do not have very great numbers at all. (Especially those of us who vote.)



But more usually, the people I have been conversing with have been self-described Christians. Some of these Christians are of the liberal variety (e.g., Quakers, Brethren, Mennonites), who are relatively EASY to come to friendly terms with. Such Christians do not believe in the literal existence of the Devil or demonic spirits, so they are more inclined to just smile and shake their heads when first being introduced to Satanism (as opposed to the folks who run away screaming).

But I have also made acquaintances in fundamentalist Christian sects. This has been a bit harder, but some of my efforts have proven fruitful. In my conversations with these people, I spent a lot of time and energy explaining the various ins and outs of the contemporary Satanic/Demonic subculture to them, while citing various sources (e.g., LaVey's *\_'Satanic Bible\_'*, James Lewis' *\_'Satanism Today\_'*, and Gavin Baddeley's *\_'Lucifer Rising: Sin, Devil Worship, and Rock 'n Roll\_'*). At all times I made sure to speak in a civil tone with them. Even when some of them began to feel threatened by me and start saying all sorts of offensive things to me, I patiently refuted the various claims against Devil worship they made, and I told them what Devil worshipers like myself really do. At the same time, I even defended some of these Christians when they were being unfairly mistreated in debates with atheists.

Now a few of these Christians believed, and continue to believe, that I am simply an evil monster pretending to be a good person in order to win their affections, and I do not speak with these persons anymore. But most of the Christians I have become acquaintances with have realized that I am sincere about my beliefs, and yet I am also a good person. The point was never to convert any of them to my beliefs, or to make them question their own beliefs necessarily; rather, the point was simply to debunk their beliefs about "Satanic Crime." Many of them still think I am theologically wrong and that I will go to Hell when I die, but they are unable to substantially argue against my beliefs, and they have to admit that I am a reasonable person who believes in common human values of decency and justice.

Some of these Christians actually gave speeches about Satanism in their church services, telling their fellow Christians about how Satanism is not the baby-murdering nightmare it's often considered to be. There is no doubt that many of the people at these services did not agree with the speeches, but the fact of the matter is that there ARE Christians - however few - who would be willing to set the record straight about Devil and Demon worship. Someone just needs to reach out to them. Each individual counts.

If more Demonolators and Satanists took an interest in doing what I do - i.e., reaching out to Christians, even the more fundamentalist kinds, and discussing our beliefs with them in a friendly manner - I believe that we can form alliances with some of them. Now, do not mistake me for thinking that we can form alliances with ALL of these Christians, or even most of them necessarily. That would be overly idealistic. The goal, in my opinion, would simply be to make friends with as many individual Christians as possible, because many of these Christians are also voters. And if it can be demonstrated to them that Satanists and Demonolators are just normal people (however "wrong" we may be), they will be more likely to vote for policies that will not work against our freedom of religion in any way. And perhaps they may not be able to convince their fellows about us, but they may be able to convince their fellows to vote like they do, by other means. Forming alliances is an important political advantage, and having alliances in

Christianity would be \*especially\* advantageous to the protection of our people from persecution.

And I am not necessarily suggesting that my readers walk into a church on Sunday morning and start talking about Satanism and Demonolatry. Perhaps a safer route would be to begin by participating in an online Christian or Inter-faith forum. (The Inter-faith forum would probably work best for a beginner.) Whatever you do (or don't do), the point is that if more of our people take an active role in demonstrating our humanity to people of mainline and mainstream religions, we will be working to protect our future from people of such questionable sanity as that of Dominionists.

It is important to remember that Dominionists, should they ever come to power, will not rest at persecuting Satanists or Demonolators. They will also go after Wiccans. They will also go after atheists and secular humanists. They will also go after other Christians who do not conform to their ideas of what's right (i.e., MOST Christians!!). We are all potential victims, and this in itself has the potential to unite us against such a threat.

