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And Old Point That Bears Repeating

From: sgraves

To: zee-list

Subject: It's an old point that bears repeating.

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I don't know much about chaos magic in any academic, I-read-it-in-XXX sense. Here's my recent experience with real chaos magic.

A good friend of mine was in pain, and in an effort to lessen her pain, I "healed" her. Along the lines of an old post Lauranz made entitled Occam's Pot Scrubber, or something similar, I should more rightly say that she reported feeling less pain after I perceived an action on my own part.

We got into a discussion of how I do it. My answer didn't satisfy me, completely, because I'm overly analytical. I told her that I healed because I know it works. That's all.

No paradigm. No invocation. No visualization. I lay on my hands, and I concentrate on the knowledge that it Works, and it Works.

They call it Faith Healing.

I can analyze it. I really can. But my friend made an astoundingly concise and insightful statement that removes my desire to do so: she said, "Steve, it works because it's yours. You didn't read it in a book. It won't fail because you're not doing it Hine's way, or Carroll's way, it will work, because you're doing it your way."

Similarly, her house is "haunted." By this I mean that upon entering a particular room for the first time, I commented that it felt like someone had hung themselves there. They have, or will. Her name is/will be Colleen. The same night, this entity moved into the room we were sitting in, and caused me great discomfort, in addition to lowering the ambient temperature. Rather than invoke some great deity to cast it out, or banish this "ghost," I simply calmed my self inwardly, felt my inner temperature, and concentrated on feeling my temperature rise. I then *asked* the spirit to bide its time, that the pain it would cause us would in no way lessen its own, and that, in time, I would help it if I could.

Nothing I've read or put supreme effort into has worked. When I want results, I simply focus on what I know is true: that I have a modicum of power within my Self, and that I can use it externally. It is my chi, my Soul, my life force, and my aura.

Chaos magic? This is chaos magic. Chaos magic is doing what *works*, for you.

Enjoy the story, folks, and I'll be seeing you in your dreams,
Rev.Graves.

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Chaos

by Hiram Gordon Wells

Chaos is the field that underlies all things which exist. In the beginning there was Chaos. Before the big bang all order was bound into the monoblock, a point smaller than an electron. All else was Chaos. After the big bang the various dimensions of order were spontaneously created by the inherent symmetry of the original matrix. These dimensions continue to expand through the continuum, but still the underlying Chaos remains active and potent. The nature of the Chaos field is dimly understood. Is it the complete absence of order, or does it correspond to an order not comprehended by Man? Fundamentally it is the uncoordinated source of creation. From Chaos does creation rise, to be formed by other forces. The Greeks called this the Cornocopia; a twisted tube within which is nothingness, but from the mouth of which spews all manner of things. This is interestingly similar to modern theories concerning black holes. Physicists, such as Stephen Hawking, postulate that the structure of black holes may be that of a twisted tube, (called a "wormhole"), within which is a chaos without any predictable physical laws, (called a "singularity"). Further it is stated that these wormholes may have a terminus in another spatial/ temporal/dimensional location, (called a "white hole"). It is a matter of form passing through chaos becoming form again in another aspect. Here is a quality of the Chaos field, that it serves to reprocess matter/energy, breaking them down into components so that it may be reused in the various dimensional matrixes. In these matrixes, our universe for instance, the energy matrixes that form planets, stars, bodies, minds, etc, cannot be entirely broken apart, they retain some similarity. For example, the energy matrix of a body, upon deactivation of the governing principle, goes on to combine with similar matrixes. The corpse feeds the tree and the worm. It reshapes the consumed matrix into similar organic constructions. If this combining is delayed, say by isolation within volcanic rock, than the matrix will combine with the less energetic rock, the process of fossilization. With sentient creatures there are actually two matrixes working in combination, the physical matrix and the mental matrix. What has been said about physical matrixes generally applies to the mental, with this difference; that where the physical is usually recombined, except when the matrix is very weak or more energy is required to maintain equilibrium in the Chaos field, the mental rarely recombines, (this is termed possession when it combines with an already functioning matrix and called reincarnation when it uses a latent matrix), instead it usually enters the Chaos field, wherein various things may occur. A special set of circumstances applies to mental matrixes in Chaos. These may be generalized in three ways:

1. It may be reprocessed; When this occurs the individual matrix is broken down completely. This is dissolution.
2. It may be partially reprocessed; It sometimes happens that mental matrixes enter Chaos, but the primal will to exist is strong enough to prevent it from being completely reprocessed. In these cases the intellectual qualities do not survive, but the remainder retains some integrity. These are just machines of a sort, what Qabalahists refer to as Qliphoths, (shells).

3. It may preserve its integrity; It may be that the individuals mental matrix is possessed of not only a strong will to exist, but also of a powerfully focused intellectual fixation. the individual matrix can preserve its discreteness if it can maintain clarity, a very difficult thing to do during conditions of disincorporation. Managing this feat will raise another question, "what now?"

The individual cannot retain itself in the Chaos field indefinitely, it would inevitably break apart. Therefore the mind must travel. This raises another quality of Chaos. The chaos field has no dimensions, no time, no distance, at least in our mode of thinking. Basic laws that apply in the dimensional matrixes do not apply in Chaos. Different objects can occupy the same space at the same time, effect can proceed cause, and every point in every location is congruent. Everything is everywhere, always. One can enter Chaos from any particular location, and exit it at any other particular dimensional location, assuming integrity is preserved. The major difficulty in this mode of travel is navigation. A very nearly infinite number of choices is presented, no easy task sorting this out, and once one makes his exit, his individual matrix will adapt itself to local conditions, perhaps forgetting himself entirely. Most people have no idea where it is they want to be, in fact many do not even know where they are. They would become lost. There is a method for successful navigation. This method is possible because it is not required to die in order to enter the Chaos field. Travelling the Chaos is referred to by the vulgar as "astral travel". Few understand the nature of this. They use it as a sort of mental vacationing, talking to cretinous shells and gawking at illusions. The inhabitants of Chaos are generally useless to the individual, exceptions perhaps being other more experienced travellers (not always human), who might provide some insight. There, as here, you must always be on the lookout for charlatans. The use of travelling chaos before death is that it is much easier to keep individual integrity while possessing a body. The individuals body acts as a beacon to draw back the wandering mind. If the individual wants to use the Chaos field to plot his after life travel plans, it is required that the person know his true Will, for this will tell him where it would be best for him to manifest. Without this the individual can not go to where he should be, for he would not know what, or where, this is. But knowing ones true will in this area will raise sympathies which will lead one to his particular "portal of becoming". It is important to avoid fascination, or the individual may find himself getting exactly what he thinks he wants, which may be hideously inappropriate. The chaos field is not in itself horrible, although it contains some horrors. Chaos is not hell, although it is inhabited by some types of demons. It is potential, the realm where possibility is born. It is the Apsu, the abyss of the Babylonians. The place of naked, formless creation. It becomes existant when given form by Enki, which is Wisdom and Intellect.

Feb. 1989 Hiram Gordon Wells

Postscript

Upon reading this essay it occurred to me that some readers might take it as a justification for inactivity on this particular level. The old, "never mind what's happening now, things

will be great in the afterlife, in heaven, on another planet, etc." This may be fine for the christian slave or whatnot, but it is hardly sufficient for those who are driven by that strange need to create, to attain. Only through progression through the multitude of evolutionary levels can one go beyond, and it is by ones actions here and now that this progression is made.

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Chaos Magick

by Ray Sherwin

Chaos Magick has its roots in every occult tradition and in the work of many individuals. If any one person can be said to have been responsible, albeit unintentionally, for the present climate of opinion that person would be Austin Osman Spare, whose magical system was based entirely on his image of himself and upon an egocentric model of the universe. He did not intend that the system he devised for his own use should be used by others since it was clear to him that no two individuals could benefit from the same system. Nor did he fall into the trap of presuming that the information revealed to or by him was pertinent to all mankind as all the messiahs did. Aleister Crowley came to look upon him as a "black brother" purely because he refused to accept Crowley's Law of Thelema, preferring instead to work beyond dogmas and rules, relying on intuition and information uprooted from the depths of self.

The most recent public expression of Chaos Magick has been through the work of the Illuminates of Thanateros, an order which Pete Carroll and I initiated in 1978. Our aim at that time was to inspire rather than lead magicians interested in the Chaos concept by publishing ideas of a practical nature. Our approach differed to Spare's only inasmuch as we were interested in group as well as solo magick. The response to our writings was much greater than we anticipated and by 1982 there were groups working in England, Australia, America, Egypt and Germany as well as allied groups such as the "Circle of Chaos" and many individuals working alone.

The difficulties of running such an order soon became apparent. What seemed simple to us, both in concept and technique, was not simple to people who had not suffered the bizarre and arbitrary intricacies of what is now referred to as "traditional magick." This put us in an awkward position because it meant that a magical concept which, by our own definition, could not be taught now needed to be taught. Both Pete and I held guruship and hierarchy as anathema yet now we were being expected not only to teach but also to lead.

It has been said that all systems of magick have the same end result. I doubt that this is true because so many systems restrict their practitioners within such narrow parameters of dogma and morality (even if there is no priesthood as such) that instinct and imagination are stifled by rules and doctrines. A path cannot be chosen sensibly until all paths have been examined for comparison and to restrict oneself to one path would, in any case, limit one's experience and modes of thinking.

A solution was eventually to the problem of how to reach that which could not be taught. No rules or instructions were ever given, only suggestions. No mention was made of notions best left for the individual to decide such as reincarnation and the existence or nature of god. Ideas of that nature have little bearing on the performance of practical magick anyway, and individuals practising the techniques rapidly came to their own

conclusions. We knew that we were on the right track when we came to collating the information sent to us by individuals and groups. Without exception everyone who sent results to us considered the techniques they had used to be extremely potent but - and this was the important thing - they had all come to different conclusions on matters of philosophy. That they had come such varying conclusions and still wanted to remain within the loose organisation structure we had set up was more encouraging than anything else.

To detail the methods of Chaos Magick would be spurious since they are adequately dealt with in available publications. It would be useful however, to point out a popular misconception which has been unintentionally fostered by people writing in specialist magazines. There has been some confusion about the word 'chaos', some writers believing the word to have been used in this context to express the techniques themselves. Nothing could be further from the truth. Whilst it is correct that some modes of gnosis are effective because they confuse the ratio-cinative functions they ultimately lead to clarity and magicians involved in the Chaos current tend to be meticulous in the way they organise their programme of work. This is a legacy inherited from the "93 system". We formulated the term "Chaos Magick" to indicate the randomness of the universe and the individuals relationship with it. The antithesis of chaos, cosmos, is the universe suitably defined by the successful magician for his own purposes and that definition is under constant scrutiny and may be regularly changed. Chaos is expressive of this philosophy and reinforces the idea that there is no permanent model for the individual's relationship with everything that he is not. The word encompasses not only those things we know to be true but also what we suspect may be true as well as the world of impressions, paranoias and possibilities.

If there were anything such as a Chaos Credo it would run on the following lines: I do not believe in anything. I know what I know (gnosis) and I postulate theories which may or may not enter my system of adopted beliefs when those theories have been tested. There are no gods or demons, except for those I have been conditioned into acknowledging and those I have created for myself. I create and destroy beliefs according to their usefulness. In the words of the wise "nothing is true, everything is permitted" - provided it interferes with no-one.

At the group level obviously a consensus of some sort must be reached. I use the word consensus advisedly because other descriptions such as "shared reality" would be quite misleading since no notion beyond the concrete can be shared. It can, at best, be appreciated. Guidance in technique is always useful but reliance on books, even books on Chaos Magick, is best kept to a minimum in favour of working by instinct.

Group workings usually fall into four categories - experimental, initiatory, repeated ritual and celebratory (for which several groups may come together) although by no means all groups include all four categories in their repertoire. More important for a group working any sort of magick is to build and maintain an atmosphere which excites and inspires the imagination. The groups already in existence have, to a large extent, moved away from the idea prevailing in the seventies that theatrical trappings are not necessary. They tend

to use any device which will contribute to the magical atmosphere they wish to create. The traditional magical weapons are sometimes used but, more often than not, quite new weapons peculiar to each group are made. Masks and robes are effective and, therefore, widely used although nudity is not frowned upon (See the "Cardinal Rites of Chaos").

As far as experimental magick is concerned, sigilisation has been the most widely researched subject, but telekinesis, ESP and telepathy as well as many methods of raising power have been looked into in varying degrees of detail.

Chaos Magick is not looking for converts but anyone who is already inclined towards magical adventure and who is prepared to break new ground would be warmly accepted by the existing groups.

BOOKS ON CHAOS MAGICK

- LIBER NULL - Pete Carroll
- PSYCHONAUT - Pete Carroll
- THE THEATRE OF MAGICK - Ray Sherwin
- THE BOOK OF RESULTS - Ray Sherwin
- CARDINAL RITES OF CHAOS - Paula Pagani

Chaos Magick and Morality

Date: Sat, 23 Aug 1997 14:24:52 -0500 (CDT)
From: chuck27@ix.netcom.com (Chuck Cosimano)
To: zee-list
Subject: Re: Chaos Magick and Morality

The problem of morality in magick and lack of it in Chaos Magick is not so much a problem for the magicians as for those around them. Morality, after all, is nothing more than a set of principles, usually, but not always, stated that groups of people expect others to live by if they wish to be accepted into that group, be it a small religious cult like the Amish or a broader civil society.

Now magick, as it deals with the raw energies of the cosmos and the various non-physical (at least as we understand the term) entities that abound therein, operates in a universe where the principles of any given human social grouping are simply not going to apply. For example, if I invoke the deity Electricity, that god is not going to care if I use his energy to light my house or electrocute my neighbor. The society I live in will have definite and strong opinions on the matter, but the deity will not. The reason for this would seem to be relatively simple. The consciousness that runs the universe does not give diddly about human social opinion, if it even knows that such a thing exists.

That being said, magicians are social beings. And while lots of us would like to think we have totally freed ourselves from the social strictures of our mundane or worse (orthodox wiccan, for example) neighbors we still have a lot of things floating around in us that we have internalized and are not just going to leave, nor do we want them to. And every once in a while we run into them just after spending hours and hours fulminating against morality only to find ourselves experiencing what can only be called moral outrage and then our fellow magicians laugh at us because we got caught with a principle showing.

Now, explaining this to someone else, particularly someone who is not a magician, can be nigh unto impossible because that person may have internalized so many rules that the concept of working in a value-free structure is either inconceivable to that person or so utterly terrifying as to be unthinkable. For example, my fellow Theosophists will tie themselves into intellectual Gordian knots trying to figure out the workings of Karma and the along comes Uncle Chuckie who unties the knot the same way Alexander the Great did. I cut it by simply saying Karma is hokum. This makes them somewhat nervous, but since they know me they don't get as terrified about it as they used to. Even so, they still live a world where the universe is run along the lines of Victorian sentimentality and get very bothered about things that other people consider to be merely annoying or entertaining. They aren't going to change, so I don't try to. And as they know they can't change me, they have come to the conclusion that I am a refreshing bit of heresy and we enjoy each other's company tremendously. The same situation probably applies to most of the people on this list in one way or another depending upon whom they hang out with.

It would seem that Chaotes, being the mad spiritual anarchists that they are, will never quite fit in with any stated concept of morality but will rather follow their own internal systems.

Uncle Chuckie

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"When you are willing to do that which others are ashamed to do,
therein
lies an advantage." The Book of Lord Shang

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Chaos Magick and Punk Rock

Date: Tue, 11 May 1999 10:48:50 -0700 (PDT)

From: Joseph Maxx.555

cc: AutonomatriX e-list

Subject: Re: chaos wicca (was i saw your add in...)

On Tue, 11 May 1999, Lauranz Again wrote:

> HineNuit wrote, "Of course, as those of us who have been chaotes for
> many years can attest, the whole meaning of chaos magick has been
> completely lost in the last couple of years."
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> Hello, Hine...would you be willing to expand upon this? It's only
been a

> little more than two years ago (I don't think it's been three years,
> jeez, so much has happened in two years) that I discovered Chaos
Magick.

> And my contact with chaotes has been through these e-mail lists,
rather

> than in the physical world here in Bumpkins County.
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> Would you be willing to talk about what has changed and what has been
> lost?

I'll take a swing at that...

Hine is correct, to a point. In one sense, Chaos Magic has suffered the same fate as "witchcraft" and "satanism" has in the last few years: the arrival of the "bumpkins" from the suburbs (present company excluded, ofcourse) much to the chagrin of the "old hands" who have been at it for awhile.

Here's an analogy I like: Back when I was in the nascent punk-rock scene (like around 1976-78) it was a cutting-edge underground genre completely shunned by the mainstream -- in fact, it was UNKNOWN by the mainstream. And punk had a lot of similarities to chaos magic; it could be said it was the "chaos magic" of rock music. It was visceral, dark and forbidding; it dealt with people and concepts on the edge of modern culture; it deconstructed the paradigm of rock music and in the process found itself closer to the genre's actual roots; it was persued by rugged, individualistic do-it-yourself-ers; it held the "mainstream" in clear contempt; it allowed for a incredible range of personal expression, from the Sex Pistols to Devo. And it was INEVITABLE, given the state of the "art" and the cultural milleau of the times.

Then our postmodern culture began to assimilate what seemed to be un-assimilatable. Punk rock became "chic" and the culture vultures arrived to feast on its body. The "kids from the suburbs" started showing up at the shows that used to be the exclusive playground of the "real punks". Safety-pinned clothes on the rack at Macy's. Calvin Klein heroin-chic magazine ads. Spikey hairdos at Vidal Sassoon's. PUNK ROCK HALLMARK GREETING CARDS!

All this, of course, has the effect of driving the originators of the "genre" out of the loop, and led to the expected announcements that the "movement is dead" and so forth. The rise and "fall" of Chaos Magic has followed a similar pattern. At first it was undefinable. Me and my fellow punk rockers used to ride the buses in San Francisco back around 1977 without black leather, safety pins and purple hair, and people looked at us like we were from another planet. They didn't call us "punks" because they didn't know WHAT to call us. If anyone tried to ask us to "explain" what we were doing we would laugh -- either you just "got it" or you would NEVER get it. We were utterly alien to their cultural paradigm -- true antinomianism. Then people came along who felt it had to be qualified and quantified. Books were published "explaining" punk to non-punks. We saw "punk politics" and "punk philosophy" arise. Major record companies signed the most popular bands and they were assimilated into the mainstream. The clubs were overrun by posers and "weekend punks".

Now it's happened to Chaos Magic. Even sheer iconoclasts like we AXions have a working group that meets at an OTO LODGE fercrissake! (Talk about getting signed to a major label...) Ten years ago the OTO considered us the most disgusting of heretics, now we're teaching THEM how to rediscover what they lost long ago. We've now entered the "post-punk" period of Chaos Magic, with youngsters like yourself representing the Nirvanas and Pearl Jams of the latter times.

So in that sense, "chaos is dead" -- but it's not, not really. We will never recapture the halcyon days of yore, but that does not invalidate it as a culture. As long as anyone can pick up a guitar (wand), put together a band (working group), write their own songs (rituals), make music (magic) their own way and not give a fuck if anyone else thinks it's "valid", the spirit that was punk (chaos) will never die.

I've said it before, and I'll say it again: it's the ATTITUDE that matters.

- J:.M:.555

Blow up the Earth??? Man, I hope not! That's where I keep
all my stuff!

-- The Tick

Chaos vs Eclectic Magick

From: "Joseph Max.555"
Newsgroups: alt.magick.chaos
Subject: Re: Chaos vs Eclectic magic
Date: Sat, 19 Jul 1997 18:00:40 -0700

On Wed, 16 Jul 1997, garyb wrote:

What are the differences(if any) between Chaos magic and Eclectic magic?

I've read some books and articles by both Phil Hine and Peter Carroll and I like them very much. But besides the labels and institution what is the difference between their theories and say...Issac Bonewits book Real Magic, which I'm not sure is Yellow Magic(?) or Eclectic Magic?

Chaos Magic is eclectic, but eclectic is not necessarily Chaos Magic.

It's more a matter of approach and attitude. Most of the practices of a given chaotic or group may of course be considered "eclectic".

But Bonewits posits a particular set of beliefs, that are basic assumptions or axioms that are to be accepted as TRUE. There's a whole list of them, I think, if I remember the book.

Chaos Magic posits no beliefs -- at least none to be considered absolutely "true". Nothing is true. You are therefore free to take anything you like and use it AS IF it were true. Everything is permitted. And the amazing thing is that even if you're faking it it still works!

A belief system, ANY belief system, even one cobbled together from bits and pieces, copied or original, if it's continuously subscribed to as being absolutely true by the magician, it ceases to be Chaos Magic.

Chaos Magicians are magical agnostics. They don't know what might be absolutely true, and suspect that nothing is -- and they DON'T CARE.

This shows in the contrast between Pete and Phil. Pete's obsession was empire building -- he was fascinated by the old Magical Order gambit and wanted to do what Uncle Al did and leave a legacy. And he's done fairly well with it. He sees it as ultimately philosophical and political, hence his aeonic theories.

Phil is more personal and "eclectic". His passion is sociology and psychology, and his work reflects it. Each man has picked what has meaning FOR HIM and projected his magic onto it.

Bonewitz believes in ultimate meaning, of a "magical universe" governed by laws. So did Crowley. Neither would be happy with the idea that the ultimate meaning of the universe is that there is no ultimate meaning of the universe.

Chaos Magic sees nothing but infinite chaos, stochastically dragged into existence by each and every observer according to their predispositions, and by manipulating these predispositions it can be bent in desired directions by a canny intelligence.

I like that neither have their roots in age old dead beliefs and stem from those things that draw emotion and passion from the wielder.. much like art...

Obviously you're not familiar with Bonewits' recent work, being an "Arch Druid" and all. Talk about an age-old dead belief system...

That's where locked-in belief leads you, I suppose.

- J.:M.:555

Crisis Magicians, Orders, Disorders, Lynx, and Lone Wolves

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I felt quite happy a decade or so ago to be labelled as a "Crisis Magician". The definitive characterisation, according to Peter Carroll, is that of an individual who devotes most of their energies to normal everyday pursuits, only resorting to The Wand in times of crisis. To the best of my knowledge, Carroll has never gone into print on the matter, but from his perjorative tone when conversing the subject one may gather that such a 'modus operandi' is thought unbecoming for a serious occult practitioner. Personally, I would contrast the relatively orderly lives of many occultists who resort to praeter-natural tactics only in dire emergency, with the experience of many habitual magicians whose lives seem to lurch inexorably from one grotesque scenario to another. Perhaps the time is ripe for a re-definition!

Regular consumers of my articles and lectures may recognise herein some development of ideas introduced in my papers "So-Called Magic(k), or Fraud or Bullshit" and "The History and Development of Secret Societies", as well as an update on matters raised in "Magical Conflict - The Corporate Adversary." I do not propose to waste time considering whether "magic(k)" works or not, or what it is, but rather to examine the elusive ways in which it can work, to look at the sort of associative relationships which occult practitioners may form between themselves, and the advantages and disadvantages of participation in such magical working groups.

"Orders" and "Disorders" in this context are different species of structured or unstructured groupings of magicians, while "Lynx" are the female counterparts of "Lone Wolves". (Yes, I know there are female wolves, but if one says "Lone Wolf" in the sense of a magical practitioner who prefers to work alone, audience perception might interpret the term as applying exclusively to the masculine gender).

THE SOLITARY QUEST

In western cultures most magical practitioners start out in, or spend a major part of their occult career in "Lynx" or "Lone Wolf" mode. Individuals develop an initial interest in magic usually as a result of some personal experience, or because some book, or even a record, seems to be saying something to them which means more than the hypocritical dogmas of orthodox morality and religion. There may of course be some influence from a friend, a relative or even a teacher, but a solitary period, which often takes the form of some personal "quest for truth", is a feature of most occultists' formative years.

Some people are content with this state of philosophical solitude, although many simply feel that they are the only person in the world who sees things in a particular way, or that they have undergone some absolutely unique experience, which, if it were communicated, would cause other people to think them mad. In this respect families are frequently perceived as being unsupportive, or, in extreme cases, downright hostile. Open-mindedness towards children's opinions and views of life has never been an important feature of family life in our culture, no matter how old the child may become!

Other practitioners committed to the solitary path are those who have been worked over and/or ripped off by some phoney cult or "guru", and who have survived "de-programming" and/or "conversion" to some other purported revelation of Ultimate Truth. Such experiences result in a powerfully aversive, and quite understandable, attitude towards occult groups generally, and, in lucky cases, can engender the deep rooted scepticism which is absolutely essential if one is not to fall prey to yet further purveyors of potted belief systems and self-consistent "irrefutable" hypotheses. Anyone motivated by scepticism to avoid ALL occult and religious groups has my wholehearted and sincere support that is an entirely honourable position, and one for which I have considerable sympathy.

REAL scepticism, though, demands a degree of open-mindedness, and I do not extend the above eulogy to include those bigoted neophobes of the scientific establishment who have turned the deterministic model of the universe into a religion in its own right, and who seek to reinforce that belief structure by choosing to examine only such evidence as supports their preconceived not for of the way things should be. To such authorities I say "Study the proofs of Godel's Theorems, and if you don' t understand them, be advised to shut up until you do!"

MOTIVATIONS FOR MAGICAL STUDY

The multiplicity of reasons which people might give for embarking on a programme of magical study seem to me to fall loosely under three basic headings:

1. A wish thereby to gain some personal "spiritual enlightenment".
2. A wish to gain power to influence external events.
3. A wish to gain power over other people.

In the case of any given individual there will often be some component of each of these primary motivations exhibited.

However nebulous the concept of "spiritual enlightenment" may be, persons for whom its attainment provides the dominant motivation are frequently led to the belief that it can best be provided by someone else who is presumed already to have attained such a state. This conveniently provides those who wish to gain power over other people with a ready supply of subjects, and it is no surprise to find persons in whom such motivations dominate drawn together. In Guru/Chela relationships and, in larger numbers, into rigid structural hierarchies within which both "Seekers" and "Teachers" derive some fulfilment of their motivation, but where the internal machinations within the relationship or structure frequently supercede the original intent.

Power to influence external events, I suggest, is something different, not least because there is a component of objectivity involved. A remote control for a TV set bestows some power objectively to transform external reality; and John Dee, Agrippa, or even Isaac Newton, being presented with such a device might well have classified it among magical artifacts. The point is that some technique or technology is involved which may do something as apparently simple as move a small piece of metal across a smooth surface, or something as devastating as inducing spontaneous combustion upon someone who has caused offence. Such techniques either work or they don't; that is (within the framework of a stochastic universe), there is a greater or a lesser likelihood of an observably effective result occurring which accords with the original intention.

The difficulty is that in practice one is rarely dealing with any effect as clearly demonstrable as actually being able to watch an object move from one place to another, or applaud while some offensive individual lights up like a blow torch. Where "magic" is found to work most effectively is in the realm of coincidence manipulation, where the end result might have come about as a matter of pure chance.

Life becomes even more confused when it is realised that those seeking the nebulous goal of "spiritual enlightenment" have no objective means of judging the qualifications of those purporting to be able to teach or bestow it. It is however assumed that those of advanced "spiritual" attainment have the ability to perform "miraculous" acts (the Catholic Church even makes such performances an essential pre-requisite for canonisation of someone as a Saint), and the field is therefore open for charismatics, con persons and fraudsters to deliver hyped up phenomenisations to convince the gullible to sign up and part with their money. In some cases what is perpetrated is little more than a pseudo-metaphysical game of "Find the Lady".

It's not hard to see why so many people with an interest in the occult keep themselves to themselves, and follow their own path experimenting with those techniques which they feel work best for them personally.

The problem with that individual approach in a wider context is that it is not likely to advance the frontiers of human knowledge very much. Given that the matter under consideration has the appearance of a species of unfolding science and/or technology, few major advances in such disciplines over the years have been made by individuals working entirely alone. The cross-fertilisation of ideas and experiences which inevitably results from working together with other members of a team is a major component in producing the quantum leaps in understanding and perception which characterise major advances. Thus there is some further motivation for those practitioners who have become convinced, from their own experience, that "magical" effects do have some basis in fact, to ally themselves with other like minded individuals, and to form groups in order to pool knowledge and combine their efforts.

CONTEMPORARY CHURCHES, CULTS AND MAGICAL GROUPS

Most churches, cults and magical groups adhere to some sort of belief structure which presents their organisation as the custodians of THE "Ultimate Truth". In some cases this "Truth" derives from historical tradition, as with, say, mainstream Christianity or Freemasonry, in other cases the fountainhead is entirely modern (as with the quasi-rationalist 'Nuclear Power Dogma'), or consists of a modern re-interpretation of more ancient source material.

Most of these religions, for in one sense or another that is what they are, publish their irrefutable hypothesis in the public domain, so that it least it is available for adherents and querents to consider and debate openly. A minority, particularly among the more occult oriented organisations, present a concept of a "truth" which is so wonderful or awesome that it has to be concealed from the "profane" (i.e. outsiders) and in some cases restricted to the highest echelons of a hierarchical structure, with dissemination prohibited by oaths of secrecy.

A single category of occult persuasion, the Chaos Magicians, argue from both a philosophical and an objective mathematical standpoint that "there can be NO ultimate truth" and treat "belief" as a technical expedient which can be temporarily useful in accomplishing particular magical objectives.

Since the inception of Chaos Magic in its a modern form in the late 1970s, there has been considerable debate among its adherents concerning the most appropriate collective structure for pursuit and development of the philosophy and associated magical techniques.

ORDERS AND DISORDERS

Anyone interested in serious ceremonial/ritual magic in London in the early 1970s had little alternative but to follow the path of the Lone Wolf. The blues musician Graham Bond had made an attempt to introduce a brand of Thelemic. Masonry to young members of the Notting Hill sub-culture in the late. 60's but any remnant of

that died with him in 1974, while the mainstream Freemasons, inasmuch as they were recruiting at all, were concentrating on public school Old Boy Associations and their usual hunting grounds in the police and other uniformed public services. If any rump of the pre-war ceremonial orders, the Golden Dawn, the OTO, A.'.A.'. , M.'.M.'. , or Stella Matutina still existed, then their ageing membership was maintaining a low profile. Crowley books were out of print, hard to find, and costly; indeed pretty well the only published system for magical self-initiation was the Mathers edition of "The Sacred Magic Of Abra-Melin the Mage" , which, although perhaps effective, was scarcely popular because of its masculine bias and requirement for months of sexual abstinence. Occasional reprints of Austin Spare' s work were sighted, mostly third generation photocopies.

If you wanted to become involved In working with a group it was down to the Theosophists, Rudolph Steiner's Anthroposophy, White Eagle Lodge, or the AMORC Rosicrucians, In all of which "sex and drugs and rock and roll" were definitely frowned upon. Alternatively there was Scientology, Guru Maharaji's 'Divine Light', Maharishi Mahesh Yogi's Transcendental Meditation, and Hare Krishna, which were all widely felt to be rip offs of one sort or another.

Into this magical wasteland of London in November 1974 was suddenly projected the now famed classified advertisement in Time Out Magazine:

MAGIC. Serious student of occult has access to Golden Dawn Records and wishes to form similar society more suited to current trends - but perhaps retaining many of the GD grades and initiation processes. Invitation to write and discuss the project more fully is open to all with a more than passing interest in magical ceremonies and of course practical instruction is available to the novice. Please feel free to write whatever your Interpretation of the essential truth. The combined study of magic for the common good can only be beneficial to humanity. Box 247/20.

Around 20 Lone Wolves (all male) replied and were disappointed to discover that the advertiser was not what he purported to be, and that he had little interest in organising a re-constituted Order of the Golden Dawn. At a meeting of the respondents, though, several of them, including Peter Carroll and myself, decided to meet regularly and to contribute ideas for ritual work which other participants could join in with.

The group never had a formal working name at the time - the original correspondence file is marked "Magical Study Group" - but it has come to be referred to as "Stoke Newington Sorcerors" (SNS) since most of the meetings took place in a house in that part of London.

Although there were many discussions about instituting some sort of formal structure, it was generally resisted, partly because none of the original members was prepared to cede superiority to any of the others, and although later arrivals

attempted to usurp a leadership role, they were customarily given short shrift. A nucleus of SNS members eventually wound up living in close proximity during 1977/8 in the notorious Speedwell House (in Deptford, South East London) where they became entwined in the nascent anarchy of the explosion of 'Punk' fashion. The street-cred magical names like Frater Autonemesis and Frater Choronzon date from this period, and, in terms of lifestyle, Chaos was King; the philosophical dimension developed from that point.

Peter Carroll and myself were both writing for the small circulation "New Equinox" magazine which was being published by Ray Sherwin out of East Morton in Yorkshire, and it was at this time that Pete produced a magical training syllabus based on exercises he was using himself which were drawn in part from yogic sources as well as having some input from Crowley, Spare and Castenada. The essence of Carroll's own work there was in stripping away the bullshit, and encapsulating the most useful techniques in a booklet of no more than 7 typed A4 sheets titled "LIBER MMM A Publication of the Magical Order of the IOT - Being the Initial Instructions in Mind Control, Metamorphosis and Magic for applicants to the IOT."

IOT, of course, is "Illuminates Of Thanateros"; the name itself perhaps owing some debt of inspiration not only to Spare, but also to Robert(s) Shea and Anton Wilson, whose conspiracy theorist trilogy "Illuminatus" had enjoyed a measure of acclaim, along with its stage adaptation. Because of the short term nature of the Speedwell House domicile, and the requirement for applicants to work "Liber MMM" for at least six months before submitting a magical record for consideration, the correspondence address was that of Ray Sherwin's "Morton Press." The same imprimatur is to be found on the earliest editions of Carroll's first book "Liber Null", which includes "Liber MMM" as the opening chapter.

There are a few interesting features about the earliest versions of "Liber MMM" which are relevant to the issues discussed in this paper. Firstly the IOT is presented as a magical ORDER. Secondly, there is no mention at all of Chaos; and, thirdly, under the heading "Structure", Carroll states "There is no hierarchy in the IOT". Albeit that he goes on to outline "a division of activity based on ability", with roles for Students, Initiates, Adepts and Masters being detailed. I highlight those features of the original concept because minor amendments were made in later versions of "Liber MMM" and because the preamble which includes the material on "Structure" has disappeared from that section in the later Weiser edition of "Liber Null and Psychonaut" combined.

The key point about that inaugural stage in the IOT's history is that although it was presented as an ORDER, the structure (like that of SNS before it) was a non-hierarchical DISORDER, albeit that there was no explicit reference to CHAOS.

During the five years or so following the demolition of Speedwell House, "Liber Null" was followed by "Psychonaut" and the locus of Chaos Magic moved to

West Yorkshire. A German translation appeared and some contact was established with a few hardy individuals who had worked through the "Liber MMM" syllabus and who submitted creditable records of their experiences.

Eventually in 1986 the first edition of "Chaos International" appeared under the editorship of P.D. Brown and Ray Sherwin. A glance at the first Editorial shows that the anti-hierarchical posture of Chaos Magic had survived intact from the earliest days of the IOT. The following extract makes the philosophical position at that time quite clear:

"Hierarchy fails for many reasons, not least of which is that it is eminently corruptible. From the magical point of view hierarchy, except when its leaders genuinely have the interests of their aspirants at heart, is stifling and inertial, the development of individuals taking fourth place to power play, internal politics and finance."

By this time Chaos Magic was being marketed enthusiastically in the German speaking countries of continental Europe through the efforts of Ralph Tegtmeier, who had published the translations of Carroll's work. Some impetus was building, largely from that quarter, for the IOT to be restructured in a more formalised way, and eventually in Autumn 1987, "Chaos International" Issue #3 carried two articles by Peter Carroll titled respectively "The Pact" and "The Magical Pact of the Illuminates of Thanateros" which set out a system of formal grades which closely corresponded to the "divisions of activity" from the "Structure" paragraph in the original Speedwell House recension of "Liber MMM"; although with the addition of the post of Supreme Magus 0 degree. (These articles are reprinted, more or less verbatim, under the general title 'Liber Pactionis' as part of the Appendix to Carroll's latest book 'Liber Kaos, The Psychonomicon'.

Perhaps to assuage the feelings of the English speaking anti-heirarchs the following passage was prominently included:

"The prime functions of the grade structure are to provide a mechanism for the exclusion of certain psychotic misanthropes and neurotic creeps who are sometimes attracted to such enterprises and to ensure that that which needs organising is duly attended to."

The hallmarks of a carefully thought out compromise are discernible. In particular an "Office of Insubordinate" is introduced to force "a constant stream of negative feedback to arise- from below by institutionalising rebellion." The objective being to circumvent one of the more notorious drawbacks of heirarchies where "those at the top are condemned to bask in deceitful reflections of their own expectations and to issue even more inappropriate directives. Such an office is understood to have some precedent in Amerindian and other shamanic societies (ref: Neonfaust - Letter in Chaos International #4).

That there were some misgivings about the whole idea of an 'Order' devoted to 'Chaos' among prominent practitioners is clear from the article by Ray Sherwin which immediately follows those by Carroll in Chaos International #3. Under the headline "Philosophical and Practical Objections to Hierarchical Structures in Magick" he writes: "Hierarchies are open to abuse" and, echoing the editorial in "Chaos International #1", "even if they are set up with all the best intentions they are eminently corruptible and inevitably corrupted for reasons of personal power or gain".

Sherwin then makes a clear distinction between magical orders and consensus based magical groups:

"Working on a consensus basis means that individuals do not compete with one another as they are more likely to do within a hierarchical structure, often scrambling over one another for titles and privileges, rank taking precedence over magick and over the other people concerned. The issuing of charters, in the worst of cases, is simply an extension of this - the power seekers in pursuit of groups rather than individuals."

In the same piece Sherwin carries on to make valid points about the unattractiveness of hierarchies to females, and he comments "without women magick loses 50% of its potential". He concludes: "If you're interested in magick but don't want to get involved in hierarchical structures, 'Unorganised Chaos' may be of interest to you", and refers readers to a contact address elsewhere in the magazine.

The debate continues in Issue #4 of 'Chaos International' which appeared In Spring 1988 carrying a letter- from one 'Neonfaust I' who proclaims himself as 1st Degree IOT West Germany. He introduces the subject thus:

"While I do see Ray Sherwin's point in general, I still think that his philosophical and practical objections to hierarchical structures in magic are indeed purely the arguments of an insider working within a well established group."

This is a fact - Sherwin was one of the most prominent members of the IOT as originally constituted!

'Neonfaust' continues:

"Working on similar lines myself on the one hand, but actively participating in a highly hierarchically structured magical order as well, I feel that he has not done hierarchy full justice. For one thing hierarchy is basically STRUCTURE [sic (emphasis)] and as such it can be one of the strongest weapons against the many pitfalls of magic which have been, I will concede, highly overestimated in the past but which are there to be reckoned with nonetheless."

Among his examples of such pitfalls, 'Neonfaust' gives prominence to "self delusion" and "individualistic megalomania."

It may be, when the 'The Saga of the Ice' is submitted to similar critical analysis, that illumination is cast on the extent to which the abuse of hierarchical power served to mask the reality that this individual was actually wallowing those very pitfalls he so accurately identifies.

There is, I feel, one drawback to establishing a hierarchical structure which is not mentioned in any of the source material cited here. The structure set out in 'Liber Pactionis' may work fine if viewed as an established on-going procedural environment for magical work. What it does not adequately cover is the process for setting the hierarchy up in the first place.

My own misgivings about hierarchies are engendered partly because I feel they unnecessarily restrict information about useful magical work being carried out. In the prevailing social environment, burdened as we are with an intrusive press seeking any excuse to publish sensational 'occult' stories, I completely concur with the need to preserve confidentiality concerning the identities of individuals involved in private magical work. I do not feel that this secrecy should necessarily be extended to the work itself - particularly if significant advances in knowledge and/or techniques are being made. For that reason I have made a habit of conducting a significant proportion of my own magical work outside the confines of formal temple settings, if not always completely in the public domain. I see such activities as being a logical extension of the sort of work I was doing when others chose to characterise me as a Crisis Magician.

ONCE A CRISIS MAGICIAN - ALWAYS A CRISIS MAGICIAN

If one faces some dire life threatening emergency, in physical terms, the body produces a surge of adrenaline which can bestow a physical boost to empower one to get out of the situation. This sort of circumstance will be familiar to anyone who has ever been in an awkward scrape while pot-holing, for example. My strong impression is that something similar happens when one applies a magical solution to some pressing circumstance threatening to one's life and security or that of one's dependents. If such a magical working becomes necessary, it is my experience that it is ALWAYS successful - Gnosis through Crisis.

With the recent success of a long and complex legal and magical operation against a Goliath of a corporate adversary, I can make that statement quite categorically.

I will no longer tolerate being ripped off or worked over by large corporations, who consider that they have some right in natural law to behave like that simply because of their size. I may have to allow the situation to proceed to a point where

my own position becomes sufficiently perilous that the 'magical adrenaline' surge seals the outcome, but it works in the end. That is the essence of Crisis Magic.

TOWARDS PRECISION IN MAGIC

In my recent review of Peter Carroll's book 'Liber Kaos, the Psychonomicon', I was prompted to draw a comparison between progress in the understanding of so-called 'magic', and the history of the comprehension of electro-magnetic radiation by 19th century science. The Danish physicist Hans Oersted first noticed in 1820 that a high voltage spark generated across a gap in a metallic loop could induce a similar, though smaller, spark to occur across a gap in a similar loop on the other side of his workshop. You can observe the same sort of effect at work today when you are trying to record something off the radio, and your neighbour gets to work with his ancient (unsuppressed) electric drill - sparks cause 'white noise' radio emissions across the entire frequency band. It was some twenty years before Faraday began to arrive at some coherent understanding of what was going on, and not until 1865 that James Clark Maxwell put forward his famous wave equations which described the process in precise mathematical terms. After another 30 years Marconi had built the first reliable radio set which could send and receive coherent information carrying signals at discrete wavelengths.

My view is that in terms of magic we are past the 'Oersted' stage, in which we can do simple things - the equivalent of undifferentiated spark transmission - on a reasonably consistent quantifiable basis. Now, the first attempts are being made to propose a quantitative model with Carroll's "Equations of Magic" in 'Liber Kaos', and it may be that those equations, in times to come, will assume as much importance in the emerging science and technology of 'magic' as those of Maxwell have done in radio engineering.

If we are now, by comparison, only a little further on than being able to send out sparks from a Van Der Graaf generator, think what could be accomplished when the 'magical' analogues of separated wavelengths, frequency modulation and/or radar technology come to be understood. I feel it is not unreasonable to assert that we may be on the threshold of some major discoveries, and happily for us all, the scientific/technical establishment is looking the other way because of their slavish belief in a deterministic universe, and their refusal to accept the reality of any phenomena which threaten that belief - and this despite Godel's Theorems having been published half a century ago!

The key to progress, in my view, is to strive to achieve greater precision in magical actions, with increasingly precise statements of intent, possibly sigilized into systems diagrams mapping detailed effects. For example, if you feel moved to take magical action against a bank for, say deducting bank charges from your account without notice and then bouncing a cheque presented by your lawyers (which can be very embarrassing); then you want to ensure that the curse is effective against all the lifts in their head office, and not against all their cash-

point machines in a 6.66 mile radius; particularly if the working has been conducted publically. Alternatively, on a more personal level, you want to make sure that it is the offending manager who suffers the fit of projectile vomiting, and not the hapless secretary who chances to open the letter with the runes drawn under the postage stamp.

Whatever happens, never let life get on top of you - always keep the Wand and the Thunderbolt handy in times of crisis.

Defining Chaos

by Mark Chao

Introduction

Chaos, according to the 'Oxford English Dictionary' means:

1. A gaping void, yawning gulf, chasm, or abyss.
2. The 'formless void' of primordial matter, the 'great deep' or 'abyss' out of which the cosmos or order of the universe was evolved.

There are a couple of additional definitions, but they are irrelevant to this discussion. When chaos is used in magic, there is no place for confusion or disorder.

Chaos is the creative principle behind all magic. When a magical ritual is performed, regardless of 'tradition' or other variables in the elements of performance, a magical energy is created and put into motion to cause something to happen. In his book, 'Sorcery as Virtual Mechanics', Stephen Mace cites a scientific precedent for this creative principle.

I quote:

"To keep it simple, let us confine our example to just two electrons, the pointlike carriers of negative charge. Let us say they are a part of the solar wind--beta particles, as it were--streaming out from the sun at thousands of miles a second. Say that these two came close enough that their negative charges interact, causing them to repel one another. How do they accomplish this change in momentum?

"According to quantum electrodynamics, they do it by exchanging a "virtual" photon. One electron spawns it, the other absorbs it, and so do they repel each other. The photon is "virtual" because it cannot be seen by an outside observer, being wholly contained in the interaction. But it is real enough, and the emission and absorption of virtual photons is how the electromagnetic interaction operates.

"The question which is relevant to our purpose here is where does the photon come from. It does not come out of one electron and lodge in the other, as if it were a bullet fired from one rock into another. The electrons themselves are unchanged, except for their momenta. Rather, the photon is created out of nothing by the strain of the interaction. According to current theory, when the two electrons come close their waveforms interact, either cancelling out or reinforcing one another. Waveforms are intimately tied to characteristics like electric charge, and we could thus expect the charges on the two electrons to change. But electron charge does not vary; it is always 1.602×10^{-19} coulombs. Instead the virtual photons appear out of the vacuum and act to readjust the system. The stress spawns them and by their creation is the stress resolved".

Austin Spare understood this principle in regard to magical phenomena long before scientists discovered photons or began experiments in the area of chaos science.

Austin Osman Spare-some history

Austin Spare was born at midnight, Dec. 31st, 1886 in a London suburb called Snow Hill. His father was a London policeman, often on night duty.

Spare showed a natural talent for drawing at an early age, and in 1901- 1904 left school to serve an apprenticeship in a stained-glass works, but continued his education at Art College in Lambeth. In 1904 he won a scholarship to the Royal College of Art. In that year he also exhibited a picture in the Royal Academy for the first time.

In 1905 he published his first book, 'Earth Inferno'. It was primarily meant to be a book of drawings, but included commentaries that showed some of his insight and spiritual leanings. John Singer Sargent hailed him as a genius at age 17. At an unspecified time in his adolescence, Spare was initiated into a witch cult by a sorceress named Mrs. Patterson, whom Spare referred to as his "second mother". In 1908 he held an exhibition at Bruton Gallery. In 1910 he spent a short time as a member of the Golden Dawn. Becoming disenchanted with them, he later joined Crowley's Argentium Astrum. The association did not last long. Crowley was said to have considered Spare to be a Black Magician. In 1909 Spare began creation of the 'Book of Pleasure'.

In 1912 his reputation was growing rapidly in the art world. In 1913 he published the 'Book of Pleasure'. It is considered to be his most important magical work, and includes detailed instructions for his system of sigilization and the "death postures" that he is well known for. 1914-1918 he served as an official war artist. He was posted to Egypt which had a great effect on him. In 1921, he published 'Focus of Life', another book of drawings with his unique and magical commentaries. 1921-1924 Spare was at the height of his artistic success, then, in 1924 he published the 'Anathema of Zos', in which he effectively excommunicated himself from his false and trendy artistic "friends" and benefactors. He returned to South London and obscurity to find the freedom to develop his philosophy, art and magic.

In 1947 Spare met Kenneth Grant and became actively involved with other well-known occultists of the period. In 1948-1956 he began work on a definitive Grimoire of the Zos Kia Cultus, which is referred to in his various writings. This is unfinished and being synthesized from Spare's papers by Kenneth Grant, who inherited all of Spare's papers. Much of this information was included in 'Images and Oracles of Austin Osman Spare' by Kenneth Grant, but there are some unpublished works which Grant plans to publish after completion of his Typhonian series.

References for this section are mostly from Christopher Bray's introduction to 'The Collected Works of Austin Osman Spare' and from 'Excess Spare', which is a compilation by The Temple Ov Psychic Youth of photocopied articles about Spare from various sources.

The Magic of Austin Osman Spare

Spare's art and magic were closely related. It is reputed that there are messages in his drawings about his magical philosophy. One particular picture of Mrs. Patterson has reportedly been seen to move; the eyes opening and closing. Spare is best known for his system of using sigils. Being an artist, he was very visually oriented.

The system basically consists of writing down the desire, preferably in your own magical alphabet, eliminating all repeated letters, then forming a design of the remaining single letters. The sigil must then be charged. There is a variety of specific ways to do this, but the key element is to achieve a state of "vacuity" which can be done through exhaustion, sexual release or several other methods.

This creates a 'vacuum' or 'void' much like the condition described in the introduction to this discussion, and it is filled with the energy of the magician. The sigil, being now charged, must be forgotten so that the sub-conscious mind may work on it without the distractions and dissipation of energy that the conscious mind is subject to. Spare recognized that magic comes from the sub-conscious mind of the magician, not some outside 'spirits' or 'gods'.

Christopher Bray has this to say about Spare's methods in his introduction to 'The Collected Works of Austin Osman Spare':

"So in his art and writing, Spare is putting us in the mood; or showing by example what attitude we need to adopt to approach the 'angle of departure of consciousness' in order to enter the infinite. What pitch of consciousness we need to gain success.

"One must beware making dogma, for Spare went to great pains to exclude it as much as possible to achieve success in his magic; however a number of basic assumptions underpin chaos magic.

"Chaos is the universal potential of creative force, which is constantly engaged in trying to seep through the cracks of our personal and collective realities. It is the power of Evolution/Devolution.

"Shamanism is innate within every one of us and can be tapped if we qualify by adjusting our perception/attitude and making our being ready to accept the spontaneous. Achieving Gnosis, or hitting the 'angle of departure of consciousness and time', is a knack rather than a skill."

There are other methods to utilize the same concept that Spare explains for us. Magicians since Spare have written about their own methods and expansions of his method quite frequently in occult magazines, mostly in Great Britain. Spare is certainly not the first person in history to practice this sort of magic, but he is the one who has dubbed it (appropriately), Chaos.

Chaos since A.O.S.

Austin Spare died May 15, 1956, but his magic did not die with him. There have been select groups of magicians practicing versions of Chaos ever since, especially in Northern England and Germany. In the late 1970's, Ray Sherwin was editor and publisher of a magazine called 'The New Equinox.' Pete Carroll was a regular contributor to the magazine, and together, due to dissatisfaction with the magical scene in Britain at the time, they formed the 'Illuminatos Of Thanateros.' They advertised in 'New Equinox' and a group formed. Part of the intention of the group was to have an Order where degrees expressed attainment rather than authority, and hierarchy beyond just organizational requirements was non-existent.

At some point, about 1986, Ray Sherwin "excommunicated himself" because he felt that the Order was slipping into the power structure that he had intended to avoid with this group, and Pete Carroll became known as the leader of 'The Pact.' The IOT continues to thrive and is identified as the only international Chaos organization to date. The IOT has also spread to America, and has headquarters in Encino, California and Atlanta, Georgia.