In closing, I would like to quote Martin Niemoller, who said the following about the failure of resistance against Nazism in 1930's Germany:

*"First they came for the communists, and I did not speak out, because I was not a communist. Then they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out, because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out, because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out, because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me - and there was no one left to speak out for me."*

May the spirit of Leviathan be with you all in these dark times. ■



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# *Finding the Right Group*

By M. Delaney (HP)

*Editor's note: The word Sect is used in this article because it was written by a Demonolator. However it is used interchangeably with group and the advice herein is good advice for finding a group regardless your tradition.*



Many variables go into the decision whether or not to seek a sect. The first consideration is you. You must know why you want to join a sect and what you expect to gain from the experience. Sects resemble nothing like the mysterious satanic cults you might see on TV or in the movies. So if you are really seeking something straight from your favorite horror film, you probably won't find it. It's a fact of life.

There are many wrong reasons to seek sect membership. If you are seeking sex, drugs, a partner, power, magic secrets, or evil it is unlikely you are ready to join a sect. Most sects frown on this mentality in its potential members because they are not sex clubs, most are drug free, and many frown on the member who is always putting the makes on members of the opposite sex. Additionally, belonging to any religious organization has nothing to do with being powerful, teaching magic secrets, or being evil. Sects exist for this reason: for people of like mind to congregate and worship together. The spiritual growth of the individual can be facilitated with the guidance and encouragement of others.

If what you seek is to find people whose beliefs match yours, to grow spiritually, and to gather with others in worship these are the right reasons to seek sect membership.

The first step is to find a sect in your area or one that offers potential membership to those who live far away. This is often the hardest part because few sects advertise unless they are newly forming. You can visit your local pagan shop and view their bulletin boards or seek a group out on the Internet. Once you find a group you are interested in you should find out as much as you can before deciding to schedule an interview. I will go over the interview process later. For now let's discuss the important things about a sect that you should consider before even making initial contact.

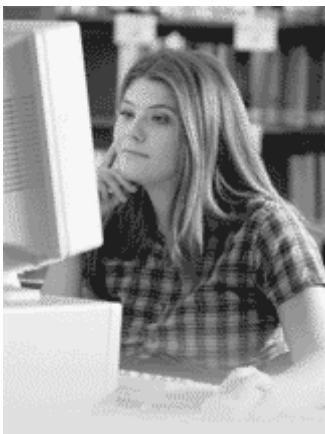
Nothing is more frustrating than to go through the process of making contact only to discover the demonolatory or satanic group you've inquired to is actually a reverse Christian group with two teenaged members who spend all their time doing black masses and hanging out in graveyards smoking dope. If that is the kind of group you're seeking you could probably start your own. Also beware the sect that has a web page with little information. A good group will list their basic beliefs, names of rituals the sect regularly gets together for, and will tell you if

they have legal clergy and teaching available. Most sects will only accept adult members and will not serve alcohol to under-aged members. There are some family groups out there but they are rare, don't advertise, and can be difficult to get into.

Other information that should be readily available or that you can ask during the initial e-mail or contact phone call includes:

- **Does the group have a spiritual philosophy and practice that matches yours?** This is important because you want to make sure your beliefs are a close match. Otherwise everyone is wasting his time.
- **Is the group newly formed?** This information will give you an idea as to how experienced the clergy is and whether or not the group is so large that you'll get lost in the sheer number of members. If group size is an issue for you this is something to keep in mind. Newer groups are usually smaller though I have known many groups that have purposefully stayed smaller. Sometimes big groups can also be indicative that they do not screen their members as thoroughly. For women it is very important that you find out how well group members are screened.
- **Does the group have legal clergy?** Legal clergy in traditional Demonolatry is a plus for any sect because it means the people who are leading the group have experience running a group, have some leaderships skills, and can properly guide and teach as necessary.
- **Does the group offer training?** This is important for people who are just starting out on their path. If you are new to the tradition a sect that offers training is a big plus and it means they are open to members who have just converted to the tradition.

Once you find the group that seems to fit your needs in a sect, then it is time to make contact.



For e-mail contact, your initial e-mail should look something like this and can include any question you have about things you were not able to get from the ad or web page:

*I am writing to inquire about possible membership in your sect, as I am very interested in joining. I heard about your group from [insert here]. I am a new/experienced [whatever the case is] solitary demonolator from [insert city if local or both city and state if not local] and feel I am ready to look into a group to meet likeminded individuals, to learn from, contribute to, and worship with. I am [insert age]. Would you be willing to schedule a meeting with me at your convenience so that you can learn more about me and I can learn more about your group? I look forward to your reply. Sincerely [Your Name]*

For phone contact, tell the person on the other end that you are calling to discuss possible membership. Give your name, tell them how old you are, and whether you are new or experienced. Also tell them why you are interested in membership. Once the conversation gets going you can ask additional questions.

Phone calls and e-mails may prove to be the group's way of screening possible new members. You might receive an e-mail back asking you additional questions. During a phone call you might be asked questions that you were not expecting. Expect this and answer honestly. Some groups have additional screening



processes. OFS is an interesting example. I am told they give people the information to the website, ask them to read their group page and then join the forum and get to know the members that way before an interview is scheduled. This gives everyone in the group the option of meeting the person informally online before taking the next step. This probably works because the group is smaller. Do not look at these screening processes in a negative way. If you believe Satan is really the Christian devil or you are the antichrist and it is clear the group does not share your beliefs, the group is probably not right for you and it is in everyone's best interest for you to move on. The screening process isn't just the group screening you. You are screening them, too.

Once you have made initial contact and you decide that you are still interested and the group is still interested in you, the next step is the interview. Interviews are usually scheduled in a public place like a restaurant or coffee shop. It helps to lessen the discomfort and ensures everyone's safety. Do not be surprised if several people show up. The interviewers will usually be one or more members of the clergy and/or another trusted member(s) of the group.

When dressing to attend the interview there is no need to dress special. Save your gothic outfits for clubbing. There is also no need to wear every amulet you possess or to wear a black inverse pentagram t-shirt. Jeans and a solid color shirt work well. One amulet is fine. My point being that you don't want to scare the interviewers into thinking you're not serious or that you're trying too hard especially if the group consists of older people, which you can find out during the initial contact. I know that when I am interviewing potential members I can tell if they are trying too hard to look like they practice demonolatry and it gives me a poor first impression every time.

Most interviews start with small talk and then move into discussions about beliefs and practices. A lot of question exchanging goes on. You should be able to tell within the first fifteen to twenty minutes if you click with the group. If the conversation starts getting personal and everyone begins to relax and starts enjoying themselves, you're likely going to be invited for another meeting with more members of the group, or you might be invited to attend a non-rite meeting where everyone gets together to socialize and/or discuss demonolatry.





Some important questions you might ask the group during the interview.

- What is required for initiation?
- Does the group use a degree system?
- Are there dues or fees of any sort?
- Do they offer learning materials or recommend any?
- What is expected of group members?
- How are non-rite meetings conducted?
- How often does the group meet?
- Is it possible for you to attend a rite to watch? Some groups allow this, others do not. Never assume, always ask.

Don't forget to ask about any concerns you have including safety of your personal information, dress during ritual, fasting, blood rites, or anything else you can think of. If you need to, write your questions down and bring them with you. The members of the group will not be offended. Feel free to ask members of the clergy what training they underwent, how long they've been practicing, how difficulties or dramas between group members are handled, and questions of that nature. They won't mind. If you do find that the group members especially clergy seem defensive toward your questions, be wary. Legitimate clergy with well-organized groups should have no problems answering these simple questions honestly without having to think too hard about them.

On a final note, some groups accept new members by referral only. This means that an existing member(s) of the group might personally vouch for you and you might be directly invited to a non-rite group meeting without having to go through this screening process. Regardless you should never take advantage of this if you are not ready for group membership or if you discover that the group is not a good fit for you. On the up side, attending an actual meeting does have its benefits because you can witness firsthand how the group works and you can meet members one on one. You also have the opportunity to ask questions and enjoy the social atmosphere of informal group meetings.