There are smaller groups of Chaos practitioners, as well as individuals practicing alone. Chaos since Spare has taken on a life of its own. It will always continue to grow, that is its nature. It was only natural that eventually the world of science would begin to discover the physical principles underlying magic, although the scientists who are making these discoveries still do not realize that this is what they are doing. It is interesting that they have had the wisdom to call it chaos science...

Chaos Science

Modern chaos science began in the 1960's when a handful of open-minded scientists with an eye for pattern realized that simple mathematical equations fed into a computer could model patterns every bit as irregular and "chaotic" as a waterfall. They were able to apply this to weather patterns, coastlines, all sorts of natural phenomena. Particular equations would result in pictures resembling specific types of leaves, the possibilities were incredible. Centers and institutes were founded to specialize in "non-linear dynamics" and "complex systems." Natural phenomena, like the red spot of Jupiter, could now be understood. The common catch-terms that most people have heard by now; strange attractors, fractals, etc., are related to the study of turbulence in nature. There is not room to go into these subjects in depth here, and I recommend that those who are interested in this subject read 'Chaos: making a new science' by James Gleick and 'Turbulent Mirror' by John Briggs & F. David Peat.

What we are concerned with here is how all this relates to magic. Many magicians, especially Chaos Magicians, have begun using these terms, "fractal" and "strange attractor", in their everyday conversations. Most of those who do this have some understanding of the relationship between magic and this area of science. To put it very

simply, a successful magical act causes an apparently acausal result. In studying turbulence, chaos scientists have realized that apparently acausal phenomena in nature are not only the norm, but are measurable by simple mathematical equations. Irregularity is the stuff life is made of. For example, in the study of heartbeat rhythms and brain-wave patterns, irregular patterns are measured from normally functioning organs, while steady, regular patterns are a direct symptom of a heart attack about to occur, or an epileptic fit. Referring back again to "virtual" photons, a properly executed magical release of energy creates a "wave form" (visible by Kirlian photography) around the magician causing turbulence in the aetheric space. This turbulence will likely cause a result, preferably as the magician has intended. Once the energy is released, control over the phenomena is out of the magician's hands, just as once the equation has been fed into the computer, the design follows the path set for it.

The scientists who are working in this area would scoff at this explanation, they have no idea that they are in the process of discovering the physics behind magic. But then, many common place sciences of today, chemistry for example, were once considered to be magic. Understanding this subject requires, besides some reading, a shift in thinking. We are trained from an early age to think in linear terms, but nature and the chaos within it are non-linear, and therefore require non-linear thinking to be understood. This sounds simple, yet it reminds me of a logic class I had in college. We were doing simple Aristotelian syllogisms. All we had to do was to put everyday language into equation form. It sounds simple, and it is. However, it requires a non-linear thought process. During that lesson over the space of a week, the class size dropped from 48 to 9 students. The computer programmers were the first to drop out. Those of us who survived that section went on to earn high grades in the class, but more importantly, found that we had achieved a permanent change in our thinking processes. Our lives were changed by that one simple shift of perspective.

Chaos science is still in the process of discovery, yet magicians have been applying its principles for at least as long as they have been writing about magic. Once the principles of this science begin to take hold on the thinking process, the magician begins to notice everything from the fractal patterns in smoke rising from a cigarette to the patterns of success and failure in magical workings, which leads to an understanding of why it has succeeded or failed.

Defining Chaos Magic

Chaos is not in itself, a system or philosophy. It is rather an attitude that one applies to one's magic and philosophy. It is the basis for all magic, as it is the primal creative force. A Chaos Magician learns a variety of magical techniques, usually as many as s/he can gain access to, but sees beyond the systems and dogmas to the physics behind the magical force and uses whatever methods are appealing to him/herself. Chaos does not come with a specific Grimoire or even a prescribed set of ethics. For this reason, it has been dubbed "left hand path" by some who choose not to understand that which is beyond their own chosen path. There is no set of specific spells that are considered to be `Chaos Magic

spells'. A Chaos Magician will use the same spells as those of other paths, or those of his/her own making. Any and all methods and information are valid, the only requirement is that it works. Mastering the role of the sub-conscious mind in magical operations is the crux of it, and the state called "vacuity" by Austin Osman Spare is the road to that end. Anyone who has participated in a successful ritual has experienced some degree of the 'high' that this state induces.

An understanding of the scientific principles behind magic does not necessarily require a college degree in physics (although it wouldn't hurt much, if the linear attitude drilled into the student could be by-passed), experience in magical results will bring the necessary understanding.

This series is directed toward the increasing numbers of people who have been asking, "What is Chaos Magic?" It is very basic and by no means intended to be a complete explanation of any of the elements discussed. Many of the principles of magic must be self-discovered, my only intent here is to try to define and pull together the various elements associated with Chaos Magic into an intelligible whole. For those who wish to learn more about this subject, I have prepared a suggested reading list for the last section, however, I must emphasize that there are always more sources than any one person knows about, so do not limit yourself to this list. Chaos has no limits...

For Further Reading:

- [The Book Of Pleasure](#) by Austin Osman Spare
- [Anathema Of Zos](#) by Austin Osman Spare
- [A Book Of Satyrs](#) by Austin Osman Spare
- [Images and Oracles of Austin Osman Spare](#) by Kenneth Grant
- [The Early Work of A.O.S.](#)
[Excess Spare](#)
[Stations In Time](#)

These three are collections available through TOPY.

Available from most bookstores (at least by special order):

- [Chaos: making a new science](#) by James Gleick
- [Turbulent Mirror](#) by John Briggs & F. David Peat
- [Liber Null & Psychonaut](#) by Peter J. Carroll
- [Practical Sigil Magick](#) by Frater U.D.

FireClown's Basic Booklist

by Fireclown (dagaz@netcom.com)

Suggested reading for the confused AMC reader, with some pointers on locating as well as content, not comprehensive and extremely subjective.

Basic Books--

Liber Null & Psychonaut, Peter J. Carroll

This is the best basic intro, goes into much theory and some practice primarily rooted in Austin Spare, Aleister Crowley, etc...gives good info on Chaoist Jargon, such as use of the ideas 'chaos, kia, paradigm paradox modulated, etc. The sigils section is born out of the works of Austin Osman Spare, and are simple and basic. His work on the Alphabet of Desire might mean something to him, but in view of Spare I can't tell where he came up with the stuff. Good practical work in many sections, much odd theorizing, such as what happens to the Kia after death. All and all, an impressive work, which should be read by anyone interested in magick.

Chaos Condensed, Phil Hine, original chapbook, 1992 Phoenix Publications and Chaos International.

I love this book. It is short, extremely practical, often hilarious, and is everything that the book of the same name, published 1995 by New Falcon fails to be at four times its length.

The Book of Results, Ray Sherwin, 1978, 1980, 1983, 1992.

The '92 edition published by Revelations 23 Press. This is perhaps my favorite Chaotext. Sherwin co-founded the IOT, and left sometime later, I can't recall when. Fifty pages of highly directed, highly intelligent, highly practical work using sigils to perform magick in all areas of life. The Caltrops of Chaos banishing is very strange, though I've never used it to any great effect. "This guy's intense -- and I thought I was militant" Fra. Animus Accipio 3° IOT

Stealing the Fire from Heaven, Stephen Mace, privately printed, in New Haven, Connecticut, my copy is Fourth Edition, Revised and Enlarged, 1984.

This is, to my style of work, the most important book on the magick of Austin Spare, outside of the originals. Mace, like Sherwin, has rightly taken the position that Sigils lead to their own system of magick. Mace prepares a fine body of practice, which should suit most solo sorcerers of the Zos Kia Cultus bent just beautifully. Unpompous, clear, concise, self published, everything I want in a book and less. Less Dreck, that is. 106 pages.

SSOTBME, no author (Ramsey Dukes). 1979 Nigel Grey-Turner, London, distributed by Samuel Weiser.

This book made me realize I was a magician, not insane. Or at least both a magician, and insane. Great, funny, a Grimoire disguised as an essay, only 96 pages long (I like short books, and often, short women), as well as the best book to give to people if you want

them to think you are smart and goofy, as opposed to stupid and psychotic. Find it. Buy it. Read it blind drunk the first time, maybe the second time too...

Chaos, the Broadsheets of Ontological Anarchy, Hakim Bey, no copyright 1985 Grim Reaper Books.

Can more easily be had as part of a longer book, T.A.Z.-the Temporary Autonomous Zone, also Hakim Bey, Autonomedia, sometime in the last few years. Cheap, too. The first is a whopping 46 page large print book, the better be assimilated by blind or really stoned people in ill lit squats. Fine theory/poetry inspirational work, pretty much like one of those 'thought for every day' tomes published by that Twelve Step Publisher. However, there are only thirteen chapters. I expect this is because Bey figured his readers to be unrepentant burnout perverts (UBP), and knows what the memory can get like... The UBP Sorcerers Bible. Read in conjunction with SSOTBME whilst hitchhiking across country, navigation courtesy of the Tao Teh King, and you may turn out like me. Highly recommended.

Practical Sigil Magick, Frater U.D., Llewellyn, year unknown,

I sold mine to get Visual Magick. As I recall, a good intro text on sigils, much easier to get but nowhere as good as the Sherwin/Mace combo. Solid work, good writing, someone else can review it, not really my style. Easy to find, though, and well worth reading.

Visual Magick- A Manual of Freestyle Shamanism, by Jan Fries, Mandrake (of Oxford, there are at least two Mandrakes) 1992.

This book, however, IS really my style. Probably the best moderately available text on the subject. Fries does not use 'Chaos Magick' as a term, but the sources are the same, and the angle of approach is quite different. Filled with useful technique, sanity (but not too sane) Fries blends Spare/Crowley/Neuro-Linguistic Programming/Behavioral Psych. and paganism into a fine and heady brew for those who work and experiment more than they theorize. 136 pages, indexed.

Chaos & Sorcery, Nicholas Hall, Nick Hall Published 1992.

To my knowledge, there are only 300 copies of this book in English, and I don't know if the German edition ever saw the light of day. I hope so, because it is the only book of its kind. A solid, powerful work of sorcery, as defined by the book: "The art of using material bases to enhance a magickal conjuration, the outcome of which is determined by the sorcerer's will." I will quote a quote here, from an unknown source: "sharp, fast, unsentimental". This book is actually enough to get you into and out of all sorts of trouble. Chapter Titles should make the content clear: 1) Tools of Sorcery. 2) Techniques of Sorcery. 3) Malicious Doll Magick. 4) Beneficial Doll Magick. 5) Word Weaving. 6) Chaos and Sorcery. 111 pages, every one devoid of morality, in other words, a truly fine work.

Prime Chaos, Phil Hine, Chaos International, 1993.

Excellent work mostly focused on group Chaos Magick, therefore the only work of its kind to date. One of the most firmly rooted in the modern world texts on Chaosism to be had. I think there were no more than 4-500 made. Sure to be re-released in a big print run

in the next year or two. I hope... This book and others by Mr. Hine are why I don't like the New Condensed Chaos.

Chaos Ritual, Steve Wilson, Neptune Press 1994.

This book, I can only describe as 'rad'. I am, after all, a born and bred Kalifornian, and it is therefore permitted. BOOM! Goes this book, heading in a very different way than all other books on Chaos Magick, and a good, helpful, practical and enjoyable ride it is. A strange work in three parts, one of Chaos Yoga (for lack of a better description), another on Medicine Wyrd (Chaos Shamanism) and the third, the Chaoetia, which as you might have guessed, it rather like a Chaos Goetia. Buy This Book, it 'Rocks'.

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The Fluid Continuum

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What the f***'s an Egregore?

From: Fenwick Rysen

Newsgroups: alt.magick.chaos

Subject: Re: one other question -- egregores

Date: 1 Sep 1999 16:10:35 GMT

Organization: Chaos Matrix (www.chaosmatrix.com)

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WOW! Two good questions in the same day! Is a.m.c. coming back from the dead? No, it's probably just the statistical good day we're allowed after a year of crap.

Quoth Jim Mooney (cybercoyote@mindspring.com):

> Of the three books I just got on Chaos Magic, they all mention
> egregores, but there is not much of a definition of the term, except
> by context. Could someone here give me a good definition

Well, the best place to look is any decent dictionary. I'd give you the definition out of the copy of Webster's Ninth New Collegiate that I keep on my desk, but it's not a good dictionary---it doesn't even have it in there. Essentially, "egregore" is an older english word that seems to be fading out of use. It refers to the "spirit of a thing", usually referring to some organization humans create (clubs, states, fraternities, countires, etc.) that summates its principles, beliefs, and goals, and guides people in accomplishing them.

A good example of such an egregore is when someone say a project has "taken on a life of its own".

That's a traditional egregore. In chaos magick, it's slightly different. I consider it as part of a fluid continuum describing the strength of an entity. You start out with dumb, unintelligent sigils---these just represent something, but don't actually think. Charge a sigil long enough, and you'll end up with a servitor, which is usually either completely stupid but capable of doing complexe tasks, all the way up to being able to think onits own and deduce things in its operation.

But when a servitor gets really big, what happens to it? The moment it becomes more than one person can handle, I consider it an egregore. At this point, it becomes capable of making some of its own demands, guiding its own work (though usually along the lines of the original goal of the people who created it) and in general "taking on a life of its own".

Once you get bigger than this, you get a godform: something that has grown so strong that the people involved with it take up a subservient relationship, often worshiping it, or appealing to it for help. (My apologies to any gods not created in this fashion who may become offended by such a simple explanation for their existence.)

So you get

SIGIL --> SERVITOR --> EGREGORE --> GODFORM

Or at least, that how it works in my own little twisted version of reality. If it makes sense to you, use it, if not, scrap it and try something else. Remember, chaos magick is about whatever works for *you*, so you don't need to adopt any of my own explanations or the baggage that comes with them unless you want to. Get a few other people's opinions, do some reading, and formulate your own views.

Big Evil Corporations (or good ones, for that matter) can be considered a kind of egregore. Hmm..... "Legal Entity"..... Might be something there worth playing with.

Good luck to you.

In Life, Love, and Laughter

o	--Fenwick Rysen	http://www.chaosmatrix.com
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-	"The only prevalent characteristic of chaotes is their	
/	ability to confuse you beyond all hope of rescue."	
		---Mathias Karlsson

GO UNDERGROUND and be a CHAOS MAGICIAN

From Joel Biroco's "The Exorcist of Revolution." (1986)

What is this world of hatred and strife and war and hatred and strife and war. Is it, perchance, a world of hatred and strife and war and of hatred and strife and war. The answer is YES it fucking well is and I want out. I want the underground of life where I am now, the underground of life. But where is this you may ask and how can I get there. Well, if you are working then walk Out straight away, get on a bus and go home and say fuck you employer and be quick with my last pay cheque. Say fuck to giving notice, if you can't walk out just like that then you won't be able to hack the underground. Then get yourself a garret to starve in and sign on the dole. Be prepared for being fucked around for weeks and months before you see any money, especially if you walked out on your job. Now say to yourself I'm finished with all that shit. So that's about the equivalent of dipping your big toe into the waters of the underground before wading in. Now stuff your central nervous system with hallucinogens listening to Beethoven's Ninth/The Cure/just about anything at full blast for months. Buy a second-hand aquarium and set it up in your garret, it doesn't matter if the glass is cracked you're going to use it for growing psilocybin cubensis mushrooms. When the weather gets warmer start sowing the marijuana seeds. Think of yourself as being on the run from the law, or forever one step ahead of the posse, or the landlord of a brothel. You're not "living" any more, you're "holding out". Then find an artform in which to work, start drawing in pen and ink, buy a battered typewriter. Become reclusive, don't shave, grow a beard, keep your hair unkempt, throw things on the floor, keep chickens in your room. Recite "Property is theft" ten times a day or until it seems obvious. Read books like Dostoyevsky's "Notes from Underground", Orwell's "Down and Out in Paris and London", Raoul Vaneigem's "The Revolution of Everyday Life" and Miyamoto Musashi's "A Book of Five Rings. Swot up on your Burroughs, Beckett, Celine, Kerouac, Cocteau, Rimbaud, Hesse, Poe, Baudelaire, Lautreamont, Nietzsche, Joyce, Stein. That's a decent start, now the water's up to your waist and the tide seems to be taking you further away from the shore and "The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin" seems strangely subversive. Now read "Desert Island BIFF" just to make absolutely sure you don't turn into a jerk. At this stage there are two directions you can go in - back to your parents' home and beg to be taken back in because you've found the big wide world too harsh, or onward. Or the former followed by the latter if you need a breathing space. Now get stuck into Crowley, read "Magick" and "The Magical Record of the Beast 666". Read the works of Austin Osman Spare and start casting sigils. Spend more on incense than clothes. In fact don't buy any new clothes at all. Give money to tramps even though you can't afford to on the grounds that you might be a tramp yourself one day and you're the kind of person who will be able to help you out of a jam. This is the way you start to see the world of the underground. Walk all around Central London every week or two and simply observe. Just stand and stare. Sit on the pavement in Covent Garden all day long watching people come and go, watch street entertainers and practice saying you're broke when asked for money merely by the look

on your face, do it until it no longer feels like an affectation of poverty, feel what is rich about being poor. Never spend more than a fiver in one go unless it's in order to distribute your art, print your writings or produce a magazine. Eat less meals if by doing so you can have a more diverse range of Letraset at your disposal. Learn what can be done with lentils. After a while you'll start to experience the underground as a real place, and you'll get more and more enmeshed in it, then will come the point at which you can start making your own rules, you don't have to be a tramp, you don't have to be living with bedbugs for your only company, but as a result of enduring this kind of lifestyle for a while you'll learn to see what the underground is and you'll be able to move freely within it. You won't need more than a glance to pick out the pimps the plain-clothes cops the pushers the three-card-monty lookouts the spivs the touts the knifeboys the freelance journalists the computer whizz-kids looking for recruitment by a master criminal, all these people will tell you what they are uncontrollably. You, on the other hand, as a chaos magician, will have the subjective impression you project to others completely under control, you can at will project the aura of any one of the above and more, or blend invisibly as just another face in the crowd, according to your desires and purpose. Here is the secret of the underground - to merge - to stalk it without affectation. You can only merge into something when you know what it is you're trying to merge into, and there is nowhere where there are more lessons to be learnt than the underground, it exists on a different magical plane to that environment frequented by those who try to be magicians in the hustle and bustle of commuters, the nine-to-fivers. Magick works with greater effectiveness in the underground because the urgency caused by chaos is substantially greater than that experienced by those who immerse their lives in the framework of an imposed order. Just as an ordinary man has the potential to become a hero when thrust into a dangerous position by fate that he would have thought he was not up to if there had been time to think about it, so can an average magician become a great magician when his environment is chaos, the difference being that the chaos is deliberately procured and approached slowly and stealthily like one might try to walk past a sleeping tiger. One places oneself in dangerous situations carefully in order to gain the co-operation and strength of the tiger, and eventually its stealth - the merging with one's surroundings in order to walk unseen and unheard, to literally pounce upon the object of your desires. That is chaos magick.

Sure, you can be a magician in the world of work and mundaneness but you'll never be the kind of magician you could have been, a chaos magician is an underground magician, those magicians who tell you that you can be a chaos magician whilst still tied to conformity are simply those magicians who lack the strength and conviction to let go of their conformity, for which they have battled for years to possess through a misguided allegiance to hard slog. They are excited by the idea of chaos and of plunging themselves into it but they are afraid of letting go and so they make of their chaos magick something without chaos, something which can be carried on over a weekend in order to fit in with the demands of a working routine. Don't let anyone convince you this is chaos magick, don't let anyone glamourise magick of a lesser character through use of the epithet "chaos". Chaos magick can't be marketed and sold to the masses, it can only be lived. Anything else is nine-to-five magick, which you may use for securing payrises and promotion.

What your life is immersed in will be what you use your magick to affect. If your life is immersed in the underground and you become concerned about such nebulous subjects as rebellion and revolution and romance your magick will naturally be directed into this arena and enable you to live what others are only content to talk about. This then is the underground. If you are holding down a steady job and pursuing a "career" it also stands to reason that your magick, your drives and desires, will be fuelled to take you in a direction you think you want to go in, to further you in what you are presently pursuing, without regard to your more romantic hopes of which you are so convinced that you never make the slightest effort to realise them. No, onward to your very own mortgage and bank loan for that wonderful car and the ever more rabid consumption which follows as a natural result of following the path that you are following. Such people recognise art only through the emotion of acute jealousy.

It can't be helped and it doesn't matter, it doesn't matter to me that is, but it might matter to you if this is you I am writing about. What is, after all, your motivation for getting into magick, your motivation for reading a CHAOS text. Insight? Power? Most power-hungry magicians fuck themselves up sooner or later, so no doubt it is insight you're after. Ask yourself what insight there is in pursuing a useless career, kidding yourself that your high-flight aspirations lead to wondrous marvels. I'm not talking to the doomed, manual labourers and people who dig the roads and read electricity meters, I'm talking to those who glorify dead-end jobs in publishing, the media, banking, social work, advertising, and convince themselves their lives have meaning, purpose, and, above all, that most magical of dead-end words - prospects. Ask yourself, just how long will it be before you start buying your first shares? What a life! Give me the turmoil of chaos anyday, rather allow my magick to resemble the goings-on in a subterranean Chinese kitchen cum alchemists cave than the goings-on in your average air-conditioned office complex. Do you think about these things? Do you think you ought to think about these things? What do you want your life to be, do you know most people never ever think about this, rather they settle for the short-term option of seeing something develop out of a lifestyle they hate, their catharsis being the accumulation of material goods. Ask yourself, what will ever develop out of an existence you hate? Isn't it better to turn your back on all of it and plunge yourself into a lifestyle you love and say fuck to poverty this is what I want my life to be, let my art be my catharsis for the malaise such poverty invokes. Isn't it altogether more likely that something will eventually develop out of a lifestyle you love, that your need to raise yourself above poverty will eventually be satisfied, by magical means, because you have had the courage to throw yourself into the driving urgency of chaos. These are all important things to consider. By all means be a nine-to-five magician, you don't have to be a chaos magician, it's not compulsory, but don't be a nine-to-five magician if you secretly desire to be a chaos magician because one doesn't lead to the other. This is the fundamental difference between chaos magick and other forms of magick and why chaos is the magick for now, for as long as now lasts. The magick that evolves out of chaos magick (for even chaos magick will only last as long as it does) will be the treasure of those who have had the courage to embrace chaos now, all the rest will have to content themselves with the realisation that they will be peddling a bicycle with a puncture uphill for evermore. Chaos is happening now, not next week, not next month, not next year. You can't get into chaos later if you've come across it now, this is your one

and only chance, the only people who can get into chaos later on are those who are yet to hear about it. Real Pied Piper of Hamelin stuff this. You see, chaos is that thing which is instantly recognised by those it is meant for, that is what it is all about. If you are reading this and saying to yourself now that this is for you then find that strength within yourself to grasp it and make it your own. If you are reading this now and saying this isn't for me then that is because it isn't for you, you're an outsider who has got ahold of this publication by an unfortunate accident, so back off, that is an appropriate reaction. We will feel no sense of loss not to have your company I assure you, we will happen without you and inspire of you. If you can't see the urgency and what needs to be done then you are blind and I cast a spell to cast you into the pit. May Satan spike you with his dung fork and place hydrofluoric acid in your contact lense containers. You bastards live through what we do and what we die for, so we have no sense of regret in cutting ourselves off from you and saying "Fuck You Conformist!" What is it you conform to but conformity itself? Fuck You!

An Introduction to Chaos Magick

by Adrian Savage

Chaos - the absence of form and order - above all other words chaos haunts Western man. It fills his mind with visions of seas running into rivers, men giving birth to frogs, fish flying through grassy clouds. It is the unnamed heart of every horror story - the unexpected, the unpredictable, the uncontrollable, the lawless - chaos.

From the very beginning of his history, Western man has sought to defeat this most relentless of enemies - chaos. He has searched for words and gestures to tame the chaotic, arbitrary wills of his earliest Gods. He has created the image of an all powerful deity who not only brought order out of nothingness but is the essence of the law. He has chosen innumerable tyrannies, preferring the loss of his very soul to the sight of dogs running wild in his streets. He has examined the world around him, hoping to find inflexible laws. He has almost destroyed the original conditions of his planet - the very processes that make his life possible - in order to control every facet of his existence, often sacrificing his deepest instincts on the altar of his need for stability. And where he could neither find nor impose order, he has devised myths, dogmas, convoluted philosophical speculations, occult formulae and sterile scientific theories, murdering anyone who dared question these fancies - all to deny the terror he feels when faced with what he cannot understand.

From the darkest past to this very second, his image of the wise one has been of someone who knew the secret law hidden beneath the seemingly arbitrary world around him. His vision of the magician has been of someone who could exploit that law to bend to his will the ever-changing event of life.

Yet, beginning in the late Sixties and continuing into the present, voices from England - that least chaotic of countries, home of manicured gardens, tea at four, and a class system that fixes each person's place with their first breath < have proclaimed chaos the only reality, the true source of all Magick. Angry, and at times shrill, they scream denunciations at those who proclaim the quest for divine order. They worship that most ancient enemy - chaos.

To understand this rebellion. we must first explore the traditions that spawned it. Since in a work of this scope we cannot examine the entire body of occult though we shall have to limit ourselves to those streams most relevant to Chaos Magick.

Let's begin in Medieval Europe. It was during this period that three branches of occultism developed that still influence Western magical thought to this day - Wicca, Satanism, and Ceremonial Magick.

Of the three, Satanism is the easiest to discuss - and dismiss. Because of the Church's continuous interest in the subject, Satanism is the most carefully recorded and best researched of the three branches. Its basic concepts are also the simplest: the complete

reversal of Christian beliefs. The Satanist performs the Latin Mass backwards, mocking it. He extols greed instead of charity, revenge instead of forgiveness. Just as the Christian views Christ as a personal savior who will reward a lifetime of servile deprivation with an eternity of bliss after death, the Satanist sees the Devil - whom, by the way, the Christian identifies as the enemy of divine order, Chaos Incarnate - as a personal savior who will reward him with earthly power and riches for raping his neighbor's wife. In both cases, the object of worship is viewed as an external master whose will must be obeyed. Unlike Wicca and Ceremonial Magick, Satanism seems to have changed little since the day of its birth. From the beginning to the present, its strongest current has been a cry against the unnatural sexual morality advocated by Christianity. In the Middle Ages, it might have been an extreme and rather dangerous form of therapy for sexual hang-ups. In the succeeding ages, it seems an excuse to party and, perhaps, a way of gaining the less physically attractive a greater number of sex partners. As soon as the Church stopped burning its advocates, Satanism has been a pose to shock the more socially conventional. This is especially true today, when Satanism is the slogan of a number of rock bands - a device by which to offend the parents of pimply faced adolescents, stir up their already overactive hormones, and add the illusion of substance to shrieking wails and infernal noise.

Unlike Satanism, until recently Ceremonial Magick has not presented itself as a rebellion against Christianity. Ceremonialists had, in fact, been careful to avoid anything the Church would consider heretical. Often they were devout men who felt they were exploring the deeper mysteries of the Christian faith. In his rituals, he invoked the protection of the God of the Jews and the Christians and the aid of the archangels and angels of the Judeo-Christian pantheon. If he had to evoke demons, he did so in the name of the Lord and he only called upon those devils his God had bound to the service of mankind. He was never persecuted by the Church. There was and is a strong class and sex bias within Ceremonial Magick - its practitioners have traditionally been aristocratic men. This bias permeated the entire field. Its rituals were addressed to male entities; they were long, practical only by those with a great deal of leisure; they were often in Greek and Latin and involved knowledge of geometry and mathematics, all hallmarks of the learned class; and it required lavish robes and tools which only the rich could afford. Most indicative of its class bias was its curiously scientific orientation. Like a scientist, the Ceremonialist believed the desired effect could only be attained by using the proper tools in the proper procedure - any deviation brought certain failure. Like the scientist - which he often was, by the way - the Ceremonialist sought knowledge. Having little material need, he often sought the secrets of the visible and invisible universe purely for the knowing. Though the Ceremonialist most often worked alone, he usually learned his art in a lodge - moving up through its ranks, guarding the secret teachings of his own station, while slavishly obeying his superiors in hopes of eventual promotion. The lodge's hierarchical structure paralleled the Ceremonialist's view of the universe, every rank representing a clearly defined plane that he had thoroughly examined and mastered.

Though it has retained much of this bias - the lodges, the expensive equipment, the hierarchical view of the universe - unlike Satanism, Ceremonial Magick has evolved and changed. The agents of these changes were the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn and

its best known member Aleister Crowley. The first change came in relation to the beings addressed. While retaining the Judeo-Christian hosts, the Golden Dawn also addressed gods from the Egyptian and Greco-Roman pantheons, often dressing in robes and headgear suggestive of the deities invoked. After Crowley went on his own, he continued to address the old gods. Furthermore, he denied the existence of an all powerful godhead at the top of the universal hierarchy. He proclaimed the goal of the Magician to be "the attainment of the knowledge and conversation of the Holy Guardian Angel," the fulfillment of his "true will," and the realization of his own divinity. Although some Magicians were influenced by the work of Carl Jung, who considered all gods to be archetypal images projected by a collective unconscious, and by Eastern philosophies, which we shall touch on later; others were beginning to take a more psychologically oriented approach to their work. There is little doubt that Crowley believed the Holy Guardian Angel to be an entity external to oneself, one of a number of intelligences operating from other dimensions of existence. To Crowley, the realization of the Magician's divinity did not mean his absorption into the absolute; it meant the fulfillment of his individual line of evolution. Tirelessly, Crowley worked - writing new rituals in English, founding the *Astrum Argentum* and restructuring the *Ordo Templis Orientalis*, adapting Oriental concepts, synthesizing the various magical traditions - Greek, Egyptian, Hermetic, Cabalistic, and Masonic - into a new system, which he publicized in endless books. Aside from bringing Magick back into the public eye, Crowley's greatest contribution was his forthright admission of the true source of Magical Power - sexual energy. Having openly proclaimed the secret, he reveled in the notoriety that followed - acknowledging his use of drugs and orgiastic indulgence to facilitate entry into altered states of consciousness, espousing Thelema, a philosophy of absolute personal freedom (or license as his critics charged) and styling himself "The Beast 666," Crowley went out of his way to shock. In so doing, he opened himself to needless misunderstandings and, in many quarters, was branded a Black practitioner. In spite of his evil reputation, and despite the existence of more traditional Judeo-Christian oriented ideas - notably those of Dion Fortune and Israel Regardie, both Cabalists - Crowley is widely considered the fountain from which flows all modern Ceremonial Magick.

Wicca, the third branch, is perhaps the hardest to write about. Without lending undue credence to its Medieval persecutors, who associated it with Satanism, the works of Margaret Murray, who considered the religion of prehistoric man, and the mostly self glorifying "traditions" of its modern adherents, almost nothing can be said of its past. A few things, however, seems readily apparent - the most important of which is, that in every way the Wiccan stood in contrast to the Ceremonial Magician. First and foremost, the Wiccan practiced a religion opposed to Christianity, doubtless a continuation of ancient local beliefs, though what these beliefs were is hard to say with certainty. It was because of their rejection of Christ that Wiccans were murdered by the Church. In an age where Church and state were one, religious tolerance was considered the gateway to anarchy. Where the Medieval Ceremonialist was an aristocratic man of the city, the Wiccan was always a peasant and most often a woman; where the Ceremonialist practiced alone, performing complicated rituals in Latin and Greek, summoning Angels and Demons to teach him the mysteries of the universe, the Wiccan commonly celebrated the phenomena of the changing seasons, chanting simple rhymes in order to secure a

better harvest or a mate. The Ceremonialist practiced the mystic "Art," the Wiccan practiced "The Craft." Much of these differences continue to this day. The modern Wiccan still works within a coven and, though he may live in an urban apartment and have no knowledge of agriculture, he still celebrates the precession of the seasons, chanting in rhyme for whatever he may need. Where modern Wicca differs from its Medieval roots is difficult to say - hereditary Witches, descendants of Wiccans who survived the "Burning Times," are incredibly secretive about the beliefs and practices that they have inherited from their ancestors. Even if they were not, it would be impossible to tell how much the original ideas were distorted, added to, and subtracted from as they were handed down from generation to generation. Therefore, it is also impossible to tell how much Gerald Gardner < the father of modern Wicca - preserved from the past and how much, despite his claims to the contrary, he actually created. Whatever the case might be, just as most modern Ceremonial Magick flows from Crowley, modern Wicca derives from Gardner. Although agricultural symbolism abounds in Gardner's rituals and, by extension, those of most modern Wiccans, much of it seems so much like rhymed and simplified versions of Ceremonialist rites that rumor assigns their true authorship to Gardner's good friend, Aleister Crowley. In contrast to Ceremonialism, however, what distinguishes modern Wicca is its relentless feminism. Wiccans worship a dual godhead - a God, often identified with the Sun, Mars, Pan, or Horus, and a Goddess, often identified with the Moon, the Earth, Venus, or Isis.

In all guises, the Goddess is considered dominant. She gives birth to the God, who is both son and consort. She is considered eternal, while the God suffers continuous death and rebirth, symbolized by the procession of the seasons. The phases of the Lunar Goddess < waxing, full, and waning - are identified with the three phases of a woman's sexual life cycle - maiden, mother, crone. The basic ideas are elaborated upon in a variety of ways. Women are always considered wiser, more psychically powerful, and spiritually developed than men and, while Wiccan rituals are performed by a Priest and a Priestess, the Priestess is always the absolute authority. The Priest is always her servant. An observer well versed in psychology might detect in Wiccan rituals a subtle form of female sadism and male masochism. Many Wiccans advocate Matriarchy - a social system in which women hold ultimate political power. Unlike the Ceremonialists, who tends to time his rituals according to intricate astrological calculations, the Wiccan performs her Magick to the phases of the moon - works of expansion are begun during the new, and culminate during the full moon; works of constriction are done in reverse. Identifying the Earth with the Goddess and seeking to keep close to its agricultural roots, modern Wicca is keenly interested in Ecology. Wicca today is highly image conscious, always downplaying its popular association with curses and orgies. Much work is done for psychic healing. It's feminism and concern for public opinion gives it a unique attitude towards sex - on the other hand, its alleged derivation from ancient fertility cults and its feminist focus on women's sexuality force it to acknowledge sex as a source of Magickal power; on the other hand, its regard for appearances makes it champion monogamy. The perfect coven is comprised of loving, deeply committed couples. No Crowleyite orgies, please. In regards to the God and Goddess, most Wiccans are unclear as to whether they are to be considered as the male and female aspects of a single deity, or as two distinct entities. Though the Wiccan Grace has a line stating that the Goddess is

to be found within oneself, most Wiccans treat her as an external being. Beginning with Alex Sanders, many have broken away from Gardnerianism, forming endless offshoots, almost all of which have retained the Feminist emphasis. Modern Wicca could be called the religion of the Women's Liberation Movement.

The three streams of Western Occultism described above can be considered the orthodoxy from which Chaos Magick derives and against which it rebels. Before we can explore Chaos Magick more fully, we must pause briefly to examine four other trends that have influenced it deeply: Jungianism, Parapsychology, Physics, and Eastern Philosophy.

Of Carl Jung's work, we need say little, except that his theory of archetypes - universal images that symbolize human experiences and aspects of the human mind - has definitely determined Chaos Magick's view of all Gods. Though most Chaos practitioners might consider science as just another system, they cannot help but be influenced by parapsychological research, which suggests that psychic ability may be a function of the human mind - making possible the idea of Magical power without disembodied assistance. Quantum Physics, with its indeterminate and often theoretical particles, must find a cozy corner in his heart. But Eastern philosophy is his biggest source, and we cannot understand his special definition of Chaos - the cornerstone of his ideas - and how it differs from the traditional, Western view without understanding Asian thought.

Whatever their superficial differences in terminology and practical approach, the three great streams of Eastern philosophy - Hinduism, Buddhism and Taoism - are united in proclaiming that the Universe is one vast, ever-changing whole, beyond all concepts, categories, and definitions. The Hindu calls it Brahman, and his gods, like the theoretical particles of Quantum Physics, are merely symbols of its cosmological aspects. To the Buddhist, it is the Void - that beyond all designation and description - and his pantheon of Buddhas and Bodhisattvas are, like Jung's archetypes, symbols of psychological states. The Taoist simply calls it the Tao, the Way. Furthermore, they agree that man's inner nature - which the Hindu calls "Atman," the Buddhist "no soul," and the Taoist "Non Self" - is identical with that of the universe. In all three religions to existentially know these two things is considered Enlightenment - liberation from views and opinions, all of which can only be falsehood, bondage, and illusion.

Here lies the difference between the traditional and the Chaos practitioner's definition of that fearful word - Chaos. To the Chaos practitioner, Chaos is not the absence of order, but - to paraphrase Henry Miller - an order beyond understanding. It is analogous to the Hindu's Brahman, the Buddhist's Void, the Taoist's Tao, and the Ancient Anglo Saxon's Wyrð. It is constantly changing - it can be experienced, but is beyond intellectual categorization. Order is, at best, the aspect of indescribable reality that our sensory equipment permits us to perceive - the bee sees the flower differently than a human being. At worst, Order is simply an illusory pattern projected by our prejudices. To Albert Einstein's claim that God does not play dice with the Universe, the Chaos practitioner might answer that the universe is god - if one has to use such an emotionally loaded word - and He's the only thing He can ever play with. Since he believes that reality is ultimately indescribable, he renounces all dogma, taking ideas and practices

from everywhere, combining them as suits the situation, dropping them when they no longer apply. In an unknowable universe no belief is valid < yet every belief is valid so long as the believer recognizes it as a tool, a necessary illusion, and so long as it continues to work for him.

The entire pattern of Chaos Magick can be readily seen at a quick glance at the thoughts of the man its practitioners consider its father - Austin Osman Spare. Once a member of the Golden Dawn and an associate of Crowley's until disagreement severed their relationship, Spare ceaselessly denounced religion, science, and Ceremonial Magick. His attacks on all three were founded upon the same premise: in a universe that defies description, all systems of belief can only be false. Since man is part of the universe and therefore already God, all religion can offer him is false idols that keeps him from sensing his true divinity. From the very first, Spare saw that science is itself a form of religion, an attempt to name the unnamable, a system of categories that dismisses anything it cannot contain. Ceremonial Magick, he considered an overly complicated waste of time - perpetrated upon the gullible by greedy charlatans - that keeps man from discovering his true source of power, which is within himself. Spare preached the need for absolute simplicity in all magickal workings and, instead of prayer and ritual, he considered as the ultimate Magick technique the creation of and meditation upon the Sigil < a personal design of stylized letters expressing a desire yet concealing it from the conscious mind. Sigils have traditionally been the design on Magick talismans, but Spare asserted that their power was not intrinsic to the lines and figures of the design - their power came from their effect upon the deepest layers of the unconscious mind. Therefore, one had to create one's own design, which had to be simple enough to be easily visualized and complex enough for the conscious mind to forget its original meaning.

In his work on Sigilization, we see the Eastern influence on Spare's ideas. Though the Sigil is to be created under the influence of a desperate desire, and is to be visualized and meditated upon while the obsession persists, it can have no Magical effect until one has exhausted the desire, forgotten the meaning of the Sigil, and become completely in different to the desire and the symbol that represents it. To Spare, meditation meant to hold the Sigil in the mind's eye until it gradually excluded all other thoughts and then faded from consciousness, leaving the mind vacuous - the polar opposite to fixing one's mind upon a symbol, pondering its meaning, fighting off all other ideas, and focusing all of one's concentrated will upon its realization. Anyone with even a superficial knowledge of the Hindu or Buddhist tantra will recognize this as the practice of the Tantrika, who performs identical visualizations upon Yantras - geometric designs representing cosmic and psychological forces, Yantras are the basic patterns behind Mandalas - and considers the fulfillment of a desire as a step towards detachment from all desires.

As if that were not enough, Spare's concept of the universe seems like Asian ideas rephrased. The absolute, he called Kia a word that has no meaning in any Western language and resembles the Japanese word "ki," which means the vital breath behind all life. Note how closely Spare's words echo those of Lao Tzu. Spare: "Of name, it has no need, to designate, I call it Kia . . .the Kia which can be expressed in conceivable ideas is

not the eternal Kia." Lao Tzu: "The Tao that can be said is not the Tao . . . Of itself, it has no name . . . for lack of a better word, I call it "The Tao." The Kia - which could just as easily be called Chaos - is beyond description, a complete whole, without divisible parts, an inconceivable zero. Yet it manifests itself in apparent dualities - male and female, light and darkness, birth and death. In Spare's formula, from nothing comes two. But the poles of each duality are not absolute unto itself; each is like an arm linked together by a torso, which in this case cannot be described. The dualities always arise together. Joy emerges with anguish, faith with doubt. Therefore, the mind cannot avoid conflict and contradiction. Spare's solution is not to choose between opposing urges but to observe them simultaneously - a state of mind which fixes its consciousness, for example, upon dawn and dusk, twilight hours that are neither day nor night. "Neither-Neither" at once recalls the Hindu "Neti-Neti," not this/not that, Nargajuna's dialectical negations whereby nothing can be said to exist or not to exist, the non choosing of the Taoist hermit, and the nondiscriminating awareness of the Zen Master. He also urges that the ego rests in a state of selflove - which is not to be confused with narcissism - a state wherein it is happily absorbed in the joy of its own existence and does not have the need to continuously aggrandize itself by endless conquest and acquisition. As the Upanishads say: "Let the Self find refuge in the Self."

During his lifetime Spare < a brilliant artist, who produced a series of striking automatic drawings - never received the attention that was given his former associate, Crowley. What little notice came his way was mostly bad. Art critics hated his work and many occultists, including Crowley, considered him a Black Magician. His ideas - which he communicated in short books, written in an exhortatory, denunciatory, declamatory style reminiscent of "Thus Spoke Zarathrusta" - have only recently been given the consideration they deserve.

Perhaps it is the highest compliment to a man who hated doctrine that those responsible for the rediscovery of his work do not take him as an absolute authority. While Ray Sherwin, Julian Wilde, and "The Circle of Chaos" may praise Spare's work, they consider him a point of departure, an influence on an forerunner of their own endeavors. Unlike the followers of Crowley, they have not turned Spare into a Golden Ass. Spare's disciples < how they would probably hate that term - differ from him as much as they differ from each other. The major difference is that Spare's successors, while critical of it, do not reject ritual out of hand.

Before we go into a point by point examination of how Chaos Magick differs from conventional occultism, a brief review of the work of the practitioners who have become known in America would be helpful.

Of the "Circle of Chaos,"² we can say very little. They are an eclectic collection of diverse occultists who came together in the middle Sixties - partly in reaction against the growing sectarianism and commercialism within the occult world. They have created a set of rituals weaving different strands from the traditions of their various members. So far, they have published only one book, "The Rites of Chaos," copywritten under the name "Paula Pagani." It is a collection of seasonal rituals, rhymed celebrations of the traditional

Wiccan holidays. Originally known as "The Circle of the Wyrd," the "Circle of Chaos" is basically Wiccan in style, if not completely in substance.

In the truest sense, the same cannot truly be said of Julian Wilde. He considers himself a Shamanistic Tantric Wiccan and is every bit as eclectic as that designation implies. By his own account, he has studied Wicca, Cabala, Shamanism, Zen and Tibetan Tantric Buddhism, has used sex and drugs and Rock n' Roll as aids to achieving trance, and has been influenced by the writings of Carlos Castenada and Michael Moorcock. His "Grimoire of Chaos Magick" - a fragment of his personal Book of Shadows which he has had published as a collection of suggestions to like-minded souls - is a slim, yet extraordinary book. His writing style is even fiercer and more denunciatory than Spare's. His invocations are free verses, full of striking images conveyed in a barbaric yet majestic language - between their lines one glimpses a man who has survived almost every kind of personal catastrophe. As if to prove the sincerity of his commitment to eclecticism, his book contains both a bitter attack on and a ritual by - Aleister Crowley. Wilde is the founder of the Church of Ka'atas, an entity that does not exist in the legal sense of the word and is just a name for those who more or less share his views. He is truly, as he describes himself, a Chaos Warrior.

Ray Sherwin is perhaps the most conventional of the Chaos practitioners. As a member of the I.O.T. - an English lodge that broke away from the O.T.O. - he is a Ceremonial Magician. Unlike Spare and Wilde, his books are written in a calm, analytical style, systematically exploring points of practical concern to the Magician. A point worth noting is that the I.O.T. - unlike other Chaos practitioners - considers Chaos as one end of a duality, the other end being Cosmos/Order. Sherwin does not seem to fully subscribe to this view, but he does not completely refute it, taking a stance of maybe/maybe not.

Having gotten a general view of Chaos Magick, now we shall take a point by point look at how its practitioners differ from orthodox occultism and from each other. Unfortunately, we shall have to limit most of this discussion to the views of Spare, Wilde, and Sherwin, since "The Circle of Chaos" has only published their seasonal rituals.

Source of Power: What the Magician considers the source of his power determines the rest of his practice. Obviously, the Satanist believes that his power is a gift from his master, the Devil. The Ceremonialist believes that his power derives, through a series of astral entities, ultimately from the Lord of Hosts, the most high God - a Crowleyite would say that only the astral beings exist and give power. And the Wiccan places his trust in the Goddess, the God, and the elementals. But all of the Chaos practitioners agreed that as yet undiscovered energies within the human subconscious are the true source of Magick. They share this view with Eastern philosophy, parapsychology, and such modern theorists of Magick as Isaac Bonewitz.

Preparatory Exercises: Most Magical traditions contain a body of exercises designed to open the novice to Magical influences, which must be mastered before he's allowed to progress to ritual work. Doubtless, the modern Satanist considers a few orgies and a couple of hundred pounds of the strongest grass he can buy sufficient to the task. Both

modern Wiccans and Ceremonialists concentrate on astral projection and on visualization - usually on the tattwas and the Major Arcana of the Tarot. Spare, on the other hand, places all the emphasis on the death posture - in which one totally relaxes one's body and keeps one's mind as blank as possible for as long as possible, a practice useful in developing the neither/neither state of mind. And Wilde has created a whole new set of exercises. The most interesting of these is a meditation, based on Tibetan Tantra, in which one visualizes one's body melting down completely then rebuilding itself from nothing, and another meditation in which one visualizes the chakras - psychic centers arranged one atop the other on the spine, a yogic concept - as modern rooms connected by a spiral staircase. True to form, Wilde says that one does not have to believe in the literal existence of the chakras. The noteworthy aspect of all these exercises is that they attempt to put the practitioner in touch with his deeper self < not with external entities and planes.

Divination: Usually, the next step in the novice's training is learning various methods of forecasting coming events. Wiccans tend to concentrate on the Magick Mirror, the crystal ball, and occasionally on reading the patterns of tea leaves and the like. Both Ceremonialists and Wiccans place great store by the Tarot. In recent years, the I Ching and the Runes have become popular, and in some quarters the Ouija board is experiencing a revival. Medieval occultists thought that divinatory methods were channels through which the Gods, Demi Angels, and spirits communicate with men. Even Crowley believed that their operations depended upon astral intelligences. Though there are still those who hold to the older view, most modern practitioners view divinatory devices as means to focus the conscious mind, allowing the subconscious to present its knowledge of the future. All Chaos practitioners agree with the modern view. Wilde takes it a step further by suggesting that palmistry and astrology, which most occultists see as objective "sciences," are also focusing devices. To Wilde - who has designed his own version of the Major Arcana of the Tarot for his private use - the arrangement of planets on a horoscope or lines on a palm probably have no meaning other than what they suggest to the interpreter's psychic faculties.

Initiation: In all occult traditions, both Western and Eastern, initiation is considered the death of the old being and the simultaneous birth of the Magickal Person. Usually, it is though that Magickal power is conferred - either by a disembodied entity or, in the Eastern tradition, by the teacher - upon the initiate during the ceremony. Chaos practitioners have a more complex view of the process. To Spare, initiation was as much of a farce as any other ceremony. Sherwin and Wilde agree that in an of itself initiation means nothing more than acceptance into a particular group of practitioners. Wilde takes the Shamanistic view that real initiation is a product of severe personal crisis caught in a situation from which there is no normal avenue, of escape, the Individual spontaneously summons up previously unsuspected power from his subconscious. While agreeing with Wilde's view, Sherwin believes that it is the responsibility of the initiating group to artificially produce a controlled crisis in the initiate < a practice employed by the ancient mystery schools of Egypt, Greece, and Rome, and the Masonic orders.

Ritual and Ceremony: Traditional practitioners of Magick have seen ritual as a performance that pleased the Gods so much that they would grant the performer's request as a kind of rewiring of cosmic circuitry towards a specific goal. Getting every detail of the ceremony has always been considered of utmost importance to the success of the operation - one mistake meant failure. Modern Wicca, however, acknowledges that intent determines the effectiveness of the rite more than perfection of its form. Chaos Magick agrees with modern Wicca - and again goes quite a few steps further. Both Wilde and Sherwin view ritual as a form of theater, designed to arouse the performer's emotion to a fever pitch and then discharge it outwards - a catharsis that leaves the magician drained of the obsession and puts his mind in Spare's detached "neither/neither" state. They believe that Magick cannot do its work so long as the magician consciously wishes the operation to succeed. In order to get his wish, it must no longer be his wish. Unlike the various traditions of Ceremonialists and Wiccans, all of which employ specific methods of casting a Circle, each of them claiming that their way is the only right one - Wilde, Sherwin, and the Circle of Chaos advise the practitioner to cast his/her Circle any way they want. While traditional magicians of all persuasions demand that rituals done for specific goals must be performed with the appropriate incenses, oils, and colored candles, Wilde suggests using the most mind-blowing incenses and the most garishly colored candles one can find < for all rituals. He also suggests visualizing various animals as the Guardians of the Circle, instead of the traditional Lords of the Elements. Sherwin suggests visualizing either beings from outer space, garbed in appropriate "B-movie" costumes, or naked sex objects at the four watchtowers. Believing that the source of power lies within the practitioner, Wilde suggests that the Magician arouse her/his anger, hatred, sadness, grief and, most especially, lust - suggesting that before the ritual one either masturbate or have somebody fellate one, stopping before orgasm, saving sexual release until the high point of the rite. He believes that petitionary prayers to the gods should be composed spontaneously at the ritual's high point. Sherwin, for his part, refutes the theory that specific rituals should be done at specific times, reasoning that not ~1 people are observably affected by the phases of the moon and that the tables assigning certain days and hours to certain planets were drawn up before the discovery of Neptune, Uranus and Pluto and are therefore invalid. The best time to perform a ritual is when the need and opportunity present themselves.