It could take you years to find the right group. In the meantime there is nothing wrong with being solitary. I believe that those who are meant to belong to groups will find a match. The key to finding the right group is to keep looking and to not be discouraged. ■

# *A Pantheon of Dark Gods*

By - S. Connolly

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Not surprisingly, perhaps one of the most common questions posed to people practicing traditional left hand path religions is: "Why would anyone choose to work with such dark gods; such evil demons."

The answer is simple and at the same time quite complex. The darkest of Gods allows us to explore, vicariously, the things we do not understand. They provide us the spiritual opportunity to allow our most carnal, instinctive nature to flourish. They do not condemn us for sin, nor do they disallow us earthly pleasures or anger or many of the other so-called "imperfections" that plague mankind. What these Demons do provide is knowledge, the constant reminder of the power within ourselves, and the power of the elements and unseen forces around us.

Many misconceptions of the "black arts" have been conceived over the passage of time. Numerous are the allegations that covens murder unborn children and use virgin blood in sacrifice to their infernal legions. These myths, often perpetuated and fed into by our own hysteria, create the basis for what society holds as their own truth regarding these religions.

To dispel these myths it is essential that people understand a basic rule that holds true for all traditional left hand path religions (including Satanism, Demonolatry, etc...) - The dark lords expect their followers to take responsibility for their own actions, and, at the same time, exercise self discipline. They teach what is known, to most traditionalists, as Sect Law. Sect Law dictates

that misdirected energies fall back on the person practicing demonic magick. Unjust actions do qualify as misguided and thus, something akin to a three fold law applies.

People claiming affiliation with a left hand path religion without regard for these laws are most often downtrodden teens who have low self esteem, and a need to belong to something bigger. They see the dark Gods as a means of empowerment, of strength over people who have hurt them, and as a force to be reckoned with for those who refuse to bow down in humble servitude. These are the people society thinks of when they hear about Satanism and Demonolatry.

Oftentimes people accuse the left hand path community of being unable to give love and compassion for this same reason. Once again, the myth rears its ugly head from the bowels of human intolerance and spews forth misconceptions. And yet they move on, in the open, proudly saying: "I am a Satanist." or "I am a Demonolator. We fear no one but ourselves." They feel love and compassion just like anyone else, because they too, are human beings. They've just happened to choose a different path - a path that leads into a world man has yet to understand. A path carved by a pantheon of Dark Gods. ■



# In The News

## Italy Jails 5 Satanic Killers (February 1, 2006; From BBC Online)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/4669944.stm>

*Four members of a so-called Satanic sect are starting long prison sentences in Italy for their part in three brutal, ritual murders. Nicola Sapone, 27, one of the leaders of the Beasts of Satan rock group and one of the suspected masterminds of the killings, was given a life sentence. The three others were jailed for between 24 and 26 years.*

Their victims were a woman shot and buried alive in 2004 and a teenage couple murdered in 1998.

The case has shocked Italy - a devoutly Roman Catholic country that has become increasingly concerned about the spread of Satanic cults.

## Colorado Music Teacher Defends Screening of *Faust* Video (February 3, 2006; From Playbill Arts Online)

<http://www.playbillarts.com/news/article/3850.html>

Tresa Waggoner, the Colorado music teacher whose attempts to introduce local children to opera resulted in her being branded a devil worshipper, has decided to take legal action after being forced to take administrative leave from the Bennett School.

The controversy began after Waggoner, who teaches elementary, middle and high school students at the K-12 school in a small town about 25 miles east of Denver, tried to pique the curiosity of the first, second, and third graders in one of her classes about opera. She chose a video of Gounod's *Faust* (which she found on the classroom shelf) to teach the children about bass and tenor voices, the use of props, and "trouser roles" in opera.

The latter, she says, led to accusations that the married mother of two was a lesbian promoting homosexuality; the plot of *Faust*, where the title character sells his soul to the devil to recapture his youth, led to her being labeled a devil worshipper.

# *Per Contra*

*Music & Movie Reviews*



By DeSang & Aramon

## *A review of Dimmu Borgir's "Stormblast" (2005)*

### *DeSang Says*

The re-release of their third album, "Stormblast", which is by Black Metal standards, a masterpiece, coming to nearly ten years of age by the end of this year. Stormblast was a major part of their success, so it makes total sense for Dimmu to pay respect to it by re-recording it.

The Stormblast (2) is much bigger, more dark and extremely wicked, and is a must have for all those who are fans, and for those who may not know of Dimmu Borgir's work, since it is a grandiose introduction to their mix of classical and black metal influences. As an extra-treat, there are not one, but two unreleased tracks and a DVD showing their entire Ozzfest performance in 2004! Fantastic for new and die-hard fans alike.

Dimmu Borgir has come a long way with the type of structure in which they write and play their songs, that maturity is apparent in the re-release of Stormblast. The music is much more sinister, Shagrath's vocals are amazing...and Reno Kiilerich is incredible on the drums.

With all of these things together...like a decade ago, makes Stormblast re-released, a dominating album by a little group from Norway.



**4 out of 5 possible Serpents!!!!**



## *Aramon Says*

In 1998 Dimmu Borgir released what has, since its original release, been considered the definitive work of Black Metal- “Stormblast”. The original has stood the test of time and is still considered one of their very best.

Fast-forward a few years and the re-release of “Stormblast” hits the streets with the first single (in America, that is) “Sorgens Kammer Del II”. This song shows Dimmu Borgir’s maturing over the years. The music is heavier with a tight sound sure to please fans old and new. The album, in my opinion, is superior to the original due to a cleaner sound and more adept songwriting.

The CD comes with a DVD, which was recorded in San Antonio on the 2004 Ozzfest tour. I won’t give away any spoilers so you, the reader, will have to take a look. All I will say is the performance is first class.

Next time you are at your local music store, or surfing the Internet, buy a copy of this instant Black Metal classic.

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## *First Rite to Leviathan*

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### **April 30th**

The Alter must face the West most point of the ritual chamber. A candle is set at each elemental point. The elemental demons are invoked by use of the enns with the dagger. Belial first and working clockwise leaving Leviathan for last. An incense of Calamus and Frankincense invokes atmosphere.

Light the candles from Belial to Leviathan. Then - Carrying a Chalice of water (with sea salt) in one hand and a dagger in the other (doesn't matter which) approach each point and kneel reciting the enn for Leviathan and dip the dagger into the water and sprinkle it above each candle. Finally, invite the fifth element from the center of the ritual space.

Kneel at the altar in prayer: "We pray thee Leviathn, bestow upon us the strength of your design. Let the serpent wise deal death to the lies of our enemies. Allow our empathy to be our protection. Allow our anger to be swift with justice. Be present that our enemies will not conquer us. We are as the swift flowing tide ebbing to and fro. We humbly pay homage to thee in our offer of sea salt and water that you may know our respect for your vast strength. We offer requests of healing and emotional balance that we may employ your creation to do so. Hail Leviathan. Lord and Master of Water."

Then comes the typical ritual body in which requests of healing and emotional balance are burned within the alter or primary ritual space fire. (i.e. a bowl, incense burner, or bonfire.) Use the remaining water to put out the fire once the requests have been burnt. The ashes must be crushed to a fine powder and later dispersed in running water (i.e. ocean, stream). Some sects choose to sing hymns and go into longer durations of prayer before the ritual closing.

The ritual is closed as thus: "Hail Leviathan. Lord and Master of Water. We thank thee for being present at our ritual. We bid you, go in peace."

Close the ritual as normal. If practicing solitary - change all "we" to "I" Also - the prayer can be done with a single candle if you lack the space, time, or supplies to do a drawn out ritual.