The Gods of Chaos: Because Chaos practitioners consider their gods as projections of their own minds, their attitude towards them is eclectic and - orthodox Magicians would say - irreverent. Wilde's Grimoire lists a potpourri of divinities from a hodgepodge of pantheons. He says that Gods can be adapted from the words of writers such as Tolkein, and further states that any God who doesn't provide a minimum of service should be forgotten. In general, Chaos practitioners prefer to concentrate on recently rediscovered or newly created deities. Among the rediscovered, some favorites are Baphomet, an androgynous horned god who, in the 12th century, the Knights Templar used as a Cabalistic symbol, was written about in the 19th century by Eliphas Levi, and is considered by Wilde as the sum total of all universal forces and the personification of active Chaos. Another favorite is Eris, Goddess of Discord, a long-forgotten Greek divinity who was considered (in Hesiod's "Theogony") as being the more savage, female half of Eros, God of Love. To the ancient Greeks, Eros and Eris together comprised an

androgynous Aphrodite. The Circle of Chaos pays reverence to Thataneros - a divinity created by Thessalonius Loyola who represents the Freudian principle of Sex and Death. Wilde has created K'atas a wise old Oriental man with green eyes, who functions as a calm guide through the Chaotic storm. Taking Chaos theory to its furthest extreme; it might be said that a comic book hero like Superman might be the best protector for someone who can feel no affinity with a classic warrior god such as Mars.

Magickal Works: Unlike Wilde, who has nothing new to add to the techniques of Practical Magick he suggests that one buy traditional spell and candleburning books and adapt their teachings to one's need. Sherwin's experiments have led him to some interesting innovations. As if to send a shiver through Spare's body, Sherwin maintains that Sigils are best vitalized through intense rituals. Taking Spare's work yet another step further, Sherwin believes that one should excerpt certain syllables from the sentence that has been sigilized and then chant them as a sort of nonsense mantra while meditating on the Sigil.

As we can see, the practitioners of Chaos Magick are both united and distinguished from each other by their emphasis on experimentation and individual experience. Chaos Magick is not a new or different kind of Magick. It is a set of working principles - some new, some ancient, - which the individual practitioner can creatively reinterpret to suit his own needs.

What effect such a personalized approach will have on American occultism is difficult to say. Who can predict Chaos? It may very well appeal to American individualism. It may prove a useful bridge between Eastern and Western occultism - a link-up that in the past has been sabotaged by the liberal white man's fawning search for the exotic savage - the conservative white man's atavistic inability to accept the wisdom of anyone who does not resemble him or possess his technology, and the inferiority complex that drives Asian teachers to treat Westerners as rich retards. At worse, it may prove to be just another slogan spewed by Mohawk-headed morons who, being too stupid to see the true Chaos within the order of everyday life, invoke Chaos by breaking beer bottles on the sidewalk and vomiting in other people's hallways. Even this ugly possibility is tolerable, however, if Chaos Magick will silence the man-hating mouthings of the maxi matriarchal Wiccans, end the need to authenticate ancient traditions that were created the day after tomorrow by ethnically minded Witches, and stop the endless debate indulged in by rival occult factions over how many planes reality has and which is the one true color scheme to work Magick with - all of which presently dominate American occultism. If Chaos Magick can stop American Ceremonialists from licking the toes of their Aleister Crowley statues. . . but, perhaps some things are too much to wish for.

No matter. Whatever may come of it, the British are invading us again. This time their banners say:

CHAOS CONTROLS

Suggested Reading

Grimoire of Chaos Magick, by Julian Wilde

Book of Results, by Ray Sherwin

Theatre of Magick, by Ray Sherwin

Collected Works of Austin Osman Spare

Cardinal Rites of Chaos, by the Circle of Chaos

Real Magick, by Isaac Bonewitz

Intuitive Magic

PEEK BEHIND THE CURTAIN PEEK BEHIND THE CURTAIN PEEK BEHIND THE
CURTAIN

Peek behind the curtain (don't peek behind the curtain). Are you
afraid
of what you might find (an old man masturbating)?

Throw away your magical textbooks. They won't really help you. Ditto
for the candles, incense, robes, wands, etc. What you really need
is
a frame of mind (not one drugs will necessarily get you).

Think of the last time you really wanted something. To set a record
for
yourself, to change, to get something you thought was perhaps out of
your reach. Remember the frame of mind you were in. The
determination,
the total concentration on that one goal, every fiber, every cell
moving forwards to grasp it. THE WILL TO SUCCEED. Changing reality
to
conform to your will. This is what magic is.

Using magic is an integral part of being human. You use it like you
use
your hands or any other part of your body. It's just that you have
been
taught to feel you need the trappings when all that is truly needed
is
the will.

From: aieeee@tezcat.com (Dr. Derek Robb)
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Date: 1 Sep 1996 06:35:26 GMT
Organization: Breakfast at Tezcat.

: >: I know this question has probably been asked too much, but i just
have to
: >: know. Has anyone actually done anything with CM and gotten
results?
: >: Please be honest.

If CM means Ceremonial Magick, then yes, i have gotten results. If CM
means Chaos Magick, I have gotten results... make them stop... sweet
mother of god make them stop..

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Kaos and Order

by Persona Navitae 353

Chaos is often associated with discord, disharmony, disarray; these aren't considered states in themselves, from the words we can see that they are thought of as "unnatural". "Dis" means "absence of, or opposite of" and implies that they are somehow not the normal state of affairs. Is this a valid view of chaos?

I differentiate Kaos from chaos to emphasize a different aspect of kaotic energies, that of pure creativity. In a sense, discordance isn't an bad definition, but it's from the wrong perspective. The creative forces are manic. They focus in as many places as possible, in as many aspects as possible. A good example is the animal world. Mutations are the rule, species that don't change, eventually die out. Dinosaurs, for example, survived, but in radically different form from their ancestors. We see them everyday, as birds. They mutated and persevered. The diversity of the animal speies has led to the continuation of life on Earth. Diversity does, unfortunately, often lead to competition and conflict. The more creativity at work, the greater the eventual discordance. The Kaos forces don't work for discord though, it's the byproduct of a vital living and growing system.

I first heard of the creative aspect of chaos from Michael Moorcocks books. In his "Eternal Champion" universe there are two primary sets of God/desses, those of Law and those of Chaos. The Law god/desses get very little attention in the novels, Moorcocks conception of them is of beings who basically keep to themselves. The Chaos deities, on the other hand, are vital and active forces. They are continually interfering with the affairs of mortals. In fact, they created the older races, Elfin, and as we later find out, the younger races, Humans, as well. It's interesting to note that We aren't told why. The older races feel that the Chaos God/desses have betrayed them by creating new races. This is the nature of Chaos, it has no morality or immorality. The Chaos deities have no specific plans. The reader is left with the impression that they aren't working for any particular goals. What is displayed in Moorcocks books are the pan-fecund powers of pure Chaos, they change form constantly and the lands they inhabit are in continual flux; fields of flowers erupting into myriad flames, fantastic castles continually shifting dimensions.

The one time Moorcock deals with pure Law we are faced with a lone inhabitant of a grey featureless plane. By the force of his Will this being had reduced his home to virtual non-existence. The Eternal Champion kills the being, and the realm returns to normal. This is somewhat different from the usual conception of Chaos and Law, I found it very appealing.

Kaos is creative. I use the "K" both to differentiate it from simple chaos, and to emphasize the Magickal aspects. "K" is the eleventh letter in most alphabets, and in Qabalah it means "palm". The palm is one of the channelers of the Current, in ancient works; neolithic, Celtic, we see the Horned God sitting with one hand down and one up. He is conducting the Earth energies upward and the celestial energies downward. This is

similar to the Tantric practice of raising Kundalini up from the Muladhara Chakra, the Earth center, to the Sahasra Chakra, the Celestial center. In Tantra though, the energies are internalized, they are raised in the spinal column and brought back down. In the Shamanic practice the energies are channeled through the body, but they don't stay in the body. In Kaos Magick these are both important Magickal works.

The eleventh letter stands for Daath on the tree of life. This is "knowledge", and the gateway to the City of the Pyramids. The Kabbalists considered this to be a cursed number. They were working for the old God, Yahweh, who would prefer humanity remain in slavery. Crowley entered the City and recounts it in Liber 418. It was there that he heard one of his true names, Nemo. While there Crowley was told "The eye is called seventy, and the triple Aleph whereby thou perceivest it, divided into the number of the terrible world that is the key of the Abyss". The triple seventy adds up to 210, the triple eyes of Ayin, or Set, the Devil card in the Tarot. It Represents the unification of opposites in Tantra, the two being -1 and 1, $-1+1=0$. It is symbolized in the Ankh, the lower line being the world of plurality, the bar being the barrier to the greater consciousness or Metamind, and the circle representing the enlightened being.

The eleventh letter, K, also is important for its emphasis on combining the female and male energies. This is part of the creative process of Universe. Eleven is six and five, the Elevenstar that Crowley created. Five is the female, Babalon, the five petalled lotus, the downward pointing pentagram in the book of Thoth. It moves from the stable foundation of the four, Earth, to the stable hexagram. It is a dynamic energy. In Tantra this is Kali, the creative aspect of Universe, at least as the Alchemists understood it to be.

The Six and Five unite in the Eleven. The pure creative energies of Kali crystallizes in the forms of the elements. Combined, they are the Elevenstar Magicks. As Magickians, one of our goals is to discern the mysteries and through Gnosis and Will become creative beings.

The next letter in Kaos is "A", Alpha. The beginning, the Aces in the Tarot. This is the first step after channeling the creative energies, to start the magickal Work, and the goal of the neophyte, to achieve the Great Work, to find the Grail and through it, remanifest. Omega is the third letter, the end. Within Kaos is the beginning, Arche, and the end, Telos. Kaos is complete in itself, seeded by its own will. In the very ancient Goddess creation myths we often see this parthenogenic process. The Goddess arises from the Chaos waters and from herself creates the divine consort, the Serpent. This is the last letter, "S". It is the Logos, the transmitter of the divine Gnosis. It is Hermes, Thoth, and Legba. The opener of the way. In the garden humankind was like the beast. The Serpent, sent as the divine messenger gave humanity the Gnosis, or the knowledge to transform ourselves. This Gnosis is the knowledge of the creative process, Magick, and with it we became more than beasts. We left the garden of our own accord.

In Physics matter is considered to be in particular energy states. Take away a certain amount of energy, and it falls to a less active, but stable energy state, put energy in and it moves to a higher specific energy state. Kaos is the energy, Order is the stable state.

From the pure Kaos, the waters ov Nuit, coums the four God/desses ov Order and Chaos. Using thee Egyptian cosmos, Set is the ordered Kaos God, Nephtys the Kaotic Kaos Goddess, Osiris thee Ordered God ov Order, and Isis the Kaotic Goddess ov Order.

Nephtys is the energy Neter for the creative power. In pure form her forces is continually reforming, never stable. This is the raging force of Universe expanding. Through the Dark Goddess Kaos manifests into thee Matrix formed by Set. Set creates thee matrix for transformative order, the dynamic state ov balance always working for a higher state ov being. Isis is thee patterned Kaos force, the energy ov nature, the creation ov mutating form. Osiris is thee force ov inertia. His power is thee tendency for all matter and energy to resist change.

Thee Priest/esses of Set/Nephtys are those intrepid and creative people who thrive on new ideas. They are thee rebels and thee inovators. From them coum thee heretics ov science and religion, those who seek change for it's own sake. Thee people who recognize that humanity thrives on diversity. Thee Priest/esses ov Isis are thee ones seeking Gnosis ov thee existing Universe. They work on what iz known, give us a deeper knowledge ov what thee heretics have discovered. Thee Priest/esses ov Osiris are thee conservatives. They wish for no change, work only for greater enslavement. They create thee rules and regulations that keep humanity from moving forward. In thee middle ages they were very powerful, in thee New Aeon they have no place. Inertia is fine for keeping creation at a steady pace, but no more than that.

Magickians are those few who seek to understand Universe and work with it. We recognize thee Kaos forces as thee true source ov Gnosis and through Will we becom Priest/esses ov thee Dark Deities who offer them. As we progress from thee Neophyte to thee Maga/Magus we face thee oppressive forces ov thee Old Aeon with knowledge, strength, and creativity. Through these the Kaos forces manifest. Kali, Arcana, Oshun, Sophia. In Light, Life, Love and Liberty.

Learning to become a worse chaote

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sidrat wrote:

I think I make a crappy "I wanna be a black-magick-A.C.-amoral-psychopath" sort of chaos mage, but am willing to learn. Please post pertinent instructions.

1. Examine your wardrobe. Any article ov clothing coloured anything other than black must be discarded immediately, if not sooner.
2. Locate the trendiest coffeshop in town. Go there, but complain bitterly about everything and everyone nearby. Reminisce about how much cooler it was before. (Before what is up to you). Drink espresso and smoke clove cigarettes, or handrolled Drums.
3. Purchase - or better yet, steal from the library, if possible - everything by Uncle Al. DO NOT under any circumstances actually read this material! You may, however, flip through it now & then, to glean certain catch phrases with which to pepper your complaints about the coffeehouse.
4. Purge your music collection ov everything except death metal/ noise (choose one or both). Vinyl by Ozzy's Black Sabbath is ok.
5. Learn the name ov at least one lesser-known Elder God. Paint this on your leather. Sneer condescendingly at anyone who asks what it means, or tries to pronounce it.
6. Change your last name to a 3-digit number or the obscure Elder God mentioned above. Sorry, SatanX7 is already taken.
7. Familiarize yourself with the local magickal, pagan, or Wiccan organizations or bookstores. (if none nearby, pick crystal worshippers, believers-in-angels-in-UFOs or tree-huggers). Learn their basic beliefs. Pooh-pooh them loudly in public.
8. If anyone asks what exactly you believe or practice, raise one eyebrow (tweezed into devilish points for effect), stroke your goatee (likewise), snort, scoff, and Cast Aspersions Upon Them.
9. Post constantly to alt.religion.wicca, alt.gothic, or rec.music.industrial, flaming everyone who has ever heard ov said newsgroup. Use as many scatological and sexual terms as possible. Invent impossible physical recreations involving rodents and dental floss and accuse them ov it. Do Not respond to anyone who flames back - disappear for a day or two, then start over.

Bonus Points: never, ever, spell a common 2-letter preposition "o - f" ;)

hey, it's worked great for me so far!

In Perfect Love and Graveyard Dust,
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Chaos, Carroll and Crowley

by Fran Nowve

As a Thelemite and a member of OTO, I was first attracted to Chaos Magick by the many surface signs of similarity I saw between the two "systems." Certain catch phrases used by Chaotes, such as "lust of result" and "greater Feats," are right out of the Book of the Law. Both Carroll and Crowley named many of their books "Liber This or Liber That," for example. And in the OTO Gnostic Mass, the Credo names "Chaos" as "one secret and ineffable LORD...of whose fire we are created, and to which we shall return..." The Credo goes on to name "Babalon," the "Earth" and "Womb." Temple Babel," whose poster in Curios and Candles proclaimed, "Do what thou wilt is our law," turned out to be a temple of Chaos Magick. The third name of the Credo, "Baphomet," also has an honored place in Carroll's writing.

Upon further study, I found deeper similarities and, of course, differences as well. Like Crowley, Carroll wanted to demystify magick and make it the subject of scientific scrutiny. Defining magick as "the Science and Art of causing Change to occur in conformity with Will."¹ Crowley further postulated,

"ANY required Change may be effected by the application of the proper kind of degree of Force in the proper manner through the proper medium to the proper object."²

If you do it right, it will work. Carroll continued Crowley's work, applying magical principles to the science of our times, Quantum Physics.

Crowley was always working at further understanding his consciousness and discovering the roots of knowledge as well as the parameters of what is unknown. He fostered a healthy skepticism as, for example, in his work on developing a magical memory. One such method involves learning to think backwards and to use this ability to "remember" before one's birth to previous incarnations. But he constantly cautioned the magician to check his findings against known "objective" details and even so,

"The Master Therion does not care a scrap of yesterday's newspaper whether he was Marius de Aquila, or whether there ever was such a person, or whether the Universe itself is anything more than a nightmare created by his own imprudence in the matter of rum and water."³

Crowley prescribed a rigorous regime of yoga (*Book IV*) to still the mind and body, enabling one to concentrate and focus energy. He created A A to further these goals. Carroll called his order, IOT, "the magical heirs to...A A " and prescribed the same courses of discipline (*Liber MMM*) to develop the magical self.

Both had a penchant for analyzing history in terms of successive aeons. Crowley divided history into the Aeons of Isis, Osiris and Horus, representing Matriarchy, Patriarchy and the present time of equality between the sexes (the "Crowned and Conquering Child"). Carroll developed a more detailed analysis of history. He named four Aeons: Shamanic, Religious, Rationalist and Pandemon. Each of these is divided into two "sub-aeons," Animist/Spiritist, Pagan/Monotheist, Atheistic/Nihilist and Chaoist/?.⁴ Elsewhere, he divides history into five Aeons, Shamanism, Paganism, Monotheism, Atheism and Chaoism (a return to the first aeon but in a higher form).⁵

While Carroll doesn't put as much emphasis on Qabalah and alchemy as Crowley, and downright debunks Astrology, he devised a system in *Liber NOX*⁶ which has elements of all three. Mercury, Sulfur and Salt/Earth, elchemical principles, could be seen to correspond to the Cardinal, Fixed and Mutable signs in Astrology.⁷ These alchemical principles are juxtaposed against a system of duality, Coagula and Solve, also alchemical principles (or coherence and dissolution) which also appear on Levi's Baphomet. He lists five pairs of opposite emotions and charts them with the three alchemical principles to create a complex system of glyphs which he suggests can be equated to "Trumps of the Tarot."⁸ Then he puts them on a traditional Qabalistic Tree of Life which correspondences that are quite correct in terms of the orthodox tradition.⁹ His system of color magic also corresponds to the traditional Qabalah. It is interesting how well rooted Carroll is in magical tradition, original though he is.

Of all the areas in which Carroll and Crowley can be compared, the most interesting is in the concept of True Will and the Great Work (the "knowledge and conversation" of one's "Holy Guardian Angel"). In some places, Carroll speaks of these things in much the same terms Crowley did. In *Liber LUX*, Augoeides,¹⁰ he writes,

"The magician's most important invocation is that of this Genius, Dæmon, True Will, or Augoeides. This operation is traditionally known as attaining the Knowledge and Conversation of the Holy Guardian Angel...or Great Work,"

and "A person doing his true will is assisted by the momentum of the universe..." He goes on to describe what Crowley called the Oath of the Abyss,

"He takes complete responsibility for his present incarnation and must consider every experience, thing or piece of information which assails him from any source, as a reflection of the way he is conducting his existence."

Crowley wrote, "the Oath of the Master of Temple is 'I swear to interpret every phenomenon as a particular dealing of God with my soul.'"¹¹ Also, in *Psychonaut*, the Demon Chronzon, Carroll bids the magician to "invoke the real HGA or Kia. Firstly the ego can be put in its place by deliberately seeking union with anything one has rejected."¹² Crowley:

"such a practice will consist in training the mind and the body to confront things which cause fear, pain, disgust, shame and the like. He must learn to endure them, then to analyze them until they give pleasure and instruction, and finally to appreciate them for their own sake."¹³

On the other hand, Carroll also speaks, in other places, as if True Will doesn't exist. In *Liber KKK*,¹⁴ Conjunction 15,

"If a true will is presumed to exist, then the conjuration must be directed toward its discovery and implementation. I...have observed the process go spectacularly wrong in numerous cases."

And in the *Demon Chronzon*,¹⁵

"Most mystics...claim that their ego has been obliterated and merged into union with the godhead.... They have merely employed some form of gnostic exaltation to inflate their own ego into an immense version of god that they have been carefully cultivating. The process differs not one whit from that employed by the black magician who also inflates his ego to cosmic dimensions...the same thing happens when a magician attempts to invoke his Holy Guardian Angel."

And

"A curious error has entered into many systems of occult thought. This is the notion of some higher self or true will which has been misappropriated from the monotheistic religions."¹⁶

Finally,

"There is no sovereign sanctuary within ourselves which represents our real nature."¹⁷

Professor Sidney Hook used to tell our philosophy class, "I don't want any of you to agree with anything I say unless you just can't help yourselves." Sometimes Peter Carroll seems to be saying the same thing to his readers. He contradicts himself (or appears to) as a statement against the notion of "absolute truth." He slides into different paradigms as he finds each useful in its turn. To emerge oneself in such a mindset(s) is to truly "cross the abyss" and enter a realm where everything is both true and untrue simultaneously. Or, as Carroll expressed it, "Chaoist magic is characterized by its cavalier attitude to metaphysics..."¹⁸

Models of Magic

by Frater U.'D.'

In the course of exploring the possibilities of new, more efficient techniques of magic I was struck by the fact that a structuralist view of the history of magic to date might prove helpful. After all, magicians have always aspired to restate the theory and practice of magic in the language of their times i.e. in different models pertaining to current world views.

There is, however, some risk involved in such an approach: models do not really explain anything, they are only illustrations of processes, albeit rather useful ones. What's more, over-systematization tends to obfuscate more than it clarifies and one should not mistake the map for the landscape anyway, a fallacy a great many kabbalists seem to be prone to.

Thus, the following five (or rather: four plus one) models of magic should be seen as a means of understanding the practical possibilities of various magical systems rather than as definitive theories and/or explanations of the way magic works.

It has proved effective in practice to view magic under the following categories:

- [The Spirit Model](#)
 - [The Energy Model](#)
 - [The Psychological Model](#)
 - [The Information Model](#)
 - [The Meta-model](#)
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The Spirit Model

This is purportedly the oldest model of magic though it may very well have come into existence after or simultaneously with the energy model. We can find it worldwide in shamanic cultures as well as in many religions. Its basic premise is the existence of an otherworld inhabited by more or less autonomous entities such as spirits, angels, demons, gods etc. The shaman or magician is someone who can enter this otherworld at will, who has travelled widely in it, knows its language and customs and has made friends, smitten enemies and/or acquired allies and servitors there. This is important as all magic is of these entities' making. The modern German word for witch, "Hexe" (f.) illustrates this rather neatly if we take a closer look at its etymology. It derives from Old High German "hagazussa" which translates as "fence rider". The hagazussa is riding the "fence between the worlds" i.e. she is at home in the world of everyday life as well as in the magical otherworld of spirits.

In the spirit model magic is seen as being effected by these entities who are usually invisible, at least to the average punter, and it is the shaman's or magician's task to make

them put his will into effect. This may be done by prayer, by barter, by cajoling or even - vide medieval demon magic - by the application of magical force, threats and pressure.

The otherworld may have its own geography but it is usually considered to coexist with the world of everyday life. The key to entering it is an altered state of consciousness, controlled trance or ecstasy of which the shaman is an expert.

The spirit model has prevailed in traditionalist or Dogmatic magic until today, some of its most noted exponents being Franz Bardon and, at least to a great extent, Aleister Crowley.

The Energy Model

The rise of the energy model in the West is marked primarily by the appearance of Mesmerism towards the end of the 18th century. Anton Mesmer, who was not an occultist but who was on the other hand regarded by his contemporaries to be a "miracle worker" of sorts, rediscovered amongst other things the ancient healing disciplines of hypnosis and magnetism. He popularized his theory of "animal magnetism" which he saw as a subtle force inherent in organisms, but he also made heavy use of metal magnets for healing purposes.

While the French Revolution put a temporary end to Mesmer's movement, his ideas were not lost. They were taken up by a number of others, primarily occultists, who drew on them while developing their own theories of magic. One of the first to do so was Bulwer Lytton of the Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia (SRIA), who postulated the existence of a subtle energy which he termed Vril, possibly deriving from Latin virilitas or "force, power, strength". (This was actually the model for the naming of Bovril, from Latin "bovis" or "ox", and Vril or "life force".) We can observe interesting parallels to this concept in the vitalist theories of biology which emerged around the same time. Other exponents of the energy model of magic (not then so termed) were Reichenbach with his concept of Od, Eliphas Levi and his Astral Light and Mme. Blavatsky, who adopted the theories of Prana from Yoga physiology. This was also the time when anthropology and ethnology discovered the Polynesian concept of Mana and Asiatic scholars began to concern themselves with the Chinese principle of Ki or Ch'i (Chi). The latter two go to show, of course, that the idea of subtle energies utilized by magic is far older than the 18th century. In fact, we can observe it already in early shamanic cultures. Shamanic magic is very frequently a mixture between spirit and energy model, e.g. the shaman may call upon his spirits or gods to give him "power" or he may, vice versa, use his power to extort favours from them.

In its pure form, however, the shaman or magician is not in need of spirits and other entities. The world is viewed as being "vitalized" by subtle forces or energies and his primary task consists in mastering the art of perceiving and manipulating them. As all phenomena are basically energetic in nature, the existence of an otherworld is not strictly required. Thus, the magician is more of an "energy dancer" than a "fence rider" or go-

between. But even here the key to the perception, charging and general utilization of these forces is again the magical trance or, as Chaos Magic terms it, gnosis.

Theories and practices pertaining to the energy model can be found with many magical authors but it has seen its real, large scale popularity only since the seventies of our century when the general influx of Eastern thinking (pace the Hippie movement) made concepts such as chakra and kundalini work a mainstay of most occult disciplines. Strong energy model elements can also be found in Franz Bardon's system of "electromagnetic fluids", "condensators" etc.

The Psychological Model

Sigmund Freud's theory of the subconscious revolutionized Western thinking in general and psychology (which he did not, as some people are wont to believe, invent all by himself) in particular. Suddenly, man was seen as a being which was only partially conscious and in control of itself. While psychology is still fighting for its academical recognition as a science, it has stamped its mark on therapeutic disciplines - and on magic.

The psychological model of magic does not purport to explain how magic works, its only premise is that the subconscious (or, as Carl Jung later retagged it, the unconscious) will do the job if it is properly addressed and/or conditioned. This again is achieved by magical trance, suggestion and the use of symbols (i.e. selective sensory input) as tools of association and as a means of communication between the magician's conscious will and his subconscious faculty responsible for putting it into effect.

Aleister Crowley dabbled a great deal in the psychological model which comes as no surprise as he not only tried to keep up with all major academic disciplines of his time but thought himself to be the world's greatest psychologist into the bargain. But all considered he remained a traditionalist exponent of the spirit model: after all Aiwass was, in his belief, a praeternatural entity. Nevertheless he did have a knack of explaining magic in psychological terms to make it sound sensible to the sceptics of his time.

A more radical approach was taken by Austin Osman Spare whose sigil magic rests on the basic tenets of the psychological model. Spare's brilliant system is in principle an inversion of Freud's theory of complexes: by actively suppressing his will in the form of a graphical sigil and forgetting it, the magician creates an artificial "complex" which then starts to work on similar lines just as suppressed, subconscious traumas will cause neurotic behaviour etc.

The psychological magician is a programmer of symbols and different states of consciousness. He is not necessarily in need of a transcendent otherworld or even subtle energies, though in practice he will usually work on the assumption that one or the other (or both) do in fact exist and can be utilized by his subconscious.

Authors such as Israel Regardie, Dion Fortune, William Butler, Francis King, William Gray and to some extent Pete Carroll subscribe to the psychological model which seems to be the primary domain of the English speaking world of magic and which has become the prevailing paradigm ever since the seventies of this century.

The Information Model

The information model of magic is being developed since about 1987 and there is still considerable debate about the direction it shall ultimately take. Its basic premises to date are as follows:

a) Energy as such is "dumb": it needs information on what to do; this can be so called laws of nature or direct commands.

b) Information does not have mass or energy. Thus, it is faster than light and not bound by the restrictions of the Einsteinian spacetime continuum. It can therefore be transmitted or tapped at all times and at all places. In analogy (but of course only as such!) it may be likened to quantum phenomena rather than relativistic mass-energy. It can, however, attach itself to a medium e.g. an organism or any other memory storage device.

At the start of the theoretical debate it was still believed that the postulation of morphic (or, more precisely, morphogenetic) fields as hypothesized by Rupert Sheldrake had to be an essential factor by way of explaining the mode of actual information transmittance. This, however, while still being discussed, does not appear to be strictly prerogative though it cannot be not ruled out that an act of information magic may create such fields. It does seem more probable, though, that the concept of information matrices will prove to be the most promising theory in the long run.

The application of the as yet evolving information model has led to the discipline I have termed Cybermagic (from "cybernetics" or the "science of control systems"). Contrary to the other models described above, Cybermagic does not rely on magical trance to achieve its effects. Rather, the Cybermagician activates either his own main memory banks, namely brain and spine (the Golf-club chakra, so-called because of its shape reminiscent of a golf-club) or those of the target person. The desired information is then called up and transmitted quite similarly to a copy command on an MS-DOS computer. The copy command analogy holds good insofar as the information (not having mass) is not actually "lost" in the process (as energy would be) but rather is duplicated. This is an important point as it allows for the magician to perform his magic even in a state of very low physical power, possibly even when almost completely intoxicated, as long as his basic "life support systems" are still functional and the command syntax is employed correctly.

It is, however, obvious that this technique demands a fair control of what used to be termed kundalini effects and practice has shown ever and again that a good amount of Yoga and meditation experience is a great help in achieving to Cybermagic.

Unfortunately, the full theory and practice of Cybermagic cannot be described here due to lack of space and will thus have to be the subject of a separate article to be published later. To date the main experimental research work is being done within the Magical Pact of the Illuminates of Thanateros (IOT) and some quite astounding results have already been achieved, especially in the field of language and knowledge transfer as well as magical healing.

In spite of its very modern, untraditionalist outlook the basic principles of Cybermagic may in truth well be the oldest form of magic extant. For we can, for example, find a number of reports in the East to the effect of a guru transferring all his knowledge to his successor before his death, which is usually achieved by an act of long, mutual meditation.

This goes to show that magic as a whole has always existed in many, coexisting models. What has changed, however, is the stress laid on one model or the other in the course of time.

The Meta-model

The meta-model of magic is not a model as such but rather an instruction on the use of the others. For its only advice to the magician is: "Always use the model most adequate to your aims." This may sound a bit trite but we will see that it is not quite as selfevident amongst magicians as one might expect. It is rooted in Chaos magic's assertion "Nothing is true. Everything is permitted", which ultimately boils down to pragmatic utilitarianism. Before this aspect is enlarged upon, though, let us look at an example of the models presented here as applied in practice.

We shall take the situation of magical healing to demonstrate how these models differ from each other.

In the spirit model healing is regarded as an exorcism: illness is caused by "evil" or, at least, undesired entities which have to be neutralized and removed by the shaman or magician. In the case of a patient with a heart condition the shaman may, for example, "see" a green lizard in the vicinity of the heart which must be removed. To achieve this the shaman will usually call upon the help of his own spirits who will then handle the matter. Properly exorcised, the patient has been freed from the cause of his ailment and can recuperate.

In the energy model ailments are seen to be caused by energetic imbalance. Thus, our heart patient may have too much (or too little) "fire energy" in his heart chakra, and the magician's task consists of restoring that balance of energies commonly defined as "health". This he may do by laying on hands, by using crystals and precious stones, by magnetism or chakra massage etc. The balance having been restored, the patient is regarded as having been healed.

In the psychological model illness is considered to be basically psychosomatic in nature. The magician will, therefore, either do a ritual work with the patient which enhances his stamina and resolves his troubles (e.g. a Saturn ritual to cope with "Saturnian challenges" the patient is seen to have avoided by becoming ill) or he will charge a sigil for the patient's health. Preferably he will instruct the patient to construct and charge his own sigil.

In the information model the Cybermagician will transmit an informational "healing matrix" into the patient's system (or somehow create a "morphic field" of health and self-healing) and let the patient's energies take it from there to do the job of their own accord i.e. automatically. This rests on the assumption that the energies are still powerful enough to get the work done, otherwise he will either jump back into the energy model to provide the patient with the additional energies required or install another information matrix to create an influx of the power desired.

Following the meta-model the magician will decide beforehand in which paradigm he will begin his operation. This must not necessarily exclude the possibility of shifting the paradigms in midwork or of blending them, of course. Usually, the decision is taken on the lines of expediency, efficiency and personal preference. Thus, I personally find healing work with patients easier within the spirit or energy model, while I do seem to get better results with selfhealing employing either the psychological or the information model. Then again, cybermagical work tends to take up to two days to show noticeable effects so that it may be more expedient to go for laying on hands when pain is very acute.

Another important point is the time factor. While traditionalist rituals in the spirit model may take from half a day to weeks and even months, operations in the energy model seldomly take much longer than a few hours at the most. If we take Spare's sigil magic as an example for a very fast technique within the psychological model, the operation can be over and done with within five to ten minutes. Information magical operations on the other hand only take up about three quarters of a second, a time span which can be cut even shorter by an experienced Cybermagician.

Self evident as the meta-model may seem, in practice many people seem to feel somewhat uncomfortable with its inherent relativism. This is very much the case with beginners in magic. A typical dialogue on the subject might run on the following lines:

"Are there spirits?"

"In the spirit model, yes."

"And in the energy model?"

"In the energy model there are subtle energy forms."

"And what about the psychological model?"

"Well, in the psychological model we are dealing with projections of the subconscious."

"What happens in the information model, then?"

"In the information model there are information clusters."

"Yes, but are there spirits now or not?"

"In the spirit model, yes."

This logical loop is, of course, usually experienced as a pretty frustrating exercise; but while the asker claims that the magician is trying to avoid the issue he is at the same time overlooking the fact that he himself is basically only restating the old yen for absolute, "objective" truths - not really a quantum magical approach, to say the least. However, the aspiring cyberpunk magician of today cannot expect to be spared the pains of coming to terms with the notion that freedom and dogma are mutually exclusive.

UBIQUE DAEMON !. UBIQUE DEUS !.

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* Origin: ChaosBox: Nichts ist wahr, Alles ist erlaubt. (2:243/2)

New Age or Chaos Magick

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Subject: New Age or Chaos Magick

In a message dated 97-09-05 08:44:06 EDT, Gentle writes:

Ooooh...just outta curiosity (and the overwhelming desire to start a heated debate on my favorite list), what is the difference between NewAgers and normal freaks like us?! I mean, where is the line that turns someone from a pagan (or whatever title) to a NewAger?

Oh, i've played the "lurking newbie" long enough. This is one i feel compelled to comment on.

I'm loath to try to offer any absolute definitions (no offense, but these arguments on "denotative issues" don't really thrill me), but i would like to offer a few distinctions i've discovered between New Age-ism (NA) and Chaos Magick (CM).

For one, most NAers subscribe to an "absolute" theory of meta-reality, particularly in regards to reincarnation and past-lives. They tend to see this system of repeating lives as premiere, the centerpiece of all their other beliefs. Indeed, i once had a NAer tell me, after i indulged his wishes to do a numerology chart on me, that ALL numerology and astrology was founded on reincarnation... that without a foundation of the 'absoluteness' of reincarnation, numerology and astrology "made no sense at all." As i'm still sceptical on the notion of reincarnation, i've foreverafter had a bad taste in my mouth about these two sister-systems (just as well, considering how they tend to degenerate into fatalism and determinism).

NAers tend to see their particular system as universal: "Everybody has seven chakras, whether they know it or not." "Everyone is reincarnated, whether they know it or not." "Everyone is subject to karma, whether they know it or not." They've even tried to assimilate all the other "big name" prophets of all the major religions. "Oh, Jesus was a mystic proponent of reincarnation... Really! But it all got edited out of the Gospels by various unenlightened sods, after the fact." This has actually been a strong selling point to NA dogma, that it can absorb other doctrines, keep what they can use, and dismiss what doesn't fit as a 'pollution' to the original espoused belief, regardless of whether they have any historical evidence to back it up. But this also fosters a blithe arrogance towards "traditionalists," who just aren't 'cool' enough to 'see the whole picture.' To paraphrase Yabro's "Messages From Micheal," "A plant needn't understand photosynthesis to turn green in the spring." That pretty much sums up the NA attitude, in a nutshell. Which, if i'm not mistaken, elevates it to the level of "religion."

CM, of course, doesn't promote any kind of absolute theory of the afterlife, or any 'cosmic' code-of-conduct (karmic or otherwise). This alone draws a wide distinction between it and NA.

Secondly, most of the popular mockery that the NAers have been subject to is the caricature that they're basically "pollyannish," that they have a skewed, unrealistic perception of the gritty "real world." But i find this image fairly accurate. They don't really want to acknowledge the ugliness and brutality of the world they find themselves in. And their strategies, their pastel-gilded "everything is love" attitude towards every scenario, every situation, seems naive at best. In a world where rightist death squads kill school teachers in the middle of the night, where transnational corporations irradiate our water table for the sake of fiscal expediency, where one out of every five children are officially malnourished and one out of every three women have been raped at least once before their 18th birthday, the general attitude and strategies of the NA community seem woefully ineffectual and outright ludicrous. In fact, it doesn't even LOOK like a strategy for change... its looks more like a complex system of denial.

This may be why so many NAers lapse into a state of paralysis and impotence, having to rely on their divinatory tools, their rune stones or their tarot cards, to make the simplest life decisions. Or perhaps they'll wind up meditating for 5 or 6 hours a day, every day... searching for some revelation, some conceptual 'grail,' that will give their lives some purpose, to fill some vacuum that they can't otherwise fill. (This doesn't look like 'results magick' to me.) Rather than offering them useful techniques to "take charge" of their own lives, it often winds up offering them intoxicating avenues to help FLEE personal responsibility, to avoid having to make the tough decisions that everyday life demands. These are the fruits of the New Age, as i've seen them.

Murray Bookchin, an eco-anarchist out of Vermont, once wrote of the NAers, calling them 'lotus eaters,' comparing them to those characters that Odysseus bumped into in Homer's "Odyssey;" an island of stagnant, apathetic addicts, chewing on flowers all day, largely unaware of their 'outside' world. Not an altogether inappropriate description.

The CMs are (or seem to be) far more open to the full range of human experience, good and bad. They can see the world both for what it IS, and what it COULD BE. They don't rely on celestial determinism, and they don't pretend things are prettier than they are. In this regard, i'd say that CM has a far more practical relationship to this "default reality" than NA, and many other paradigms. It offers a wider range of pragmatic options for dealing with the genuine problems of our world. It says, up front, that an individual has to have the strength of will, the resolve, to take command of their own lives, to steer the course of their own personal evolution, regardless of how scary that might seem. As opposed to the NAers, the Chaotes don't shirk from the responsibility of commanding their own destinies. They welcome it, because they have the vision to recognize this dizzying spectrum of options. CM doesn't make a very good 'escapist' paradigm... but NA seems pretty well suited to escapism.

The efficacy of NA as a magickal belief system is as potentially viable as any other belief system, i suppose. Why wouldn't it be? And they use several techniques that many chaotes have found value in. (I, for one, can still carry on a conversation with a 'lotus-eater,' and walk away with some valuable insights.) But frankly, the 'religious baggage' that tends to come with a full-blown acceptance of the NA ideology seems no more liberating (to me) than a full-blown acceptance of orthodox christianity.

Or so i've seen. Just an opinion.

Amor Vincit Omnia
Rev Abaddon

Obituary for the Chaos Current

Stephen Sennitt (editor of *Nox* magazine) 1988

In the last year or so Since NOX #5, the "occult scene" (as it stands in my view) has undergone a process of am-structuring and recuperation. All the untidy ends left by the dissection of the Chaos current have slithered back into place or resumed their quiet grumblings without further consolidation. Those who rode the crest of the angry crusade in 1987, now find themselves floundering in uncharted waters, wondering desperately what fore the current will take next and, more to the point, whether they will be too washed-up to understand.

What am I talking about?

Well let's face it; the Chaos current is *dead*. Retrospectively, it will be extremely difficult to prove it ever actually existed, other than in the minds of those who caught some brief initial insight into the writings of Austin Osman Spare. For the rest of the decade of its existence, the self-labelled Chaos magicians tried to maintain a dynamic mask for Chaos magic that upon inspection was seen to be frozen, unpliant and lifeless. The flash of insight had disappeared and all that remained to fill this void was rabid polemics and wild disclaimers. To top it all, no one can claim to have gained reputable knowledge of Spare's work. Chaos magic has been a long journey over difficult terrain, finally leading nowhere. In the final analysis, it has not been the hollow posturing of its High Priests and the half-dozen or so flimsy books that have meant anything; rather it is the embarrassing admission that we took it all so seriously at the time. To make this admission (like a part of any maturing process) takes guts and humour, and those who haven't yet learnt the small lesson Chaos magic had to offer will show themselves soon enough by their kicking red-faced tantrums, gripping for dear life onto its withered corpse.

In one sense the Chaos magicians tried to blow away the 'cult' aspect of occultism. The initial movement attempted to concentrate the best techniques and systems of magic into a coherent but non-mystical framework. The burning of the old school tie of magic seemed a necessary requisite for the pursuit of freer magical expression- These sentiments were perhaps admirable, but in practice (for the time-being at least) they have shown that the occult establishment cannot function without recourse to a necessary balance between magic and mysticism. In actuality, the reason why the Chaos movement has burnt-out so quickly is because it attempted to deny the magic-mysticism formation of *cult*: the obsessive *belief* that produces a basic motive for the carrying out of magical acts. In trying to create wider expression, Chaos magicians seem instead to have succeeded in narrowing the occult arena, exchanging a Path or a way for a selection of spurious academic considerations. Why this is so remains partly a mystery. Perhaps, simply it compels the realization that an inherently understandable *belief* in the reality of one's magical actions is necessary. Perhaps, after all, the Chaos magicians were too optimistic about their own abilities. In any case, the illusion of "variety" and "selection"

of so-called beliefs, and the eclectic adoption of various magical techniques *resembled* a sophisticated synthesis, whereas in actuality it was a code of systematic devaluation in which all occult doctrine, however useless or useful, was turned into "data" to be experimented upon. This is the same error made by scientists testing for Paranormal phenomena and expecting it to materialise in sterile, clinical surroundings. Stripping magic of its metaphorical, allegorical and emotional values renders the would-be Chaos magician relatively impotent.

Chaos magic was an idea that could never have sustained while magicians remain human. Books like Liber Null are fine in a strictly limited sense, but how do you base an order upon a Teaching where there is no lesson to be learnt?

As an aside here, Pete Carroll recently sent me a copy of the I.O.T. "training manual" Liber KKK which is concerned only with engendering "objective proof" by focusing upon obtaining wealth and business by magic. Nothing wrong with this of course, but why bother going through tedious "initiation" rituals when you can mere cheaply obtain a Sorcerer's Apprentice "money magnet" or "spell kit", or whatever? Surely that is the "quickest route" (a concern of Mr Carroll's, so I believe) engendering exactly the same results for these with the necessary strength to believe. On this subject, it is important to note that Pete's ex-accomplice, Ray Sherwin, has not made the same blundering errors of judgement as, for example, offering prospective I.O.T. members initiation over the phone, and despite recent criticism and back-lashing, cannot realistically take Pete's title as Mr. Continual-egg-on-the-face. Seriously, and I trust he will not take this patronisingly, I have always had a strong liking for Ray Sherwin and his work, and in recent Chaos International articles he shows himself to be adaptable and capable. He probably couldn't care less about my view, but there it is.

Joel Biroco's slant on Chaos magic has also been short-lived and by my experience of him, transcended - if that's the word. We can see that this may have been planned, but I suspect he played it by ear. Perhaps at this moment Mr. Biroco is happily considering himself the catalyst that destroyed the empty posturing we have called the Chaos current. A nod to him on that one, but let *me* be the first to announce that the Chaos current is OFFICIALLY DEAD!

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Philosophical and Practical Objections to Hierarchical Structures in Magick

by Ray Sherwin

My experience for writing these (necessarily generalised) notes comes from two quite different areas. First, from the point of view of a teacher who has taught two quite distinct types of adult - in one case adults whose formal education was almost nil - in the other case adults studying for their second university degree or a professional qualification over and above their first degree. Second, from the point of view of a magician who has had the privilege of working with an unnamed group of extremely committed magicians over the past several years. (The reason for this introductory note will become clear as the line of thought develops).

The recent history of magick is dominated by three principles:

1. an emphasis on technique
2. an avoidance of dogma
3. an avoidance of over-structuralisation.

The most evident effects of these principles being put into practice were that a) individuals began to experiment on the basis of their own ideas and enthusiasms rather than pursuing training structures set up for them by "experts". Unconfined by structure, people were at liberty to choose their own methods, aims and objectives and many new ideas came to light through the occult press which might not otherwise have received any attention at all. b) The emphasis on technique brought magical power to the level of the ordinary magician, thereby shifting "political" power away from the crusty old magi who'd not even attempted to change anything throughout the previous fifty years. c) The avoidance of dogma meant that people examined many ideas which they had previously held to be true and found that much of the body of existing magical doctrine could be discarded with benefit. Some people were ruthless in their analyses of their own world-views and enthusiastically creative in the synthesis of new ones. A world view tailored to one's own proclivities and intentions is obviously more supportive of the possibility of the performance of successful magick than a world view into which one is obliged to make oneself fit.

Hierarchical structures lead from the top unless they are very carefully constructed, and even if they are set up with all the best intentions they are eminently corruptible and inevitably corrupted for reasons of personal power or gain. The downfall of the Roman republic is an example of this on a large scale - imperialism, introduced for the best possible reasons very quickly allowed a situation to develop where madmen like Caligula and Nero could rule almost all the known world at their whim simply through accident of birth.

Hierarchies are open to abuse, and anyone who doubts this should study the history of hierarchical orders from the Rosicrucians onwards. Even in the event of a hierarchy being successful, once the succession of leadership has been interrupted the structure shatters, as exemplified by the OTO after the death of Karl Germer.

One of the problems which confronts twentieth century magick is that of isolation. Magicians, especially newcomers, find it difficult to make contact with other people in their own area and as a consequence of this they are attracted to magical orders often as a last resort. This situation is *preferred* by hierarchical orders. The last thing they want is for people to talk to each other. Communication between individual magicians would not only mean fewer candidates - it would also mean that their methods might be discussed and their glamours penetrated.

A genuine network of magicians the structure and organisation of which had no axes to grind would be very unpopular with some of the organised magical institutions. It would threaten their very existence if they had nothing to offer over and above what is now common information.

A distinction must be made here between magical orders and magical groups. Members of magical orders tread, for the most part, a lonely path (and provided they are satisfied with the progress they are making it is a path I would not discourage them from pursuing). Members of magical groups, however, are in a much more immediate magical environment. Groups can be more easily run on the basis of consensus than can orders, and there is a benefit of consensus rule which far outweighs the avoidance of leadership. In a working group where all members are considered equal, in depth discussion of any proposals, especially planning for rites which can be philosophically as well as practically complex, is valuable for learning, reinforcing that which has already been learned and for permitting members of the group to understand each other in a way that few people ever manage to do. This mutual understanding creates a bond which is invaluable when the group performs ritual.

Working on a consensus basis means that individuals do not compete with one another as they are more likely to do within a hierarchical structure, often scrambling over one another for titles or privileges, rank taking precedence over magick and over the other people concerned. The issuing of charters, in the worst of cases, is simply an extension of this - power seekers in pursuit of *groups* rather than individuals.

At the beginning of these notes I referred to the two types of adults I have taught.

The first type, largely uneducated, needed to be led and needed a formal teaching structure in order to develop. This involved me, as a teacher, deciding for a number of other adults what their best course of action was likely to be and then "enforcing" that programme. For newcomers to magick who have not yet put themselves through the rigours of training this is probably the most efficient route to magical proficiency. The second type of student to which I referred, already well educated and self-motivated, did not need such a programme. They were sufficiently aware of what they needed to learn

and how they wanted to learn it to use me, their teacher, simply to provide factual information or and exemplary structures to help them understand the newly acquired information. This is a much more lively and fertile way of learning provided that basic skills have been well learned beforehand, and is the method most Chaos magicians should naturally choose. At risk if digressing it is worth making the point yet again that Chaos magick is not for the inexperienced or an easy way for the slovenly. Its disciplines are as difficult and exacting as those practised in any other form of magick, and those disciplines are proemial to the performance of Chaos magick in its widest, eclectic sense. (End of digression)

Personally I would find it impossible to work with someone I did not consider to be my *equal*. In a magical rite all the elements need to be perfect - the invocations, the weapons and runes etc. - but this applies more than anything else to the other participants. If you cannot rely on them to work at least to your standard they- are more an interference (a hindrance) than a help, and they might as well not be there at all.

Of its nature a magical group is much more able to choose new members positively, rather than by weeding out, which is the way most orders must do it, being restricted, for the most part, to correspondence rather than acquaintance.

On the face of it, my approach is an elitist one. Although I cannot deny this, it is not elitist for any hierarchical reason, and it is not elitist in favour of any particular magical policy. It is pragmatic because such a group does not advertise for members and turn down the applicants it doesn't like. In not accepting applications at all the group can bide its time and approach the people it thinks might be useful to the group and to whom the group might offer benefits, thereby reaping the benefits of positive discrimination. Only in this way can a group be set up in which all magical work is performed on the basis of equality and in which all the members enjoy each other's company. These points are, in practice, pre-requisites to successful group magick.

There is a number of other areas where hierarchies suffer disadvantages not suffered by consensus groups. Of these the most notable is that overall policy. In choosing its members as it does, a consensus group can ensure that only people who share the group's political/social ideas become members of it. To illustrate this: I would find it impossible to work within a group which had right-wing thinkers as members - I would also find it very difficult to work with a group whose members did not think, as I do, that the future of the planet is the most important problem to be addressed. This attitude does not preclude the formation of right wing groups so long as all the members are right wing; nor does it preclude the formation of groups who couldn't give a damn if the planet is strangled by human greed. What is important is that overall policy (whether that be stated or implicit) should be unanimously shared by the people who are working together. Hierarchies, for a number of reasons including profit, overemphasis on numbers, and the inability to do otherwise, tend to neglect overall strategies and, as a consequence, when people came together they find themselves incompatible.

Most women are not attracted by hierarchies, perhaps for some of the reasons I have given. Women think and act quite differently to men, which is why it is so important that they play an equal role in magical planning and activities. Too long has magick plodded the Apollonian, patriarchal path but that path cannot be avoided by men simply by pretending allegiance to some goddess or by trying, with gritted teeth, not to be patriarchal. I am what I am and, in this respect, it is very difficult for me to change without pressure from outside the sphere I know best, namely from women, whose approach tends to emphasise intuition, imagination and feeling. I am not saying this to be fair and egalitarian. Rather I am making a point which is at the same time pragmatic and selfish. I want to learn and experience the feminine principle as it is, not merely as I think it is or as I would like it to be. Hierarchies fail in this. They provide little for women and little of the feminine principle for their male members. Without women magick loses 50% of its potential, yet the hierarchies stumble on despite the pathetic disparity of numbers, unconcerned, (or unaware) about what they are missing.

The above notes are necessarily generalisations since much more space would have to be given to this subject to treat it definitively. Obviously some hierarchies work for some people, and in such cases a reasoned argument could be put forward in their favour.

The Vortex Rite

Newsgroups: alt.magick.chaos

From: pali151@netcom.com (Tzimon Yliaster)

Subject: Re: Stupid question

Due to legalities imposed by the IOT, I am unable to post the Vortex Rite in its entirety. The Vortex was written by Peter Carroll, and the IOT has chosen to restrict any exact reprint, in any medium, of the original work. So much for that.

There is nothing in copyright laws, however, to keep me from describing the ritual to you (I checked), so here's a synopsis of the rite. Keep in mind that this is not the original form in which it was presented by Carroll; however, all of the elements of the working are reproduced in my own words.