First Rite to Leviathan is ideal for baptisms, initiations, marriages, degree advancement, and other rites of passage. ■

## *Rites to Belphegore*

The Rites to Belphegore happen on March 31, April 9<sup>th</sup>, and May 13<sup>th</sup>. Traditionally these rites were celebrated to welcome the coming of new earth (Spring). It is common practice to have large feasts during these rites. It is said that if the Demonolator allows a few drops of his/her blood to fall upon the ground around these dates, Belphegore and the other earth-based Daemons will look kindly upon the practitioner for an entire year. Magick for new jobs, letting go of the past, stability, and help with mundane issues (i.e. finding a new place to live, house blessings etc...) can be done during the Rites to Belphegore.

Belphegore/Belphegor – has been a demon of discovery, invention, riches, and sloth (one of the deadly sins). Originally an Assyrian God, Baal Poer, he ruled over lust. In Kabbalistic writings he was the opposite polarity of the sixth Sephiroth. He is an Earth Daemon. In the Dukante Hierarchy he is listed as a weapons master, a war daemon, and a daemon to be called on for gain in the material world. ■



Artwork by L. Breton from *Dictionnaire Infernal* by J. Collin de Plancy (Paris 1863, 7th edition).

# DAEMON WORD SEARCH

By Adrianna