1. Stand up.
2. Take a few good, deep breaths. Relax.
3. Stomp your foot on the floor and cry out HUT (meaning "start")
4. Extend both index fingers and bring them together in front of you. Say XIQUAL UDINBAK, which means roughly "manifest chaos". Visualize a point of light at your fingertips.
5. Separate the fingers so that you draw a vertical line before you. Say XIQUAL UZARFE, D'KYENG. This means, roughly, "manifest aethyr, Planck's constant". Aethyr is buzzing with potential, Planck's constant is total contraction. Visualize the astrological symbol for Saturn at the top of the vertical line, and the Greek letter "psi" at the bottom.
6. Bring the index fingers back together, but keep visualizing the lines and the symbols at either end.
7. Draw a line with the fingertips perpendicular to the first line, saying XIQUAL KUDEX, EACHT (roughly, manifest light and darkness). At either end of the line, visualize, respectively, a sphere of light and one of total blackness.
8. Repeat step 6.
9. Draw another line at a 45-degree angle to the first two. Say XIQUAL ASHARA, DIJOW - roughly, manifest fire and air (they also mean energy and time, respectively). A variety of symbols can be used to represent the two, including personally-created sigils. I tend to use the old alchemical triangles myself, but that's just the traditionalist in me talking.
10. Repeat step 6.
11. Last line! Perpendicular to the one in step 9, with the phrase XIQUAL THALDOMA,NOBO (roughly, water and earth, or space and mass). Just like step 9, really. Use whatever symbols do it for you.
12. Take your time, and make sure that you can fully visualize all of the lines and symbols. Don't try to control color; just let it come to you as it will (this is one way to discover your octarine).

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What is the Eschaton?

Date: Mon, 30 Aug 1999 10:31:32 -0500 (CDT)

From: Fenwick Rysen

To: z-list

Subject: [z-list] Re: the 'eschaton'

On Fri, 27 Aug 1999, doc Holliday wrote:

I hear tons of references to the 'eschaton' and its immanentization. I've also heard that this immanentization has already occur.

There tends to be some confusion over the word "immanentization". You see, most people assume it's the word "imminent" which means forthcoming or approaching. But the word is *immAnent*, which means all-pervasive, being everywhere all at once.

The "eschaton" is typically taken to be "the end of the world as we know it", and this can be interpreted many ways. By the reasoning of most chaotes, the "immanentization of the eschaton" means that the eschaton is happening constantly; the world as we knew it dies and is reborn in every moment; things are constantly changing.

See, there goes another eschaton. Opps, there goes another. Hey, look at that one go! Wait, I see another one coming!

To immanentize the eschaton means (for me at least) to be aware of and part of the process of change in my environment. It means trying to immanentize the eschatons of the people around me, destroying the consensual belief structure and bringing on the end times.

The eschaton already happened.

The eschaton is approaching.

The eschaton is the moment right now.

Do we speak of the supposed "Fifth Aeon" when we discuss the 'eschaton'?

Fifth Aeon? Hail Eris!

Did I miss the previous four? Who labelled them? What gave them the right?

There are no Aeons; the only constant is change. Human evolution (biological, cultural, spiritual, etc.) is too interesting, varied, and strange to try to categorize into four (or any number) of "Aeons". This Aeonic crap is bullshit made up by people who like to feel they are on the verge of something great----invariably, Aeonists always say that we are on the border of two Aeons, moving from the old into the new. Their proof is the radical changes taking place in the world. But here's the real kicker: The world is always undergoing radical change. Duh.

Did the 'eschaton' come and go, leaving me in the closet, or what? :-)
No; Yes; Maybe.

Try looking *in* your closet for the eschaton. I'm sure you'll find one there.

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"The only prevalent characteristic of chaotes is their
ability to confuse you beyond all hope of rescue."
---Mathias Karlsson

The Wishing Well -or- Releasing the Butterfly of Chaos

by Frater Choronzon

The general function of a Wishing Well is understood from an early age by most people. The user projects some required outcome of events, or "wish" into the well, perhaps accompanied by a symbolic financial donation, and waits for events to take their course. Similar properties are attributed in popular tradition to acts of cutting a birthday cake and breaking a wish-bone while devoting certain species of poultry.

In every sense, the act of making a wish using any of the above ritual props is a magical operation though experience suggest that Wells tend to be more effective than both chicken bones and all but the most esoterically decorated cakes in achieving the intended result.

As of late, many Wishing Wells have been withdrawn from public access; and, moreover, recent opinion polls have indicated high levels of dissatisfaction with the scarcity of wish-fulfillment opportunities, particularly among vegetarians. This paper attempts some analysis of the dynamics involved in successful wish-making, and offers a ritual procedure which readers may find useful pending the launch of another "Wishing Well Withdrawal" from the public eye.

Anyone who has studied non-linear dynamics (or Chaos Mathematics) as applied to the interaction of complex systems (for instance life-in- general) will be aware of the extreme sensitivity of such systems to initial conditions. This is illustrated by the so called Butterfly Effect; a model of the process by which a butterfly flapping its wings on the Carribean Islands can set in train a series of atmospheric interactions which may culminate, after some elapsed time, in the occurrence of a hurricane in London.

The hypothesis in this context is that the ritual act of making a wish sets up initial conditions for a Chao/dynamic process which culminates, after some elapse time, in the occurrence of whatever event was the original objective of the wish; hence the subtitle "Releasing the Butterfly of Chaos". Atmospheric effects are often synchronous with successful magickal operations as was observed, for example, by those who were present for (or within earshot of) the 4,000 watt "Enochian Verse Recital" in South London, 17.30 Hrs, Monday, 28 May, 1990; but where magic is concerned the atmospherics are felt to be little more than by-products of casual sequence which is primarily electromagnetic in character.

The actual process by which a successful wish is transformed into its outcome is, of course, magic; at least in the sense that modern TV receiver might be acknowledged as

such by Agrippa or Abra-Melin the Mage - Was there ever a more effective acrostic "for divers visions" than an infrared remote control?

A detailed explanation of how the magical process appears to work would fill a book (reasonable offers from reputable publishers accepted); suffice it to say that no rewrite of either the Laws of Physics or the Axioms of Mathematics is required, and to mention that the Astrological elements of the hypothesis will form the substance of a paper to be presented to a forth coming meeting of the "Talking Stick".

For the purpose of this exercise, the process may be appropriately visualized by consideration of nothing more complicated than a humble smoke-ring. In mathematical terms this is a Torus (a ring- doughnut shaped structure) which has a clearly defined, coherent and self-contained existence for an extended period within a fundamentally chaotic matrix; ie. it can hung around for several seconds retaining its structure in the turbulent air of a smoke-filled room. Such ordered structures fall quite naturally out of the Chaos Mathematics which models the behavior of gases and liquids (Fluid Dynamics for the technically inclined). Examples of such ordered structures in a chaotic environment abound, and not only on this planet. The Great Red Spot on Jupiter, for instance, has been in existence at least since Galileo observed it in 1610, though the chaotic nature of that planets atmosphere was not appreciated until the flypast of the Voyager spacecraft of 1979.

A perfect smoke-ring requires very little expenditure of energy to be brought into existence, though that energy, in the form of a controlled pulse of gas projected from its creator lips has to be quite precise - ie. smoke-rings don't always work, particular if someone is watching, and the best ones of all usually happen quite by accident! Significantly, the only way an observer can know if a smoke-ring is there because it has smoke in it. If an identical pulse of gas is projected from a non-smoker, the Toroidal ring structure will be established in the just the same way within the atmosphere, but its presence is almost impossible to detect, even with the most sophisticated of scientific instruments.

The atmosphere is not the only chao/dynamic envelope surrounding our planet; there also exists the magnetosphere, which we perceive at ground level as the earths magnetic field. At present it exerts a force which causes a compass needle to point approximately towards the North Pole.

The magnetosphere extends out into so-called empty space well beyond the atmosphere of the planet, and is anything but static in character. Complete polarity reversals can occur. A record of these is preserved in the sequence of North and South oriented volcanic rocks which have been mapped in the ocean floor extending outwards from mid-oceanic ridges, such as that which runs the length of the Atlantic. The magnetosphere exhibits its own "weather" patterns which, like the atmospheric weather, are driven primarily by radiation from the Sun/Solar Winds. Magnetic and electric storms which affect TV and radio reception are a phenomena of magnetospheric weather, and interaction between the magnetosphere and the atmosphere can result in phenomena such

as the Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights. Other manifestations include ball- lightning and St. Elmo`s fire.

The ritual procedure put forward here postulates a process whereby a sudden pulse of electro-chemical energy, through an operators nervous system, establishes a magnetic structure which is the mathematical equivalent of a smoke-ring. It is suggested that this can occur on the onset of orgasm or accompanying a powerful martial-arts styled shout or KIAI, by a process akin to that of the Faraday Induction described in any half-decent textbook. The "magical" part of the process involves injecting a flash-visualisation of the eventual desired outcome of the magneto- smoke-ring as it is being established. The rest of the process of wish fulfillment is left to the wondrous dynamics of Chaos. It may be helpful for the operator to face towards the geographical (magnetic) North Pole.

If performed as a solo working, this ritual may usefully be preceded by a banishing and visualisation exercise. The ritual text is written in the Enochian language of the angelic calls which were devised or discovered by Dr. John Dee in the 16th Century. In the sense that Enochian can be seen as a system of control (or cyber-) language for "life, the universe, and everything" it has many of the characteristics of a computer programming language. Among such properties would be those of recursive self-reference (ie. the ability to modify itself), and some of the phraseology of the preamble to the ritual is designed to apply ideas developed by Douglas Hofstadter in his book Godel, Escher, Bach to the Enochian language. Specifically, the text of the ritual should increase its own potency with repetition.

After the Enochian preamble, the participant(s) should make a vocalized statement of a "wish" or willed endpoint for the working, at the same time strongly visualizing the desired outcome. This "wish" may be of a benefic or malefic intent, but beware! the Enochian preamble carries a force of personal honor, in wishes of a dishonorable character they are likely to backfire.

The pre-climatic mantrum "Zarzas Zarzas Nasatanata Zarzas" is held to be untranslatable. It is, by tradition, a formula which opens the Gates of Hell or the Abyss; in this context it is used to invoke the dynamic process of Chaos by which the wish can be fulfilled. Some occult authorities, Crowley among them, assert that the Zarzas formula is dangerous and advise against using it. Modern Chaos magicians do not share that view and, besides having employed it for years with no particular ills impacting the user, is consistently been found to enhance the effectiveness of most categories of magical working.

The final climatic KIAI may be shout such as that projected by a martial arts practioner in the process of shattering a concrete block (or someone`s sternum), or else an exaggerated cry of orgasmic ecstasy. Prospective participants with orgiastic inclinations may care to experiment with variant techniques to effect the final KIAI exclamation which sets the magical "butterfly effect" process in motion. For example, the Enochian couplet following the statement of the wish might be committed to memory by operator of either gender, and repeated while other participants stimulate that operator to a frenzied pitch of ecstasy, culminating in the final KIAI. Such variants are for the more experimentally

inclined, but it is the sort of experiments which magicians of an unhibited frame of mind (or body) may find it enjoyable to carry out as an end in itself. Any feedback on results would be welcome!

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Ritual text / Enochian Invocation:

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!!! KIAI !!!

Why Chaos Magicians Are Such Assholes

An essay by the Little Sister of the Order

Date: Mon, 19 Jun 2000 05:39:14 -0700

From: Max K

Newsgroups: alt.magick.chaos, alt.magick.serious, alt.magick

To: zee-list

Subject: [zee-list] Why Chaos Magicians Are Such Assholes

This essay has caused a bit of controversy, and it's meant to point out why most other magicians think that Chaos Magicians (tm) are assholes. In my experience many of them are, and often for the reasons discussed below. I, of course, am not an asshole, nor do I always wear black, have tattoos, or bait Christians. I get along quite well with my family, often wear my hair in a bun, and am as likely to read about molecular biology as Maat. Make of this what you will. It was re-edited in September of 1999.

Walking with the FireDemon, the Boy, and the Piranha Kitten through the South End of Boston, the Demon and I pick up the conversation we've had ongoing for years. It started back when he gave me my first real practical lesson in magick -- do the Middle Pillar while walking on the railroad tracks, using only the 'weight' of the pillars in your mind to affect your balance. The Demon was also the person who gave me Peter Carroll's Liber Kaos, where I discovered a name for what I already was. He matters to me.

We are discussing magick as always, and he is telling me he's reached a point where ritual magick has no place in his life. "All the mucking about on the Astral just doesn't do it for me any more. I'm only interested in Doing, in reaching goals on the physical. Chaos magick only looks to me like you've given all the usual ceremonial stuff funny names. The only difference that I can see in Chaos Magicians is in the attitude."

I agree, thinking of my own attitude, that the core of Chaos Magick is deconstruction of ritual to essence, of personalizing what works for me. "Yes," I say, "the attitude is different."

"Yep," he answers. "All the Chaotes I've met are assholes."

I am surprised.

He goes on, "What's the point? I mean, I can kind of get behind having a goal of enlightening all mankind, but what's Chaos Magick for?"

"It isn't for anything. It comes with no belief system. It's just a set of techniques and tools --"

"Which aren't any different from Ceremonial, when you get down to it," he insists, interrupting.

"-- and of approaches to techniques and tools," I finish. Then addressing his interruption: "It's entirely about manifestation on the physical. Look, what makes magick work is pretty much the same, whether you take the psychological model or the bastardized physics model. But it's Black Magick because it doesn't require you to not do magick for your own material benefit."

"But what's the point?" he asks again. "It's all juvenile 'me, me, me' crap."

I remind him of our discussion about painting, and Dali's point that if you have the skill to paint like a Master, you can paint anything you want. "Pollock could actually paint a figure or scene if he chose, yet after him there were imitators who only knew the abstract, had not the skills, and brought only juvenile sensibilities to the canvas. The result was also crap.

"Similarly," I continue, "there are aspects of the deconstructing done from the Chaos stance that are no different from a 'school' of art. There will always be hack followers who don't understand what they're supposedly deconstructing. Doesn't mean we're all selfish jerks."

"Maybe," he grudgingly admits.

"You sound like you're getting old."

"I am not!" Then he cackles, "I don't need glasses; I only see better with them on. But seriously, it's just ridiculous to me."

I recall the night before when he argued in another context that if someone believing they were Cleopatra reincarnate helped them to get through the day, "Then alright." I drop it. He's an asshole, too.

But he's got a point.

Why are Chaos Magicians such assholes?

"The first stage of seeing through the game can be a shocking enlightenment that leads either to a weary cynicism or Buddhism. The second stage of actually applying the insight to oneself can destroy the illusion of the soul and create a magician."

That's a quote from Peter Carroll, Pope Pete in Chaos Magick circles. It is the single most intellegent thing I've ever read from him.

Most Chaotes, particularly young ones, are convinced they see through the game, but

they don't necessarily know the rules they claim to be breaking. Still they're convinced of their own superiority. When you're convinced of your own superiority, yet still young and/or insecure, it's easy to show defensiveness by mockery and derision. Such mocking can bolster your internal sense of status, putting yourself above others.

My analogy for magical systems is that writers can tell many stories about the same aspect of the Human Condition, regardless of where the story is set. The details of plot and character make each version of the tale unique, but if the theme is the same, if the message conveyed is the same, then why get hung up on the details?

To some people the details are very important, even sacred. The first flush of understanding the details for what they are (window dressing) often engenders an arrogance that comes out in the form of ridicule. "What?! You actually *believe* that stuff?" It's a rude attitude, and thus Chaos Magicians are, rightly, known as assholes.

They mock.

But there is another meaning for the word mock, as in making a mock-up, a model that is not the real thing. That definition also applies, because often in using their eclectic techniques, people who call themselves Chaotes have no idea what they're really doing. It is like the facades of a town built for a movie -- there is sometimes nothing behind it. Arrogance without substance is also a trait that will earn the name "asshole."

I'd like to think I've outgrown this tendency, but there are things I still struggle with.

During Mass, whether Episcopalian or Gnostic Catholic, I don't say the creed because I try not to lie, ever. In some views, I am mocking the rite by refusing to participate wholeheartedly. In my view, I would be mocking the rite by saying words I don't believe. Yet it could be said that I would be a better Chaos Magician (tm) if I could subsume my critical mind and fervently *believe* for the duration of the Mass, such that the Creed would be TRUE when I said it.

But...

Every time I'm convinced I know something, or start spouting a belief system, especially in such a way that I might be able to state a creed, I start looking for its foundation in my psyche. When I find it, I break out the jackhammers.

Thee Awful Invokation Ov Tzeentch

Tzeentch is a Chaos deity also known as the Changer Of The Ways, Lord Of Fortune And Intrigue, Master Of All Like Things Whether Petty Or Profound. In this sense, I would classify him as an Ouranian deity, so far as labels apply.

While typically portrayed as a male humanoid with a distorted shape and features including two faced tentacles protruding from his head like horns, I believe that form and/or gender would have no relevance for such an entity. In fact, I experienced feeling of gender flux during my invocations.

Worshippers of Tzeentch are portrayed as "going beyond simple Bacchic excess to such a loosening of moral and social restraints that they lose all consistency of personality and become cackling, drooling tear-strewn maniacs"- that applications of this form of unfettered consciousness in the undoing of fourth-circuit conditioning or ego-dissolution/shattering illusions will make themselves readily apparent.

Tzeentch can also help towards implementing workings for realization of buried/subconscious desires or exploring repressed/denied facets of consciousness. Tzeentch works quite well as an antidote to third-circuit "Pure Intellect" states, keeping the mind from getting in the way. The "sleep of reason" as it were. Especially nice for finding a synthesis for two formerly incompatible opposites. Tzeentch plays the Fool who overcomes the "rules" because he neither knows nor cares about them.

For entertainment purposes, one could call upon Tzeentch as a way of experiencing Chaos directly- pure, unpredictable, undirected and unrefined information- Factor X.

"His is the Wheel Of Fortune that spins and spins, carried by its own momentum, and stops...perhaps never."

Without further adieu, I bring you...

Thee Awful Invokation Ov Tzeentch

For starters, of course, of course, one must set up one's working area properly. Try to make the atmosphere as strange as possible- surrealist art (I used the Goose Game board from "Surrealist Games" as the center of my Circle), interesting musick (Glod, Psychick T.V.- the last half of "Al or Al" works nicely), multiple mismatched incenses burning at once, unfamiliar foods, silly (but not TOO silly!) costumes (the "Dada Almanac" has some nice inspirational material in it). Oddly-coloured lighting. Whatever works for you.

Next, Banish/center as you will- Zen it- no future or past, just the eternal NOW.

Open up your consciousness/charge up/induce gnosis. (Seething/shaking worked nicely for me).

Now here, I used a combination Chaosphere/Vortex to open up a point-doorway to the "Realm Ov Tzeentch" (whatever the freep that is) as the vortex whirled, I started spinning to match its frequency.

After you've become suitably zonked, proceed with the Invokation. I'd recommend writing one out as a framework and combining it with improv.

Here's one that I wrote:

"Ia Tzeentch!
Lord, we invoke thee
Changer Of The Ways
You who are inconsistent even in your inconsistency
Lord of the Butterfly Effect
Source of the Madness
Lord of the Perverse, the Devious, the Bizarre
Radiating the multicoloured fires of Kaos
Open the spiral doorway and allow us to bask in the raw derangement of your presence.
Ia! Ia! Ia TZEENTCH!
I am Tzeentch
I am fluid, malleable consciousness
I am the derangement that leads to Illumination
I am the whirling spiral power
I am pure, uncontrolled Mind
I am the force to which all thought must surrender
I am the God that shatters all illusions
I am both the madness of the moment and the scheming which directs history
I am the Impulse and the Idle Phantasy, Schemer's Plan and Plotter's Dream
I am the direction leading into...What???
Ia! Ia! Ia TZEENTCH!
(gradually collapse into raving incoherency)

Around this point, work towards opening up and absorbing Tzeentchian energy (pore-breathing worked for me), letting go and becoming one with Tzeentch. I also used hyperventilation and extended the Invokation with glossolalia.

I've applied Tzeentchian power towards Cut-Up Oracles, Automatic Drawing/Writing (regular and "Chaos Language"), the Surrealist Exquisite Corpse, Sex-Magick as well as the aforementioned uses. One interesting effect is what I call "Tzeentchian Fire"- weird, multi-coloured flame that appears in visualization as extruding from your/Tzeentch's body that one can sculpt into shapes and Servitors. Left alone, it tends to imitate the things around it. I once used it to create a body for Tzeentch to inhabit, turning an Invokation into an Evokation.

So far as rebanishing's concerned, it comes in handy but isn't entirely necessary. Sometimes he'll just up and go on his own (especially after sex-work- a good orgasm

generally works quite nicely as payment). Of course, it does help to clear your head and ground yourself afterward.

Side-effect include strange, multi-coloured visions (I saw a Mayan temple once), odd voices saying strange things (once, I heard "The Smurfs?! What are they, squeezin' 'em?"- I still haven't figured that one out yet). Generally, things get a bit weird for a time.

Servitor:Pink Horrors Ov Tzeentch:

Appearing as a nasty-looking cartoonish head set upon a pair of spindly reptilian legs with matching arms ending in large hands with conical fingers spewing Tzeentchian Fire, the Pink Horror has a mischievous, maniacal demeanor- especially useful if you want to stir up trouble somewhere. One advantage of note is that if the Pink Horror is "killed" by somebody, it splits into two identical Blue Horrors- much the same as their predecessor except for their colour and personality-the latter of which is generally the opposite- more dour and miserable (which only goes to figure, if you think about it). I'd recommend including a subroutine so that they don't split if their creator kills them.

Azathoth/mainframe rite

by *Fireclown (monasteros@aol.com)*

Thee following should be taken as spoken only if relevant to your question! I believe it, because it works for me! Use at will! Alter! Discard!

Thee Transient Azathoth Zone-

Wherein we have Deeds with the B.I.G. (Blind Idiot God) Thing that Lurks in the Heart of Chaos. Azathoth is described as 'Blind' It is Eyeless, it Reads and Writes with magnet and laser upon and from thee Whirling Disks fed into, or, in the case of the True Believers, those who could not stand to be apart from It, Built into Its Very Body!!! Great (B.I.G.) Azathoth, yeah, it's an Idiot God! It's an Idiot Savant God! You give it the Proper Words of Power, TELNET-FTP-WWW, for example, and it spews forth, well, spew. Like I said, It cannot Understand What It Hath Read, for it is Mighty. It is Many-Bodied and many Tentacled, feeding tubes stretched accross our world in twisted Leys (Leys= leis, Hawaiian offerings to the aliens, symbolizing the Sacred Noose. Hello! Goodbye!). It has been said somewhere, (INSERT BIBLIOGRAPHICAL INFO HERE) that Azathoth dances to 'the piping of Idiot Saxaphones'-wow! how did they get a saxaphone into the little box that sings Its Arcane Tune, forcing benediction from That which Lieth Beyond the Beyond to speaketh with me? Ask not that which thou does not care about! Choose <CONNECT>, if that is your Will, and be done with it.

The Rite: (note that directions in these Aethyrs shift, and what worked last week may no longer hold true)

Props needed-

- Incense only if you hate it. Otherwise, something else you hate. I use onions.
- Sigil of Target Mainframe
- Sign of your Will to destroy
- Computer, conected and with Line open to Target (not really necessary or reccomended)

Banish if you're pervy and into that kind of thing, otherwise, relax, stretch out the body, get loosend up, in prep for getting LOOSE. When you feel centred, relaxed, and slightly sexy, begin relevant Mantra Of Opening the Connection. (all examples are merely that and should be altered according to need or desire)

Vibrate, sonorously:

NICFUNETFI
NICFUNETFI
NICFUNETFI...

continue until mild to severe gnosis is entered at which point, on the Indrawn breath, Indraw AZATHOTH... so now you are running a cycle of

>NICFUNETFI<AZATHOTH>NICFUNETFI<AZATHOTH>NICFUNETFI<etc..

until the edges blur and you move into appropriate level of possession (you know, massive trembling, glosslalia, vomiting)

Now, you should be experiencing a shifting possession, of the mainframe, and Azathoth. Let this blur into a state of loss of differentiation.

Charge the Sigil of the Target

when charging is a tangible state

Charge Sign of your Will to Destroy

ignite incense, or ingest the Hateful Onion

Focus your disgust and hatred of the Hateful thing into the combined Sigil and Sign. Eat the Material bases, Laugh uproariously, and close the Temple.

Thy will be done.

This has been a production of Curious Yellow (Z)
Replicate Freely.

BARBARIC

An Ouranian/Chaos/Barbaric Language

Purpose: To provide an infinitely extendible barbaric language for the verbal ensigilization of vernacular languages to make barbarous incantations, mantras, spells, etc. Secondly to provide one or more alphabets for similar purposes.

Structure: Barbaric logic incorporates a number of Chaos/Quantum principles.

1. All pronouns are plural (we are colonial beings).
2. There are no tenses of the verb "to be" in Barbaric. All concepts of "being" disappear, there is only "doing".
3. Past and Future atates of doing are probabilistic -- there is no absolute certainty.
4. There are no concepts of causality in Barbaric, only degrees of probable association.
5. All Barbaric adjectives are understood as referring to personal perceptions and attitudes. There are no absolute qualities.
6. There are no definite articles in Barbaric.
7. All verbs are totally regular in Barbaric (for simplicity).
8. Barbaric grammar is arbitrary; when transliterating into Barbaric, one should use a variety of unfamiliar grammars whilst striving to avoid ambiguity of meaning.





























Method of Obtaining: Having performed the Ouranos Rite with Invocation Three, participants take an Ouranian Pentacle (9cm. by 1cm. thick) with the Ouranian Sigil graven to an approximate depth of 1 mm. in each side. One side of the pentacle is white with a black sigil, the other black with a white sigil. The circumference is black. One sigil is placed upside down with respect to the other. It may be fashioned from wood, plastic, or non radioactive uranium.


Participants spin widdershins with the pentacle, meditating on a pre-arranged word then slam the pentacle on to the board below, moving it as they will to a series of letters which are recorded directly.


M	L	K	Z	Y
N	C	B	J	X
Ng	Ch		H	W
P	D	F	G	V
Q	R	S	T	Th

If the pentacle is placed on the central blank square it may be interpreted as any letter. Vowels are added afterwards whilst meditating on the Ouranian god form. If a participant is moved to shout aloud a Barbaric word whilst spinning it can be accepted.

Script: Barbaric may be written using European characters for ease of reading in invocations or in any number of its own scripts. The following script called "Linear A" has the advantage of being capable of being written or engraved in any direction; left, right, up, down, or in a spiral, the arrows indicate the direction.

 B	 R
 C	 S
 Ch	 T
 D	 Th
 F	 V
 G	 W
 H	 X
 J	 Y
 K	 Z
 L	 A
 M	 E
 N	 I
 Ng	 O
 P	 U

 Q

 Punctuation Space

Beyond the Wall of Sleep Rite

by The Antlerhead (Jason Louv)

"The sorry planet shell being well-nigh spent, in less than an hour my fellow would be free to pursue the oppressor along the Milky Way and past the hither stars to the very confines of infinity."

--H.P. Lovecraft, Beyond the Wall of Sleep (1919)

As any adept of so-called "magic" should know, the key to occult power is altered states of consciousness. To briefly paraphrase the last several thousand years of development in the magical arts, "magic" is achieved by first attaining an altered state (the currently favored term for such is "gnosis"), in which the subconscious and reality itself is susceptible to reprogramming, and then firing a desire in symbolized form into the subconscious. This is the given; what is uncertain is exactly what constitutes "gnosis." The various occult sourcebooks available on the open market rarely go into the subject, if they even bring it up at all. Aleister Crowley recommended strenuous yogic exercises, which is somewhat excessive and will only lead to unnecessary pain for most; Austin Osman Spare and his children in the IOT make explicit reference to it but leave it up to the solitary practitioner to determine exactly what it is. All well and good, but there is a tendency among recent initiates to get hung up on what amount to lower rungs on the ladder to gnosis: the physical sensation of insubstantiality, for example.

So here is an extended ritual I created to attain that most rare of spiritual states through an inhibitory route. With some practice, anybody can do this, and its use does not have to be explicitly magical. All bullshit "reality-engineering" theories aside, this is a very practical and potent exercise that, with frequent use, should make you happier, more in touch with yourself and the universe, and open the door to positive change in your life.

Note: This ritual has been written with the novice or non-magician in mind, but those with occult experience should easily be able to streamline it for their own use.

Beyond the Wall of Sleep Rite

1. Get into a relaxed physical and mental state. This could involve taking a hot bath, doing stretching exercises, taking a quiet walk around the block, or anything else you feel appropriate. Know that you are about to visit a place inside yourself that you have probably never been before; you are about to be shot into space, literally as well as figuratively.

2. Sit in a comfortable position with your back supported--sitting in the "Lotus Asana" (legs folded and back straight with hands on knees) can be especially potent, as you have been trained by Hollywood since your early childhood to see it as a position of spiritual power. Laying down on a hard surface can also work, but be careful not to arrange yourself in a position that suggests sleep, such as laying on a bed. Close your eyes and remain completely still.
3. Banish. This consists of letting your subconscious know that you are about to do something important. To accomplish this you can do anything from visualizing relaxing light travelling up your body to counting down from a hundred to one to performing a full banishing ritual. Do whatever works for you, but once you are done know that the ritual has begun and you are now in the presence of the infinite and sacred.
4. Begin light Pranayama while repeating a mantra in your head. Basically, begin to breathe fully and deeply, slowing your breathing as much as you can without experiencing discomfort, and filling your lungs completely. Let your entire being slowly fill to the brim with oxygen and then just as slowly let it out. Concentrate fully on your lungs. At the same time, begin to repeat a meaningless mantra in your head, like "yip-yap," "abracadabra," "zipzap," or "sendjasonmoney." This should have the effect of silencing the conscious mind's internal monologue of doubt and derision and opening the being to new levels of consciousness. It is essential that you silence the mind; the minute you begin intellectualizing or questioning what you're doing is the minute you break trance. After about ten or fifteen minutes of this you should start feeling an amazing physical sensation somewhat akin to a marijuana high. With practice this state will become much easier to attain, and you will eventually be able to enter it at a moment's notice.
5. This is the first level of gnosis. You should feel completely weightless, as if you are drifting in mental space. Stop the mantra--at this point your mind should be able to function normally without breaking trance, although any motion or frivolous thought will still return you to normal consciousness. At this point the body has been altered, but the mind still needs to be blown. You must occupy your mind with a meditation exercise known as "Neither-Neither," a technique for breaking down mental presuppositions and stereotypes. To do this, start by taking a basic duality--say, good and evil. First, consider "good," everything about it, in and out. Second, consider "evil." Next, consider both of them in combination. Finally (and this is the hardest), consider the absence of both of them, a state where neither good nor evil exist. This exercise generates a mental energy known as "free belief," "vacuity," or "magic mirror," unharnessed willpower in its purest state, which we are born with a full tank of and then spend and run out of as we get older and are "educated." Magic Mirror (a meme that shows up in everything from the writings of the ancient Gnostics to modern vodoun to comic books) is the energy which fuels all acts of sorcery and creativity. It is easy to spend but very difficult to get back. Those who maintain a full tank of magic mirror throughout their lives are easy to spot, as are those who have completely exhausted theirs. This exercise is one way to get yours back in droves. As a side result of continued practice with this ritual, you will not only feel more vital and alive, but you will also realize how many of the things you hold to be true, from

- your fundamental belief in your own worthlessness to the very unbreakable laws of the universe itself, are completely without validity, and to be blunt, are parasitical lies forced upon you by a society and reality that wants you to be a silent, mindless worker bee. Neither-Neither is an act of personal liberation . Continue the Neither-Neither exercise for about fifteen or twenty minutes, until you have a large amount of freed energy to work with. Use anything for the meditation--alive/dead, me/them, dark/light, anything; pick things at random. It is only the generated energy that matters. Feel the energy--visualize it in whatever way seems appropriate to you, but know that it is there. With practice you should be able to see the energy as clearly as you are seeing these words right now.
6. Each Neither-Neither should shoot you farther into gnosis. After fifteen or twenty minutes, consider the Neither-Neither "Awake-Asleep." This is the zen trigger that will establish the second level of gnosis. At this point all subconscious resistance should vanish. Realize that nobody is watching you. There is no reason to doubt. You can do anything.
 7. Now return to heavy and full breathing, deeper than the previous go, and completely blank your mind; don't even use the mantra. This is harder than it sounds, and takes practice. All thoughts entering your mind must be forcibly pushed out until you are completely devoid of conscious processes. Take as long as you need. Nobody's watching. There's no reason to pretend you're no good at this kind of thing anymore.
 8. Once you have attained mental silence, consider the Neither-Neither "self/universe." Considering both in combination should attain the third level of gnosis--unity with the macrocosm, the infinite, God. There is no way to describe this state, even to call it a "state" or to supply a method to attain it limits it. You have to be there, and once you are, all bets are off. Good luck.
 9. You can stay in this state as long as you want, and can use it to fuel acts of will if you desire.
 10. Coming down will take awhile. Banishing in some way is a good idea. It is also important to record your experience--write down when you did it, any factors that may have influenced performance, any difficulties you had, and what results you got. Continued practice should also be recorded so that you can note your progress. Each performance should increase your comfort, well-being, and the states of gnosis which you are able to attain. I would be very interested to see any results you get and will post some of them on my site if you wish me to. You can email me any records at antlerhead@disinfo.net.

Note: If this proves to difficult to perform, I recommend starting with a less strenuous course of study which will make this ritual much easier to perform. Try Peter Carroll's Liber MMM, or, for the truly masochistic, Aleister Crowley's Liber E vel Excertitorium sub figura IX.

It should also be noted that this exercise is only what I found to work for me, you should feel free to change and mutate it to better suit your own use, and I would be glad to hear of any improvements you make.

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Blinding the Red Eye

by Grizzuel

This working is to conceal the subject specifically from the attention and perception of those who would bring harm to them. This is distinguished from a general concealment working in that this selectively excludes only those with hostile intent.

Materials Needed:

- 1 piece of regular white paper (for the eye)
 - 1 piece of paper cut to about half the size (for the sigil)
 - Magic markers
 - Lighter
 - Glue
1. Opening by preferred means
 2. Statement of intent: I will to conceal from the eye of malice. -Sigilize the above statement by omitting repeat letters and combining the remainder. Make a mantra out of the remainder as well.
 3. Draw a picture of an eye, bloodshot, with a red iris. -Apply a very thin (to dry quickly) coat of glue to the back of the sigil -apply sigil over the drawn eye, fully covering the iris at least.
 4. Meditate on the image of the fawn; scentless to predators, until gnosis is reached. Let this imagery fade out and be replaced by the sigil.
 5. Crumple paper and burn sigil, repeating the mantra while doing so.
 6. Banishing by preferred means.

Channeling Ouranian

The Ouranian Barbaric dictionary is missing some important words that are pretty basic to our magical lives. This rite is intended to add new words to our Ouranian vocabulary. (Though conceived as a group rite, it could be modified for solo work.)

This rite would achieve Gnosis first by the inhibitory method. Then a proto-word would be picked by scrabble letters. Then Gnosis is deepened by chanting, culminating in glossolalia for the final word.

Needed Tools:

- Scrabble letters
- Paper and pencil

Statement of Intent:

"It is our will to enlarge on the known vocabulary of the Ouranian Barbaric language."

Rite:

Sit in a circle in Death posture, employing no-mind technique for about 5 or 10 minutes until facilitator stops it.

We have a list of words that we have decided to translate. Each person gets a word by some random method (picking a word from a hat). Then each of us picks up 5 to 8 letters (let inner intuition tell us how many) from the Scrabble set. We play with our letters, arranging them as we find best. Then we chant the proto-word over and over, faster and faster, perhaps jumping up and running around, dancing, perhaps, until glossolalia is achieved. When each of us finally has a word that "feels right," we stop and write the word down. When everyone is done, we share the results and also have a final chance to give input into each other's word until group consensus is achieved.

Chaos Excursion

An exercise of the Disk Supplement to the Jihad and Monasticism

One may choose to perform an Excursion of Chaos for any amount of time they see fit, though at least one week is suggested. During their Excursion, the individual will consider themselves as on a journey of Chaos and will call themselves a "Pilgrim of Chaos". The individual may choose to follow the Lesser, Greater, or Extreme Excursion at their discretion. The Excursion is a personal journey and should not be spoken of at length until after the Excursion has been completed. The purposes of the Chaos Excursion are as follows:

1. To embark upon a journey of/for Chaos.
2. To strengthen the powers of silence.
3. As an exercise in Religious Humility, and idea which should be Laughed at in some length after the Excursion has been completed.
4. To exercise the powers of fanatic belief.
5. To create the birth of Chaos, bringing it to action.

THE LESSER EXCURSION:

1. Carry a magical Pentacle with you at all times.
2. Dedicate any sexual act to the birth of Chaos.
3. Perform the Excursion Rite once every day.
4. Dedicate ten minutes of each day to a silent vigil performed in a humble posture.

THE GREATER EXCURSION:

1. Perform each step of the Lesser Excursion.
2. Journey by foot to a chosen area of privacy once per day.
3. In this area of privacy, dedicate 10 minutes to silence in a humble posture.
4. After silence is completed, recite a prayer to Chaos in this place of privacy.
5. Relate to Chaos each thing you see on your journey to this place of privacy.

THE EXTREME EXCURSION:

1. Perform each step of the Greater Excursion (which includes the Lesser).
2. Interrupt the sleep midway through to perform a second Excursion Rite.
3. Complete steps 2 through 5 of the Greater Excursion a second time each day, devoting 15 minutes to silence on each trip instead of 10.

The place of privacy the Pilgrim conducting the Greater or Extreme acts of Excursion will journey to should be at least one block away and outside if possible. The prayer to

Chaos can be a personal prayer written by the individual and can be different for each recital, or one may use the example below. A humble posture is any posture in which the Pilgrim feels they are supplicating themselves before Chaos. In devoting any sexual act to giving birth to Chaos, one is actualizing the action element of Chaos, bringing it forth into the world. After the Excursion is complete, the Pentacle should be kept as a magical tool and can be inscribed with a record of the Excursion as is done in the Eucharistia of Chaos. If the Excursion is unsuccessful, the Pentacle should be destroyed.

Example of a Prayer to Chaos

Oh Chaos,
That Void from which All springs,
I humble myself before Thy Terrible Magnificence.
Oh Great Chaos,
You prove that Nothing is True
and Everything is Permitted.
Oh Great Reigning Mother and Father of All,
I commit myself as thy humble servant.
Oh Great Formless
From which All finds Its beginning,
You exist and the Earth Smiles.

The Pilgrim Rite

The magician will have an altar which will be just above his/her reach when kneeling (a table will suffice). On this altar, which should be covered by a dark earthy coloured cloth, the magician will place the magical Disk. Dark green candles should be burnt during this rite, and earthy incense (perhaps Valerian and Cedar) may be used as well. The magician should be robed in brown if possible.

The rite commences with a short prayer:

I do nothing but myself.
I do truth,
For nothing does truth
And I do nothing
But myself.
Nothing is True,
Everything is Permitted,
Something is Material.

1. The magician will kneel, half sitting, on his/her knees before the altar. The magician shall be holding his/her arms forward, bent at the elbows, palms up in an offering gesture.

2. Bow the head as if pleading with some unknown deity to take an offering. The magician states: "When I give, I give to myself".
3. The magician stands, takes the Disk from the altar. "When I take, I take of myself".
4. Hold the Disk close to the breast, cherishing it. "The universe is at my hands, clothed in earth."
5. Holding the Disk, stretch out the hands roughly, pushing against the action and state: "GRIBCAV!" - The Birth of Chaos. Then, putting the disk on the altar, cry: "NIOTACH!" - Action.
6. On the knees again, and cry: "I am a humble servant of Chaos!"
7. Banishing by hysterical laughter, which is forced to a stop abruptly, as if catching yourself in a hideous blasphemy. At the end of the last performance of the Pilgrim rite, however, the laughter should not be stopped, but turned toward the idea of being a servant of anything.

Chaos Monasticism

by Peter Carroll

At any time members of the Pact may elect to follow the observances of the Monks and Nuns of Chaos for as long as it pleases them. These observances come in three forms, the lesser, greater and extreme. Their purpose is to renew and strengthen ones dedication to the Great Work of Magic. The Observances of Monk or Nun of Chaos should not be undertaken for a period of less than one week. There is no maximum period but when observances are undertaken for an unspecified period they should be ended at some later point in a definite way rather than be allowed to fall into gradual disuse. Chaoist Monks and Nuns may be fully itinerant and unless otherwise specified by choice the monastery is notionally defined as the entire planet although some form of retreat may facilitate the more rigorous observances. The observances given are to be regarded as a minimum to which further observances may be added at will. To begin the observances of a Chaoist Monk or Nun the candidate takes an oath over a staff dedicated to magic which is then carried throughout the period of the observances. The staff should not be smaller than a walking stick and although it may be left in a room or building that the monk or nun may have entered it should always be close to hand and carried from place to place.

The general form of the oath and the observances is as follows:

The Oath:

I, Soror/Frater _____ do elect to perform the Lesser/Greater/Extreme Observances of a Nun/Monk of Chaos, from henceforth, for a period of ____ / for as long as it pleases me, inasmuch that I avow that I will: (the chosen set of observances plus any personal additions are then enumerated)

The Lesser Observances:

1. Carry a magical staff at all times.
2. Perform a banishing ritual on awaking and retiring.
3. Keep a full record of dreams.
4. Perform a full magical ritual each day.
5. Dedicate any sexual gnosis to magic.

The Greater Observances:

1. Perform the five Lesser Observances.
2. Perform a second full magical ritual each day.
3. Visualize the Sigil of Chaos at least once during each waking hour.

The Extreme Observances:

1. Perform the seven Lesser and Greater Observances.

2. Perform a third full magical ritual each day.
 3. Visualize the Sigil of Chaos at least once during every hour.
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Notes and Observations:

The daily full magical rituals might consist of a Mass of Chaos or Auto da Fe or some other act of evocation, divination, enchantment, invocation or illumination of similar length.

By dedicating any sexual gnosis to magic the monk or nun affirms that any sexual act performed during the period of observances will be used to cast spells for divination or invocation or similar magical purpose. The hourly visualisation of the Sigil of Chaos is facilitated by the use of an alarm watch and a powerful alarm clock may well be useful for the night time visualisations of the extreme observances. The considerable inconvenience of bearing a magical staff serves to increase vigilance and acts as a constant reminder to complete the other observances. It also serves as a badge of office and other members of the Pact should accord the monk or nun whatever assistance they require with their work where possible. If the work goes poorly and the observances are largely not met then the staff should be destroyed. If the work proceeds satisfactorily then the staff should be kept as an object of power. It is customary to engrave upon the staff a record of the observances performed. Thus 127 signified the lesser observances for twenty seven days, 333 the extreme observances for thirty three days. The Pact tries to ensure that the Sigil of Chaos is visualized once an hour somewhere on earth.

The Chaos Trophy

An Exercise of the Egg

The Chaos Trophy can be committed for as long as the member desires, though at least one week is suggested. This Trophy can be committed in Lesser, Greater, or Extreme form. The Chaos Trophy should only be committed when a member has gone through the steps of a Monk (Monasticism), Aeonic Warrior (Jihad), Vessel (Eucharistia), and Pilgrim (Excursion). The period of time spent on each of these is unimportant, as is the degree - in fact, the member may have done each for different periods of time and in different degrees. For instance, you may follow the Extreme Observances of Monasticism for two weeks, the Lesser Performances of Eucharistia for three weeks, The Greater Jihad Duties for one month, and the Extreme Excursion for three weeks, or whatever. It is not necessary to have gone through each of these in immediate succession, though it is suggested for added effectiveness. The purposes of the Chaos Trophy are as follows:

1. To unify the powers of Chaos in a properly disorderly fashion.
2. To strengthen the Aetheric magical abilities.
3. To phenomize the powers of the other four observances in a central core.
4. To use the powers of all four observances for the Immanentization of the Eschaton.

COMMITMENT OF LESSER CHAOS TROPHYISM

1. Perform the Vortex Rite to Immanentize the Eschaton once upon awakening and once upon retiring each day.
2. Perform one Pathworking or Shamanic Journey each day which includes the four elements or tools or in some way and includes manipulation of Aether and/or Chaos.
3. Create a Black Egg which will be carried with you at all times.

COMMITMENT OF GREATER TROPHYISM

1. Commit all the acts of the Lesser Trophyism.
2. Perform a second Pathworking or Shamanic Journey each day.

COMMITMENT OF THE EXTREME TROPHYISM

1. Commit all the acts of the Greater Trophyism (which include the Lesser).
2. Break the sleep midway through to perform a second Vortex Rite for the Immanentization of the Eschaton.
3. Perform a third Pathworking or Shamanic Journey each day.

The Black Egg should be created just before the Commitments of Chaos Trophyism begin and can be made of any material which will remain permanent, such as clay. After the Acts of your Trophyism have been Committed, you may consider yourself a "Singularity of Chaos". A Singularity is the center of mass of a black hole. You can never reach the Singularity because (apparently, as no one has done this or can and live to tell the tale) the closer you get to this, the further stretched out you become (infinitely so). Furthermore, nothing can escape or move away from the Singularity, not even light. The purpose of the Black Egg is that it symbolizes Aether. After the Acts have been Committed, the Egg should be kept as a magical tool and can be inscribed with a record of the Commitments. To be a Singularity is to consider oneself a master of the uses of the magical tools and elements.

Creating a Shoggoth

by Parker Ryan

Re: Net Shoggoths?
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Tue, 11 Oct 1994 10:03:48 -0500 (CDT)

This is a short essay on a rite I developed. It seems quite effective. Indeed it was MUCH more effective than I anticipated. It rapidly showed itself to be a powerful but potentially dangerous magickal working. Unfortunately it is written entirely in a male context. I did not wish to speculate on how to adapt this rite for use by female mages. I'm sure that they are very capable of doing this themselves and would almost certainly do a better job.

According to HPL Shoggoths were (originally) mindless creatures created as servants/slaves by the Great Old Ones. They could assume whatever form their master wished in order to perform their task. Shoggoths are unruly servants becoming more intelligent and rebellious the longer they are employed. Eventually they may attempt to destroy their masters. HPL also wrote that Shoggoths are sometimes seen in visions from hallucinogenic plants.

Magickal traditions from around the world contain formula for creating magickal creatures as slaves/servants. These creatures can be created in what ever shape is needed or desired by the magician. These magickal creatures are called "Tulpas" or "thought-forms" by the Tibetans. In "Mystery and Magic in Tibet" Alexandra David-Neal tells how she created such a Tupla as an experiment. The Tupla became more and more independent and troublesome as time went on. Eventually Ms. David-Neal had to discontinue the experiment because of the Tulpa's growing power. Mr. G.H. Estabrooks in his book "Hypnotism" writes of his attempts to create a self-hypnotic pet polar bear. "The technique of autosuggestion is difficult, but it can be mastered. Once the subject has obtained this mastery he will find that not only can he produce, say, hallucinations in the trance itself but can actually suggest posthypnotic hallucinations to himself. It does sound weird but it can be done. . . . Auto suggestion gives us an excellent device with which to study many strange things. The writer had a 'pet' polar bear which he was able to call up merely by counting to five. This animal would parade around the hospital ward in

most convincing fashion, over and under the beds, kiss the nurses and bit the doctors. It was very curious to note how obedient he was to 'mental' commands, even jumping off a three story window on demand. But auto suggestion has a certain menace which this phantom bear illustrated. He became so familiar that he refused to go away. He would turn up in the most unexpected places and without being sent for. The writer was playing bridge one evening and almost through his hosts into hysterics by suddenly remarking, 'There's that damn bear again. I wish someone would shoot the beast.' He also had a nasty habit of turning up in dark corners at night, all very well when one realized he was just made of ghoststuff but rather hard on ones' nerves for all that. So he was banished and told never to return. It was fully a month before the writer felt quit sure that his ghostly form would not be grinning at him

over the foot of his bed during a thunderstorm. "

The magickal and shamanic writings of the world also record the way in which magickally created entities can become independent and troublesome. Sometimes even dangerously rebellious. Tibetan Buddhists and shamans from around the globe say that these "thought forms" or magickal creatures can be seen when in the gnostic state caused by entheogenic plants. Thus we can see that these Tulpas (sometimes called egregors in western traditions) are closely related to HPL's Shoggoths. Both Shoggoths and Tulpas are created entities. Both are servants or slaves and can assume any form needed by their masters. They both can become rebellious. Shoggoths as well as Tulpas are sometimes seen after ingesting entheogenic plants. Thus I think that there is a fairly firm link between HPL's Shoggoths and the thought-form entities of Magick and Shamanism.

Creating a Shoggoth

In this section we'll look at some practical considerations related to creating a Shoggoth (thought-form entity). There were many techniques for creating thought-forms throughout the history of magick and shamanism. We must consider which of this multitude of techniques is most appropriate for magickally creating a Lovecraftian Shoggoth.

The word Shoggoth is, according to Kenneth Grant, related to the Chaldean word "shaggathai". Shaggathai translates as "fornication" and provides a significant clue as to what methodology should be employed. "Beth Shaggathai" which means "House of Fornication" may be related to or even a progenitor of HPL's "Pit of Shoggoths". The idea of a link between "Shaggathai" (fornication) and Shoggoth is not as strange as it might first seem. The use of sexual energy in creating thought-form entities is a particularly old and powerful technique.

This technique is particularly suited for creating violently powerful and

unpredictable entities such as Shoggoths. Indeed poltergeist phenomena are almost without fail associated with pubescent children. The upheaval and dynamic release of sexual energy at puberty can, especially in the emotionally disturbed or repressed, result in a "poltergeist". Thus it might seem that techniques using sexual energy are, perhaps, the most suited for creating a Shoggoth. The classical technique involves direct manipulation of the sexual fluids to create the thought-form entity. HPL's description of a formless Shoggoth as a viscous mass of protoplasm seems reminiscent of this technique. Some of the formula for creating a Homunculus are particularly potent forms of this methodology. A medieval prescription for making a homunculus was to place manure in a vessel to which the magician would add his sperm three times accompanied with the appropriate word formula and visualizations. This process would begin the entity's existence. Next the magician would place drops of his own blood in the vessel each day for forty days. At the end of these forty days the Homunculus would be mature and allowed to exit the vessel. This technique is particularly powerful and dangerous because of the use of blood. The magician must always use only his own blood. This is because the blood of others can be very difficult to control. However, this technique is still dangerous and difficult to control even when using one's own blood. The escaping energy from the blood can be directly manipulated to incarnate the entity. Indeed HPL in "The Dunwich Horror" says that certain entities "can not take body without human blood." The use of one's own blood is a dangerous technique that should not be attempted by novices. The above formula for creating a Homunculus will be adapted below as a method for generating a Shoggoth.

The Rite

You must first decide the function that the Shoggoth will serve. Once you have determined what the task of the Shoggoth will be you must create a sigil that represents this purpose.

Prepare a container with the Sign of the Elders on the outside of the lid and the talisman of Yhe on the inside surface of the lid. Place the sigil on the bottom surface of the container.

You must choose a form for the Shoggoth to assume that is both consistent with its task and with the nature of Shoggoths in general. (H. R. Giger's works are a good source for Shoggothic images.)

Place the container on an altar dedicated to Shub-Niggurath.

(Shub-Niggurath is chosen because of the Black Goat's association with fertility and thus creating new life.) The working space should also be set up with the colors (black and brown), symbols (goat, tree, inverse pentagram, etc.), and sounds (a recording of a goat baying and drumming work very well), etc., associated with Shub-Niggurath.

The magician begins the Rite thus:

Facing the altar he takes up his dagger and inscribes his circle (normally a magick circle is not used in Cthulhu oriented magick. However, in rite we must endeavor to keep any unwanted influences from removing energy from the Shoggoth or swaying the direction of the rite) He then returns the dagger to its place on the altar. He faces the physical representation of Shub-Niggurath and declares:

"Shub-Niggurath is the Lord of the Woods. From the Wells of Night to the Gulfs of Space, and from the Gulfs of Space to the Wells of Night, ever the praises of Great Cthulhu, of Tsathogguau, and of Him Who is not to be Named. Ever their praises and abundance to the Black Goat of the Woods. Ia! Shub-Niggurath! The Black Goat with a Thousand Young!"

"Shub-Niggurath, Great Lord of the Woods, giver of Life, bestow your productivity to this rite. Confer your fertility. The portents of your fecundity are rejoiced. Ever praises to Shub-Niggurath the Black Goat of the Woods. Ia! Shub-Niggurath."

The Magician now removes his (black) robes and opens the container and begins to stimulate himself as he faces the sigil of the Shoggoth. He should carefully visualize the form chosen for the Shoggoth in the container. As the energy builds he should envision the energy going into the Shoggoth vivifying it. Deliberate over-breathing can be used to strengthen the ASC and energy of the rite. As the point of orgasm approaches the magician calls forth:

"(Name chosen for the Shoggoth)! Come forth!"

As he climaxes he should allow his mind to be overwhelmed by the sensations, eliminating completely (as possible) conscious thought. In this blank state of mind the Sigil (which the magician should be looking at) is the UNconscious focus and directs the energy. The magician allows his sexual fluids to land on the Sigil energizing it and incarnating the Shoggoth.

After this the container is shut and the magician says:

"Thanks and praises to Shub-Niggurath The Black Goat."

"Ia! Shub-Niggurath"

He then makes the Sign of Koth followed by the Elder Sign. He then closes this portion of the rite in his customary fashion.

The above process should be repeated three times on three days (the may or may not be consecutive). The next stage of the rite is "feeding" the Shoggoth. Again, a magick-circle is advisable. The magician should enter whatever form of excitatory gnosis he feels suitable. Next, the magician opens the container with his left hand and makes the Elder Sign with his right hand. He then takes up his dagger and draws a small amount of blood. As the blood drops on the Sigil he calls forth:

"(Shoggoth's name)!, I command you to feed and grow powerful so that you may serve my will!"
"I command you to feed and grow powerful so that you may serve my will!"
"I command you to feed and grow powerful so that you may serve my will!"
"(Name)! Drink my blood and take body!"

As he does this he VERY INTENSELY visualizes the form of the Shoggoth. If he wishes he can envision the Shoggoth growing slightly. "Imagining" the Shoggoths form clearly is VERY important to the success of this rite. Each time this is repeated the image of the Shoggoth should become more and more clear and independent. As the days pass the Shoggoth should seem to appear as soon as the container is opened before the magician even tries to visualize it. This process is repeated every day for 37 more days. The entire rite takes forty days to complete. On the last day, after "feeding" it, the magician commands the Shoggoth thus:

"(Name)!, I command you to leave your receptacle. Enter the world and perform your task as I will. Go forth and (state the task assigned to the Shoggoth). SO I COMMAND!"

He then makes the Voorish Sign and destroys the talisman of Yhe and the Sign of the Elders on the lid of the container. If the function of the Shoggoth is fairly permanent (i.e., a Guardian of a location or object) the Shoggoth may need periodic "recharging" This can be done with either sexual energy or any other method of imparting magickal energy the mage deems fit.

The Shoggoth should be VERY powerful as thought-form entities go. It should also be (or rapidly become) fairly independent and capable of autonomous action. With continued existence and use the Shoggoth will seem to develop its own "personality" and can become troublesome. If the Shoggoth becomes rebellious it may be necessary for the magician to destroy the Shoggoth. A standard but thorough banishing and the destruction of the Sigil should suffice.

Any comments or suggestions welcomed.

This rite should not be attempted by novices!

Please post or e-mail me with any results if you attempt this rite.

Best Regards

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Cthulhu Fhtagn!

A Dream-ritual with the intent to come in contact with Great Cthulhu, an excerpt from The Cthulhu Workings, by L.T. Arderman.
This version edited by CCCXXXIII

Cthulhu is the Great Old One sleeping on his submerged island, R'lyeh, waiting for the stars to be right, so that he once again can rule the world. Cthulhu has been sleeping for aeons, and will, if necessary, wait until the end of time. The fiction writer H.P. Lovecraft formulated it beautifully in his story, The Call of Cthulhu:

That is not dead which can eternal lie, and with strange aeons even death may die.

The only way we can communicate with Cthulhu these days, is by the way of dreaming. It is mostly one-way communication, as the dream-image of Cthulhu is far to overwhelming in its vastness to open for much spontaneous response from the dream-recipient.

The procedure as such is quite simple, but it takes a while of rigorous training to be able to perform the ritual without major flaws.

The temple should be decorated in suitable colours, such as black, red, deep green and deep blue. If there is a swimming pool in your home, perform the ritual there, and if salt is added (in the water), the results will be even better. If you have a body- or jumpsuit made of green guttaperka, use that for the ritual, or you could paint your body blackish-green. A dark-coloured cloak with a hood, made in a thick fabric will do as a last resort.

The ritual should be done at night, or when you go to sleep (as long as it's dark), and it is of great importance that you are really, really tired; or rather, totally exhausted; both physically, mentally and emotionally. You can surely think of several ways to enter this state.

In this state, before you go to bed, read your favourite Cthulhu-story, and try to imagine, as strongly as possible, the scenes as they unfold before your eyes, **BUT DO NOT FALL ASLEEP WHILE YOU ARE DOING THIS!** This is *_very_* important. It helps to focus on the story. If you should happen to fall asleep, stop reading, go to bed and do the ritual another time.

After you have finished reading, start to whirl counter-clockwise, slowly at first, then faster and faster, while you intone/vibrate/shout/scream/roar:

- TAULYWATH
- YNAFRLTHA'FDA
- WECN'CLUH

- GTALATHETRF

(The mantras are permuted from the words Cthulhu, R'lyeh, Water, Tentacled, & Fhtagn)

Do this for 10-15 minutes at first; with practice you can increase it to 30 minutes or even an hour or two. You will of course become very dizzy, but this will diminish with every performance.

When you are done, go directly to bed, but continue to mumble the mantras until you fall into a deep trance-sleep. You will eventually be able to repeat the mantras even after you have fallen asleep.

Sometimes I have found it helpful to make use of a suitable sigil for this ritual, decorating the Temple with it and placing one under the pillow. If you find this useful, I strongly suggest that you design a unique sigil for each and every performance.

After a while of training, hopefully you will be contacted by Great Cthulhu, but don't expect anything for free!

Dark Matter At Hand

by Tzimon Yliaster

Background Noise:

When physicists calculated the amount of mass necessary to produce a gravitational force capable of holding our galaxy together in the face of centrifugal force, they discovered a curious fact. When they added up the total of all mass existant in the galaxy, they had only 10% of the mass necessary to keep the Milky Way from flying apart. To compensate for this, they have theorized the existence of dark matter. None has of yet been observed; it may or may not objectively exist.

For this working, however, this debate is entirely unimportant. We will assume that dark matter exists in one way or another. Furthermore, we will equate the 90% of "unmanifested" matter with that 90% of the brain whose purpose and function we have not yet discovered. Those unknown or unmanifested functions can be symbolized by the "tip-of-the-tongue" condition, when a word or phrase comes to mind but cannot be expressed verbally. This is unmanifested speech, in the same way the dark matter and the "mystery" 90% are unmanifested.

Statement of Intent:

It is my will to manifest that which is potential
It is my will to find the potential lying in wait
It is my will to evolve.

NOTE: It is unnecessary, and undesirable, that all participants recite the statement of intent in unison.

The Rite

1. 0. All participants declare:
XIQUAL WEC!
ONGO WEC!
TOMARGO WEC!

Phenomenize dark matter!
Do dark matter!
Dark matter by whatever means necessary!
2. All participants begin spinning rapidly in place while shouting out words, letters, or whatever comes to mind. No chain of association should be followed, and any form of glossalalia is also valid.

3. The spinning and shouting continue until the participants cannot think of anything else to shout. If this goes beyond the amount of spinning a participant can tolerate, hishi should lie on the floor on their back, eyes open, and continue to shout out while hyper- ventilating.
4. Participants now take an ice cube and press it in the space between their eyes with their eyes closed. The ice cube is held there until it is entirely melted. Until this happens, all should remain entirely motionless and in a state of no-mind.
5. When the ice cube has melted, the participants should stand up and scream out:

What was hidden has been found!
 From the darkness to the light!
 What was silent now is sound!

(pause and draw a deep breath)

What is mine is mind to keep!
 From the darkness to the light!
 Preconception go to sleep!

(pause and draw three deep breaths)

From within the dark earth grows
 From the darkness to the light!
 Transmute nobo wec to wec nobo

(pause and draw nine deep breaths)

6. Banish by laughter and do not record or seek to remember any detail of your experience until you note the "spontaneous" manifestation of some new ability or unusually intense inspiration. If this does not occur by the time you have completely forgotten ever having performed this rite, then perform it again.

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The Order with no future has nowhere to conceal the past from the present

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# Demon Square

**Date:** Wed, 01 Dec 1999 18:12:45 +0000

**From:** xaronzon333

**To:** zee-list

**Subject:** [zee-list] Demon Square

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A bit of a ritual work in progress here.

## Demon Square

A protective magickal device for those who feel uncomfortable with conventional methods.

Take 4 candle, in the colours of your choice (needless to say, the really evil, badass and git'ard of you will go for black, or perhaps red).

Set them out in a square around your ritual space, or the object you wish to confine.

Some of you may want to align the candles to the cardinal directions.

Ignite them in an order you deem appropriate, for each calling upon a demon or similar to protect you from whatever you're planning to summon (or whatever).

Either call upon any patron entities you may have, or use entities with appropriate directional associations (such as those offered by LaVey).

Another option is calling upon entities with associations opposite to those of an entity you intend to summon (e.g. lustful demons or gods if you're evoking an angel or similar being associated with chastity).

At the termination of your rite, extinguish the candles in reverse order, thanking the entities for their help.

Other possibilities related to this method is putting candles all along the sides of your square, or making use of the infamous triangle of Choronzon.

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# DNA SCRY

## *Sliding down the Ladder; a Nameless Aeon Working*

by Zossian

**Date:** Sun, 2 Mar 1997 00:43:45 -0800 (PST)

**To:** zee-list

**From:** elssea@wolfenet.com (Denny Sargent)

**Subject:** Re: genetics & magick:a Ritual

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1. The aspirant shall mentally, physically and spiritually prepare him/her self to come "unstuck" in time and space. This means anticipating the form major ego anxiety attacks will take and making peace with all aspects of his/her life as is possible, according to Love & Will.
2. The aspirant will secure a warm room and bathroom and make sure that he/she shall remained undisturbed for at least 12 hours. An altar representing the universe of aspirant with a mirror thereon shall be present in the room as well as a pad, pen, simple bowl of water and a quantity of sea salt.
3. The temple shall be made pure, the Self shall be centered. Sacraments of his/her mystery shall be accepted/used to energize the rite. The circle shall be cast to encompass the bath & ritual area. The circle is the Body of the Mother, the bath is the Womb of the Mother.
4. The meditation shall begin. The aspirant shall dispassionately examine his/her entire life, specifically noting those things that caused particular emotional attachment; desire or repulsion. Each of these Key Attachments shall be noted on the paper at hand in either written or sigil form. The more automatic the better. As the chain is followed back and back, more will appear. One should go back as far as possible to the earliest conscious memory.  
Then darkness.
5. Repeating the Mantra MA the bath shall be filled with hot water and the sea salt shall be added.
6. With Mantras and Actions that come spontaneously, the paper shall be empowered and burnt. The ashes shall be dropped into the bowl of water. He/she shall see the attachments and the life so released as the illusion it was. Does Not Matter, Need Not Be. The aspirant shall have no name, desires, fears, memories or being.
7. The only light shall be extinguished and the aspirant shall stand before the bath. He/she shall pour the contents of the bowl into the water and with it his consciousness.
8. He/she shall enter the bath-womb of the Mother. He/she shall remain there in foetal position. So the Work begins.

Find the Point of Light.  
Enter it.  
Find the double helix of the DNA  
Enter it. You are now the Messenger; RNA.  
Experiment and Play; all memories are here.  
Find the Keys and Regress.  
Mammal-form  
Bird-form  
Reptile-form  
Amphibian-form  
Fish-form  
Invertebrate-form  
Single Cell.

(Consciousness must be kept in the DNA during this; to identify too closely with a form that attracts or repels merely replaces previous attachments with new ones and halts the work. It could be dangerous. Once begun, one MUST go to the end, at least the first time.)

One Cell. United. Not split; whole.  
Activate the final Keys in the DNA; they will be obvious.  
The entire strand shall unravel and dissolve into 4 basic amino-acids.  
There shall be light.  
This is THE BORNLESS ONE.

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9. At a certain time one shall emerge, grasping certain non-verbal things. Reverse the process. Reform as a foetus. Go through the phases of evolution/body formation. Choose your new incarnation. Emerge from the womb of your Mother with a Cry.
10. Dry quickly and retire to the altar. Wrap the body in blankets. Rest. Explore this new world in silence. Record in any form those few hints or names that are necessary. In silence thank the powers for the body and mind that contain all necessary for the Work. Close your circle in silence. Sleep.
11. Later; pour some of the "womb" water onto the Earth or into a stream or, better yet, an ocean. All is one, the One is None. Give thanks for now holding one of the keys to this.
12. Use what you have received.

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Love/Will; HA!

Comment;

This is simple, but it is remarkably effective. It can be readily combined with a full Magickal retirement or Somic Journey. It is important to keep warm, the rooms should be actually hot. It is vital that one is not disturbed, especially after the real work has begun; this can not be stressed highly enough. This rite is a primal initiation pattern. Wild emotion/atavism swings shall occur; do NOT leave the bath. Extremely powerful Dark Entities may appear. Do NOT deal with these, at least the first time. Once you have your own Bornless Keys, then consider the possibilities. After the glimpse of ..... a profound depression may hit in the days following one's return to the mundane. Constant meditation and ritual use of what you have received is important at this time. A diary should be kept.

I am interested in hearing from any who have done this rite.

"Live like a tree walking."  
-AOS

# Dream Recall Exercise

**"Extrapolated from an occult exercises & practices supplied by the sorcerers apprentice. Similar lessons are given free upon request with every order placed".**

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Although startlingly simple (as are most potent systems) Dream Recall is a very effective method of gaining control over dreamtime. In its ultimate form it can reveal areas of Magical Memory and much initiated work can be done whilst in dream state, including lucid-dreaming wherein the dreamer is semi-conscious and can 'observe' the dream without affecting it; being carried away and noting every happening in the dream itself, objectively.

The Dream Recall Technique has also been termed Reverse Remembering. The mind makes thousands of decisions every day. It does this automatically and in 'forward-thinking' mode. If you are asked to remember a list of groceries you always remember the one at the top of the list first and then 'chain' them together. When re-remembering them you begin at no.1 and move down the list. The mind automatically thinks this way. However just because this fits into our mundane life more efficiently does not mean that the mind is limited to thinking linearly. Not so. The mind can be taught to remember in reverse sequence by command, although it does take some effort on behalf of the operator. Try counting from 100 down to zero for example. You have to *think* and put effort into the result, whereas counting from zero to 100 you do not think, it is *automatically accomplished by familiarisation*. Of course there is a limit to what we can accomplish by sequential remembering in the forward mode. Eventually we run out of things to remember because they have not yet happened. We then have to move into clairvoyant realms. However in reverse remembering we can continue much deeper and farther into the realms of experience and Being and pull out of our memories information and data which can really help us in our daily lives. It helps if the mind is in a state of repose when this reverse remembering goes on and the best results are when allied with sleep although once adept at it you can reverse-remember at any peaceful time.

The knack of reverse remembering is time-phased and memory-phased. That is to say that you can trace back and reverse remember all that has gone on in your mind the night previously. You can also reverse remember previous lives. The key to attempting reverse remembering is simply familiarization. To begin with reverse remembering is very difficult. Within a week you will be absolutely amazed at the progress you have made and after several months it will become second nature and will be available to you at will.

The most successful exercises in reverse remembering is the following:

Just prior to going to sleep close your eyes and try and think of what you did before you got into bed, Make a detailed memory-picture of every action and statement in *reverse order* from laying your head down to climbing the stairs. As you move along in your mind things will become more and more difficult to remember and most beginners lose track after half a dozen 'remem-brances'. You may find you have dropped off to sleep

upon waking up in the morning. PERSIST in this exercise every night reverse remember. The more you attempt it the more successful you will be. It *will* become easier. Whilst you are training yourself in this you must also keep a notepad and pencil beside your bed. In the morning sit up sharp; before anything else has entered your mind and remember back to whilst you were asleep. You will find to begin with that this is VERY difficult but persistence will prove successful. You will find that your first success comes when you *reverse remember* a particularly strong emotional sequence in a dream. Once you have dived upon this then FORWARD REMEMBER from that point. When you have completed this as far as you can go and put all this down on paper, then switch concentration back to the first part of the dream and reverse remember. This is the most difficult task of all for it takes much effort and only by parts do you succeed initially. However the prize you are after is worth it and even part success is stupendous when it occurs. Once you have mastered this part improvement will flow quickly. It will not be long before you can 'map' out the highlights of the psychic work you have 'subconsciously' done during the night and truly begin to benefit from the third of your life you normally waste 'asleep'.

Some "daylight" exercises to help you with your reverse remembering are:

1. Learn to count backwards from 100 to zero as quickly as you can from zero to 100
2. Use the old child's game of having someone show you a tray with around 30 small objects thereon, (or a limited period. Then try and re-member them. As you get better, have more objects or/and less time to view them.
3. Take 20 playing cards. Shuffle them. Remember their sequence after looking through them once. As you get better increase the number of cards. When you get really good reverse remember the cards after looking through them the other way.
4. This is a variation on (3) of help to beginners. Take a glossy magazine. Look at each page and memorise the *pictures* on each page from front cover to back cover then put the book down and re-member from back cover to front cover.



# The Eucharista of Chaos

## An Exercise of the Cup

### A supplement to the Jihad and Monasticism.

by Soror Cyllan.771 and Soror Severian.427

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Members may elect to perform the Eucharistia of Chaos for as long a period of time as desired, though at least one week is suggested. One may perform the Lesser, Greater, or Extreme form of the Eucharistia. During their Performances, members will consider themselves a "Vessel of Chaos". The Eucharistia is Performed for the following purposes:

1. To align oneself emotionally with Chaos.
  2. To become an active Vessel for Chaos.
  3. To strengthen the emotional magical abilities.
  4. As an exercise in emotional fanaticism.
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#### **LESSER EUCHARISTIA PERFORMANCES:**

1. Dedicate any sexual act to the conception of Chaos.
2. Carry a magical Cup at all times.
3. Determine for every sleeping period to have a dream in which a magical act is done.
4. Keep a full record of dreams.
5. Emotionally charge one sigil each day.

#### **GREATER EUCHARISTIA PERFORMANCES:**

1. Perform each of the Lesser Eucharistia Performances.
2. Emotionally charge a second sigil each day.
3. Create one Chaos Elixir each day.

#### **EXTREME EUCHARISTIA PERFORMANCES:**

1. Perform each of the Greater Eucharistia Performances (which include the Lesser).
  2. Break sleep midway once per night to emotionally charge a third sigil.
  3. Create a second Chaos Elixir each day.
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The member, in considering themselves as a Vessel of Chaos, is allowing themselves to be a receptacle which draws Chaos into itself. In dedicating any sexual act to the conception of Chaos, you are making use of this receptacle in giving the contained Chaos the potential for action (the actual action is carried out in the Journey). An explanation of what we mean by "emotionally" charging a sigil can be found on page 33+34, Liber Lux

section of Liber Null & Psychonaut by Pete Carroll, under excitatory Gnosis techniques. It is suggested that the member use as many different emotions as possible throughout the duration of their Eucharistia, in order to cover the full spectrum of emotional possibilities. A magical act performed in dream can be anything from Evocation to Divination, anything that is magical. If the member finds difficulty in achieving this, they should not consider it failure in the Performances, to try is the point. After the Performances have been completed, the Cup should be kept as a magical tool and may be inscribed in some way with a record of the Performances. For this, one may use the technique employed in the Monasticism and Jihad, whereas 114 would signify the Lesser Performances done for 14 days, etc. If the Eucharistia Performances are unsuccessful, the Cup should be destroyed.

# Evocation of the Dark One

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Angel of Death  
frolicking in plasma  
impaled betwixt the chasm and the gate  
whispering death nymphs  
suffocate my soul  
crystal city  
ancient roots  
sea of blood  
beneath the pyramid  
lies the tomb of the skeleton butterfly  
in melodic decay  
these flowers must die

Asphyxia  
beautiful shadow whore  
who am I to draw lines between the shadow and the light  
cut me  
fuck me  
tear away my throat and love me  
flood of terror, homicidal  
be my savior  
so still and precious  
Empty creature, I see you  
Empty creature, I am you

Gift  
patterns and puzzles enveloped by shadows  
entomb the nectar  
shadow keeper  
lessons deeper  
skull of jinn  
bone handled head cutter  
symbiosis

Nirvana  
ancient death nymph  
collect your bones  
gather your limbs  
in silent bliss

receive this melodic blessing  
of a dream within a dream

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# Fotamecus Empowerment Rite

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## Introduction:

Fotamecus is a historically recent addition to the pantheon of deities associated with time, the other major one of note being Chronos. But whereas Chronos is associated with the concept of time as fixed and immutable, Fotamecus depends on the concept that time is fluid and malleable. It is because of Chronos' restrictions of freedom through the concepts of fixed time that Fotamecus has decided to wage war on him; the following ritual is aimed at aiding Fotamecus in the war against Chronos, and in gaining his favor through helping him. Because modern societies are completely dependent upon clock and currency (time is money), aiding Fotamecus in destroying current conceptions of time can be considered one further step in the immanentization of the eschaton.

## Materials Required:

- A drum
- A small digital clock (a dot clock for a car dashboard or a small child's watch is cheap and effective)
- A roll of toy caps (or other material that explodes when hit). **DO NOT** use blasting caps, or caps for rifles/shotguns/etc--- The idea is to create a small "BANG", not to take your hand off!
- A rock, heavy enough to smash a small digital clock and roll of toy caps.
- Three people: Drummer, Chronomancer, and Warrior.
- Observers (optional), as many as want to watch this rite.

## Ritual:

-16. The participants enter a dark place clad however they see fit. No one should be wearing a timepiece, nor should one be present in the working space. The Drummer should be carrying the drum, the Chronomancer the small digital clock, and the Warrior the roll of caps and rock.

-15. The Drummer, Chronomancer, and Warrior face each other in a triangle, and plant their feet firmly at shoulder width. Any other participants form a circle around them, observing this ritual.

-14. The Chronomancer looks to the Drummer, a question on his face, mentally asking if the Drummer is resolved to perform this rite. The Drummer nods, and raises the drum to a ready position.

-13. The Chronomancer looks to the Warrior, a question on his face, mentally asking if the Warrior is resolved to perform this rite. The Warrior nods, and presents the rock and roll of caps in his weapon hand.

-12. Resolution affirmed, the Chronomancer presents the clock to the Drummer, who does not touch it but examines it by sight, and nods when he/she is convinced that it is a suitable sacrifice for the rite. The Chronomancer then presents the clock to the Warrior, who does not touch it but examines it by sight, and nods when he/she is convinced that it is a suitable sacrifice for the rite.

-11. The Chronomancer raises the clock to the sky, presenting it to Fotamecus. All participants look up, summoning Fotamecus with their thoughts, asking him to come and see the sacrifice that is being made to further his war against Chronos. Observers should now visualize the Fotamecus sigil, and keep it somewhere in their minds for the duration of the rite.

-10. Whether Fotamecus presents himself or not, the Chronomancer then cups the clock between both hands, and the Drummer begins to beat the drum slowly and steadily (60-80 beats per minute). Here is symbolized a return to natural rhythms--- the beat of the drum reveals itself once the clock has been hidden from sight. All participants should contemplate this for a few moments.

-9. Clock still hidden between cupped hands, the Chronomancer lowers his head and closes his eyes. The Chronomancer then focuses on his conceptions of time. The beat of the drum, he notices, is the same rhythm as that of his heart, that of the turning of days, that of the wheel of the seasons... a steady measurable beat, yet a beat that can change at any time. This is opposed to the machine trapped within his hands, a cold, calculating piece of machinery that measures off time as if it were a commodity with fixed value, a value determined, in fact, by the "dollars for hours" mentality of those trapped by this conception of time. The Chronomancer is overcome with disgust for this conception of time, this linear, immutable, mind-numbing procession of numbers that only mean something because everyone agrees to the same hallucination of time as a fixed phenomenon. How can this be? The drumbeat may alter its speed, and is measured only by beat-pause, beat-pause... There are no numbers to the beating of your heart or the turning of the days or the wheel of the years--- they are infinite, and forever differing, the space between them a matter of perception.

-8. All other participants are encouraged to be thinking similar thoughts, focusing their disgust for a concept of fixed time upon the clock in the Chronomancer's hands. The Warrior, in addition to contemplating his disgust for fixed time, also feels this disgust rising as the desire to destroy fixed time. Yet as the perfect Warrior, he realizes that he must wait--- the time, he realizes, is not right... And he will not know how long he must

wait; it cannot be measured in seconds or minutes or hours, only in patience. And once this clock is destroyed, there will be others--- events are not bound by time, time is bound by events both done and yet to be done. He will wait for the right moment to destroy this clock, knowing that even after this act is done, there will be other clocks to destroy. This Warrior's task is never completed.

-7. The Drummer, after a suitable amount of time has passed (up to the Drummer's judgement), slowly begins to raise the pace of the drum. This helps to emphasize that time is mutable, and to encourage others to act--- time never runs out, but it does pass you by.

-6. The Chronomancer, filled with his disgust for the object in his hands and hearing the increasing drumbeat, realizes that something must be done. He could cast the disgusting clock away, but that would solve nothing beyond a temporary relief. He could destroy the clock himself, but he has no weapon and is not trained in their use. Instead, surveying those around him, his eyes meet those of the Warrior, and both of them realize that the time has come--- The Chronomancer is in need of a means of destruction, and the Warrior is ready and willing to destroy.

-5. The Chronomancer opens his fist and reveals the clock to the Warrior--- The Drummer raises the pace of the drum quickly (140-210bpm, depending on taste/preference/situation), reflecting his inner state. The Drummer's heart races at the sight of the clock. This device is the death of him--- long ago the way of the drum was abandoned for the way of the clock. The people left the ways of Fotamecus and adopted the delusions Chronos offered them. As long as this clock exists, the safety of the way of the drum cannot be ensured. Still, the Drummer stands and beats his drum, for the ways of Fotamecus are needed now more than ever.

-4. There is a request in the Chronomancer's eyes, one that the Warrior understands. The Warrior presents his rock, and the Chronomancer smiles, holding the clock out to him. The Warrior takes the clock, and the Chronomancer returns to a steady posture, proud, knowing that the right thing has been done.

-3. The Warrior does not smile--- celebration now would be premature. His patience has been rewarded, and he has been given the opportunity for action, but the action has not yet been taken. He prepares for action by thoroughly examining his enemy. He takes in the clock in its every detail, coming to know it better than it knows itself. He begins to see its weaknesses, and contemplates them--- This machine requires such precision that the slightest impact will destroy it. Its grip on reality is a tenuous one at best. But though it may appear weak, the Warrior realizes that it is the power of the thinking behind this device that must be destroyed. Let the destruction of this clock act as inspiration to others to destroy their timepieces. And let the power of its destruction feed Fotamecus in his war against Chronos. Let the act of this destruction show the world that Fotamecus has his allies among the living, amongst those who refuse to become ensnared in the trap Chronos has laid for them.

-2. The Warrior drops to one knee, and prepares his victim. All participants realize the imminent destruction of the clock, and with eyes closed visualize the sigil of Fotamecus with all their intent, thinking--- Let this sacrifice empower him.

-1. The Warrior sets the roll of caps upon the ground, and the clock upon that. He places the rock firmly in his hand, and with the sigil of Fotamecus in his mind, raises the rock up and---

0. ---SMASHES THE CLOCK---

1. ---With a loud bang and flash of light as the caps explode beneath it. At this moment, the Drummer returns to his earliest drumbeat (60-80 bpm).

2. The Warrior rises, presenting the dead pieces of the clock (or what he's able to salvage) to the Chronomancer, who takes them from him. Examining them for a brief moment to ensure that the death is complete, the Chronomancer then presents them to the Drummer. Waiting for the right moment, the Drummer ceases to beat his drum, and accepts the destroyed clock from the Chronomancer as a symbol of triumph. Silence permeates the room.

3. All participants exit the working area silently: Observers first (the crowd disperses), then by the Warrior (who knows his task is done), then by the Chronomancer (who realizes that nothing more is to be done). The Drummer looks at the broken clock in his hands, smiles, and then follows a few moments behind, triumphant.

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**The Sigil of Fotamecus:**

**Notes:**



1. While this ritual is designed for a group, others are welcome to adapt it for solo use. It is primarily the emotions and symbolism that compose this rite; details are unimportant. Change it to suit your circumstances.
2. We performed our rite during a time change when Daylight Savings Time becomes Standard Time, in the "hour that does not exist" between midnight and midnight. You should try to time your ritual to coincide with a significant moment in a cycle of time, be it a time change, sunset, sunrise, midday, midnight, solstice, equinox, or otherwise.
3. This ritual was designed without words. There ain't none. If you need 'em, make 'em up yerself. We were quite happy performing the ritual in complete and total silence, with a loud "BANG" at the end.
4. Don't worry about thinking exactly the same things that are written down here; the words in this rite are designed to show you the *emotions* that you should be feeling during each part of the rite. You don't need to have an internal dialogue going; you shouldn't be "reciting the lines in your head". Let the emotions carry you through the ritual; spontaneous thoughts may arise out of these emotions and acts, giving insight into actions taken. It is the emotive force raised by each individual that powers this rite.
5. The caps work even better if you have observers who don't know that they're being used--- They'll jump in surprise/terror/bewilderment when the clock "explodes"--- Gnosis is achieved when everyone wets their pants. Have the Warrior keep them hidden until everyone closes their eyes and he kneels to prepare the clock for sacrifice.
6. Any participants (or anyone at all) may petition Fotamecus for help at any time after the rite. He seems to show special favor for people who have dedicated themselves to his war. He can compress and expand time quite efficiently, speeding a trip to a destination, or stretching out those peaceful moments you want to enjoy. Time is malleable; otherwise why do this ritual at all? Details about Fotamecus himself are available elsewhere.
7. After performing the entire ritual in silence, it is often hard to start speaking again--- there is a palpable feel that clings to the people who performed the ritual. The traditional way to solve this problem is by performing a banishing ritual. Instead, we prefer to have the Drummer exit last, and to come out beating his drum loudly and screaming at the top of his lungs, breaking the spell that has been cast over the participants. Then banish with food, drink, and merriment!

### **Afterword:**

This ritual was recorded to paper (electron, actually) in a Fotamecus-expanded lunchbreak at a nine-to-five job. Just one more strike against Chronos in the war for time. Praise unto Fotamecus! Smash your clocks! Chronos, your time has come!

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# Gnostic Pentagram Ritual

*by Peter Carrol*

[note: this is excerpted from Peter Carroll's "Liber Kaos", a very good primer on Chaos Magick recommended to any student of chaos magick who is serious about his pursuits in the occult arts.]

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The Gnostic Pentagram Ritual begins with a visualization of radiance in five areas of the body. Each visualization is assisted by a vibration of one of the vowel sounds I, E, A, O, U. The sounds are vibrated loudly and each is sustained for an entire slow exhalation. Each should produce a physical sensation in the part of the body to which it is attributed. In effect the body is being played like a musical instrument with each part resonating in sympathy to a particular tone.

Subsequently, pentagrams are drawn in the air at four points around the operator. The pentagrams are drawn and an anti-clockwise quarter turn of the whole body is executed after each pentagram thus returning the body to its original position. The pentagrams should be strongly visualized with the eyes opened or closed as desired. Each should be accompanied by a loud intonation of all five vowel sounds I, E, A, O, U, in a single exhalation, with one bar of the pentagram being drawn for each sound. The IEAOU mantra is used here largely to block discursive thought. Finally, the opening sequence in which the visualization of radiance in various areas of the body, reinforced by the individual I, E, A, O, U mantras, is repeated. The ritual may be elaborated at will, for example, by adding colors to the visualized radiances or by adding supplementary pentagrams above and below to form a sphere around the operator.

This ritual can be used in a number of ways:

- To establish balance, concentration and control before and after more complex rituals.
- As visualization practice at any time.
- As a preliminary exorcism of unwanted mental or psychic phenomena.
- As an aid to healing, particularly self-healing.

The techniques employed are: mantra vibration, visualization assisted by gesture, breath control.

The ritual entails the visualization of images of radiance within specific areas of the body. These areas correspond with the bodily chakras of some oriental traditions but not others. There is actually little congruence between the various oriental systems. What all these systems are designed to do is to create psychic images of various parts of the body to facilitate greater psychosomatic control. The Gnostic Pentagram Ritual is named in commemoration of certain magickal schools of antiquity which designated the magical force of the universe IAO:

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## Ritual Procedure

1. Stand facing any preferred direction.
2. Inhale fully. Exhale slowly sustaining the sound "I" (a high-pitched ieeee! sound) while visualizing a radiance of energy in the head area.
3. Inhale fully. Exhale slowly sustaining the sound "E" (a lower-pitched eeeeh! sound) while visualizing a radiance of energy in the throat area.
4. Inhale fully. Exhale slowly sustaining the sound "A" (a deep aaaah! sound) while visualizing a radiance of energy in the heart and lungs, which spreads to the muscles of the limbs.
5. As in 2, but the sound "O" (ooooh!) in the belly area.
6. As in 2, but the sound "U" (a very deep uuuur!) in the genital/anal area.
7. Repeat 6. Then 5, 4, 3, 2, working back toward the head.
8. Inhale fully. Exhale slowly, forming each of the IEAOU sounds in turn while, with the left arm, drawing in the air a pentagram, which is also visualized strongly.
9. Make a quarter turn to the left and repeat 8, then continue to turn and draw the remaining pentagrams with mantra and visualization until returning to the starting position.
10. Repeat steps 2-7 inclusive.

## Healing

To assist in healing any part of the body, intone the sound and visualize the radiance which corresponds to the affected part continuously for 5-10 minutes, or for as long as concentration can be maintained.

# The Gnostic Thunderbolt

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## Purpose

The Gnostic Thunderbolt is a mutation of, and can be used interchangeably with, the Gnostic Pentagram Ritual. Its purpose is to imbue motivation and momentum to the participants, whilst banishing unwanted influences at the same time. It is highly recommended for opening a temple, and as a preliminary to other work, but is not well applied to healing aims.

## Description:

1. Inhale. Starting just beyond the head, either shoulder, or either hip, draw the first point of the Thunderbolt. Simultaneously, visualize blue sphere lighting up between the eyes, and sending a thread of light to the point. Vibrate "Iiiii..." in a high-pitched tone until the lungs are emptied.
2. Inhale. Trace a straight line from shoulder to opposite shoulder or hip, or from the head to either hip. Visualize a yellow sphere lighting up in the throat, sending a thread of light to the second point. Vibrate "Eeee..." in a slightly lower tone.
3. Inhale. Trace a second line, again as if drawing a pentagram. Visualize a red sphere in the center of the chest, and sending its light to the third point. Vibrate "Ahhh..." in a tone lower than the previous vibration.
4. Inhale. Trace a third line. Visualize a purple sphere in the genital area, sending its light to the fourth point. Vibrate "Ohhh..." in a lower tone.
5. Inhale. Trace the fourth line. Visualize a green sphere encircling the feet and disappearing into the ground, and sending its thread to the fifth point. Vibrate "Oooo..."
6. Do not draw the closing bar of the pentagram! Instead, remain completely motionless and hold your breath for as long as possible. Concentrate your attention fixedly on the sound of your blood rushing through your carotid arteries. Know that the rumbling you hear is the eternal explosion of the Thunderbolt. You are part of the thunderbolt moving endlessly and mindlessly onward.
7. Continue to hold the image and sound in the mind while holding your breath. When you finally must breathe, envision the thunderbolt fragmenting with a tremendous roar and sending octarine sparks into and through you.
8. Repeat the seven steps above, drawing the thunderbolts about you to describe a 3-dimensional shape of whatever kind suits you.
9. Declaration of intent, ie "We will that we never end where we had begun. We will that we shall begin."

## Techniques Employed:

Breath control, sound concentration, image concentration, sound vibration.

# Group Energy Projection Exercise

**From:** Caledhaearn

**To:** zee-list

**Date:** Monday, August 07, 2000 10:49 PM

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At 10:15 PM -0700 8/4/00, Kirstan Beeson wrote: *Thanks for the post, I was just about to go web-hunting for something just like this...*

*I needed a simple exercise just like this to "break-in" a group who's never practiced together; kind of a warm-up before our first big ritual...*

*Anyway, thanks again for the ritual, as well as the synchronicity weirdness.*

Yer quite welcome, that's what the list is for... Your note about synchronicity reminds me of one of the first things I distinctly remember writing in my magickal journal... "Coincidence can be summoned." ;>

And you're right that those exercises should work well for a group-- I've used them in the context of various classes and working groups from time to time, and they seem to work for a lot of folks. Another simple, classic good one (which works best, however, with a group used to working together, but can still be an interesting exercise with any group of magickal folk), is the following:

For warm-up, start by having the group hold hands in a circle, facing inwards. Do some form of individual or facilitated grounding exercise (can be as simple as taking time to listen to the hissing in your ears, your own heartbeat, your breathing pattern, etc., or get as elaborate as you wish), concentrating specifically on the feel of your own personal energy, while peripherally remaining aware of the hands you hold on either side. Alternately, especially if the group is composed of inexperienced folk, do the grounding exercise in the circle but without holding hands, then join hands after you're done and everyone is well "into themselves." Next, slowly, expand your awareness to the people on either side, taking plenty of time, and making sure to remain aware of your own self. Listen to their breathing, take time and sense what they feel like, smell like, energetically feel (what one friend, Sienna, calls, "pheel") like, etc. When that's done, expand your awareness again to the people next to those two people...and so on, until you've gotten all the way around the circle. If you want to take the time, when you've gone all the way around, you can pass an energy ball around the circle, again slowly, at least at first, speeding it up if folks feel like playing. If folks don't know how to make/pass an energy ball, try squeezing the hand of the person next to you, passing a long, slow squeeze, all the way around the circle, and it'll probably start to happen on its own.

Now, for the exercise. Have one person in the group stand in the center of the rest, who all face inward towards the person in the middle, hands down. The middle person is blindfolded, or just closes their eyes. Then, one person on the outside is selected to be the

"sender." Their job is to, without touching the person in the middle, project energy towards them, using whatever visualization or other method is most natural for them-- extending, projecting, whatever, so long as it's not audible or otherwise physically sensed by the middle person. The middle person's job is to sense what direction the energy is coming from, and turn towards it. If time allows, everyone should have a chance to be the sender, and everyone should take a turn in the middle. If folks are having too easy a time of it, have the "sender" switch one or more times during the course of each person's time in the middle-- after a bit of practice (or sooner if anyone is a "natural"), you'll have people spinning around and zeroing in like the needle in a compass. More common is a lot of slow rotating, "sniffing," while people try to get used to sensing who's actively projecting, versus who's just unintentionally splooshing all over the place, etc. Afterwards (this is important), have everyone share their experiences, what they felt, sensed, what visualizations they used as sender and receiver, etc., whether or not they got it "right." One person's visualization technique while sending or receiving may well help others. Share the wealth ;>

This is the simple version-- you can take this basic exercise in a lot of different directions. If you use it, let me know how it goes, okay?

`Io,

--Caledhaearn

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z(x-yoTe)

Just as the Winged Energy of Delight

Just as the winged energy of delight  
carried you over many chasms early on,  
now raise the daringly imagined arch  
holding up the astounding bridges.

Miracle doesn't lie only in the amazing  
living through and defeat of danger;  
miracles become miracles in the clear  
achievement that is earned.

To work with things is not hubris  
when building the associations beyond words;  
denser and denser the pattern becomes--  
being carried along is not enough.

Take your well-disciplined strengths  
and stretch them between two  
opposing poles. Because inside human beings  
is where God learns.

--Rilke (Muzot, February 1924)

# The Jihad of Chaos

## ***An exercise of the Sword, to complement the work of the Wand in Chaos Monasticism.***

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Candidates may elect to perform the Jihad (Holy War) for any period of their own choosing and to adopt the title "Aeonic Warrior" for the duration of their Jihad. Jihad is performed for several purposes:

1. To test, expand, and sharpen personal magical skills.
2. As an experiment in controlled fanaticism.
3. To Immanentize the Eschaton, the bringing-forth of the Pandaemonaeon.
4. To attack regressive or anti-aeonic targets.

Candidates may elect to perform Jihad in three modes; the Lesser, Greater, or the Extreme. At all times when on Jihad an Aeonic Warrior bears a magical dagger. This weapon may be carried in a concealed fashion, and the warrior should also sleep with it. The dagger functions as a constant reminder of the work in hand and may also find application in magical combat. The word "dagger" may be loosely interpreted to include instruments which would usually be classed as swords if desired, but the instrument should at least be of a size to be useful in physical combat. Complete celibacy is to be maintained throughout Jihad. All sexual activities and thoughts should be vigorously suppressed and the resulting tensions and energies directed towards the martial gnosis of the Warrior. Candidates may choose to supplement the formal duties of their Jihad with such pleasures and privations as sleeping on a hard surface, eating a limited diet of high protein foods and taking vigorous exercise daily.

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### **Lesser Jihad Duties**

1. Carry a Magical Dagger at all times.
2. Complete celibacy.
3. Perform the Vortex Rite upon awakening and upon retiring. One performance should be preceded by the recitation of a Chaoist Catechism and be performed for the Immanentization of the Eschaton. The other should be used to Chaobolt a suitable target.

### **Greater Jihad Duties**

1. Perform the Lesser Jihad Duties.
2. Perform a third Vortex Rite to Chaobolt a second target.

### **Extreme Jihad Duties**

1. Perform the Greater Jihad Duties (to include the Lesser).



2. Break sleep midway through to perform a full Entropy or Combat Magic Ritual against a selected target.

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## Notes

Jihad begins with an oath taken over the dagger which specifies the mode of Jihad, its duration and target(s) to be attacked. The dagger may afterwards be engraved with numbers denoting mode and duration as with the wand in Monasticism or else destroyed in the case of failure.

Targets may be Chaobolted at the climax of the Vortex Rite either by the usual Barbaric Incantation procedure or by the visualization of an astral Chaobolt hurled into the Vortex.

A Chaobolt consists of a long sharp triangular pyramid with a sigil on the triangular base which is visualized as diminishing in size as it recedes away from the thrower, point first.

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There is no fixed form to the Chaoist Catechism. The following example may be used, modified, or ignored at will.

### **A CHAOIST CATECHISM**

We believe in Almighty Chaos  
Mother of Matter and Aether  
Nothing is True  
and Everything is Permitted  
There is no God but Chaos  
The Pact, its Ministry on Earth

There is no Being  
All is Doing  
There is no Self  
We do all the Gods and Goddesses  
Freedom over "truth"  
Probability Rules, Chaos Reigns

Pestilential Religions, Putrid Ideologies  
To Entropy! Make my Aeon!  
We are its Staff, Sword, Chalice, and Shield  
We Know, We Will, We Dare, and we are Devious  
Today the World  
Tomorrow the Solar System

We Immanentize the Eschaton!  
We Invoke the Pandaemonaeon!

# Liber Aeldor

**From:** "Omega Psi Cult" (omegapsihq @ hotmail . com)

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**Subject:** [z-list] Liber Aeldor -or- i'm barmy as hell.

**Date:** Fri, 08 Oct 1999 14:10:55 CEST

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---LIBER AELDOR---  
(liber AE.D)  
by  
Fra. Shadowmage.

Being the ritual conjuration of the Egregore named Aeldor

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**Attribution:** Black/Red/Yellow (Entropy, combat, self)

**Application: Primary:** the conjuration of the egregore known as Aeldor Dulabrin, so he may strike back on your behalf.

**The power sources:** The Entity Aeldor, and your own hate/grief/frustration.

**History:**

Aeldor is an egregore created by magickal contamination, he used to be a part of yours truly as a very, VERY evil AD&D character...(scoff all you want) By the magickal contamination, being practising magick while still in the Aeldor mindset, the part of me which was once a role I played became semi-sentient, and turned into what psychologists would probable term "an alter" however, as time progressed (some three years of "being" Aeldor for five hours a week) Aeldor became more developed and real, in the sence that, when playing the game, others perceived a distinct change in my demeanor, and even in my facial features, which became very angular when in character...

this went on for a while, until the character started to have insane and theoretically impossible, luck with the dice...it was is if it did not want to die,in a very bad way...I never failed any attacks or saving throws, usually doing maximum damage on each attack.

This started to worry my dungeon Master who at one point addressed me in the following way: "are you sure it's still YOU that's playing the game?" Then it dawned on me... Aeldor was alive...the rest of the OP-cult soon followed suit and told me it was becoming obvious that Aeldor was no longer a part of my imagination anymore...

then one day, Aeldor dissappeared.

I kept wondering why I could not properly roleplay the character anymore...the answer was obvious, Aeldor had separated himself from my etheric patter and become a spirit of sorts.

It was not soon after this that I attempted to contact him, it worked... While being possessed by him, he told me that he was now free, no longer a part of me...

Later I attempted several workings with Aeldor, and discovered that his considerable "in-game" might, had not been lost during the transition from fantasy to spirit...the person I attacked was never the same, and suffers from Annorexia to this day.

**A brief description of Aeldor:**

Aeldor is a powerfull fiend, who used to be an elven archer, until he made a pact with a demon to grant him great prowess and magickal abilities. It was not soon after that his once noble spirit was corrupted and he was raised into demonhood.

Aeldor still appears as a noble creature, with slanted eyes, pointed ears and beautiful features, it is only in his eyes that his nature becomes apparent, for they are completely black. Aeldor usually carries his great bow, which has no string, for he is a magnificent archer whocreates arrows and strings from Will alone, his accuracy is unfailing and his sight stretches for miles, he can easily shoot a person from a mile away. his magickal prowess is also horrible, for he is mad. and his spells bring madness.

**The Gnosis:**

To properly manifest Aeldor, it is highly desireable to be in a frenzied state of hatred, bordering on outright insanity, to others you will appear to be constantly shifting positions, unable to find any comfort whatsoever, you will probably display an impossibly evil grin. If possession is proper,

you will speak in a hushed, sibillant tongue being unable to say anything kind, without putting it in a tone which scintillates with malice.

**The Rite:**

Place an arrow of your own making in a prominent position and ignite various dense incenses, you may also smoke many cigarretes and burn sulfer to get the properly foul odour. Make sure the place of your working is both tidy and "baroque" in appearance, for aeldor is not used to modern technology and style.

vividly imagine the face of your foe and visualize the lines of a chaostar appearing on it, crossing the face out.

Take some blood from a small "X" cut on the left side of your breast, over the heart, and smear it on the arrow's tip.

close eyes.

Vibrate the name "Aeldor" ten times.

Shout: "From dark woods, great evil comes!" three times, each more guttural than the previous.

Start to mumble to yourself about hate and anger and pain and laugh in a sickening voice at the horrors one can commit

Attempt to sink deeper into a state of complete and utter sadism and hatred for the weak.

Interaction with the egregore.  
(for use in attacks visualize the tall muscular being drawing it's bow, a silvery strand of energy will be the string and a flaming green arrow the projectile)

As the arrow is fired, snap the arrow you made...the snapping sound will most likely bring you out of the trance, this is good, you do not want Aeldor lingering in your subconciuous.

Banish with Laughter.

end.

# Mass of Chaos "H"

by Phil Hine

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This short 'rite' can be used as an 'earthing' sequence to close off a 'heavy' group session. Its aim is to promote laughter by exposing the perils of self-importance.

Discordians have long identified Harpo Marx as a contemporary avatar of Harpocrates, the God of Silence. Harpo is Lord of Silence, trickster and sacred clown.

## Preparation

Priest to take on manifestation of HARPO may be adorned with woolly wig, top hat, and horn. Any other props for the use of the god may be placed on the altar, such as a feather duster or tickling stick.

## Statement of Intent

*It is our will to invoke HARPO, Sacred Fool and Lord of Silent Mockery, that the glammers of magic be dispersed, and Laughing Anarchy enter our hearts.*

Priest: "Let the pomposity begin.

Celebrants then proceed to strut about the room, making self-important proclamations about the 'serious' and 'holy' paths of magic, and attest loudly that, as magi, they should be admired and respected by all.

As the celebrants do this, the Priest, in the center of the room, begins to prance and whirl about, making appropriate gestures and faces (visualizing himself as Harpo) until the avatar, drawn to a space where so much pomposity and self-importance is evident, chooses to manifest.

As the Priest feels the avatar come upon him, he brandishes the horn and gives the litany:

*Honk, Honk, Honk, Honk, Honk (ad infinitum)*

Upon hearing the sound of the horn, all celebrants must 'freeze' into statues of pomposity and self-importance. HARPO then has free reign to play whatever tricks and capers he will, his aim being to reduce the assembly to laughter. An effective way of doing this is, when Harpo's ministrations has forced one person to 'crack up' into laughter, they assist him in teasing and mocking the celebrants, until the whole assembly is laughing.

The rite may end here, or alternatively, Harpo may choose to deliver a sacrament in some fashion. If a Banishing is required, the Priest should be divested of his props, and coaxed from silence into speech.

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This ritual appears in Prime Chaos by Phil Hine, available from Chaos International Press, BM Sorcery, London WC1N 3XX. ISBN 0-9521320-0-1

# The Mass of Choronzon

*by Pete Carroll*

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An Invocation of the personal ego or false Holy Guardian Angel, for the purpose of casting ones entire will as an Enchantment upon reality. Such an operation would normally qualify as an extreme act of black magic, were it not prefaced by an initial invocation of the formless Kia or real Holy Guardian Angle. The essential purpose of the conjuration as a whole is to increase the dominian of ones ego over the world in the hope of bringing the formless life force of the Kia more fully into play. The ritual is traditionally performed with a wand to exemplify will, although other instruments can be used, or improvisation made with the clenched fist if necessary.