Names can be found down, across, diagonally, and backwards

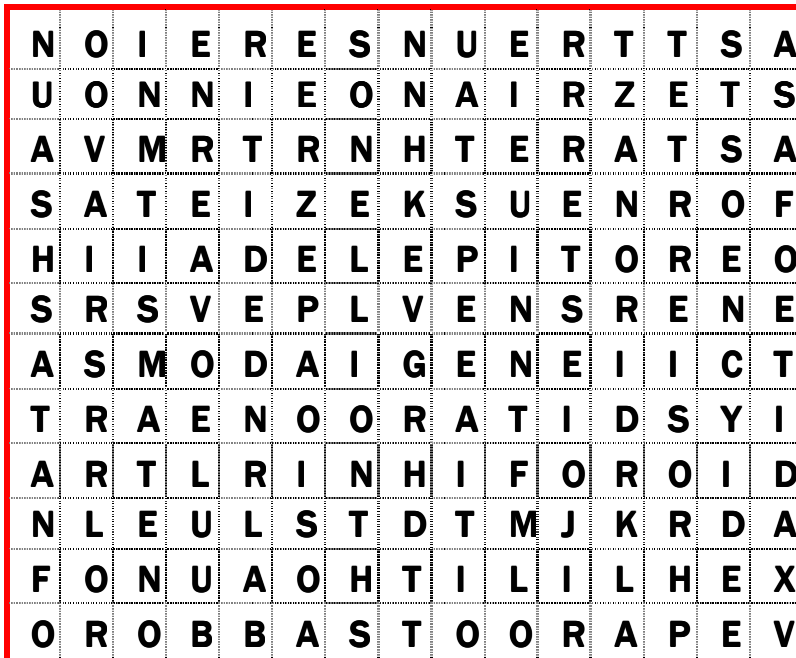
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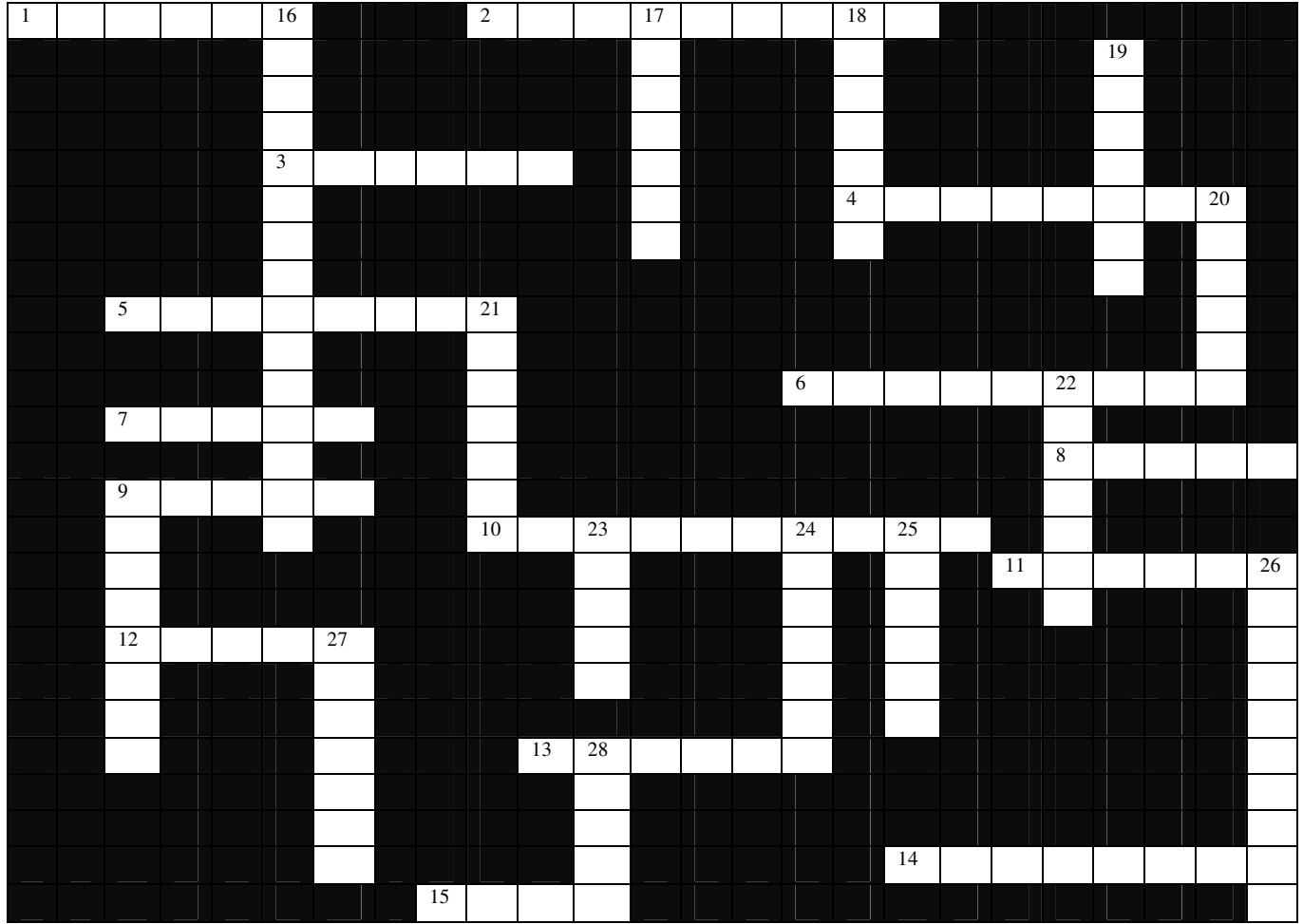
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| 5) Verrine    | 13) Sallos     | 20) Forneus |
| 6) Rosier     | 14) Vepar      | 21) Orias   |
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| 8) Sitri      |                |             |



*By Incendio (Josh Anubis)*

# DAEMONIC CROSSWORD

By Adrianna



## Across

1. He who is Earth.
2. Lord of the covenant, later made lord of death.
3. he is a great & mighty Earle, appearing in y<sup>e</sup> forme of an hart w<sup>th</sup> a firey [fiery] Taile
4. The destroyer
5. His fire burns as the sun.
6. To present as an act of worship. (plural)
7. The most personal offering you can make.
8. An appeal or prayer for evil or misfortune to befall someone or something.
9. An elevated place or structure before which religious ceremonies may be enacted.
10. Daemoness of hatred
11. We \_\_\_\_\_ to the demonic plane by way of a meditation practice.
12. The Philistine God of the ocean (serpent)
13. A ritual implement used to invoke.
14. One that performs the duties of a servant to another; an attendant.
15. A song of praise or thanksgiving to God or a deity