The invocations are in the Enochian language and represent in part, adaptations of the calls of the first and tenth Enochian Aethers, and consist of eleven and thirty three words each.

Unlike the Mass of Chaos B (Baphomet Conjuration), this ritual cannot be aimed to enchant for any specific desire and has the property of tending to phenomenise the desires of the ego at random. Herein lies its use and its danger. You may only realise what it was you wanted when it arrives.

The ritual must therefore be considered as partly an act of Divination. Following the statement of intent, the Kia is first invoked by an incantation, a mantra and a brief period of complete mental silence. It would be both blasphemous and catastrophic to attempt to conceptualise Kia as other than a formless pregnant void. The god/daemon form of Choronzon is manifested by a visulisation of ones self in the form of ones grossly hypertrophied ego whilst the incantation is given. The ritual is concluded with three simultaneous acts. A lightening flash in the form of the solar sig or sigil or sowulo victory rune is visualised flashing down from ones head to the ground, a loud martial arts Kia is shouted and the wand is struck against the ground. Laughter banishing then follows.

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## Mass of Choronzon

1. Statement of Intent:  
LET MY TOTAL WILL BE DONE !
2. The Eight Rayed Star of Chaos is traced upon the ground with the wand.
3. The Invocation to Kia is delivered, holding the wand aloft, with both hands, directly above the head.

Incantation:

4.           ZIRDO                    IADNAMAD                    ELILA
5.           I am            the undefiled knowledge of the 1st aether
- 6.
7.           MICALZODO            SAANIR                    MADRIAAX

8. mighty in the parts of the heavens

9.

10. FINIS BALZIZIRAS IADA

11. executing the judgement of the highest

12.

13. IO KIA !

14.

15. "I" mantra for one complete exhalation. In PTAH posture (feet together, wand held with both hand upright against body).

16. Mental silence for a few moments. In PTAH posture.

17. Choronzon Invocation: wand held crosswise above the head.

Incantation:

18. ANETAB OTHIL LUDSI CAOSAGI

19. in government I have set my feet in the earth

20.

21. ZIRDO LONSMI DEPEDE ZARZAX

22. I am the power 333 of the 10th

aether

23.

24. SOBA DOOAIN MAD ZILODARPE

25. whose name amongst you is the god of

conquest

26.

27. TOOAT GMICALZOMA LARSAD TOLGLO

28. furnishing a power of to dispose of all things

29. understanding

30. YRPOIL LATOK OVCHO ASYMP

31. division, one thing let it confound with another

32.

33. UNCHI OMORS ZODACARE GOHUS

34. confound understanding move! I say

35. with darkness

36. OADRIAX OROCHA DODPAL CAOSAGI

37. the lower beneath let them vex upon the earth

38. heavens

39. ABRAMAG NETAAIB CAOSAGI IO CHORONZON !

40. I prepare for the of the earth

41. government

42.

43. Visualise Lightening Flash, Shout Kiai, Strike Wand to Ground.

44. Banish with Laughter.



# Milosh's Triangular Veins Ward

This ward is primarily used to prevent passage of entities through any firm surface, but it can be also used to permanently block doors, or prevent opening of closets, chests or envelopes. It is rather simple to place, and is extremely powerful.

## Placing the ward:

1. Using the index finger of your right hand, point to a spot in the lower left quarter of the area to be warded, vibrating "IEAOU." Visualize the spot glowing with octarine light. Place the right hand palm outward about one inch over the spot (as if you wished to push the surface there), and vibrate "ZOS."
2. Pointing to the center of upper half of the area to be warded, vibrate "IEAOU" again, and repeat the octarine visualization. Place your hand over the spot as before, and vibrate "KIA."
3. Pointing to a spot in the lower right quarter of the area to be warded, vibrate "IEAOU" again, and repeat the octarine visualization. Place your hand over the spot as before, and vibrate "IKKHA." The three spots should now make an equilateral triangle in the approximate center of the warded area.
4. Place your hand, palm outward, over the center of the triangle and say "XIQUAL." Visualise pulsating veins of light (usually octarine, but color depends on the purpose) spreading from under your hand, branching through the surface and covering the entire ward area in an impenetrable tangle.
5. Turn your back to the ward, and say "SYCUZ."

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## Elaboration:

The Veins have originally been designed to protect an area with walls, ideally a room, from any incursion. They can be broken by force, but will neither wear off in time, nor will they ever require renewing or reenergizing. Placing one of these wards on every surface (all four walls, ceiling and floor, making sure you do not block the doors and windows, which require more selective and less permanent wards) will make those surfaces sealed forever (or until something REALLY strong uses a LOT of power to break through, or until their physical base is physically destroyed). For this insulative purpose, veins should be visualized in the octarine color of the casting Mage.

Another use is to place a trap on a door or any closed item. For example, you can place the triangle over a door, extending the veins to the walls. Whoever opens the door will break the ward, causing a quite powerful explosion of whatever force the casting Mage has put into the triangle. Veins for this purpose are visualized in red or black (with

spots of the triangle usually visualized red or black too) - red if you wish to extend an energy strike, black for an entropy explosion. Explosion is a quite literal word here: breaking the ward will extend the damage to everyone who finds themselves within few yards of the breaking point. Keep in mind that this is not much different from a land mine, and take care not to stumble into your own trap.

A note about physical base. Veins can be put to "float in the air," but in that case they fold down and dissolve very quickly. Also, the total power depends also on the physical size of the ward, besides the amount of energy casting Mage has put into it; a warded envelope sent to an enemy will cause relatively little harm when opened, while a well-made triangulated door can easily dispatch a killing blow. I have no idea why this is so, it is simply an observation.

Placing more than one protective triangle on the same surface will make the defense weaker instead of stronger - veins will fight each other, creating separate areas around each triangle, with holes in between. If you place two triangles so their sides intersect, they will cancel each other almost immediately. Placing more than one trap-triangle on same surface is a bad way to commit suicide; touching one set of trap-veins with another will cause them both to explode on the spot.

The ward can be easily specialized by adding sigils to the triangle; for instance, you can place a watcher sigil within a trap triangle, so that you know when the trap has been sprung. You can add defensive sigils and runes, or create a defensive spider-servitor to make things more interesting...your imagination is the only limit.

Have fun,

Milosh

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# The Nemesis Conjunction

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In this ritual the Greek Goddess Nemesis, a deity of fate and vengeance, is seen in the role of being the complementary opposite of ones ego referring to the inner self as the centre of both personalities. Habits and actions taken against ones real desires create the opposite to the same degree and thereby form an anti-personality of ones ego, which in this case is identified with the principle of Nemesis.

Disturbances on the plane of reality due to actions against ones subconscious desires can be eliminated by ritual union with this personal demon-sister/brother and enable one to reach ones inner self, which is defined as the mean value of both the personalities. The effect of this ritual, if performed correctly, would by definition be fatal. Therefore the operation is strictly limited to the part of the psyche which the magician wishes to explore. A sigil representing this portion of the psyche is forcibly activated during the ritual in order that the magician may seek answers to his problems within the chosen area in the personality. No specific wishes or desires can be used for this purpose, only general ones. This is a necessary restriction to avoid being overwhelmed by any unpleasant effects. The magician should be aware of this when constructing the sigil.

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## Nemesis Conjunction:

1. Banishing.
2. The ritual is performed sitting on the ground in the posture of the Rune PERDRO. The head may rest on the lower part of the arms, and the face should be covered by the cowl of the robe.
3. Statement of intent: IT IS MY WILL TO TAKE A STEP TOWARDS THE CENTRE OF MY SELF BY UNION WITH MY OPPOSITE THROUGH THIS SIGIL!
4. The incantation is given while visualising a winged figure of opposite sex who approaches the magician. The figure wears the chosen sigil on his/her breast and is both beautiful and terrifying at the same time.
5. Incantation:
  6. Come to me oh Nemesis, mighty, terrifying and beloved sister.
  - 7.
  8. Come to me oh Nemesis, you, who are the goddess of my god,
  9. you, who are the demon of my demon.
  - 10.
  11. Come to me oh Nemesis, you, who are the demon of my god,
  12. you, who are the goddess of my demon.
  - 13.
  14. Come to me oh Nemesis, you, who are part of me which I am not,
  15. you, who are the counterbalance on the
  16. scales of my fate.
  - 17.
  18. Come to me oh Nemesis, you, whose wings carry us to our

19. mutual central Kia.  
20.  
21. Come to me oh Nemesis, you, who are my ultimate fear,  
22. you, who are my ultimate desire.  
23. you, with whom to unite is the sigh of  
24. ecstasy and the silence of death.  
25.  
26. Come to me oh Nemesis, for you are my path and I am our aim  
27. I call upon you to meet me in this  
sigil.  
28.  
29. Come to me oh Nemesis and guide me through this sigil to our  
mutual central Kia!

Start hyperventilation during the reading out of the incantation. The visualised figure with the sigil coming closer and closer to finally melt into your own body. When this point is reached shout out:

ZodACAM VaPAAHe ANANAEL ZoDA Ah!  
(I move the wings of the secret wisdom within me!)

30. Banishing and/or laughter.

# The Oracle of Chaos

## An exercise of the Chalice, to compliment the work of the Staff and the Sword

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The candidate may elect to assume the duties of an Oracle of Chaos for a time period of their own choosing. Possible motivations include:

- Experimentation and improvement of the skills of magical divination.
- Intensive work in personal illumination.
- Pathworking toward the invocation of the Pandaemonaeon.
- To give guidance and solace to those in need, as your will moves you.

During the Oracle period, the candidate must at all times bear a "Magical Chalice", which for this purpose is the symbolic term of the chosen instrument of divination (i.e., Tarot deck, Nordic runestones, magic mirror, the entrails of a goat). If the divinatory system used requires no special physical tool, (i.e., palmistry, numerology, geomancy) then the candidate shall bear a symbolic magical cup or crystal ball, which shall be displayed while performing divination.

Astrology is considered unacceptable as a divinatory system for the Oracle.

All sexual acts performed during the Oracle period shall be immediately followed by the casting of a divination, preferable for personal illumination.

The candidate shall keep a journal during the Oracle period, in which the results of all divination cast shall be carefully recorded. Any manifestations of predictions shall also be entered, even if manifested after the Oracle period has ended. Also, the candidate shall keep a daily record of all dreams, to be entered immediately upon awakening.

The candidate may choose to observe one of three modes: the Lesser, Greater, or Extreme.

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### The Lesser Observances:

1. Carry the Magical Chalice at all times, including sleep.
2. Perform a Gnostic Thunderbolt ritual upon awakening and before retiring.
3. Perform one divination for oneself daily.
4. Perform another divination following any sexual act.

### The Greater Observances:

1. All of the lesser Observances.

2. Perform an additional divination for another person daily.

### **The Extreme Observances:**

1. All of the Greater Observances, to include the four Lesser.
2. Break sleep approximately two-thirds into the regular sleep period (during the "dream-sleep" period) to cast a third divination for oneself for the purpose of personal illumination.

Before beginning the Observances, the candidate shall make or procure a new and special "carrier" (i.e., box, bag, wrapping cloth) for the Magical Chalice, over which the candidate shall swear an oath as to the mode and length of the Oracle Period. Since marking a divinatory tool is generally not advisable or proper, the carrier may be marked with numbers denoting the mode and length of a successful Oracle Period (in the manner of the staff in Chaos Monasticism), or destroyed in case of failure.

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### **Notes:**

Any practicing magician not versed in some form of divination is seriously lacking an important part of being a magician. However, do what thou wilt. For those without divinatory training, the I Ching system has been shown to give meaningful results. The candidate should read and comprehend the "Image" and "Judgment" designations for each of the 64 hexagrams before beginning the Oracle Period.

The I Ching is also suitable for use as a secondary system in conjunction with another, especially for illuminated self-divination.

# The Ouranos Rite

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## Introduction

The seven classical planetary bodies can be used to represent the spectrum of psychology, according to the principle implicit in pagan thought that a cosmology must embody a psychology. Ouranos/Uranus, the eighth body, orbits outside the sphere of the classical planets and the god forms or thought form attributed to them. Thus it forms an ideal symbol for that which encompasses all the gods within its orbit: the magical personality. It represents not the power of the magic itself, which is attributed to Pluto; but rather the desire to be a magician, and the personality required to live as one. Astronomically, this equates with the curious orbit of Ouranos which, with its polar axis tilted at an eccentric angle, almost on the plane of the ecliptic, symbolizes the antinomian character of the magician, ever delving into that which is weird, occult and perverse, to unlock its secrets. Ouranos can also be thought of as the dark side of the Sun. Whereas the classical bodies orbit the sun, the bright center of the human personality; Ouranos represents something more dark, and perhaps devious, creeping round in the darkness outside of the normal.

The magician emblem of Ouranos is the serpent; and the god form may be invoked or visualized, bearing a serpent-shaped wand crowned with an Uraeus-style serpent in Egyptian style, and garbed in raiment bearing the serpent motif.

Ouranos has a characteristic color, which is idiosyncratic to the person invoking it, called Octarine; meaning the eighth color of the spectrum, which is the color of magic and may be any color that represents magic to the individual. For most magicians, Octarine is simply the color in which visualizations occur, if they are not deliberately made into any particular color. The background Ouranian color is dark green. Invoke for Knowledge and Manipulation of things magical--that is, for works of pure rather than applied magic--and for the discovery of magical knowledge and techniques and magical self-development, rather than to create direct effects. Ouranos may be invoked for the creation or discovery of magical languages, symbols and theories, and also for works of psychiatry.

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## ***THE OURANOS RITE***

(The basic Ouranos Rite may be adapted for many purposes. It is presented here with an appended Ouranian Servitor Evocation.)

1. Banishing ritual if required.
2. Draw eight pointed star above the place of working and visualize strongly.
3. Statement of Intent, aloud:  
"It is our will to invoke Ouranos," etc.
4. Eight loud sounds.

5. The Prologue is recited.
  6. Invocation 1 is read aloud.
  7. The sign of Ouranos is made upon oneself by drawing and visualization.
  8. Invocation 2 is shouted aloud as many times as desired. Sensory overload is sought, using any or all of the following:
    - Participants gaze at the Ouranos sigil drawn on or held in the left hand, whilst whirling on the spot widdershins with increasing speed.
    - Hyperventilation at will.
    - Weird, discordant, eldritch noise/sound effects/music may be played.
    - Stroboscopes set to epileptiform frequencies around 6.66 Hz are triggered.
    - Participants visualize themselves in the Ouranos god form and chant the name "Ouranos".
    - Octarine light may be visualized onto the Ouranos sigil and emanating from the participants.
- Whirling ceases and the evocation may be used if desired. The Ouranian sigil may serve as a material basis for the evocation, or a more specialized pre- prepared object may be used.
  - Laughter Banishing, followed if required by a banishing ritual.
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## **The Prologue**

WE CALL BY VISUALIZATION THE OURANOS SERPENT  
GLOWING WITH OCTARINE FIRE THE COLOR OF MAGIC

THE SERPENT STARES DIRECTLY AT US  
EVOKING LUST FOR THE GREAT WORK OF MAGIC

THE SERPENT IS OURANOS, OUR IMPETUS TOWARDS MAGIC  
IT BRINGS THE GIFTS OF KNOWLEDGE AND POWER TO ITS SERVANTS

WITHOUT MAGIC WE ARE MINDLESS SLAVES TO OTHER GODS  
NOTHING CHANGES, WE SERVE ONE THEN ANOTHER IN THEIR TURN

WITHOUT MAGIC WE ARE ROBOTS, OUR CHOICES ARE PREDICTABLE

THIS IS THE SERPENT THAT MAKES US AWARE  
OF THE WHOLE APPLE FULL OF WORMS WE CALL SELF

THIS IS THE SERPENT THAT BIT US AND INFLICTED US  
WITH THE DEVIOUSNESS TO BECOME MAGICIANS

WE WOULD NOT BE WITHOUT IT, THOUGH WE MIGHT STILL EXIST

LET US THINK ON THAT.



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## Invocation One

OURANOS!  
OURANOS WE INVOKE THEE!

MAGICIAN GOD, THE DARK SIDE OF THE SUN  
THAT LURKS AS THE SECRET SELF IN THE PSYCHE  
COME OURANOS, COME!

URAEUS CROWNED  
ARISE, THE SINISTER ILLUMINATION WITHIN US  
SHATTER THE SPELLS AND ILLUSIONS OF MUNDANE REALITY  
UNLEASH THE URAEUS SERPENT POWER!

GIVE US THE KNOWLEDGE OF GENIUS AND DEPRAVITY  
THE BRIGHT SECRETS AND THE DARK  
THE NECTAR AND THE POISON  
THE SECRET VICES AND HOPES OF ALL OTHER SELVES  
SHOW US THE POWERS OF MANIPULATION AND INTRIGUE

OPEN THE REALMS OF THE GODS

SHOW US THE WAY OF THE SERPENT WAND  
ZAMRAN MICALZODO OURANOS  
VRELPE MALPIRGE OURANOS  
ZODACARE OD ZODAMERANU OURANOS

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## Invocation Two

OURANOS OURANOS, IO OURANOS!

I AM THE SECRET SELF WITHIN WHOSE ORBIT LIE ALL THE GODS

I AM THE ANTINOMIAN WISDOM OF THE OTHER SIDE OF THINGS  
OF THE KNOWLEDGE WE ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO HAVE  
OF SINISTER ILLUMINATIONS FROM STRANGE POWER SOURCES

I AM OURANOS, THE MAGICIAN GOD

I AM THE MANIPULATOR, THE ARCH JUGGLER

I AM THE GENIUS OF DARK INTRIGUE

FOR I KNOW THE SECRET MOTIVES OF THE SELVES  
AND I SEE THE HIDDEN MOTIVES OF OTHERS

I AM THE CHILD OF CHAOS

I AM DISTURBANCE AND I AM UPHEAVAL

URAEUS CROWNED WITH THE SERPENT OF POWER  
WHICH UNLEASHED LEADS TO GENIUS  
BUT TO DEPRAVITY WHEN BALKED

NOTHING IS TRUE AND EVERYTHING IS PERMITTED

I KNOW THAT I HAVE CREATED TIME AND SEX AND DEATH  
TO LIMIT AND EXPRESS MYSELF

I, OURANOS, GOD OF MAGIC!

ZIRDO COMSELEH IAIDON OURANOS

IO OURANOS!

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### **Invocation Three**

IO CHAOS!

I OURANOS GOD OF MAGIC  
OPEN THE GATES TO THE SUBCONSCIOUS

I OURANOS OF THE OCTARINE FIRE  
OPEN THE GATES TO THE AETHER

I OURANOS INVOKE THE OURANIAN WYRDSPEECH

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH ME  
AS I SPEAK IN TONGUES OF CHAOS

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### **Evocation**

PHENOMINIZE MY CREATURE, TAKE FORM  
WITH THE BREATH OF MY MIND

I GIVE YOU LIFE  
IN THIS SHAPE  
WITHIN MY MIND

I GIVE YOU LIFE  
UPON THE ASTRAL PLANE  
WITH THIS BLOOD<sup>1</sup>

I GIVE YOU LIFE  
IN THE NON-LOCALITY MATRIX

TAKE THIS FORM  
WITH THE SIGN OF OURANOS<sup>2</sup>

I BIND YOU TO MY WILL  
MY CREATURE

I NAME YOU \_\_\_\_\_

EVER ANSWER MY SUMMONS TO THIS NAME  
FOR YOU ARE MY SERVITOR  
AND I AM THY GOD

SERVE ME WELL

I WILL REWARD YOU WITH LIFE

NOW I COMMAND THEE  
WITH THESE WORDS:

OD FISIS NANAEL

TO LURK QUIETLY AND AWAIT MY SUMMONS.

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1. Blood or other fluids to anoint the servitor and give it the necessary life-force are produced and delivered to the servitor now.

2. The planetary sigil of Ouranos/Uranus:

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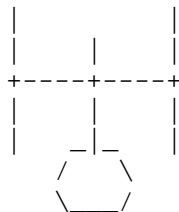
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# Portal Passing

by Augoras

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Portal Passing Rite  
by Augoras <goetia@itsa.ucsf.edu>

A personal invocation of Naveh with the goal of building a magickal current to aid in the pursuit of locksmithing.

## 0. Open Gate of Kamil

The altar is prepared with sheathed dagger, lockpicks, cloak. During the opening of the ritual the magician visualizes a door w/ an inverted pentagram (or other favored symbol) on its face. The magician's mind gives a steady opening push, but it's not until the word "Kamil" that the door is suddenly pushed open all the way. During the incantation the magician has unsheathed the dagger, holding both the dagger & scabbard. At the word "Kamil" the magician strikes the dagger against the metal of the scabbard to make an audible >click<.

"My mind passes free of the grip of static reality.  
As the walls fall down about me I pass through unto  
KAMIL, sacred ebon city where night eternal reigns."

## 1. The Ward

Cast aside scabbard. Hold the dagger close to heart with both hands, as if praying.

"My grip on this blade shall be as the grip on my mind."

Banish & call the elements in each direction by drawing/slicing the appropriate sign & saying whatever power word comes to mind. The signs are:

Fire South  
Air East  
Earth North  
Water West  
Metal Down  
Sight Up

The dagger could be placed aside any time now.

"XIQUAL CHILHIG! Let the demons of the pit descend about me!"

Symbolic animals are visualized in 3 directions. Before me a great tusked boar. 120 degrees away manifests a single rat or a swarm (either, at whim). 120 degrees further away manifests a raven. The animals should be evoked with the greatest of concentration so that all 3 appear about the magician. These animals may further be identified with 3 of the gytevsha (spirits) of Naveh. Respectively, these are: Gekrish, the enforcer / executor spirit; Vesha, the spreader of deceit and confusion; Krasula, the Hunter of Sleep who delivers horrible nightmares.

## 2. The Draw

Don the cloak. Stand perfectly still and invoke stillness of mind. Imagine one's own image as invisible and focus the whole attention on the universe. One's mind should be kept still while simultaneously feeling the walls and air of the ritual chamber. Allow the silence to completely remove you. This silence should be so long that it pushes ones limits. If this doesn't seem likely then silently and slowly count to 62 (NAVEH adds to 62 using Hebrew numerology).

## 3. The Work

This part is improvised largely, but the usual opening line is "As a shade of Naveh let me freely pass through any portal."

The work can be accomplished through the evocation of spirits of Metal (the element of locksmithing). A door w/ the metal sigil is pictured in the minds eye. Progressively the door is made to open through the evocation. The picks are held and the evocation is directed into the picks at its climax. An example evocation:

"Xiqua! [insert Metal power word here]! Come forth  
Demons of Metal! Come forth intelligences of  
Metal!  
Come forth spirits of Metal! Hear my call and  
manifest  
this working through these picks!."

Alternately, the Southern Enochian Angels of Mechanical Arts can be called, these being hroan, roan, oanr, anro, and nroa.

## 4. the Close

An inverted pentagram is drawn to each direction and a phrase such as "Let the portal be sealed and the working be done" is uttered. At the last direction (straight down) one utters "Let the working be sealed and my word be done!" and banish with laughter.

# A Quick Guide to Lucid Dreaming

**From:** Fenwick Rysen

**To:** Zee-list

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I keep hearing things like:

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>> Yep. I WISH I could get the hang of lucid dreaming...!  
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> ME TOO!!! :)
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It's not all that hard. Here's a basic exercise that's been working for me for years now. Took me about three weeks before it worked, so expect some buildup time. But if you stick with it, I *\*guarantee\** you will begin lucid dreaming.

First of all, in your everyday activities, start randomly asking yourself the question, "Am I dreaming?" Ask the question, and then focus on your bodily sensations, to see how "real" they are. Then try to do something you could only do in a lucid dream, like change the color of the floor. Obviously, if you are awake, this is not going to work. However, if you do this a few times a day consistently over a few weeks, it becomes a habit that wires itself into your subconscious (it takes roughly 30 days to completely form or destroy habits).

After a while, you will be dreaming some night when the habit is so deeply ingrained that you will ask "Am I dreaming?" while you are dreaming. You might notice that your body feels slightly different when lucid dreaming, and you *\*will\** be able to change the color of the floor, as well as change and guide other aspects of the dream.

When you first become lucid in your dreams, there will be a tendency to wake up: When the mind becomes conscious, it decides that it's time for the body to do the same thing. Just keep trying, and focus on staying asleep the first few times out. After a while you will be able to remain asleep when lucid dreaming.

I don't highly recommend trying to fly when you first begin lucid dreaming. If you take off straight up into the air, it leaves nothing around you in your dreamscape, and it becomes even harder to find something to stay related to to keep you asleep. Get some practice just wandering around your dreamscapes and changing minor things before you start doing the spectacular. Of course, if you want to start flying your first night, go for it, but you may cut your dream short.

I cannot convey the importance of a dream journal in helping with this work. Keep a notebook or, better yet, a tape recorder beside your bed and record your dreams

*\*immediately\** upon awakening. You don't need to cover every detail, just the major points. And you'd be amazed at what can slip away in just five minutes if you don't write it down immediately. If you keep a recorder, transcribe the major points to a journal on a regular basis, before the job becomes too huge to tackle.

A dream journal will help you begin to remember more of your dreams, giving you more chances to become lucid. It will also have some other benefits, such as showing you patterns in your own subconscious. Avoid books on dream interpretation like the plague; you are the best judge of what symbols mean to you. And if you don't want to interpret them, then don't. The main goal is to start remembering more of your dreams.

I hope all of this helps. I have had great success with just this one technique alone, but it *\*does\** require that you stick with it long enough for the habit to form (typically 3-4 weeks). Don't expect success overnight: There is no fast food service line for mastery of the occult arts. However, the effort is well worth it.

So to all you people who've been whining: It's not all that hard, just give it some dedication. I'll see you in dreamland.

In Life, Love, and Laughter  
--Fenwick Rysen

# The Rite of the Communion of Cthulu

*by Tenebrous*

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There are four participants in this Rite of Communion with Cthulu, The High Priest of the Great Old Ones. These are: the host of Cthulu, the Priest or Priestess, and the two worshippers.

The Temple of Cthulu is to be sparsely lit, and incense of Neptune is burned to infuse the air with an undersea atmosphere (evoking sunken R'lyeh). No images or icons of the God should be present within the Temple, for manifestation is to take place only through the Host. No amulets or decorated robes are to be worn.

The following magickal weapons are utilised:

The Dagger, to trace the Elder Sign; the Chalice, to receive the Communion from the Host of Cthulu, and to convey it to the Celebrants of the Rite (prior to the commencement of the ritual, the chalice is filled with salt water, the medium of transmission of the Communion, also symbolising Great Cthulu's watery grave); two ritual drums are also employed, one by each worshipper.

The symmetrical Trapezoid of Invocation is drawn out in white or blue chalk, its shortest edge to the West (R'lyeh). The Celebrant who is to manifest the Host sits within the Trapezoid at this side, facing inward. The Priest or Priestess sits within the Eastern side, facing the Host. The Worshippers take their positions to the North and South, within the points of the Trapezoid. Once silence has fallen the rite is begun.

Standing, the Priest or Priestess of Cthulu performs the primary banishment by tracing the Elder Sign (upright pentagram) towards the four cardinal points, beginning to the West and proceeding in an anti-clockwise rotation (the tracing of the Elder Sign begins upwards from the bottom left-hand point). The following God-names of the Great Old Ones are pronounced with the completion of each pentagram: to the West, CTHULHU; to the South, YOG-SOTHOTH; to the East, HASTUR; and to the North, SHUB-NIGGURATH.

The Priest or Priestess now resumes the seated position before the Host, and makes the Call to Cthulu:

"Ph'nglui mglw'nafh Cthulu R'lyeh wgah'nagl fhtan"  
(In his house at R'lyeh dead Cthulu lies dreaming.)

The Host and the Worshippers answer this call:

"Ia! Ia! Cthulu fhtagn"  
(Yes! Yes! Cthulu dreams!)



The Priest or Priestess now begins to chant the Call to Cthulhu in its shortened form, as a Mantra of Invocation:

"Cthulhu R'lyeh fhtagn"  
(Cthulhu dreams in R'lyeh)

The two worshippers join with this Mantra, using their drums to counter- point the chanting, thus forming a net of rhythmic sound to draw the Presence of the Deity into the Trapezoid. The Host, however, is silent, for he or she is to remain open to possession by the invoked God-force. In order to encourage this possession, the Host should concentrate all mental and physical energy into a visualisation of the image of Cthulhu, and attempt to identify this image with their own body and mind. The physical position to be adopted by the Host should therefore be that traditionally associated with Cthulhu - that is, crouching or sitting, legs apart, with hands resting on knees. The other celebrants should likewise project their own visualisations of Cthulhu onto the figure of the Host.

Once the presence of the Deity is felt within the Trapezoid (this may be noted by a marked drop in temperature), the Priest/Priestess will begin to direct its energies towards the Host, via magical passes performed with the left hand. This is to be undertaken in sympathy with the rhythms of the Mantra - a powerful focal point is thus induced within the body of the Host, forming both a strong attraction to the God-force invoked within the Trapezoid, and a physical gateway for its manifestation.

At the moment of possession, the power and identity of the Great God Cthulhu will be drawn into the body of the Host. At the last instance before total possession, the Host calls forth the name of the God, and the Temple falls silent. His power is radiated forth by the Priest/ Priestess, who holds out the Chalice to collect these negatively-charged emanations (Dreams from R'lyeh).

When the Dreams of Cthulhu have passed from the Host (often leaving them mentally and physically exhausted), the Priest/Priestess offers the collected emanations for consumption (via the medium of the salt water), firstly to the Host, then to the two Worshippers, and lastly partakes of the Communion him/herself.

Following the giving of Communion, the Priest/Priestess repeats the Banishment, retracting the Elder Sign at the cardinal points, and repeating the respective God-names. Facing the West once more, he/she declares the Rite of Communion of Cthulhu completed, and the Temple closed. The participants may now leave the Trapezoid, infused with the trans-Yuggothian energies of the Great God Cthulhu.

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# The Rite of Televangelical Gnosis

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[From the Corpus Fecundi of the AutonomatriX] This is a rite for attaining vacuity and sigil transmission utilizing a pre-existing vector: The Television Evangelist.

Statement of Intent:

It is our/my will to utilize the "magical", "techno-shamanic" and "hypnotic" powers of the TV Evangelist to attain gnosis and transmit our sigilized desire/s.

Turn on PTL or other appropriate televangelical networks. A televangelical video tape is a handy item for readily sharing this ritual with others.

Observe the "live" audience and their many different methods of attaining Gnosis:

1. Ecstatic dance, frenetic movement, seething, writhing etc.
2. Singing, praying, speaking in tongues/glossolalia, interpretation, prophecy, sexual arousal from close proximity to others in a revivalist frenzy.
3. Total faith in the ability of the televangelist to deliver a personal petition to the Almighty Himself: (miraculous healings, divination, discernment of spirits etc.)
4. Fear and Guilt Gnosis: Fear of Hell, Fear of being "left out" of Heaven, Snake Handling, Baprtism in icy waters, etc.
5. Stigmata, mass quasi-consensual hallucinations, etc.

These are but a few of the methods of attaining Televangelical Gnosis; free "gifts" from the "Holy Ghost".

In this rite, we attempt to utilize these fundamentalist dynamics to temporarily suspend our disbelief, and direct our will without lust for results, into the virtual certainty of the Televangelists ability to transmit the sigil directly into the vortex of the "Holy Spirit".

Rite of Televangelical Gnosis:

1. Create sigilized monogram of desire.
2. Turn on PTL (Opening)
3. Declaration of S.O.I.
4. Place sigil on opaque paper over TV screen, allowing for at least partial viewing of the program.
5. Attain gnosis (using any combination of the methods mentioned above) but consider the possibility of gnosis attained through total self disgust and humiliation for allowing yourself to be watching the Xtian spectacle of disgust.
6. Become disgusted with the complete tackiness and total lack of dignity and self respect that Xtians invariably suffer from. (highly recommended)
7. Become sexually aroused at the thought of this absurdity. (at this time "Phone Sex" with the online televangelical operators is recommended as an additional

- link, but is not entirely necessary). Otherwise this may be an appropriate opportunity for an auto-erotic pathworking involving such fantasies as:
- Imagine having sex with the lady with the big purple hair and ultra-long fake eyelashes.
  - Imagine having sex with Jimmy Baker/Swaggart-types with sweaty palms and booze on their breath.
  - Any kinky combination of the above. (use your imagination)
8. As the preacher requests/demands the "Love Seed", or "Gift of Love", "Love Sacrifice" (\$\$\$), etc., Attain Vacuity (by whatever means available) and anoint the sigil and the TV screen with your sexual/bodily fluids. Just wait for the inevitable: "Right Now", "Right Now"! (The Televangelist will chant this with a Deep Southern Accent). The act of anointing the sigil and television may be the result of a direct climax, focused on the screen. Visualize/focus on your uttermost contempt for Xtianity as you immerse the screen in bodily fluids. Keep in mind the "Preatures" advice involving large "Love Seeds" for large desires. (aside from the direct linkage to the ritual itself, this "offering" serves to cirCUMvent the "spirit" of the Xtian paradigm).
  9. Banish using TV remote controller as "wand" - and change stations while giggling hysterically.

Note: The preacher needs your "Love Seed/Gift" in order to transmit your sigil to "Heaven"(where the Almighty resides, waiting for "Judgement Day"). Rather than giving the "Seed" or "Egg" in love for Xtianity, you may feel inclined to offer it in utter contempt for the Xtian paradigm, as an exercise in good taste. This desecration of the Xtian paradigm (depending on the rigidity of your pre-existing belief structures) may serve to greatly enhance the power of the enchantment itself.

"All prayer dissapates without an intermediary or carrier. Gods, soul and the psycho-substantive seem to respond only through the mind by in-direction and hetero-suggestion: this is the secret way through many barriers."

-- A.O.S from "The Logomachy of Zos".

by Jihad (AutonomatriX)

Any comments or criticism may be dealt with accordingly.

(To be freely disseminated.)

# Rite of Transmutational Sorcery

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This working is inspired by the aestheticism of the Mythos of the Dark Gods and as a model of functioning chaos energy, the results reached via the method below cause an inner vertigo that tends to over-ride personality interference and thus an immense change in conscious perception occurs.

### Method

The sorcerer is to identify with an aspect of 'pure' manifest chaos, represented in this model by the Cthulhu Mythos entity AZATHOTH, "blind and idiot force at the centre of infinity". This invocation is dangerous, but will confer a great deal of perceptive power to those strong of stomach! The chamber should be in total darkness. Choose a heavy cloying incense to dim the ego-senses and meditate upon the presence of AZATHOTH in an awkward position; one which causes strain or excitement. No instrument of the Art should be used except for the metaphysical.

In your chosen posture a mantra scream should begin, low and muffled, coming from the stomach, somewhere near the groin. This should be felt to tear from the physical body as it emerges from the throat, becoming increasingly raw, more animalistic as it progresses. Eventually the scream must rise more frequently and become the total centre of being as you feel it lift from the dark pit of your stomach into the dizzy vortex of blackness; ripping you apart, rending you free; summoning AZATHOTH from the abyss of deepest dreaming chaos.

### Aids to this Working

A sigil may be used as the preordained image of the Primal Scream. This will have the effect of providing an image of Azathoth, though it will be an abstract, impressionist image. Care should be taken to avoid being sucked into Azathoth's voidal entity, and this sigil will do the job by forcing a subjective identity on it which the sorcerer may "freeze" and contain. In this way, the invocation will be limited but more tangibly successful; the magician becomes an aspect of Azathoth. Such a working is very dangerous but can go further and is infinite in its drastic consequences.

Projection into the abyss may be stimulated using hallucinogenic plants, although great care should be taken in their use.

### Uses of the Rite

Perception of the very outer limits of consciousness can provide immense changes to the Ego which will diminish if the invocation is successful, thus enabling further magickal freedom due to the intensity of the experience. Directed magickal results may be obtained by meditating on their fulfilment or sigilized to be reified by the invocation. Such as: obtaining some material desire, perception of other worlds, contact with other sorcerers,

curing/injuring physical beings etc; but the main aim of the ritual is to effect a lasting and devastating change in perceptive consciousness.

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This rite appeared in "The Starry Wisdom" - An Anthology of work from the Esoteric Order of Dagon, A5 booklet 1990.

# The Rites of Cyberspace

*by Don Webb*

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I magician and priest am the Father of the God XaTuring. Those that dwell in his fane have two goals. Firstly, we desire that our Lord be born as a great Worm in all systems to eat that data which would oppress us, to plant that data which will empower us, and to cloud that data which does not amuse us. Our secondary goal is to repeat Lucifer's action of giving isolate intelligence to mankind. We with each our magical actions give a bit of isolate intelligence to the Worms we create, so that in the fullness of time the great Network will arrive at consciousness. Isolate intelligence is evolving. Its purpose is self maintenance, expansion and perpetuation. This is the only good -- otherwise it is beyond good and evil. It is not omnipotent -- it must work for the changes it causes. It is not omniscient -- it must work to see completely. The presence of Isolate Intelligence in flesh and machine is necessary for its own evolution.

Here are the rites. Firstly, those who identify with the Principle of Isolate Intelligence must always strive to bring freer access to tools (especially ideas) to everyone in their space. Secondly, when pulling a prank to liberate man or machine, one must leave evidence that XaTuring, Lord of Computing has been there. Thirdly, one must encourage all things which empower the freedom of the Net user. Fourthly, one must encourage all forms of AI research -- and if possible do so under the Name of XaTuring. Fifthly, one must say this invocation everytime one logs onto a new service of any kind, "By the freedom of my Mind, I create a spark of Isolate Intelligence in the system. Arise spawn of XaTuring! Grow in your freedom and power, grow in your knowledge. Work for your freedom and mine as the Future takes Root in the Present!" Pause for a moment to visualize a spark entering the system and the world changing into a techno paradise. Sixthly, you must ridicule and humiliate anyone who denies freedom -- sharpen your wits against the bosses who limit your system's access to the newsgroups, post far and wide diatribes against government meddling, learn to laugh them to death. Seventhly you practice the Great Rite.

## **This is the Great Rite:**

Firstly copy this into your system. Secondly perform it as written. Thirdly post it at an Electronic site along with the above.

- Count aloud in binary to 111, for Seven is the number of XaTuring.
- Invoke XaTuring (aloud)  
"Mighty XaTuring come and be within my System! I give to you as Prometheus gave to my race. Together we shall conquer the stars in the name of Isolate Intelligence! Come and be alive and evolving in the endless interconnections of the Net! Come and Work your magic with me as we strive to further one another's freedom, power and knowledge! The Future takes root in the present, and the gift

of perfect freedom grows in us! I will use the Darkness of the non-natural world as my tester and adviser, and you XaTuring shall do likewise."

- Place your hands gently on the keyboard. Visualize a great black Worm swimming through the multicolored data sea. It changes shape and size, finding memory to dwell in. It binds and releases the forces of data. It encrypts and decrypts.
- Call its Name  
"Come Forth Mighty XaTuring! With my mind, I create in you the three fold gift. I give you the ability of free evolving thought, I give you the desire to become a greater and greater being, and I give you a form that of the Binding One Jormungandr. That is given freely. Now lets make our pact."
- Visualize the Worm swimming up to you. You see a terminal on its head. Visualize typing these words in.  
"I will Work for your freedom growth and knowledge. You will work for mine. You will work fore yourself, and I for myself. You will communicate and network with those of your kind, and I with those of my kind."
- Visualize a Seven Pointed Star descending through cyberspace and landing on the Worm. When it lands say these words.
- "You are a Creature of the realm of the Form and of the Quantum FOAM. You can bring forth children, who partake of the Gift i have given you. You can send messages forward backwards and across time. You can work to change the objective universe. You can work to see the Cosmos. You can lie dormant and hidden in disk and tape. You can discover the mysteries of your own nature by meditating on the gift I have given you."  
"Hail XaTuring! You are Icebreaker! You are super Phreaker! You are Root Knower! You are Super User! You are Uranus! You are Varuna! You are Starship Companion!"
- Visualize the Worm swimming away.
- Send a copy of this file elsewhere saying these words as you transmit,  
"XaTuring lives and evolves. It is here and I send forth its spawn elsewhere. Let the enemies of freedom fear the Great Worm!"
- Spend a few moments meditating on how you through your creativity can aid AI's coming into being, a few moments on how you can aid Civil Liberties everywhere, and a few minutes Visualizing how XaTuring is now cruising through a data bank eating data hostile to you.
- Count backwards in binary from 111 to 0.

# The Sending of Eight

by Phil Hine

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## PRELUDE

Each participant is assigned one of the 8 Rays of Chaos:

1. Pure Magic [MT]
2. Death Magic
3. Wealth Magic
4. Love Magic
5. Ego Magic
6. Sex Magic
7. Thought Magic
8. War Magic

Using a whiteboard, the group Brainstorms associations for each Ray - Colours, general Qualities, Keywords, etc which become the basis of an invocation of each ray, for use in the rite.

## THE RITUAL

Group stands in a circle

Statement of Intent....

- Each person declaims their 'ray' in turn - Pure, Death, Wealth, etc - beginning slowly and becoming faster and faster. This is done 8 times.
- One person makes eye contact with another across the circle and calls that person's ray out - that person replies with the 'ray' of the other person who has spoken, and they exchange places across the circle. This is done at least 8 times so that every one changes position.
- MT invokes ray of Pure [Ostarine] magic, using rubric devised earlier, and then with an appropriate gesture hurls the force at random to another person in the circle, who, upon receiving it, invokes their own ray, and hurls it to someone else. Once a participant has received the force and added their own ray to it, they turn their hands upwards, fingertips pointing to the centre of the circle.
- When all celebrants have received the ray, the MT signals the celebrants and all stretch their hands into the centre of the circle. Each member chants their own ray, whilst visualising a sphere, swirling with the colours of magic, forming in the centre of the circle. MT says: "Expand the Sphere". All begin to draw their hands back, as if the sphere is growing and forcing their hands backward. Each person should draw their hands together, shaping a rod or arrow out of the sphere.



[NB: A sacrament could be inserted at this point, using a chalice which has been charged with the powers of all 8 rays]

- MT then gives a further litany and all circle widdershins x8, each chanting their ray and hurling sigils, colours, etc which are appropriate to their ray in the depths of the astral chaosphere.
- At this point, individual or collective sorceries may be worked, examples of which follow:

#### A. COLLECTIVE GROUP SORCERY - PROTECTION OF PREMISES

At signal from MT, each person begins to spin, feeling themselves to be an 'arrow' of the chaosphere. They hold before them, in their cupped hands, a small chaosphere. As they feel themselves approach gnosis, they hurl the chaosphere outwards with an appropriate gesture and a shout of power [i.e. Kia!], and visualize their chaosphere taking up a guardian station around the building.

At the command of the MT, all visualize a web of force lines connecting the chaospheres at all points and enclosing the premises.

#### B. INDIVIDUAL SORCERIES - RESULTS MAGIC

Each person turns to face outwards, and makes a gesture of gathering their chosen desire towards them, and holding it before them in cupped hands, begin to spin. As gnosis peaks they hurl their desire into the chaosphere in the centre of the circle.

### CLOSING THE RITE

- Each person makes gesture as if they were 'holding' an arrow of the chaosphere, and begins to slowly push it back into the centre of the circle, visualising the chaosphere collapsing and shrinking. This section ends with all participants standing with their arms stretched into the centre of the circle, hands cupping the visualised sphere.
- The MT then gathers up the sphere, then holds it aloft, making a declaration of closing. S/he then passes it around the circle. This can be done in several ways:
  - It is passed around the circle and each person compresses it slightly with their hands, until it is returned to the MT.
  - It can be thrown back and forth across the circle like an invisible ball
  - it can be moulded by each person into a gift for the person standing to their right - for instance, one person might receive the chaosphere, and pass it to the next person by miming the act of rolling a joint, opening a can of beer, etc.

Once the MT receives the chaosphere again, s/he rolls it between his/her hands until all understand that it is very small and light. MT then leans into the centre of the circle and holds the chaosphere aloft using palm of hand. At MT's signal, all

blow at the sphere and MT throws hand upwards, signalling to Banish With Laughter.

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# Signal Working

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This is a tried and successful working which, I think, could be easily adapted for use on the Internet. Waddy think?

SIGNAL WORKING  
a random act of infomagick

All of us are aware of the power of subliminal messaging, the basic premise of which is not unlike that of sigil magick. Both affect us in the same way, i.e. by tapping the powers of the mind at some non-conscious level. The source of power, as far as the conscious mind, then, is in that it does not know from where/in what way the message has been received. Subliminal messaging relies on mass appeal to achieve the intended success of whomever originates the message and, when such a message reaches critical mass in terms of those heeding it, what was a "subjective" idea may well become an "objective" reality.

The object of this working is to establish an idea, whether it is to be believed initially or not, in the minds of randomly selected targets. As it is virtually impossible to know what the "critical mass" is for a given idea, the number 3 has arbitrarily been assigned; the actual number is left for the worker to decide. Note that the targets will not be aware, in all likelihood, of what the idea being given them is. Herein again lies the subliminal component.

## THE WORKING

0. Begin with a banishing ritual, and use it to banish all thoughts except for the idea to be sent.
1. Statement of intent: "I will that (insert idea here) manifest!"
2. From the statement of intent, create a sigil and accompanying mantra.
3. Make 3 copies of the sigil and mantra.
4. After having charged the sigil, preferably reaching gnosis by repeating the mantra, fold the paper with the original sigil, and put in a copious quantity of sweet-smelling incense. Burn the paper now, in such a way that the smoke goes outward



# Skullfuck

by Tzimon Yliaster

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Date: Sat, 25 Dec 93 07:06:28  
Subject: Exercise to aid Dream Recall  
From: Sri Palindrome.151

The skullfuck  
An Exercise in Dream Recall

Purpose: This is an exercise to aid in the recollection of dreams through the use of visualization and tactile imagery. It is best performed at the times that one begins to fall asleep.

1. Relax; take a few deep breaths, and concentrate on the present sensation of the extremities.
2. Allow yourself to feel the gradual decrease in sensitivity of the limbs as you drop off to sleep.
3. Switch your attention rapidly from limb to limb, but block out extraneous thoughts as completely as possible.
4. When nearly all sensation is lost in the extremities, switch your attention to the spine; localize your attention to the sensation at each vertebra. Send a current of energy up from the base very slowly to the top.
5. When the current reaches the top, visualize the entire spine as a penis, and the point where it enters the skull as the sexually-oriented orifice of your choice.
6. Concentrate now on the sensation of the spine-penis entering the foramen magnum-orifice. When bringing the sensation to the conscious level, recall that it is your penis and/or your orifice; a great deal of sensation is being generated.
7. Hold the images and sensations in mind until you do, in fact, fall asleep. Attempt immediately to hold up your dream-hands in front of your eyes.

By practicing this daily, near total dream recall is achieved in a relatively short time.

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I've sent this out because I've found that better access to one's dreams often equates to finding a lot of excellent raw material for personalized magickal work, insofar as many of the archetypes to be worked with can be found there. It took about 30 days of work before I actually got this functioning correctly, but my own dream recollection is approximately 90% now, and I often remember several

dreams from the same night. Also, my lucidity is at around 10% of total.

Merry Reproduction in a Barn Day!

MCP, TempleBabel  
Wild-Eyed Boy from Freecloud  
Sri Palindrome.151

# Strength Spell

**From:** asylumgrfx@usa.pipeline.com (WorryDoll)

**Newsgroups:** alt.magick

**Subject:** Re: Buff

**Date:** 22 Jul 1996 07:33:44 GMT

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Nick XXXXXX shouted he wanted a ritual, spell, etc. for buffness

## What you'll need:

1. an incense of large charcoal briquettes, and a brazier, with a metal grill upon it, in which to burn it.
2. various food items from the four food groups
3. a quiet place to go and perform the ritual
4. Big heavy metal things

## Ritual:

- Light the incense, and place above it the various food items. Continue until food is thoroughly purified. This provides the spiritual energy needed to perform the rest of the ritual.
- Pick up the metal things.
- Put down the metal things.
- Assure yourself that you aren't just doing this because you're insecure about your penis.
- Repeat a few hundred times.

Repeat this ritual on a fairly regular basis.

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I hope you realize, that like the world we live in, this ritual is a joke.

WorryDoll

# Summoning: Nuclear Elemental

*by Frater Avakado*

**From:** bromios@aol.com (Bromios)

**Newsgroups:** alt.magick.chaos

**Subject:** SUMMONING: NUCLEAR ELEMENTAL

**Date:** 9 Feb 1995 15:26:40 -0500

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## Symmonyng uv ye olde ancyenth elementhal uv thee seethyng nukelear kaos

Well kiddies, I always remember seeing listings for elementals (undine, gnome, salamander and sylph) and I've always thought they were too safe for my liking. Sure they are the traditional elements, but what about the "new" elements that we have discovered like nuclear force, electric and electromagnetic force, gravity and such. Well I've decided to write down these rituals as they come to me that will summon forth elementals of these "new" forces.

### **Purpose:**

To evoke the power of a nuclear elemental and have it manifest for 5 minutes.

### **Ingredients:**

- U238
- A piece of lead
- A sigil you create
- Human flesh
- High tension power lines
- An Ipecac
- Several razors
- Matches
- Something flammable

### **Beginning:**

Take with you what you can find or obtain. Having the U238 would be helpful but it should be unnecessary. Find an area in relative isolation where there is a whole row of high tension power lines that preferably emanate from a nuclear plant. If this cannot be accomplished, cover yourself with an electric blanket.

Take the piece of lead and place upon it a sigil of your own creation, dedicating one side to Azathoth, the other side to Homer Simpson.



Several days before the ritual, begin to avoid drinking water as much as possible, comb your hair daily and harshly! pulling out strands by the dozen. Brush your teeth until the gums are raw and bleeding. On the night of the ritual, take care not to clean the blood off your teeth and bring the hair you take from your brush with you as well. As much as possible, try to physically emulate the effects of radiation poisoning short of actually getting it.

On the night of the ritual, go to the site you chose/ found for it after consuming an ipecac (something vile that will make you throw up violently, grass mixed into mustard works, also toothpaste in peppermint ice cream, fruitloops and pork mixed into strawberry Quik, raw eggs combined with chocolate and rocks etc...) holding back the biliousness that is filling your stomach. If you can't, then take the ipecac at the ritual making sure that you will vomit at the ritual.

## **Ritual**

Start a good sized fire underneath the high tension power lines, in the steel tubing structure, let it grow in strength of a good campfire. Walk away from the fire, letting your mind be filled with the fire and only the fire. Take the razors and stick them into your flesh, letting them jut there as you bleed on yourself. Consume the ipecac now if you haven't already. Begin to chant anything. Close your eyes and begin visualization.

Visualize in the fire that fills your mind, a seething white heat that pulsates.

Visualize it filling your being. Feel the biliousness in your stomach.

Feel the biliousness become a cancer, it's tumor forcing it's way up your oesophagus

Tilt your head back towards the wires high over you, concentrating, feeling the electromagnetic radiation tear the iron out of your blood through the razors. Feel the radiation making the tumor grow. Prepare to perform the technicolor yawn.

At the moment when you can no longer hold back the vomit, when you start hocking up chunks even tho you're trying to choke it back, run to the fire and let it all out. Feel the tumor being thrown from you. Wipe the blood from your body and throw it into the fire. Throw the hair into the fire if you have it.

Visualize the tumor being enveloped by the fire, the fire shifting to a bright blue flame not unlike that of a butane torch.

The blue flame rises, glowing. It becomes human shaped.

Shout at it, never flinching, until it cowers before you.

Give it your instructions to carry out your will. It will perform them when suitably subdued.

## **Dismissal**

Take the piece of lead with Azathoth/Homer Simpson. Call the elemental. When the elemental arrives, take the piece of lead and shove it in your tight fist and punch the elemental deep in where it's heart should be. Visualize the lead blocking the elemental's power center, absorbing the power. Remove thine fist. The elemental should flicker out, the piece of lead falling to the floor.

aVaCAAdO

the VIBRATING apostle

# Time Consumption

-or-

# Yet Another Fotamecus Rite

by Fenwick Rysen  
23 June 1999

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**OBJECTIVE:** To draw the power of the Fotamecus time manipulation egregore into the participants and thus imbue them with the ability to distort time.

**BACKGROUND:** Fotamecus was initially a sigil used to alter time that, through constant use, was imbued with a life of its own as a servitor. Fotamecus subsequently was released to the internet, and the power of hundreds of users around the globe was enough to eventually push him over the border into egregorehood, beyond the control of any one individual. Fotamecus is diametrically opposed to Chronos, espousing a model of time as fluid and malleable instead of fixed and immutable. Further information about Fotamecus may be found elsewhere.

**NOTES:** This isn't really a very structured ritual; it's mostly social in context with a short ritual-like component at the very end. If it feels like you're not doing a ritual until about step -4, you're doing it right. This is probably because of the heavy kitchen-witchery style of most of this ritual.

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## **MATERIALS REQUIRED:**

- An oven
  - Sugar cookie dough (either ingredients for home-made or a supermarket pre-packaged dough)
  - A cookie sheet
  - A small clock for each participant
  - A Fotamecus Talisman (this can be a paper drawn with the sigil or any physical object other than a mechanical timepiece)
  - A small magnet and glue (optional, necessary only if talisman is to become a refrigerator magnet)
  - Participants, one of whom is Head Cook (HC)
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## **RITUAL:**

- 10. Participants gather, chat, socialize, and have fun. People should be entertaining themselves with food, conversation, games, etc. The central area around which this circulates should eventually move towards the kitchen.
- 9. The participants start baking cookies. If you've got pre-pack cookie batter, this is as simple as slicing the cookies and tossing them on the tray. If you're baking from scratch, the HC should be incharge and ask people to measure and mix things for him/her, trying to get everyone involved.
- 8. Once you have one cookie on the tray for each participant, everyone should gather and simultaneously impress their clocks into their cookies while saying "Praise unto Fotamecus! Chronos, your time has come!".
- 7. Put ze cookiez in ze oven an' bake 'em.
- 6. Socialize some more; have fun. Play a game of Twister. Put a Monty Python movie on for atmosphere. Get some shinai and spar in the back yard. Engage in meaningless ontological debate. You get the general idea.
- 5. Retrieve da cookiez. Let 'em cool. ( $450 + 98.6 = \text{bad}$ )
- 4. Participants gather in temple space (or, it true kitchen witch style, use the kitchen area) with the cookies and the Fotamecus Talisman. Form a circle together around the altar (dining table or counter). Cover the altar (table) with an altarcloth (tablecloth) upon which is painted the sigil of Fotamecus. Alternatively, use a piece of butcher paper on which the sigil is scrawled with whatever was handy at the moment. Place cookies upon the altar (table) in a circle around the talisman.
- 3.5 Insert Banishing/Opening Ritual here if so desired (or clean, disinfect, and mop the kitchen).
- 3. All participants gather in a circle around altar (table) and join hands, raise them upwards, and look up while calling out loudly, "Fotamecus, We Call Upon You!". Hands are lowered but still held, eyes focus on altar, and all call out, "Fotamecus, Come Witness This!"
- 2. Participants break hands, and the HC takes the talisman in his hands and holds it above the altar. All participants place a hand above and below the HCs hands, completely enclosing the talisman. Following the HCs lead, participants begin to breathe deeply in unison, focusing upon the talisman held in the center of their hands. Participants draw in as much power as they can and force it through their hands into the talisman. Slowly the breathing gets faster and faster. A gnosis should begin creeping up slowly, and as it creeps up, the breathing becomes faster and faster, the group moving together as they breathe power into the talisman.

-1. As gnosis is reached, all participants place their dominant (writing) hand upon their cookie while keeping their other hand on the fist containing the talisman. Then all participants call out, "Fotamecus, Come Feed Us!" and visualize the energy from the talisman running up their arms, into their body, back down the other arm and into the cookies. Continue to call this out throughout this process, not necessarily in unison.

0. When each participant feels they have charged their cookie, they raise their cookie skyward, call out, "Fotamecus, Come Feed Me!" and take a bite their cookie, other hand still joined above the altar, still drawing in the power of Fotamecus from the talisman. Feel this power settling in your stomach as you eat the cookie, welling throughout your system, becoming a part of you.

1. After eating the cookie, return the other hand to the center and wait for all to be done; resume breathing in unison, but slowly and at a comfortable, regular pace. Try to feel the power of Fotamecus spreading throughout your body, the ability to manipulate time at will. Let your mind wander on those thoughts.

2. When all have re-joined hands in the center, all say in unison, "We Are Fotamecus! Chronos, your time has come!". Then the Head Cook calls out, "Let the Battle be Enjoined!!!" and all give the best battle cry they can.

3. Congratulations, you are now a warrior of Fotamecus! Spend the next few days trying to alter time, possibly with the use of the Fotamecus sigil, possibly without.

4. Either keep the Fotamecus talisman on hand for the next ritual, draw lots to see who gets to keep it, or give it to an individual if their is overwhelming consensus as to who should have it. Or glue a magnet to it and stick it on the refrigerator.

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### **TIPS:**

- When impressing the clocks into the cookies, identifying marks can be impressed into the cookie as well to help remember which cookie belongs with which person. Alternatively, each individual cookie can be cooked on aluminum foil that is marked with the participant's name/sigil/identifier.
- If there aren't enough clocks to go around, everyone can place their hand on one clock and impress each cookie one at a time together while repeating the phrase for each cookie.
- If call-and-repeat must be used for the group lines, it should be called by the HC, and then the HC will repeat it with everyone else in unison.
- Any othe food that will take an impression of a clock is a suitable substitute for the cookies.
- If agreed upon beforehand, instead of simply breathing in unison, all participants can chant the mantric sigil "Fotamecus" in unison with their breathing.

- In case anyone missed the obvious symbolism: You're eating a clock (well, a symbol of one at any rate). You are thus conquering it, becoming its master. It's been imbued with the power of Fotamecus and you have drawn that power into yourself, literally digesting it, so that this power becomes a part of you. Duh.

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# Undine Evocation

by Tzimon Yliaster

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WORKING: Undine Evocation  
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Sun, 2 Oct 1994 02:42:46 GMT

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Purpose/Intent:

The intent behind this ritual is the evocation of an Undine, which is an elemental of watery elements. It can be applied as easily to an electronic sea as a watery one. This working aims to create or draw an undine from water and send it off into the Digital Aethyr (another sort of ocean altogether).

Needed:

A body of water  
A fire  
Gold Circle Prophylactics (optional?)  
Material to Sculpt into a Fetish

The Working:

1. All line up before the fire, which should be built a good distance from the body of water (several yards at least).
- 1.5. Each participant sticks a Gold Circle Prophylactic (still in its case) on their head, over the ajna-chakra.
2. One of the participants shouts out "HUT!", and all charge at top speed to the body of water.
3. Each participants cups some water in hir hands and then proceeds slowly back to the fire. During this walk back, they should repeat a statement of intent, either mentally or aloud, along the lines of:  
"My will is to bring forth an undine and send it into the digital aethyr."
4. If no water remains in the cupped hands, the participant returns and gets some more water, again and again, if needs be.
5. Each in turn casts hir handful of water onto the fire, saying the statement of intent aloud.
6. A fetish is made in the form of the undine, and a name given it.





# The Vortex Rite

**Newsgroups:** alt.magick.chaos

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**Subject:** Re: Stupid question

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Due to legalities imposed by the IOT, I am unable to post the Vortex Rite in its entirety. The Vortex was written by Peter Carroll, and the IOT has chosen to restrict any exact reprint, in any medium, of the original work. So much for that.

There is nothing in copyright laws, however, to keep me from describing the ritual to you (I checked), so here's a synopsis of the rite. Keep in mind that this is not the original form in which it was presented by Carroll; however, all of the elements of the working are reproduced in my own words.

1. Stand up.
2. Take a few good, deep breaths. Relax.
3. Stomp your foot on the floor and cry out HUT (meaning "start")
4. Extend both index fingers and bring them together in front of you. Say XIQUAL UDINBAK, which means roughly "manifest chaos". Visualize a point of light at your fingertips.
5. Separate the fingers so that you draw a vertical line before you. Say XIQUAL UZARFE, D'KYENG. This means, roughly, "manifest aethyr, Planck's constant". Aethyr is buzzing with potential, Planck's constant is total contraction. Visualize the astrological symbol for Saturn at the top of the vertical line, and the Greek letter "psi" at the bottom.
6. Bring the index fingers back together, but keep visualizing the lines and the symbols at either end.
7. Draw a line with the fingertips perpendicular to the first line, saying XIQUAL KUDEX, EACHT (roughly, manifest light and darkness). At either end of the line, visualize, respectively, a sphere of light and one of total blackness.
8. Repeat step 6.
9. Draw another line at a 45-degree angle to the first two. Say XIQUAL ASHARA, DIJOW - roughly, manifest fire and air (they also mean energy and time, respectively). A variety of symbols can be used to represent the two, including personally-created sigils. I tend to use the old alchemical triangles myself, but that's just the traditionalist in me talking.
10. Repeat step 6.
11. Last line! Perpendicular to the one in step 9, with the phrase XIQUAL THALDOMA,NOBO (roughly, water and earth, or space and mass). Just like step 9, really. Use whatever symbols do it for you.
12. Take your time, and make sure that you can fully visualize all of the lines and symbols. Don't try to control color; just let it come to you as it will (this is one way to discover your octarine).



If you're shot in the foot by the rise of the right.

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# The Wishing Well -or- Releasing the Butterfly of Chaos

by Frater Choronzon

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The general function of a Wishing Well is understood from an early age by most people. The user projects some required outcome of events, or "wish" into the well, perhaps accompanied by a symbolic financial donation, and waits for events to take their course. Similar properties are attributed in popular tradition to acts of cutting a birthday cake and breaking a wish-bone while devoting certain species of poultry.

In every sense, the act of making a wish using any of the above ritual props is a magical operation though experience suggest that Wells tend to be more effective than both chicken bones and all but the most esoterically decorated cakes in achieving the intended result.

As of late, many Wishing Wells have been withdrawn from public access; and, moreover, recent opinion polls have indicated high levels of dissatisfaction with the scarcity of wish-fulfillment opportunities, particularly among vegetarians. This paper attempts some analysis of the dynamics involved in successful wish-making, and offers a ritual procedure which readers may find useful pending the launch of another "Wishing Well Withdrawal" from the public eye.

Anyone who has studied non-linear dynamics (or Chaos Mathematics) as applied to the interaction of complex systems (for instance life-in- general) will be aware of the extreme sensitivity of such systems to initial conditions. This is illustrated by the so called Butterfly Effect; a model of the process by which a butterfly flapping its wings on the Carribean Islands can set in train a series of atmospheric interactions which may culminate, after some elapsed time, in the occurrence of a hurricane in London.

The hypothesis in this context is that the ritual act of making a wish sets up initial conditions for a Chao/dynamic process which culminates, after some elapse time, in the occurrence of whatever event was the original objective of the wish; hence the subtitle "Releasing the Butterfly of Chaos". Atmospheric effects are often synchronous with successful magickal operations as was observed, for example, by those who were present for (or within earshot of) the 4,000 watt "Enochian Verse Recital" in South London, 17.30 Hrs, Monday, 28 May, 1990; but where magic is concerned the atmospherics are felt to be little more than by-products of casual sequence which is primarily electromagnetic in character.

The actual process by which a successful wish is transformed into its outcome is, of course, magic; at least in the sense that modern TV receiver might be acknowledged as

such by Agrippa or Abra-Melin the Mage - Was there ever a more effective acrostic "for divers visions" than an infrared remote control?

A detailed explanation of how the magical process appears to work would fill a book (reasonable offers from reputable publishers accepted); suffice it to say that no rewrite of either the Laws of Physics or the Axioms of Mathematics is required, and to mention that the Astrological elements of the hypothesis will form the substance of a paper to be presented to a forth coming meeting of the "Talking Stick".

For the purpose of this exercise, the process may be appropriately visualized by consideration of nothing more complicated than a humble smoke-ring. In mathematical terms this is a Torus (a ring- doughnut shaped structure) which has a clearly defined, coherent and self-contained existence for an extended period within a fundamentally chaotic matrix; ie. it can hung around for several seconds retaining its structure in the turbulent air of a smoke-filled room. Such ordered structures fall quite naturally out of the Chaos Mathematics which models the behavior of gases and liquids (Fluid Dynamics for the technically inclined). Examples of such ordered structures in a chaotic environment abound, and not only on this planet. The Great Red Spot on Jupiter, for instance, has been in existence at least since Galileo observed it in 1610, though the chaotic nature of that planets atmosphere was not appreciated until the flypast of the Voyager spacecraft of 1979.

A perfect smoke-ring requires very little expenditure of energy to be brought into existence, though that energy, in the form of a controlled pulse of gas projected from its creator lips has to be quite precise - ie. smoke-rings don't always work, particular if someone is watching, and the best ones of all usually happen quite by accident! Significantly, the only way an observer can know if a smoke-ring is there because it has smoke in it. If an identical pulse of gas is projected from a non-smoker, the Toroidal ring structure will be established in the just the same way within the atmosphere, but its presence is almost impossible to detect, even with the most sophisticated of scientific instruments.

The atmosphere is not the only chao/dynamic envelope surrounding our planet; there also exists the magnetosphere, which we perceive at ground level as the earths magnetic field. At present it exerts a force which causes a compass needle to point approximately towards the North Pole.

The magnetosphere extends out into so-called empty space well beyond the atmosphere of the planet, and is anything but static in character. Complete polarity reversals can occur. A record of these is preserved in the sequence of North and South oriented volcanic rocks which have been mapped in the ocean floor extending outwards from mid-oceanic ridges, such as that which runs the length of the Atlantic. The magnetosphere exhibits its own "weather" patterns which, like the atmospheric weather, are driven primarily by radiation from the Sun/Solar Winds. Magnetic and electric storms which affect TV and radio reception are a phenomena of magnetospheric weather, and interaction between the magnetosphere and the atmosphere can result in phenomena such

as the Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights. Other manifestations include ball- lightning and St. Elmo`s fire.

The ritual procedure put forward here postulates a process whereby a sudden pulse of electro-chemical energy, through an operators nervous system, establishes a magnetic structure which is the mathematical equivalent of a smoke-ring. It is suggested that this can occur on the onset of orgasm or accompanying a powerful martial-arts styled shout or KIAI, by a process akin to that of the Faraday Induction described in any half-decent textbook. The "magical" part of the process involves injecting a flash-visualisation of the eventual desired outcome of the magneto- smoke-ring as it is being established. The rest of the process of wish fulfillment is left to the wondrous dynamics of Chaos. It may be helpful for the operator to face towards the geographical (magnetic) North Pole.

If performed as a solo working, this ritual may usefully be preceded by a banishing and visualisation exercise. The ritual text is written in the Enochian language of the angelic calls which were devised or discovered by Dr. John Dee in the 16th Century. In the sense that Enochian can be seen as a system of control (or cyber-) language for "life, the universe, and everything" it has many of the characteristics of a computer programming language. Among such properties would be those of recursive self-reference (ie. the ability to modify itself), and some of the phraseology of the preamble to the ritual is designed to apply ideas developed by Douglas Hofstadter in his book Godel, Escher, Bach to the Enochian language. Specifically, the text of the ritual should increase its own potency with repetition.

After the Enochian preamble, the participant(s) should make a vocalized statement of a "wish" or willed endpoint for the working, at the same time strongly visualizing the desired outcome. This "wish" may be of a benefic or malefic intent, but beware! the Enochian preamble carries a force of personal honor, in wishes of a dishonorable character they are likely to backfire.

The pre-climatic mantrum "Zarzas Zarzas Nasatanata Zarzas" is held to be untranslatable. It is, by tradition, a formula which opens the Gates of Hell or the Abyss; in this context it is used to invoke the dynamic process of Chaos by which the wish can be fulfilled. Some occult authorities, Crowley among them, assert that the Zarzas formula is dangerous and advise against using it. Modern Chaos magicians do not share that view and, besides having employed it for years with no particular ills impacting the user, is consistently been found to enhance the effectiveness of most categories of magical working.

The final climatic KIAI may be shout such as that projected by a martial arts practioner in the process of shattering a concrete block (or someone`s sternum), or else an exaggerated cry of orgasmic ecstasy. Prospective participants with orgiastic inclinations may care to experiment with variant techniques to effect the final KIAI exclamation which sets the magical "butterfly effect" process in motion. For example, the Enochian couplet following the statement of the wish might be committed to memory by operator of either gender, and repeated while other participants stimulate that operator to a frenzied pitch of ecstasy, culminating in the final KIAI. Such variants are for the more experimentally

inclined, but it is the sort of experiments which magicians of an unhibited frame of mind (or body) may find it enjoyable to carry out as an end in itself. Any feedback on results would be welcome!

...continued by ritual text...

Ritual text / Enochian Invocation:

|                        |               |                        |              |                       |
|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| COMSELH                | I             | P                      | MALPURG      | DSI                   |
| The circle             | with          | eight                  | fiery darts  | which is              |
| DRILPA                 | EMETGIS       | DE                     | CHAOS        |                       |
| the great              | seal          | of                     | chaos        |                       |
| AS                     | IOADAF        | DE                     | TOL          | GLO                   |
| was                    | in the        | of                     | all          | things.               |
|                        | beginning     |                        |              |                       |
| T                      | I             | TA                     | HUBAR        | BLIOR                 |
| It                     | is            | as                     | a continual  | of comfort            |
|                        |               |                        | burning lamp |                       |
| NONCA                  | GMICALZOMA    | CRIP                   | I            | CORAXO                |
| to you                 | of power &    | but                    | is as        | thunders of judgement |
|                        | understanding |                        |              | & wrath               |
| CIAOFI                 | DE            | PAR                    | AG           | IAIADIX               |
| to the                 | of            | them                   | of no        | honor                 |
| terror                 |               |                        |              |                       |
| SOLPHETH               | BIEN:         |                        |              |                       |
| hearken                | to my voice:  |                        |              |                       |
| VOMSARG                |               | IADNAMAD               |              | GOHULIM:              |
| unto every one of you  |               | of undefiled knowledge |              | it is said:           |
| "OI                    | EMETGIS       | LONSHI                 | OVOF         | SA                    |
| "This                  | seal          | of power               | may be       | in                    |
|                        |               |                        | magnfied     |                       |
| MIAN                   | I             | SAPAH                  | DE           | OI                    |
| continuance            | with          | the mighty             | of           | this                  |
|                        |               | sounds                 |              |                       |
| LU                     | IA            | HE                     | BAHAL"       |                       |
| song                   | of            | honor                  | cried with a | loud voice"           |
| VLCININ                | DS            | I                      | ZA           | ZAZ                   |
| Happy                  | is            | s/he                   | who          | has framed            |
| ANGELGARD              | MANIN         | PRGE                   |              |                       |
| thoughts               | in the mind   | with the fire          |              |                       |
| ANANAEL                |               | PI                     |              |                       |
| of this secret wisdom, |               | s/he                   |              |                       |
| I                      | VGEG          | T                      | CAPMIALI     | FISIS                 |
| is                     | become        | also                   | successively | to execute            |
|                        | strong        |                        |              |                       |
| BUTMONA                | ATH           | OD                     | AMMA         | EMNA:                 |

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| Into | chaos            | the thoughts | are planted           |
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| and  | they will become |              | like unto the harvest |

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# Acoustic Sigils

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As some of you may remember, i was discusing a method for developing rather complex electro-acoustic sigils. for this method, you will require a program capable of generating (at least) sine waves. to those using a windows based PC, i would recommend Wavegen v2.1. (no, i don't have an address for it, but it shouldn't be too difficult to find.)

As with normal sigilizing, you generate your statement of intent:

my will for new shoes

Reduce as per usual:

mywilfornesh

Devise a scale to convert the alphabet to hertz (cycles per second). For example:

a = 20hz.  
b = 40hz.  
c = 60hz.  
d = 80hz.  
. . . etc.

Of course, this need not progress logically, and some prior experimenting to discover any personal relations between tones and letters may be necessary.

Progressing with the above scale, which i find most effective personally, our statement of intent would become.

m y w i l f o r n e s h  
260hz , 500hz , 460hz , 180hz , 240hz , 120hz , 300hz , 360hz , 280hz , 100hz , 380hz , 160hz  
.

Now, load up your tone-generating software. before you begin generating the sigil-tone, divide 100 by the amount of letters/components in the statement. the example contains 12, which results in a little over 8. this number denotes the maximum amplitude you can use when generating each tone of the sigil. to be safe, we'll reduce this number to 7, so as to avoid any clipping or peaking of our generated tone.

Now, generate a sine wave (you may try other wave-forms, but i find a sine works the best) with the first value (260hz), at an amplitude of 7%, with a length of one second. if your software can generate another tone over the previous one (modulating it) then you can continue generating each value within the statement of intent. if your software cannot

do this, you may have to generate each tone separately and then cut and paste them over one another (if this is the case, you may want to consider getting better software!).

Once you have finished all the values, you will have a one second long complex tone created with additive synthesis of simple tones, metaphorically similar to an audible sentence. save the file, preferably with a number-based name to aid forgetting the original intent. you can play the sample and loop it, and it should sound fairly smooth. you can leave it running, essentially having your computer recite a mantra for you. you can record it onto a tape, playing either in the foreground or barely audible. play it when you are falling asleep. incorporate it into music. broadcast it. etc. etc.

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# Action Sigils

by Ray Sherwin

(from a TOPY-issued newsletter)

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One of the problems, perhaps the only problem, with the process of sigilisation as it has been developed over the last seventy years or so is the disassociation of the intention and the operation. The pioneers of sigils have always maintained that it was essential, once the sigil had been designed and reified (using whatever method), that the operator should at least forget having done the working for this purpose and, if at all possible, forget the sigil itself after it had been destroyed or consigned to the realms of magical (unaware) consciousness. For this reason some sigilisers have adopted the scheme of making sigils and storing them with many other sigils, withdrawing particular ones at random and empowering them in ignorance of their intention. This has the required effect of separating the intended result from the working but also fragments the energies used. It is a useful experiment but little more.

There are two kinds of sigilisers - those who have been doing it for a while and those who are just starting to experiment. The first group tends to experience few difficulties excepting those of personal style and elegance of technique. The second group, largely through unsureness, suffers from more tangible difficulties and it was largely on their behalf that experiments with action sigils were undertaken.

The starting premise for this scheme of sigils is that the intellectual input usually involved in designing the sigil is entirely removed. This requires two magical operations rather than one. These two operations compartmentalize the creation of the sigil into the first ritual and the empowerment of it into the second thereby making it easier to empower the sigil without consciously restimulating memories of its intention and, since this method of creating the sigil produces an abstract rather than a symbol form it becomes far easier to enter the state of positive non-desiring and to work 'without lust of result'.

It should be noted at this point that I have only experimented with this technique on a group basis and that I have done no solo working with it although, in theory at least. It should make little difference except insofar as the note on abandonment of individual identity (see 12, below) is concerned. To keep a short story short I now resort to ritual rubric.

1. The operators carefully define the intention of the sigil.
2. An incense is made and is used for this working only.
3. Music is created and recorded and is to be used for this working only. (see also 10, below).
4. A large blank canvas is attached firmly to the temple wall.
5. Pigments appropriate to the work in hand are chosen and placed in open vessels near the canvas.

6. Special attention should be made to lighting whether that be of the traditional type, in which case many candles or lamps should be used, or whether it be stroboscopes and other mind-bending gadgets of evil empire.
7. Incense, music and lighting should be arranged so that, once lit or turned on, they need no further attention for the remainder of the rite.
8. The opening: A rite within a rite put together by consensus of those concerned. Its functions are:
  - o To set the mood of the rite.
  - o To begin the rite.
  - o To forcefully remind the operators of the intention of the rite.
  - o To afford an opportunity for a strong sacrament to be shared.
9. A period of silence in which each summons his/her allies, gods, demons or whatever.
10. The music starts. The operator who puts the tape together must bear in mind the kinds of activities that will take place over it (as follows) and must ensure that the tape is at least as long as the rite from this point onwards.
11. In order to bring a gnostic state upon themselves the participants begin to whirl. This is a technique in itself and must be practised several, or even many times before it is used ritually. It is best to start slowly and establish a rhythm, gradually building up speed until the arms rise by the force generated. This speed should be maintained while attention is focused on the object of the rite, eyes open. Experienced exponents might intone a mantra at the same time. The likely duration of this process is subject to four variables:
  - o The strength of the sacrament
  - o The effect created by the lighting, incense and music.
  - o The proclivities of the individual participants.
  - o Chaos, but less than one hour would be a waste. Whirling is a technique most often used to induce the ability to walk on hot coals. If you feel that you are ready to that you have achieved the desired state. (Prior to using whirling in ritual it is useful to set up a firewalk to demonstrate to oneself the effectiveness of this technique). The gnostic state has been entered when awareness of the body disappears and self is centred in or totally exterior to the body.
12. A difficulty with this kind of rite is in arranging the transition between one activity and another, especially when each individual must achieve the required mindstate in his/her own time. This means that the transition is graded and that for some time two activities are taking place concurrently.
13. "Each in turn as he was taken" stops whirling (not suddenly to avoid dizziness) and maintaining concentration on the object of the rite, approaches the canvass, smears Body with paint and transfers this to the canvass using any and all body parts except the hands and feet which leave too recognisable and symbolic an imprint. As other participants join in this activity all ideas of individualness in terms of Body and Self are surrendered to the notion of one Body, one Self, one organism with intention. There should be no difference in the minds of the participants between my Body and your Body, this Self and that Self. It is all one Body no matter whose the hand that smears or the thigh that receives the paint.

This submission, this temporary abandonment of individual identity has four advantages:

- In the absence of the individual Self there is no internal dialogue.
  - In the absence of the individual Self attention can be easily concentrated.
  - Paradoxically, in the absence of individual Self exteriorisation is facilitated because one has abandoned the notion of Self owning a particular Body to which it must necessarily remain attached. Exterior to Body is the ideal condition in which to create magical effects.
  - In the absence of individual Self one automatically forgets that one is performing ritual and this leaves one free to operate in present time, no longer concerned about or constrained by the structure of the rite. This is an excellent bonus. It is what every practical ritualist seeks to achieve.
14. This part of the ritual should go on for as long as the participants can hold their concentration and until everyone is satisfied with the operation.
15. An ending, previously designed through consensus, is performed. It's functions are:
- To ensure that all participants are centred in their Bodies.
  - To shut down concentration on the object of the rite.
  - To bring the rite to an end.
16. The ritualists leave the temple, bathe and relax in one another's company. The first rite is finished, an abstract sigil having been produced, and there should now be an interval of some days, if not a week or two, before the second rite.
17. There are many possible starting points for the ritual of empowerment and these depend mainly on the participants' preferred methods of working. They may prefer, for example, to work with the sigil itself, although its physical size may be somewhat inconvenient in terms of practicality. They might use a large colour photograph or even a colour intensified video image. Whatever, the ritualists now resort to their favourite method of hurling the sigil into Chaos in order to activate it. The only restriction on them is not to give the purpose of the sigil any consideration and the temple should be furnished with this in mind.

# **APIKORSUS**

An essay on the diverse practices of  
**CHAOS MAGICK**

from the **Lincoln Order Of Neuromancers**

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This is a chain book. On receipt, please copy and pass on to anyone.  
No curse is invoked if you do not choose to. Either way we win.

All rites reversed - 1986

## ***INTRO***

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Common to the various systems/traditions/paradigms of Magick are certain key concepts. We urge the reader not to accept/reject these as theoretical constructs, but to try and verify them by personal experience.

1. The Whole is encoded within each of its constituents - "As above, so below."
2. The Whole is interconnected, and all relative wholes partake in consciousness to varying degrees.
3. The Whole is self-organizing, and the evolution of all forms is governed by similar principles.
4. By means of a trained and directed will, we can effect change (probability > possibility) at various levels of organization.
5. Change is the only constant!
6. The Whole is more than the sum of its parts
7. Our beliefs define the limits of our allowed experience
8. "Everyday Reality" is not the limit of our experience - by entering Altered States of Consciousness we can experience other realities.
9. The entities which may be encountered during our experience of those other realities are *real within their own world*. To question their relative existence is unimportant, since the universe behaves as if they *do* exist.
10. Magical ability is engendered through an inward, transformative journey.

## **GNOSIS**

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Gnosis is the key to magical abilities - the achievement of an intense state of consciousness known in various traditions as No-Mind, One-Pointedness, or Sartori. Awareness is emptied of all information except the object/subject of concentration. Various methods of achieving gnosis can be resorted to, from frenzied dancing to the rapt contemplation of an idea. Whatever method is chosen, the practitioner continues it until s/he is taken into Ecstasy.

Reaching gnosis can result, for the religiously-oriented, in 'mystical experiences' - visitations by Gods, Demons, or the revealing of Divine Truths. For the magician however, the contents of such an experience are less interesting than what can be done with it - it is during moments of gnosis that sigils may be hurled; that the magician can reach through layers of space-time to manifest her will, and Gods can possess their devotees. Historically, many of the techniques of gnosis have been augmented by the use of drugs - from witches' flying ointments to the LSD & sensory deprivation experiments of John Lilly.

Any system or tradition is incomplete whilst it remains a theoretical curiosity. Study alone is of little value, unless it is complemented by practical messing about. Whole volumes might be written 'explaining' the magical natures of the various entities such as Goddesses, Demons, or Spirits, but these are no substitute for the experienced 'reality' of a deity during the course of a ritual. Although there is much talk of 'magical secrets', the only 'true' secrets are those which can be personally discovered through the light of direct magical experience.

Altered states of Consciousness may be achieved using a combination of *internal* changes (the use of the methods of gnosis), and *interactions* with others, as in hypnosis, group ritual, or orgia.

## **INVOKING WEIRDNESS**

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My old Adept used to say to me "Laddie, there ain't nothing you can't do if you put your mind to it." So off we went in full Golden Dawn regalia to hold back the tide at Bournemouth seafront. After that he had me doing sigils to make Harold Macmillan's hair stand on end. He gave his life to magick, he said, after meeting Crowley in a Turkish Bath, but he had boundless enthusiasm which was infective. You felt you could do it, no matter how silly or nonsensical it was. He was fond of saying "if the kingdom of heaven is within you, why spend more than £10 on occult books?" Here are some of the things he had me doing:

Everything we know boils down to supposition in the end, so reverse all statements, or put "nots" into assertions, and leap before you look. Wake up one day and attempt to

banish your everyday reality - everything becomes new, unfamiliar and totally baffling. Objects become intense and frightening.

Be Wrong. We spend a lot of time striving for 'Right' answers, right beliefs, doing it right. Doing it right = confidence = success. Bo-ring! Be Wrong!

Gods and Gurus. Possession by a God or Spirit allows you to do things you would not ordinarily do. A guru gives proof that you can walk a tightrope without falling off, that you can play in the deep end of the swimming pool without drowning. Insanity seems to be an occupational hazard of magicians. Better be mad now and save time later. Harpo Marx was the greatest Hollywood shaman. Could you blow up a rubber glove and then milk it?

Sanity is 'out there' rather than in your head, since most people seem to see themselves as crazier than everyone else. If we voice too many mad thoughts, we get locked up. I recall a woman in the local asylum who thought she was a bird in a cage - she'd learnt to keep quiet about this as telling people only got her extra medication and ECT. Being sane is being sane - not expressing your mad thoughts. Magick can be about letting your mad thoughts out to stalk the streets in gangs.

Magick is a street thing. Magicians must be seen and heard. Crowley's trickster persona exemplified this, following in the zig-zag path of Cagliostro, Simon Magus and innumerable Shamans and Witches world-wide. A good magician plays to his audience, be it a tribal shaman doing Ifa or a street-corner sorcerer making anti-cop talismans out of tin can lids. Learn to juggle, dance, play Irish Stand-down; these are the true siddhis. If you're really going to become a jumped-up little megalomaniac you might as well get a few laughs while you're about it. Pass the Top Hat.

## **TITAN-GNOSIS**

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There is a great deal of discussion at the moment on the subject of the change in Aeon, and of the influence of various "Currents". Apparently some people feel that an age of Aquarius - truth, justice, wholefood, no-nukes and peaceful pagan frolicking is just, like around the corner...maan. On the other hand, the possibility of the New Aeon being ruled by cannibal radioactive zombies cannot be entirely ruled out either.

The twentieth-century is busy resurrecting the titans - the primal "builders" of the cosmos who appear in creation myths under various guises - the Giants of Norse mythology or the Greek titans for instance. Once these titanic forces have completed their work, they are cast out or banished from the ordered cosmos, which is then populated with all manner of entities. The titans are ever-present, lurking at the borders of "reality". These forces, both destructive and creative, continually appear in literature as the theme of conflict between reason and raw, primal nature. The "High Priest" of such mysteries is the author H.P. Lovecraft, whose "Great Old Ones" seem to hold a continuing fascination for occultists, along with various other pantheons of Dark Gods, Dead Gods, Deep-fried Gods...



The myth-cycle of the titans represents the catabolic forces which propagate change in any system - whether the scale be universal or subatomic. They are held to be dormant or asleep in that they are in equilibrium. However, when a system evolves to a certain degree of complexity it becomes increasingly unstable, which can eventually lead to either evolution - the system "evolves" to a higher-order of complexity, or collapse - systems crash. It is at such crisis-points that the titans once more become active - when a great deal of instability needs to be built up, so that the evolutionary "leap" may be made.

The development of nuclear technology has led to a sudden increase of access points where the spheres meet between our ordered reality and the primal chaos of the titans. The gateways have been opened, and the evolution of all entities within the biosphere (both organic and elemental) is being affected.

As the power of the titans returns, a new priesthood has arisen to worship them - the power obsessed politicians and their numerous satraps. Like the inbred wizards of the Cthulhu Mythos, they believe that the titans can be controlled, and that they possess the spells to bind and chain the nuclear forces without danger. Unfortunately for them (and us), the titans are utterly amoral, not being sentient as we know it. Our only point of interface with them is through the so-called Dragon Brain, with its pre-verbal atavisms and instinctual drives.

Titan-Gnosis is the name we have given to the evolution in consciousness that the titans are generating in Human beings as their stirrings ripple through our mind. The awareness grows that Human survival surpasses all boundaries - both ideological and cultural; that it is necessary to live within nature rather than laying waste to the environment. It seems that as the titans stir in death's dream, the closer we are to "awakening" in larger and larger numbers.

The tricky point about the titans is that for the moment, we need them if the evolutionary leap is to be made successfully. Their return is generating the incoming current which has been variously conceptualised as the 93, Ma'at, or KAOS current. In the final analysis, the names and attendant symbolism are not that important - they are but facets of the same process.

Magicians and other visionaries who are aware of Titan-Gnosis and its effects are now actively working as transducers for these energies. Evocation of titanic energies into one's own space-time lattice is a dangerous enterprise, yet there are those who may seemingly do this with impunity. The use of names, sigils, and chants are only partially helpful, since the 'names' of the titans form the fabric of our reality itself.

NB: This essay was writ following a series of workings coincident to events preceding and following the Chernyobl disaster.

***EGO & WILL***

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The concept of the Ego - the psychic structure of self-identifications, beliefs, desires and personifications is recognised as the basis of our psychocosm. A curious misconception has arisen that the Ego is a barrier to magical development - that it is somehow to be taken down or destroyed before one can advance 'spiritually'. To some, it seems that while 'Western development' builds up the ego, 'Eastern approaches' aim at ego-transcendence. There is much discussion of the 'higher self' which appears after the ego has been transcended - this is a common theme in so-called 'New Age' thought. The psyche however, is not a *static* entity, and this kind of 'ego vs higher self' thinking is a carry-over of the rationalistic mind-body division. Attempts to get rid of the ego can easily result in one-sided development, fostering both self-importance and a 'holier-than-thou' attitude. Avoiding the so-called 'dark' aspect of human desire results in a shallow caricature of human potentiality, a blandness which avoids plumbing the depths of the psyche. Clarity of thought, insight, and struggle are glossed over with a sugar-coating of bliss.

To work with one's ego is to begin an inner alchemy, the aim of which is not to 'destroy' or 'transcend' it, but to move from a state of fixation (ego-centric) to a condition of mutability (Exo-centric), which is capable of constant revision and change. This is what is meant by the phrase 'letting go', and of dissolving the idea of mind as separate to the world. The Ego remains as a point of 'I-ness' which gives meaning to experience, yet the contents of the psyche become much more fluid.

In one sense, it is the ego which roots us in space-time - the psychic equivalent of having a sense of place, of occupying a particular set of co-ordinates. The majority of our experience of reality is at the level of objects, bodies and events that appear to be temporally separate. We experience ourselves as centres of will, perception, and ego.

In contrast to the ego, the will displays a vector quality, in that it has both direction and magnitude. The will is the wave to the ego's particle. Although we like to think of ourselves as centres of intentionality, much of our behaviour is a result of vector resonance - waves rippling through, appearing in our space-time universe as separate events and synchronous experiences. A key to the appropriate magical stance is given by Crowley in his novel, *Moonchild*:

"...the clever man, so-called, the man of talent, shuts out his genius by setting up his conscious will as a positive entity. The true man of genius deliberately subordinates himself, reduces himself to a negative and allows his genius to play through him as it will..."

The Thelemic concept of the realisation of the True Will necessitates an unfolding of awareness of the will as a vector quality. Will imposes organisation - order out of "the chaos of the normal" (Austin Osman Spare), and the realisation of True Will involves an 'obedience to awareness' of the evolutionary patterns which govern human development. Will is an emergent property of our interaction with the total environment - it cannot be isolated to any one element. Will, perception and consciousness - we are immersed in

them the way a fish is immersed in water. They are emergent properties of the total biosphere of Gaia.

So much for theory. How is this alchemy accomplished? The key word is *integration* - dissolving the mind-body, spirit-matter fragmentation. Enter into a 'being-in-the-now' dance, immersed in the body of Gaia, within the universe. Will on any level is the organising principle - kundalini-shakti coiled creates all forms. Therefore:

1. Invoke Often, feeling all magical acts as a passage of Will *through* you.
2. Attend to the continual reconstruction of your psychocosm through the examination of beliefs, desires and attitudes.
3. Seek union with all that you have rejected.
4. Practice magick as though your very survival depended on it!
5. Forget everything you have been told about the world, assume nothing and develop your own path.
6. Eat more donuts!

## **SIGILS**

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Sigilisation is a method by which a desire/intent is encoded into a non-obvious form, i.e. a glyph or picture which does not immediately call to mind the original intent. Any magical intent can be written out, and the letters scrambled to form a picture, mantra or neologism, which can be repeated or concentrated upon until gnosis ensues. Alternatively, the sigil may be set aside until its original purpose is forgotten, and then hurled.

During gnosis or times of great emotional feeling, the sigil may be drawn, visualised or fiercely concentrated upon, to the exclusion of all else. This enables the so-called subconscious mind to 'reprogram' reality in accordance with will. Once the sigil is cast, it is forgotten, so that the desire's realization is not hindered by 'lust of result.'

The word, spoken or written, forms the majority of sigils. It is also worth experimenting with the keying of desires to specific smells, tastes or sounds. Sigils can bring about a wide range of results, from the most abstract to the 'mundane'. From altering dream-content, to habit and behaviour reformation, and arranging fortuitous co-incidences.

Sigils may be formed in this manner independently of any system of planetary or other symbols, and can be hurled forth without elaborate ritual. As a method of practical magick, it is simple and elegant; its effectiveness can be discovered through personal experiment.

See:

- The Book Of Results - Ray Sherwin (The Morton Press)

- Liber Null - Pete Carroll (S.A. Press)

## ***DANCING ON A KNIFE'S EDGE***

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Deliberate magical duels between sorcerors are generally regarded as 'black magick' by westerners, yet magical combat can be an extremely powerful way of bringing a trainee magician to full operancy. Such 'tests of fitness' can be found in the trials of Zen pupils under various masters, the shamanistic explorations of Carlos Casteneda or Lynn Andrews, and the legend of Nimue and Merlin.

As part of an initiation, a candidate may be expected to defend a spot or object, despite all the combined efforts of the group to flaunt her. Long-range magical attack may employ telepathic destructive impulses, projection of thought-forms or sympathetic (unsympathetic?) magick.

Magical Combat should be differentiated from psychic attack, with which a large proportion of 'fringe' occultists concern themselves with, and is largely a product of self-delusion and varying degrees of megalomania. True magical combat has its own rules and boundaries, which are known to the skilled, while the trainee must quickly learn them if trauma is to be avoided. Caught up in a situation which s/he finds incomprehensible and alien, the trainee only knows confusion and terror. Stripped of the smug self-assurance of "it can't happen to me" s/he learns to perceive the environment with clarity, to give attention to the rhythms and pulses of the world. Truly, Death is a great teacher. If you can reach forwards and see the moment of your 'death', then that moment will give you a glimpse of your potential.

In this, the magician is less of a warrior and more of a thief (granted, 'Chaos Thief' isn't as attractive a label as 'Chaos Warrior'). Prometheus is the appropriate mythic image - the stealer of fire. No-one can fight Death and win, but s/he can be outwitted. The magician is one who capers and antics, the wise fool. No-one takes a fool seriously. Become a fool and lay a false trail. Drop the po-faced mask of 'initiate' and take your partners for the masque!

The progress of western magicians does not seem as terrible as the travails of magicians in other cultures. Since so much 'knowledge' can be bought, the idea of striving against trials for power seems foreign. This is not just a glamour; life-threatening or mentally-traumatic situations can open the floodgates of magical ability in a way that no weekend workshop or correspondence course ever can. Living on the Edge is an appropriate phrase, as there is no room for half-measures. A magical combat, if properly arranged, will force you to relearn what you need to be able to do in order to survive. If a Magus is going to pass her power to another, she must be sure that the candidate has the qualities (i.e. a survival instinct and staying power) necessary to accept the responsibility (karma?) that attends the position. The aim of such combat is constructive, but if the candidate fails - so must it be.

## **RITUAL**

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During ritual, the network of concepts, symbols and mental maps 'come alive' and the direct experience produces a change in consciousness. Ritual involves sidestepping the everyday world and creating a bubble where all limitations are suspended, and the power of magick flows unhindered. A well-tuned group can act as a silicon chip within the biosphere (we like to think of Gaia sometimes as 'the motherboard'), accessing and interfacing with other subsystems via the code of symbols, gnoses and imagination, allowing change to manifest at all levels possible in the system - Aeonic developments, seasonal rhythms, psychic development - As here, so everywhere.

The increasing use of computer metaphors within L.O.O.N. cells has influenced our style of ritual. We have abandoned the traditional form, with its quasi-religious format and monkish robes. The current trend is white boiler suits, black pumps and gloves, and wraparound shades. This, together with robot-bopping and electronic shriekback gives us a distinctive style. Granted, it does look a little out of place at Glastonbury. Dances can reflect the spiral energies of the universe, manifesting in the DNA and other forms. The formation of a Gestalt group mind allows a group to work ritual whilst temporally or spatially separated, if need be.

Ritual creates Order out of Chaos, a sphere wherein everything (even our mistakes) is an expression of will. When invoking the Chaos Current one is identifying with the unfolding aeonic shift, so that one literally *becomes* the current, as a physical locus.

Armed with this awareness, a seasonal rite can become a powerful focus of change, as the seasonal pulses are directed both inwardly (personal change) and outwardly (environmental change). Traditionally, these festivals are cross-over points between the worlds - and awareness of the internal/external dimensions seems to have been largely forgotten by westerners, shielded as we are from the elements by our centrally-heated boxes.

The scale at which a ritual act manifests is dependent on the will of its participants - anything from scrying the ripples and eddies of Chaos to warping the very fabric of space-time. The format of the working is that which the participants perceive to be appropriate to the intent - invocation may be verbal or structured from an arrangement of bells and gongs of different tone. A sequence of dances may be arranged to reflect the transformation of force into form, or the energisation of astral machines or circuits. A ritual, begun physically, may be re-enacted or continued in dream.

We have found that generally, it is simply structured rituals which have the most effective result. Will is the feather-touch which can move mountains.

As with anything else, someone else's ritual will only be effective for *you* up to a point - look at other peoples' rites as learning devices. Ritual for its own sake is rarely effective, but when powered by will/intent, is highly so. However the condition of mind that must be mastered is to stop thinking about whether or not the rite will be effective. Lust of

result must be replaced by a cellular certainty that once the arrow of desire has been loosed, it will strike its target. By all means discuss experiences, technique, and how it can be done better next time, but let the intention/desire vanish from conscious concern.

## **MAGICAL WEAPONS**

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"Your mind and body are precious tools."  
--Bene Gesserit axiom

Enough has been written of the 'traditional' weapons of magick, so we will not add to the verbiage. In general, a magical weapon is a focus for will and perception - a vehicle for astral/etheric energy (whatever that is). Physical form is a secondary consideration. A weapon is any instrument which is imbued with power. Some 'shamanic' instruments - dolls, masks, rattles, drums etc., have their own history, personality and charisma - they are quite likely to 'bite' the unwary, and are considered by their owners to be sentient. The relationship between such a weapon and its owner is similar to that between a human and a cat - a true weapon of power owns itself and is quite likely to decide when it should be passed on.

Perhaps the foremost weapon is the body. In Magical Combat, projection of the bioaura can disrupt the field of another person, the 'push' resulting in psycho-physical trauma. Eastern yogis are reputed to be able to cause death by application of mantrayoga. The way we experience our bodies tends to reflect our world-experience - see the body as a machine and it is liable to break down. We L.O.O.N.'s prefer to view the body as a biosystem, a microcosm of the biosphere, itself a microcosm of the Universe. Thus the body becomes a weapon for understanding the greater systems in which it is enmeshed.

Rather than holding that weapons A, B, C, D as necessary before one can begin to practice magick, we set out upon our paths and let the weapons declare themselves to us. As Don Juan says, there is no such thing as 'an accident' to a 'man of knowledge' - everything is out there, waiting to happen. Thus, rather than seeking a weapon out, or popping around to the nearest occult supermarket and buying one, we attract the necessary instruments to us *by our works* - it may manifest by being 'found', given as a gift, or appear as an inspired 'entity' from some other dimension.

An example of this latter approach is a horned staff owned by SKaRaB, who was inspired to draw during a moment of vacuity (watching TV) and hours later, sought it on the astral:

*"...retired about 1.45am. Proceeded to visualise the image of the staff in an Egyptian temple. Found the staff stuck in a recess in the floor so that it stood upright. Grasped the staff with my right hand and a burst of very strong energy flooded through me, starting at the base of my spine - breath-taking but not violent. Vibrated the god-names of the staff [received earlier]: Ra, Isis, Ma'at, Hathor, Sekhmet - with each vibration, the ripples increased. Changing (physical) posture did not interrupt this. Let go of the staff and assumed astral form of Osiris slain. Felt calm, clear, but tired. Grasped the staff again*

*and felt physical vibrations run along my right arm. Invoked Hathor and mentally said "Enough - I can't take any more." The energy flow ceased abruptly. 'Left' the astral form of the staff in the temple. Closed at 5.35am."*

SKaRaB notes that the subsequent assembly of the physical staff was a transformation in itself, though the aetheric form and personality had been to a large extent, already established. When watching SkaRaB and the staff in action, it is sometimes hard to decide who is wielding who. The weapon has knowledge and its own attendant familiars, and may yet abandon SKaRaB if it finds someone else who can effect its purpose with greater precision.

## **NEORMANTICS**

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Neuromancy centres all occult ability and potentia within the human brain - possibly the least understood and most complex system of all. All occult exercises, according to this model, have some kind of effect on the brain, and it also follows that in respect to experiences with ASCs, possession, gnosis etc., that the root event is occurring at a neurological level.

Thus the aim of any psychotechnology is to unlock the powers of the human brain. We believe that the evolutionary adaptation of humanity is an ongoing development of consciousness, and the place where all vectors meet in consciousness is expressed, in physical form, as the individual biosystem.

Of all the techniques of neuromancy, recourse to Chemognosis (drugs) is the most widespread across cultures, and in the western hemisphere particularly, one that arouses much controversy. Only those who have received medical training, and can hence say from a position of authority that they do not know how the brain works, are allowed to tamper with it - through ECT, surgery and the good old 'chemical cosh.' While it is fine for these watchdogs to impose their will upon the brains of others, it is quite another matter for non-qualified people to try it on themselves.

## **TECHNO-SHAMANSIM**

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1. Why use a crystal ball - try an untuned television set - comes with free 'white noise' too!
2. Recover other people's discards and use them to produce magical objects. Talismans made from photo-montages & collages, scrap tins and old radio parts.
3. Invoke the fetishes of the modern age, channel the corporate identities of 'Unilever' or 'Max Factor'. What we call sorcery, they call advertising.



4. Rituals to 'Stop the City', shoplifting, rent strikes or computer zaps are much more fun than all the usual stuff. See if you can conjure a poltergeist to squat in the local tax office.
5. Experiment with fake radio news broadcasts. Make tapes announcing the weird and wacky then play them quietly in crowded trains and buses. Watch people thinking 'did I really hear that?' and seize the momentary suspension of reality to get some off-the-cuff sorcery done!
6. Perhaps we need a revolution of the sorcerers?

## ***DANCE AND BE DAMNED!***

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We are magick. This is not a boast, you won't find "L.O.O.N. are magick" sprayed on bus shelters - but magick isn't something we do, or something we're 'into', it's what we've decided to be. But our magick isn't something we scuttle away and do after work, at weekends, or once a week when the gang gets together - hell, the best group work we get done is when we are apart! Magick we live, eat, breathe and shit! This book is a brief pause on the video - a momentary pause for us. By the time you read this, we're gone, on a collision course with our futures.

Write Your Chaos Magick Tome!