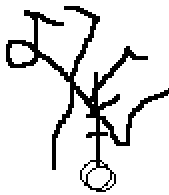
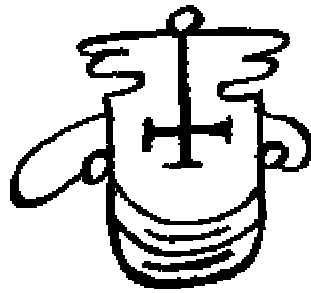
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9. Demon of Lust
16. In the Dukante Hierarchy he is twin to Lucifer and a militant, controlling daemon.
17. The nine divinities represent the natural \_\_\_\_\_ in the universe.
18. Priestess of battle.
19. Daemoness of herbal knowledge.
20. Depictions representing a Daemonic entity. A signature. (plural)
21. A Latin name for Satan
22. An offering to Lucifer
23. Reversed Satan
24. Bringer of Light and Enlightenment
25. To invest with ministerial or priestly authority
26. She teaches all magick and sorcery.
27. Mar De Camp of Hell
28. Demon of Domination according to Dukante Hierarchy

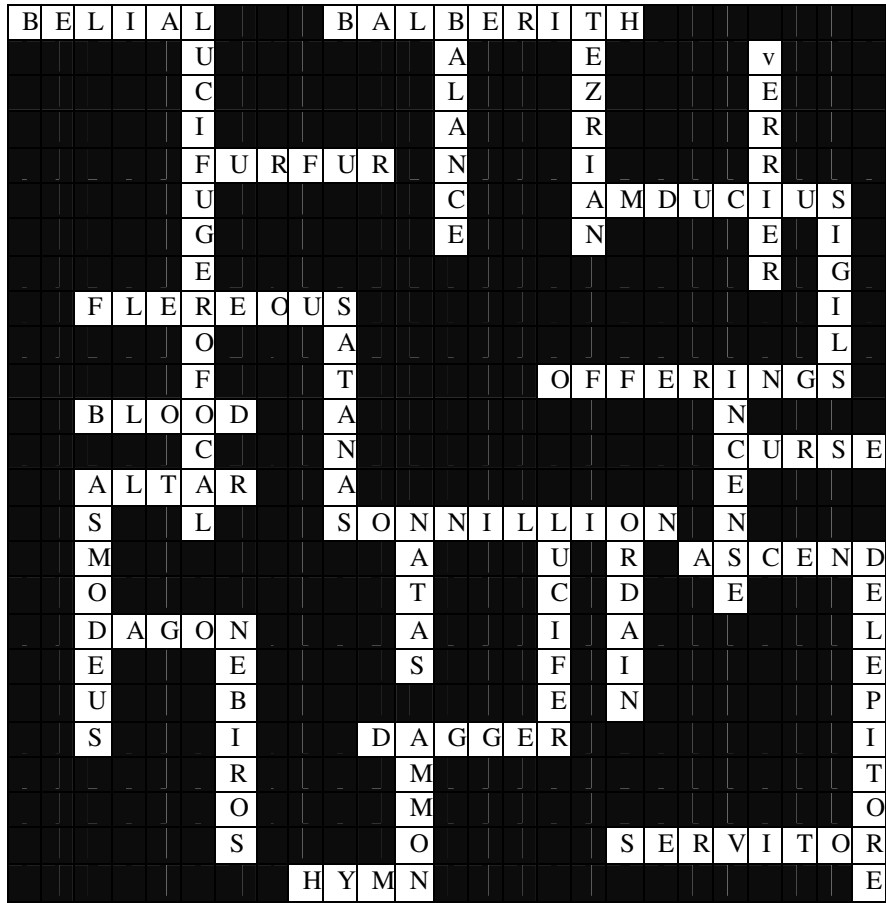


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### Answers to Crossword



### Answers to Sigils

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