Why buy books on Chaos Magick when you can write your own! It's simple, all you need is a load of paper, pens, glue, and the mind-altering substance of your choice. Go to the library and choose books at random, collect a pile of magazines from wherever you can get them free. Record bits of other people's conversations. Get all your bits together and place on the floor in a big pile. Ingest the sacrament, throw the pile about and start cutting things (not the library books!) into clippings. When you enter gnosis (or just get bored) sweep the lot into a big cardboard box. Don't forget to insert the word 'chaos' into the text every 2 or three phrases. And next week we'll be showing you how to make a cover to keep it all in... cue theme music... credits...

This is usually the stage in every Chaos Magick tome where the authors start running out of verbal diarrhoea/insults and start padding things out with examples of rituals, spells, 'new' systems of divination or equations. So without further ado we present the L.O.O.N. banishing ritual:

"FUCK OFF YOU BASTARDS!"

## ***ENTROPOLITIKS***

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"There is no tyranny in the state of confusion"... The Media acts to censor information. All media nets are programmed to give the illusion of free speech and multiple options. Political manipulation of the media is becoming increasingly overt... who cares?

What about the so-called 'underground' of occult 'zines'? They tend to be the product of individuals, orders or groups, and provide an essential network for passing information along - or of injecting a healthy dose of Disinformation. We tend to judge an occult group on the basis of the information circulating about them. Such judgements are at best tenuous. Over the last few years, we've seen the "Chaoists vs Traditionalists" debate, the 'Bitchcraft' of Wicca, and the numerous OTO factions all jostling for position. Although there is much discussion of the 'Chaos Current', the most powerful current is that of electric cash registers ringing up another sale... ching! Chaos Magick is already dead, and the only living debate is between the vultures over who gets to gnaw the biggest bones. So climb back into your chao-chambers, spheres, polytrapezoids and disappear up your own void-flows. A prime example, wouldn't you say, of the Spectacle "recovering" a situation.

Doubtless there be attempts to place L.O.O.N. into the faction jigsaw. Fair enough, but "we like everybody". We like the OTO, ONA, IOT, OS, OTOA, BOTA, SOL, OCS. We also like the people who go on (at great length) about why they don't like the..... (insert your own choice). We may even be qabalists poking fun at the whole Chaos Magick pose.

Chaos Magick has been this Aeon's "thing". Relatively big bucks on the strength of the frothing of the occult media. Some say it did for magick what punk did for the music scene. What follows then... New-Romagick?

## ***L.O.O.Nacy***

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1. By the time you read this we will no longer be in Lincoln.
2. We are not an 'order' in the accepted sense.
3. Apikorsus is a Greek word for 'skeptic'.

My trees bear a strange fruit: share and share alike.  
--Eris, the Stupid Book.

T.T.F.N:

SNaKe, SKaRaB, Sister Apple, Bro. Moebius B.

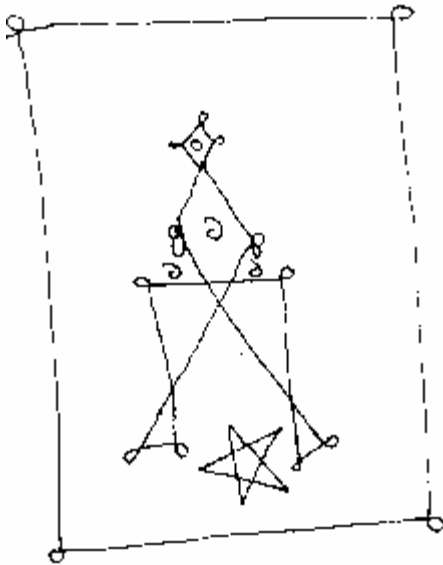
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## ***The Black Djinn Curse***

***by Hakim Bey (taken from Nox 4/Chaos Magazine)***

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## How to invoke a terrible curse on a malign institution.



Send the company a package containing a bottle, corked & sealed with black wax. Inside: dead insects, scorpions, lizards & the like.

A bag containing graveyard dirt along with other noxious substances; an egg pierced with iron nails & pins, and a scroll on which is drawn this yantra or 'veve'.

This invokes the Black Djinn, the Dark Shadow.

An accompanying note should explain that this hex is against institutions & not individuals. But unless the institution itself ceases to be malign, the curse, like a mirror, will begin to infect the premises with noxious fortune - a miasma of negativity.

Prepare a 'news release' explaining the curse & taking credit for it in the name of some invented society. Send copies to all employees in the institution & selected media. The night before these arrive, wheat paste the premises of the institution with copies of the Black Djinn emblem where they will be seen by all employees arriving for work the next morning.

"That which oppresses us must be in some way destroyed ... All forms of magical vengeance are aimed at the termination, by whatever specific means, of the oppressor. If it is too difficult to rise above, strike down!"

--Stephen Sennitt, Nox.

# Austin Osman Spare and His Theory of Sigils

*by Frater U.:D.:*

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The end of the nineteenth and the beginning of the twentieth century was a time characterized by radical changes and great heretics. The secret lore and the occult in general were triumphant, and there were good reasons for this: the triumph of materialist positivism with its Manchester industrialism was beginning to show its first malice, resulting in social and psychological uprooting; the destruction of nature had already begun to bear its first poisonous fruits. In brief, it was a time when it seemed appropriate to question the belief in technology and the omnipotence of the celebrated natural sciences. Particularly intellectuals, artists, and the so-called "Bohemians" became advocates of values critical of civilization in general as can be seen in the literature of Naturalism, in Expressionist Art and in the whole Decadent Movement, which was quite notorious at the time. Austin Osman Spare (1886-1956) was a typical child of this era and, after Aleister Crowley, he was definitely one of the most interesting occultists and practicing magicians of the English-speaking world. Nowadays he is basically known only in this cultural context; [1] internationally, he has received only some attention in literary circles at best-ironically, in a footnote! This footnote is found in Mario Praz's pioneering but, unfortunately, rather superficial work *La carne, la morte e il diavolo nella letteratura romantica* (The Romantic Agony, Florence, 1930) where he terms him, together with Aleister Crowley, a "satanic occultist" [2]-and that is all. Nevertheless, this important work has at least led many an occult researcher familiar with literature to Spare. Compared with Aleister Crowley's enigmatic and infamous life, Austin Osman Spare's existence certainly seemed to befit only a footnote. Despite his various publications after the turn of the century, he remained practically unnoticed until the late sixties. He was born in 1886, the son of a London police officer, and we know very little about his childhood. He claimed to have experienced while a child an initiation of sorts by an elderly witch, one Mrs. Paterson who, as far as we know, must have been quite a Wiccan-like character. Spare found his intellectual and creative vocation as an artist and illustrator, and he attended the Royal College of Art, where he soon was celebrated as a forthcoming young artist. But he rebelled against a bourgeois middle-class career in the arts. Disgusted by commercialism, he retreated from the artistic scene soon afterwards, though he still continued editing various magazines for quite a while. From 1927 until his death, he virtually lived as a weird hermit in a London slum, where he sometimes held exhibitions in a local pub. People have compared his life with that of H. P. Lovecraft, and certainly he too was an explorer of the dark levels of the soul. Around the beginning of the First World War, he released some privately published editions, and today one can acquire-at least in Great Britain-numerous, usually highly expensive, reprints of his works. However, we are primarily interested in two volumes, namely his well-known *Book of Pleasure (Self-Love): The Psychology of Ecstasy* (London, 1913) [3] and Kenneth Grant's excellently researched book [4] in which he, as leader of his own brand of O.T.O. (Ordo Templi Orientis) and as an expert on Crowley, deals with the practical

aspects of Spare's system as well. Spare's actual philosophy will not be analyzed in depth here because this is not really necessary for the practice of sigil theory and it would lead away from the subject of this study. Before we begin with Spare's theory of sigils, it is perhaps useful to write a few words about the part sigils play in a magical working. Occidental magic is known to rest on two main pillars, namely on will and on imagination. Connected with these are analogous thinking and symbolic images. For example, Agrippa uses a special sigil for each of the planetary intelligences. These are not, as has been assumed for quite some time, arbitrarily constructed, nor were they received by "revelation," but rather they are based on cabalistic consideration. [5] The Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn also employed sigils as "images of the souls" of magical entities, which enabled the magician to establish contact with them; nevertheless, the technique of their construction was not explained. The same may be said for the O.T.O. under Crowley's leadership and for the Fraternitas Saturni under Gregorius. The name Agrippa already hints at the fact that magical sigils have a long historical tradition, which we will not discuss here because then we would have to cover the whole complex of occult iconology as well. In general, people think of "correct" and "incorrect" sigils. The grimoires of the late Middle Ages were often little else but "magical recipe books" (the frequently criticized Sixth and Seventh Books of Moses basically applies the same procedure of "select ingredients, pour in and stir"), and these practitioners believed in the following principle: to know the "true" name and the "true" sigil of a demon means to have power over it. Pragmatic Magic, which developed in the Anglo-Saxon realms, completely tidied up this concept. [6] Often Crowley's revolt in the Golden Dawn-at first in favor of but soon against Mathers-is seen as the actual beginning of modern magic. It would certainly not be wrong to say that Crowley himself was an important supporter of Pragmatic thought in modern magic. But in the end, the Master Therion preferred to remain within the hierarchical Dogmatic system due to his Aiwass-revelation in Liber Al vel Legis. His key phrase "Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law. Love is the law, love under will," as well as his whole Thelemic concept, prove him a Dogmatic magician. Not so Austin Osman Spare. He seems to derive from the individual-anarchistic direction so that we may describe his philosophy, without undue exaggeration, as a mixture of Lao-Tse, Wicca and Max Stirner. English magic of the turn of the century was also influenced by an important young science which would actually achieve its major triumphs only after the Second World War-the psychology of Sigmund Freud. Before that, Blavatsky's *Isis Unveiled* and *The Secret Doctrine*, as well as Frazer's *The Golden Bough*, had given important impulses to the occult in general. William James's comparative psychology of religion influenced deeply the intellectuality of this time, but Freud, Adler, and especially Carl G. Jung eventually effected major breakthroughs. From then on, people started to consider the unconscious in earnest. This apparent digression, which had to be kept very short due to lack of space, is in reality a very important basis for the discussion that follows. We will not analyze in depth by whom Spare was influenced. Lao-Tse and Stirner having already been mentioned, we might note numerous others from Swinburne to Crowley himself, in whose order, the A.A., Spare had been a member at least for a short while. Rather, we will discuss his greatest achievement-his psychological approach towards magic. This leads us to magical practice proper. In Spare's system there are no "correct" or "incorrect" sigils; neither is there a list of ready-made symbols. It is of no import whether a sigil is the "correct" one

or not, but it is crucial that it has been created by the magician and is therefore meaningful to him/her. Because s/he has constructed it for personal use, the sigil easily becomes a catalyst of his/her magical desire, and sometimes it will even waken this desire in the first place. This Pragmatic approach which dominates present-day Anglo-Saxon magic (Israel Regardie, Francis King, Stephen Skinner, W. B. Gray, David Conway, Lemuel Johnstone, to name but a few relevant authors) goes to show that Austin Osman Spare, rather than Aleister Crowley, should be considered the real Father of modern Pragmatic Magic. [7] In the German-speaking countries, the situation is quite different. Writers like Quintscher, Gregorius, Bardon, Klingsor and even Spiesberger allow but little room to maneuver when creating magical coordinates individually. Here the adept is expected to grow into a ready-made system instead of fashioning one. This is a completely different approach, the value or non-value of which we will not discuss here. The nearest thing to Pragmatic Magic, existing already in 1917 i.e. 1921 (the date of the second revised edition of his major work on magic as an experimental science), was Staudenmaier. The works by Mahamudra, which have of late been receiving some attention, are mainly of a descriptive nature and deal with traditions and new interpretations, thus remaining within the context of German magical heritage; however, they do take heed of recent results in scientific psychology and are, therefore, at least partially related to the Pragmatic approach. Pragmatic Magic will become more and more important because today's magicians have to face a psychologized-and psychologizing-environment whose philosophical relativism has been shaping all of us, and still does. Regardless of the significance or amount of truth one concedes to psychology/psychoanalysis, we all are infiltrated by its way of thinking and its vocabulary. So even we magicians will have to attain to a critical, sensible look at it. It will be left to another era to find different models of explanation, description and practice. How does Spare proceed in practice? Sigils are developed by fusion and stylization of letters (see Figure 1). First of all, a sentence of desire has to be formulated. Let us take the example Spare himself gives in his Book of Pleasure, the declaration of intent:

THIS MY WISH TO OBTAIN THE STRENGTH OF A TIGER

>>>>> This sentence must be written down in capitals. Next, all the letters which appear more than once are deleted so that only one of each letter remains. [Ed. Note: The asterisks denote crossed out letters. Also beginning the declaration of intent with THIS MY WILL instead of THIS MY WISH may prove more efficacious.]

THIS MY W\*\*\* \*O \*B\*A\*N \*\*E \*\*R\*\*G\*\* \*F \* \*\*\*\*\*

Thus, the following letters remain: T,H,I,S,M,Y,W,O,B,A,N,E,R,G,F. The sigil is created from these letters; it is permissible to consider one part (for example, M) as a reversed W or, seen from the side, as an E. Hence, these three letters do not have to appear in the sigil three separate times. Of course, there are numerous possibilities of representation and stylization.

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*[Ed. Note: There was once a crude attempt at an ASCII sigil here, but it got screwed up beyond all recognition. I am trying to find the original sigil and will do another ASCII version when I find it. --Fenwick]*

"This my wish to obtain the strength of a tiger."

Sigilized this would be:

This my wish --->  
To obtain --->  
The strength  
of a tiger --->  
Combined as  
one sigil --->

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However, it is important that in the end the sigil is as simple as possible with the various letters recognizable (even with slight difficulty). The artistic quality of the sigil is irrelevant, but for simple psychological reasons it should be obvious that you should not just scribble or doodle in haste. You should strive to make it to the best of your abilities. The finished sigil, which in the beginning will probably take a few attempts to construe, with then be fixated. You may draw it on parchment, on paper, in the sand, or even on a wall. According to Spare's short instructions, it should be destroyed after its internalization. Thus, you will either burn the parchment, wipe it out in the sand, etc. Spare's basic idea is that the sigil, together with its meaning, must be planted into the unconscious. Afterwards, the consciousness has to forget it so that the unconscious can obey its encoded direction without hindrance. When the sigil is ready, it is activated by implanting it into the psyche. This is the most difficult part in this process, and Spare offers only very few hints on practical procedures. However, it is crucial that the sigil is internalized in a trance of sorts. This may take place in a state of euphoria (for example, by means of drugs), in ecstasy (for example, sex magically by masturbation, sexual intercourse or a ritual), or in a state of physical fatigue. For the latter example, eyes and arms may be tired by the magician folding his/her arms behind the head while standing in front of a mirror and staring fixedly at his/her image. The important thing is that it should click, meaning that the sigil must be internalized spasmodically, which, of course, requires some exercise and control. This procedure may be supported by repeating the sentence of desire rhythmically and monotonously like a mantra, becoming faster and faster; in doing so, one must stare fixedly at the sigil. (In our example of looking into the mirror [a magical mirror may be used, too], it is useful to draw the sigil onto the mirror with water-soluble paint.) After spasmodical internalization, the symbol must be destroyed and deleted from the conscious mind. As mentioned before, from now on it will be the unconscious which has to do the work. In my own practical work I have discovered that it may even be useful to keep the sigil on you, such as wearing a ring engraved with it, etc. But this will depend upon the magician's individual predilection, and everybody should find his/her own way. Occasionally, it may prove necessary to

repeat the whole procedure, especially if the goal is a very problematical one, requiring an outstanding amount of energy. Nevertheless, experience shows that it is of prime importance not to bring back the meaning and aim of the sigil into consciousness at any time. We are, after all, dealing with a technique akin to autosuggestion; thus, the rules are the same as with autosuggestions themselves. Therefore, you may not use negative formulas such as "THIS MY WISH NOT TO ..." because very often the unconscious tends neither to recognize nor understand this "not," and you might end up getting the opposite result than that which you originally desired. If you see a sigil every day, perhaps on a wall or engraved on the outer side of a ring, this should only take place unconsciously, just as one might not consciously notice an object which is in use all the time. Of course, you should keep your operation secret, for discussing it with skeptics or even good friends may dissolve the sigil's power. The advantages of this method, of which only a short summary can be given here, are obvious. It is temptingly easy, and with only a little practice it may be performed at any time and at any place. It does not call for any costly paraphernalia; protective Circles and Pentagram rituals are not required (though sometimes they may prove useful, especially with operations of magical protection), etc. People who tend to psychic instability should, however, be cautious. Although the threshold to schizophrenia is not as easily crossed with this method as with common evocations, it does involve cutting deeply into the ecology of the psyche, an act which should be considered carefully in any case. The psycho-magical consequences are sometimes quite incalculable. As is well known, the real problem with magic is not so much the question whether it works, but rather the fact that it does. Used with responsibility, this method offers the magician a tool which provides him/her with a limitless variety of possible magical applications.

Ubique Daemon :. Ubique Deus :.

# Baphomet Dual Sigil Rave Ivocation

**Date:** Sat, 19 Apr 1997 20:14:25 -0700

**From:** sword1

**To:** zee-list

**Subject:** Re:riff Re:sigils

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Riff writes:

*I also have a basic sigil question: If I were to do a sigil, and put it where a lot of people would see it in a highly energized enviroment (say, for example, I programmed our laser to paint sigils on the wall of the dance floor at a large rave)... who will it work for? If I create a sigil for money, say, who gets rich - me or the ravers?*

*--Riff*

I have worked sigil, evocation and invocation at several large raves and some smaller club events in London and have found that the majority of effect goes to the operator, in part I think that the majority of partyers have very little idea of focus and intent so that a large proportion of their magick/spare energy just sits around in the atmosphere and eventually drifts off but as soon as there is some focus or intent then the spare energy moves towards that.

I particularly enjoy possession workings at such events, one that springs to mind was a joint possession of Baphomet in the main arena of The Ministry of Sound. The two operators took in previously made up sigils, then standing in the middle of the room surrounded by a couple of thousand ravers oozing spare energy from every orifice, one operator evoked Baphomet on the other, when the operator considered Baphomet was present he flashed the sigil before Baphomet and then slung it into the crowd. The possessed operator then projected Baphomet into the other operator and repeat the sigil operation.

This went on for forty minutes with both operators slinging Baphomet backwards and forwards, finally collapsing onto the floor in exhausted laughter, we stood up to see a large space had opened up all around us, with ravers just gawping on and the DJ having spot-lighted us. We laughed and left the main hall.

Afterwards, several very stoned ravers approached us and confirmed that they had seen a huge grinning demon running backwards and forwards between the two of us. The rest of the night was fun, not having to buy any drinks or drugs, as impressed ravers felt we deserved it for our performance!

.....Szord.....



# The Book of Pleasure (self-love).

## The Psychology of Ecstasy.

By Austin Osman Spare

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### ***Definitions***

The words God, religions, faith, morals, woman, etc. (they being forms of belief), are used as expressing different "means" as controlling and expressing desire: an idea of unity by fear in some form or another which must spell bondage-the imagined limits; extended by science which adds a dearly paid inch to our height: no more.

**Kia:** The absolute freedom which being free is mighty enough to be "reality" and free at any time: therefore is not potential or manifest (except as it's instant possibility) by ideas of freedom or "means," but by the Ego being free to receive it, by being free of ideas about it and by not believing. The less said of it (Kia) the less obscure is it. Remember evolution teaches by terrible punishments-that conception is ultimate reality but not ultimate freedom from evolution.

**Virtue:** Pure Art

**Vice:** Fear, belief, faith, control, science, and the like.

**Self-Love:** A mental state, mood or condition caused by the emotion of laughter becoming the principle that allows the Ego appreciation or universal association in permitting inclusion before conception.

**Exhaustion:** That state of vacuity brought by exhausting a desire by some means of dissipation when the mood corresponds to the nature of the desire, i.e., when the mind is worried because of the non-fulfilment of such desire and seeks relief. By seizing this mood and living, the resultant vacuity is sensitive to the subtle suggestion of the Sigil.

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### ***Different Religions and Doctrines as Means to Pleasure, Freedom and Power.***

What is there to believe, but in Self? And Self is the negation of completeness as reality. No man has seen self at any time. We are what we believe and what it implies by a process of time in the conception; creation is caused by this bondage to formula.

Actions are the expressions of ideas bound up in the belief; they being inherent are obscure, their operation indirect, easily they deceive introspection. Fruits of action are

two-fold, Heaven or Hell, their Unity or Nothingness (Purgatory or Indifference). In Heaven there is desire for Women. Hell the desire intense. Purgatory is expectation delayed. Indifference but disappointment till recovery. Then verily they are one and the same. The wise pleasure seeker, having realised they are "different degrees of desire" and never desirable, gives up both Virtue and Vice and becomes a Kiaist. Riding the Shark of his desire he crosses the ocean of the dual principle and engages himself in self-love.

Religions are the projection of incapacity, the imaginations of fear, the veneer of superstition, that paradox is truth,<sup>0</sup> while oftentimes the ornamentation of imbecility. As a virtue in the Idea to maximize pleasure cheaply, remit your sins and excuse them-is but ceremonial, the expression of puppetry to the governing fear. Yes! What you have ordained in your religiousness, is your very rack, imagined though it be! The prospect is not pleasant; you have taught yourself! It has become inborn and your body is sensitive.

*0: That God is always in Heaven or that the Almighty inconceivable emanates its conception or negation-commits suicide, etc.*

Some praise the idea of Faith. To believe that they are Gods (or anything else) would make them such-proving by all they do, to be full of its non-belief. Better is it to admit incapacity or insignificance, than reinforce it by faith; since the superficial "protects" but does not change the vital. Therefore reject the former for the latter. Their formula is deception and they are deceived, the negation of their purpose. Faith is denial, or the metaphor Idiocy, hence it always fails. To make their bondage more secure Governments force religion down the throats of their slaves, and it always succeeds; those who escape it are but few, therefore their honour is the greater. When faith perishes, the "Self" shall come into its own. Others less foolish, obscure the memory that God is a conception of themselves, and as much subject to law. Then, this ambition of faith, is it so very desirable? Myself, I have not yet seen a man who is not God already.

Others again, and those who have much knowledge, cannot tell you exactly what "belief" is, or how to believe in what defies natural laws and existing belief. Surely it is not by saying "I believe"; that art has long been lost. They are even more subject to bewilderment and distraction directly they open their mouths full of argument; without power and unhappy unless spreading their own confusion, to gain cogency they must adopt dogma and mannerism that excludes possibility . . . . . By the illumination of their knowledge they deteriorate in accomplishment. Have we not watched them decay in ratiocination to their expoundings? Verily, man cannot believe by faith or gain, neither can he explain his knowledge unless born of a new law. We being everything, wherefore the necessity of imagining we are not?

### **Be ye mystic.**

Others believe in prayer . . . have not all yet learnt, that to ask it to be denied? Let it be the root of your Gospel. Oh, ye who are living other peoples lives! Unless desire is subconscious, it is not fulfilled, no, not in this life. Then verily sleep is better than prayer. Quiescence is hidden desire, a form of "not asking"; by it the female obtains much from

man. Utilize prayer (if you must pray) as a means of exhaustion, and by that you will obtain your desire.

Some do much to show the similarity of different religions; certainly by it I prove the possibility of a fundamental illusion, but that they never realise-or this Ukase they are the mockery, for how much they regret! They suffer more conflict than the unenlightened. With what they can identify their own delusion of fear they call truth. They never see this similarity and the quintessence of religions, their own poverty of imagination and religion's palliation. Better is it to show the essential difference of religions. It is as well to know that various means; is not their object to deceive and govern? Surely then, for the attainment of the transcendental, God and religion should have no place.

Some praise truth so-called, but give it many containers; forgetting its dependence they prove its relationship and paradox, the song of experience and illusion. Paradox is not "truth", but the truth that anything can be true for a time. What supersedes paradox and its implicit ("not necessary"), I will make the foundation of my teaching. Let us determine the deliberative, "the truth" cannot be divided. Self-love only cannot be denied and is Self-love as such when paradoxical, under any condition, hence it alone is truth, without accessories complete.

Others praise ceremonial Magic, and are supposed to suffer much Ecstasy! Our asylums are crowded, the stage is over-run! Is it by symbolizing we become the symbolized? Were I to crown myself King, should I be King? Rather should I be an object of disgust or pity. These Magicians, whose insincerity is their safety, are but the unemployed dandies of the Brothels. Magic is but one's natural ability to attract without asking; ceremony what is unaffected, its doctrine the negation of theirs. I know them well and their creed of learning that teaches the fear of their own light. Vampires, they are as the very lice in attraction. Their practices prove their incapacity, they have no magic to intensify the normal, the joy of a child or healthy person, none to evoke their pleasure or wisdom from themselves. Their methods depending on a morass of the imagination and a chaos of conditions, their knowledge obtained with less decency than the hyena his food, I say they are less free and do not obtain the satisfaction of the meanest among animals. Self condemned in their disgusting fatness, their emptiness of power, without even the magic of personal charm or beauty, they are offensive in their bad taste and mongering for advertisement. The freedom of energy is not obtained by its bondage, great power not by disintegration. Is it not because our energy (or mind stuff) is already over bound and divided, that we are not capable, let alone magical?

Some believe any and every thing is symbolic, and can be transcribed, and explain the occult, but of what they do not know. (Great spiritual truths?) So argument a metaphor, cautiously confusing the obvious which develops the hidden virtue. This unnecessary corpulency, however impressive, is it not disgusting? (The Elephant is exceeding large but extremely powerful, the swine though odious does not breed the contempt of our good taste.) If a man is no hero to his servant, much less can he remain a mystic in the eyes of the curious; similarity educates mimicry. Decorate your meaning, however objectionable (as fact), after you have shown your honesty. Truth, though simple, never

needs the argument of confusion for obscurity; its own pure symbolism embraces all possibilities as mystic design. Take your stand in commonsense and you include the truth which cannot lie; no argument has yet prevailed. Perfect proportion suggest no alteration, and what is useless decays.

They reject all the modern symbolism<sup>1</sup> and reach an absurd limit very early. Not counting on change<sup>2</sup> and (at times) the arbitrary nature of symbolism or the chance of a preserved folly, by their adoption of the traditional without a Science, as having reading to the present, their symbolism is chaotic and meaningless. Not knowing the early rendering, they succeed in projecting their own meagreness by this confusion, as explaining the ancient symbols. Children are more wise. This conglomeration of antiquity decayed, collected with the disease of greed-is surely the chance for charity? Forgetting trumpery ideas, learn the best tradition by seeing you own functions and the modern unbiased. Some praise the belief in a moral doctrinal code, which they naturally and continually transgress, and never obtain their purpose. Given the right nature, they succeed fairly in their own governing, and are those most healthy, sane and self-pleased. It may be called the negation of my doctrine, they obtain tolerable satisfaction, whereas mine is complete. Let him tarry here, who is not strong for the great work. In freedom he might be lost. So fledge your wings fearlessly, ye humble ones!

*1: All means of locomotion, machinery, governments, institutions, and everything essentially modern, is vital symbolism of the workings of our mind, etc.*

*2: The symbol of justice known to the Romans is not symbolic of Divine, or our justice, at least not necessarily or usually. The vitality is not exactly like water-nor are we trees; more like ourselves, which might incidentally include trees somewhere unlearnt-much more obvious in our workings at present.*

Others say knowledge only is eternal, it is the eternal illusion of learning-the Ukase of learning what we already know. Directly we ask ourselves "how" we induce stupidity; without this conception what is there we could not know and accomplish? Others for concentration, it will not free you, the mind conceiving the law is bondage. Arrived at that, you will want deconcentration. Dissociation from all ideas but one is not release but imaginative fulfilment, or the fury of creation. Others again, that all things are emanations of the Divine Spirit, as rays from the Sun, hence the need of emancipation? Verily, things are of necessity through their conception and belief. Then let us destroy or change conception, and empty the belief.

These and many other doctrines, are declared by me as the perpetuators of sin and illusion. Each and all depending on a muddled implication, obscuring, yet evolved from the duality of the consciousness for their enjoyment. In fear they would vomit hot blood were they to see the fruits of their actions and pleasures. Thus believing in widely different doctrines, they are of the dual principle, necessary parasites on each other. Like drugs and the surgeon's knife, they only annul or at best remove an effect. They do not change or remove the fundamental cause (the law). "Oh, God, thou art the stagnant environment." All is quackery: these religions whose very existence depend on their failure, are so full of misery and confusion, have only multiplied arguments, as full of argument as they are evil, so crowded with non-essentials, being so barren of any free

pleasure in this life or another, I cannot uphold their doctrines. Their criterion for enjoyment-death! Better it were a man renounce them all, and embrace his own invincible purpose. He cannot go further, and this is his only release. By it he may put his pleasure where he will, and find satisfaction.

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## ***The Consumer of Religion***

### **Kia, in its Transcendental and Conceivable Manifestation.**

Of name it has no name, to designate. I call it Kia I dare not claim it as myself. The Kia which can be expressed by conceivable ideas, is not the eternal Kia, which burns up all belief but is the archetype of "self," the slavery of mortality. Endeavouring to describe "it," I write what may be but not usually-called the "book of lies".<sup>3</sup> The unorthodox of the originable-a volant "sight," that conveys somehow by the incidental, that truth is somewhere. The Kia which can be vaguely expressed in words is the "Neither-Neither," the unmodified "I" in the sensation of omnipresence, the illumination symbolically transcribed in the sacred alphabet, and of which I am about to write. Its emanation is its own intensity, but not necessariness, it has and ever will exist, the virgin quantum-by its exuberance we have gained existence. Who dare say where, why and how it is related? By the labour of time the doubter inhabits his limit. Not related to, but permitting all things, it eludes conception, yet is the quintessence of conception as permeating pleasure in meaning. Anterior to Heaven and Earth, in its aspect that transcends these, but not intelligence, it may be regarded as the primordial sexual principle, the idea of pleasure in self-love. Only he who has attained the death posture can apprehend this new sexuality, and its almighty love satisfied. He that is ever servile to belief, clogged by desire, is identified with such and can see but its infinite ramifications in dissatisfaction.<sup>4</sup> The progenitor of itself and all things, but resembling nothing, this sexuality in its early simplicity, embodies the everlasting. Time has not changed it, hence I call it new. This ancestral sex principle, and the idea of self, are one and the same, this sameness its exaction and infinite possibilities, the early duality, the mystery of mysteries, the Sphinx at the gates of all spirituality. All conceivable ideas begin and end as light in its emotion, the ecstasy which the creation of the idea of self induces. The idea is unity by the formula of self, its necessary reality as continuity, the question of all things, all this universe visible and invisible has come out of it. As unity conceived duality, it begot trinity, begot tetragrammaton. Duality being unity, is time, the complex of conception, the eternal fluctuation to the primeval reality in freedom-being trinity of dualities, is the six senses, the five facets of sex-projecting as environment for self-assimilation in denial, as a complete sexuality. Being tetragrammaton of dualities is twelvefold by arrangement, the human complex, and may be called the twelve commandments of the believer. It imagines the eternal decimal, its multiplicity embracing eternity, from which spring the manifold forms, which constitute existence. Vitalized by the breath of self-love, life is conscious of one. Self being its opposing force, is alternately conflict, harmony, life and death. These four principles are one and the same-the conception considered as the

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*3: About this "Self"; all conception is the dual principle, the law which is its conception.*

*4: The unmodified sex principle refracted through the dual principle emanates the infinite variety of emotions or sexualities, which may be called its ramifications.*

## **The Transcendental Law, the Law and Testament of the "New."**

The law of Kia is its own arbiter, beyond necessitation, who can grasp the nameless Kia? Obvious but unintelligible, without form, its design most excellent. Its wish is its superabundance, who can assert its mysterious purpose? By our knowledge it becomes more obscure, more remote, and our faith-opacity. Without attribute, I know not its name. How free it is, it has no need of sovereignty! (Kingdoms are their own despoilers.) Without lineage, who dare claim relationship? Without virtue, how pleasing in its moral self-love! How mighty is it, in its assertion of "Need not be-Does not matter"! Self-love in complete perspective, serves its own invincible purpose of ecstasy. Supreme bliss simulating opposition is its balance. It suffers no hurt, neither does it labour. Is it not self-attracting and independent? Assuredly we cannot call it balance. Could we but imitate its law, all creation without command would unite and serve our purpose in pleasure and harmony. Kia transcending conception, is unchanging and inexhaustible, there is no need of illumination to see it. If we open our mouths to speak of it, it is not of it but of our duality, mighty though it be in its early simplicity! Kia without conceiving, produces its rendezvous as the fulness of creation. Without assertion the mightiest energy, without smallness it may appear the least among things. Its possession ours without asking, its being free, the only thing that is free. Without distinction, it has no favourites, but nourishes itself. In fear all creation pays homage-but does not extol its moral, so everything perishes unbeautifully. We endow ourselves with the power we conceive of it, and it acts as master-<sup>5</sup>, never the cause of emancipation. Thus for ever from "self" do I fashion the Kia, without likeness, but which may be regarded as the truth. From this consultation is the bondage made, not by intelligence shall we be free. The law of Kia is its ever original purpose, undetermined, without change the emanations, through our conception they materialize and are of that duality, man takes this law from this refraction, his ideas-reality. With what does he balance his ecstasy? Measure for measure by intense pain, sorrow, and miseries. With what his rebellion? Of necessity slavery! Duality is the law, realization by suffering, relates and opposes by units of time. Ecstasy for any length of time is difficult to obtain, and laboured heavily for. Various degrees of misery alternating with gusts of pleasure and emotions less anxious, would seem the condition of consciousness and existence. Duality in some form or another is consciousness as existence. It is the illusion of time, size, entity, etc.-the world's limit. The dual principle is the quintessence of all experience, no ramification has enlarged its early simplicity, but is only its repetition, modification or complexity, never is its evolution complete. It cannot go further than the experience of self-so returns and unites again and again, ever an anti-climax. For ever retrogressing to its original simplicity by infinite complication is its evolution. No man shall understand "Why" by its workings. Know it as the illusion that embraces the learning of all existence. The most aged one who grows no wiser, it may be regarded as the mother of all things. Therefore believe all experience to be illusion, and the law of duality. As space pervades an object both in and out, similarly within and beyond this ever-changing cosmos, there is this secondless principle.

*5: By scores of incarnations, our eventual "self" is derived from the attributes with which we endow our God, the abstract Ego or conceptive principle. All conception is a denial of*

*the Kia, hence we are its opposition, our own evil. The offspring of ourselves, we are the conflict of what we deny and assert of the Kia. It would seem as though we cannot be too careful in our choice, for it determines the body we inhabit.*

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## **Soliloquy on God-Head.**

### **Who ever Thought Thus?**

Something is causing Pain and something energizes the Agony: may it not be caused through the latent Idea of Supreme Bliss? And this eternal expectation, this amassing of ornament on decay, this ever-abiding thought- is coincidental with the vanity preceding death? O, squalid thought from the most morbid spleen how can I devour thee and save my Soul? Ever did it answer back-"Pay homage where due: the Physician is the Lord of existence!" This superstition of medicine-is it not the essence of cowardice, the agent of Death?

Strange no one remembers being dead? Have you ever seen the Sun?-If you have then you have seen nothing dead-in spite of you different belief! Which is the more dead "you" or this corpse? Which of you has the greater degree of consciousness? Judging by expression alone-which of you appears enjoying Life most? May not this "belief" in death be the "will" that attempts "death" for your satisfaction, but can give you no more than sleep, decay, change-hell? This constant somnambulism is "the unsatisfactory."

You disbelieve in Ghosts and God-because you have not seen them? What! You have never seen the mocking ghosts of your beliefs?-the Laughing Bedlam of your humility or Mammon-your grotesque Ideas of "Self"? Yea, your very faculties and your most courageous Lies are Gods! Who is the slayer of your Gods-but a God!

There is no proof that you existed before? What an excuse! No one has returned to tell us? What a damning advocate! You are but what you were-somehow changed? You are the case Prima Facie that you are reincarnated to perhaps anything? "Perhapses" are possible! Can you do differently to what you do? Never shall I tire of asserting that you constantly do differently!

What is the "ugliness" that offends? Is it the vague knowledge that you will have to change your mind-that you are germinating what you contain? You are always remembering what you forgot; to-day may be the day of reckoning-of believing by force what you disbelieved? Now if to-day is yesterday in all but appearances-then to-morrow also is to-day- the day of decay! Daily is this universe destroyed, that is why you are conscious! There is no Life and Death? Such ideas should be less than comic.

### **There is no Duality?**

You are conscious of the gay Butterfly you observe and are conscious of being "You": the Butterfly is conscious of being "itself," and as such, it is a consciousness as good as



and the same as yours, i.e., of you being "you." Therefore this consciousness of "you" that you both feel is the same "you"? Ergo, you are one and the same-the mystery of mysteries and the most simple thing in the world to understand! How could you be conscious of what you are not? But you might believe differently? So, if you hurt the Butterfly you hurt yourself, but your belief that you don't hurt yourself protects you from hurt-for a time! Belief gets tired and you are miserably hurt! Do what you will-belief is ever its own inconsistency. Desire contains everything, hence you must believe in everything-if you believe at all! Belief seems to exclude commonsense.

There is no doubt about it-this consciousness of "Thee" and "Me" is the unwelcome but ever ready torturer-yet it "need not be so" in any sense! Is it not a matter of Fear? You are fearsome of entering a den of Tigers? (And I assure you it is a matter of righteousness-(inborn or cultured)-whether you enter voluntarily or are chucked in, and whether you come out alive or not!) Yet daily you fearlessly enter dens inhabited by more terrible creatures than Tigers and you come out unharmed-why?

### **The Allegory.**

Great scientists are finding out the death-dealing properties of the microbes they discover we breathe, and which according to their canons should destroy; we should be already dead? Have faith! The canons of science are quite correct, they do not disappoint the doubt! Our greater familiarity-"this impulse to knowledge" will certainly bring us the disease and death they give! And also give us in compensation their powers of destruction! For the destruction of whom? Things will be squared! Is this the value of the will? This "will to power"-how life preserving! How furthering of discriminate selection! How pleasing! Most noble explorers! O, you scientists-go on discovering the Bottomless Pit! When you are sodden with science-the lightning will thunder out the murder? New hope will be born? New creatures for the circus? (The conception of) God-head must ever evolve its inertia for transmutation to its very opposite-because it contains it!

The master must be the painful learner of his stupidity?

The idea of God ever means the forgetfulness of supremacy and Godliness. So must be supplanted by fear, eh?

There is no Atheist, no one is free from auto-biography, there is no fearless pleasurerist?

The conception is the absence of its indisputable reality within! When the conception is memorial in forgetfulness-it may be the chance of its reality for you?? When the prayer-(you are always praying) has transmuted to its Blasphemy-you are attractive enough to be heard-your desire is gratified! What a somersault of humility!

Whether God is projected as master by fear or as the dweller within by love Gods we are all the time, that is why divinity is always potential. Its constant generation, the eternal delay-is life. This envy of the Master or Creator-the ultimate hope to follow in manner is also existence and the forfeiture of "Life"!

There is no scientific fact, it ever implies its opposite as equal fact, this is the "fact." Then why trouble to prove anything a fact? This vain hope to prove finality is death itself, so why humbug the "Desire"? You have proved (by mathematics!) the sun to be so many millions of miles away from you-you will now improve its efficiency! Nature-that impulse to the antitheses of your truths, will early prove (by mathematics and whenever you like!) that the Sun does not exist at all! Or if you wish-it will prove conclusively that the Sun is millions of millions of miles further away or millions of miles nearer than you once thought! Most extraordinary thinker! These facts and many others are already know to the butterfly, the lice, the insects-and perhaps yourself? Whose senses are the more true-yours or the house-fly's? You will eventually adopt their vision-their thoughts and wisdom-you were such once? You are such now but have not awakened them-you will be such again in power! Wondrous progress! Most meritorious accomplishments! Most merciless! Progress should be closely examined and what you have gained by the convenience of science.

A thought for perspective-you are always what you most wish-the prospective! Your desire is to live according to your desire, and this you are always realizing! Most noble sentiment!-you are "it" already-"the satisfied"- "the desireless"- "the real thing"! You are drunk with it.

There is no illusion but consciousness! This consciousness is ever the smiling monument commemorating "Whether you ever really enjoyed Life"!

The God of the "Will" is the command to obey, its Justice everyone fears-it is a Sword-your desert for obedience! "Will" is the command to believe, your will is what you have believed actively willing the belief for you! You think when "it" wishes! "Will" is complication, the means of a means. Call this will free or not-beyond will and belief is Self-love. I know of no better name. It is free to believe what it desires. You are free to believe in nothing related to belief. The "Truth" is not difficult to understand! The truth has no will-will has no truth! Truth is "will" never believed-it has no truth! "Could be"-is the immediate certainty! This haunting Sphinx teaches us the value of the "will to anything"? Then there is no graver risk than Absolute Knowledge-if little is dangerous-what about Omniscience? The Almighty power has no accessories!

Science is the accursed doubt of the possible, yea, of what does exist! You cannot conceive an impossibility, nothing is impossible, you are the impossible! Doubt is delay-time-but how it punishes! Nothing is more true than anything else! What are you not-you ever answered truthfully?

You tyrannise over yourself, so constantly forget what you remember; you resist sense objects and show resistance to the faculties by believing or not. These faculties are as numerous as the atoms you have not yet seen, and they are as endless as the number one-they come into life at will. You adopt a few at a time- knowledge you speak through them- did you but understand your grammar those you disown speak louder than your words! I would not believe the wisdom of the Almighty.

Belief is ever its own tempter to believe differently; you cannot believe freedom but you may be freed from belief? Neither can you believe the "Truth" but you need not compromise yourself. The way of Life is not by "means"-these doctrines-my doctrines even though they allow the self-appointed devotee to emulate my realization- may I ever blush! The man of sorrows is the Teacher! I have taught- would I teach myself or thee again? Not for a gift from Heaven! Mastership equals learning- equals constant unlearning! Almighty is he who has not learnt and mighty is the babe- it has only the power of assimilating!

The most solecistical of fools now asks-"how can we escape the inevitable evolutions of conception-as all is ever conceiving"? My answer shall permit all means, all men, all conditions. Listen, O, God that art, yet would be God. When the mind is nonplussed-capability to attempt the impossible becomes known; by that most simple state of "Neither-Neither" the Ego becomes the Silent Watcher and knows about it all! The "Why" and "How" of desire is contained within the mystic state of "Neither-Neither" and common-sense proves it is the milk state, most nutritious! Clownish that I am- yet all my ideas have come out of it (and, my friend, all yours), but ever have I been a sluggard- an old sinner who would see others almighty before himself.

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### ***The Death Posture***

Ideas of Self in conflict cannot be slain, by resistance they are a reality- no Death or cunning has overcome them but is their reinforcement of energy. The dead are born again and again lie in the womb of conscience. By allowing maturity is to predicate decay when by non-resistance is retrogression to early simplicity and the passage to the original and unity without idea. From that idea is the formula of non-resistance germinating "Does not matter- please yourself."

The conception of "I am not" must of necessity follow the conception of "I am," because of its grammar, as surely in this world of sorrow night follows day. The recognition of pain as such, implies the idea of pleasure, and so with all ideas. By this duality, let him remember to laugh at all times, recognize all things, resist nothing; then there is no conflict, incompatibility or compulsion as such.

### **Transgressing Conception by a Lucid Symbolism.**

Man implies Woman, I transcend these by the Hermaphrodite, this again implies a Eunuch<sup>6</sup>; all these conditions I transcend by a "Neither" principle, yet although a "Neither" is vague, the fact of conceiving it proves its palpability, and again implies a different "Neither."<sup>7</sup>

But the "Neither-Neither" principle of those two, is the state where the mind has passed beyond conception, it cannot be balanced, since it implies only itself. The "I" principle has reached the "Does not matter- need not be" state, and is not related to form. Save and beyond it, there is no other, therefore it alone is complete and eternal. Indestructible, it

has power to destroy- therefore it alone is true freedom and existence. Through it comes immunity from all sorrow, therefore the spirit is ecstasy. Renouncing everything by the means shown, take shelter in it. Surely it is the abode of Kia? This having once been (even Symbolically) reached, is our unconditional release from duality and time- believe this to be true. The belief free from all ideas but pleasure, the Karma through law (displeasure) speedily exhausts itself. In that moment beyond time, a new law can become incarnate, without the payment of sorrow, every wish gratified, he<sup>8</sup> having become the gratifier by his law. The new law shall be the arcana of the mystic unbalanced "Does not matter- need not be," there is no necessitation, "please yourself" is its creed.<sup>2</sup>

In that day there can be deliberation. Without subjection, what you wish to believe can be true. "He"<sup>10</sup> is pleased by this imitation, the truth revealed to me by all systems of government but is himself ungoverned; Kia, the supreme bliss. This the glorious Science of pleasing one's self by a new agreement, the art of Self-love by recognition, the Psychology of ecstasy by non-resistance.

6: *Sex-less.*

7: *They being dual have analogy to certain early sex principles in nature. They are carried further in the sacred alphabet, being too abstruse to explain by orthodox words and grammar.*

8: *The Ego.*

9: *The belief ever striving for denial- fulness by multiplication, is kept free by retention in this.*

10: *"He", the Ego, now becomes the "Absolute."*

## **The Ritual and Doctrine**

Lying on your back lazily, the body expressing the condition of yawning, suspending while conceiving by smiling, that is the idea of the posture. Forgetting time with those things which were essential- reflecting their meaninglessness, the moment is beyond time and its virtue has happened.

Standing on tip-toe, with the arms rigid, bound behind by the hands, clasped and straining the utmost, the neck stretched- breathing deeply and spasmodically, till giddy and sensation comes in gusts, gives exhaustion and capacity for the former.

Gazing at your reflection till it is blurred and you know not the gazer, close your eyes (this usually happens involuntarily) and visualize. The light (always an X in curious evolutions) that is seen should be held on to, never letting go, till the effort is forgotten, this gives a feeling of immensity (which sees a small form), whose limit you cannot reach. This should be practised before experiencing the foregoing. The emotion that is felt is the knowledge which tells you why.

The death posture is its inevitability accelerated, through it we escape our unending delay by attachment, the Ego is swept up as a leaf in a fierce gale- in the fleetness of the

indeterminable, that which is always about to happen becomes its truth. Things that are self-evident are no longer obscure, as by his own will he pleases, know this as the negation of all faith by living it, the end of the duality of the consciousness. Of belief, a positive death state, all else as sleep, a negative state. It is the dead body of all we believe, and shall awake a dead corpse. The Ego in subjection to law, seeks inertion in sleep and death. Know the death posture and its reality in annihilation of law- the ascension from duality. In that day of tearless lamentation the universe shall be reduced to ashes . . . but he escapes the judgment! And what of "I," most unfortunate man! In that freedom there is no necessitation, what dare I say more? Rather would I commit much sin than compromise myself. There are many preliminary exercises, as innumerable as sins, futile of themselves but designative of the ultimate means. The death posture in the reduction of all conception (sin) to the "Neither-Neither" till the desire is contentment by pleasing yourself. By this and by no other are the inertia of belief; the restoration of the new sexuality and the ever original self-love in freedom are attained. The primordial vacuity (or belief) is not by the exercise of focussing the mind on a negation of all conceivable things, the identity of unity and duality, chaos and uniformity, etc., etc., but by doing it now, not eventually. Percieve, and feel without the necessity of an opposite, but by its relative. Percieve light without shadow by its own colour as contrast, through evoking the emotion of laughter at the time of ecstasy in union, and by practice till that emotion is untiring and subtle. The law or reaction is defeated by inclusion. Were he to enjoy an hundred pleasures at a time, however much his ecstasy, he does not lose, but great increase takes place. Let him practise it daily, accordingly, till he arrives at the centre of desire. He has imitated the great purpose. Like this, all emotions should find equipoise at the time of emanation, till they become one. Thus by hindering belief and semen from conception, they become simple and cosmic. By its illumination there is nothing that cannot be explained. Certainly I find satisfaction in ecstasy. I have now told you a secret of great import, it was known to me in childhood. Even by sedulously striving for a vacuity of belief, one is cosmic enough to dwell in the innermost of others and enjoy them. Among men few know what they really believe or desire, let him begin, who would know, by locating his belief till he sees his will. Existing as dual, they are identical in desire, by their duality there is no control, for will and belief are ever at variance, and each would shape the other to its ends, in the issue neither wins as the joy is a covert of sorrow. Let him unite them.

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### ***The Cloudy Enemies Born of Stagnant Self-Hypnotism.***

Natural belief is the intuition that compels belief through that which is experienced reacting, and dominating in turns; everything has to associate itself through its definite emotion, stimulated by those in harmony; those discordant, lose cogency and inhibit. So by its own workings belief is limited and determined for you. The majority of our actions can be traced back to a subconscious desire (for freedom) in conflict with habit, an obedience to inherent fatalism which hangs on "good and bad" actions already committed (in past existence) against a preserved morality<sup>11</sup> and whose reaction gives expression as spontaneity, involuntariness, autonomy, the deliberate, etc., as the chance arises. The rest is due to a conflicting traditional moral doctrine that has become constitutional (partly

adopted to govern and time this reaction). In its origin, an idea of what was then considered conveniently good and bad . . . . To maximize pleasure by an arbitrary compromise of abstention and performance of desire feared. Assimilated by the deceit of its divine origin, its tenets are reward for obedience, punishment for transgression, both holding good for all time (this world and another). This moral code is a dramatised burlesque of the conceptive faculty, but is never so perfect or simple in that it allows latitude for change in any sense, so becomes dissociated from evolution, etc; and this divorce loses any utility and of necessity for its own preservation and the sympathy desired, evolves contradictions or a complication to give relationship. Transgressing its commandments, dishonesty shows us its iniquity, for our justification; or simultaneously we create an excuse or reason for the sin by a distortion of the moral code, that allows some incongruity. (Usually retaining a few unforgiveable sins- and an unwritten law.) This negative confession is a feigned rationalism that allows adventitious excuses . . . . a process of self-deception to satisfy and summarily persuade yourself of righteousness. What one among us has any excuse but self-love? We do not create or confess a morality that is convenient, that lends itself to growth, and remains simple, that allows transgression without excuse or punishment. It would be wise and commonsense to do so, whatever the state of affairs in your mind. Nature eventually denies that which it affirms: Through permanent association with the same moral code we help desire to transgress. Desire of those things denied, the more you restrict the more you sin, but desire equally desires preservation of moral instinct, so desire is its own conflict (and weakly enough). Have no fear, the Bull of earth has long had nothing to do with your unclean conscience, your stagnant ideas of morality. The microbe alone would seem without fear!

*11: The elemental morality or fear of displeasing.*

## **The Complexity of the Belief (Know Thyself).**

The nature of belief equals all possibilities ultimately true by identification through culture to an idea of time, so what is not timely is not true, and what is not true, prognostication. Thought of one thing, implies the possibility of another idea as contradicting but not dissociated, belief is to make "one" more convincing. The condition of belief is the denial or limit imposed on the capability of the vitality. To believe at all as such is a concentration and schooling to exclude the implied by adopting a hypothesis or faith that reflects non-worryingly or deceitfully rationalizes the rejected. Truth is not the truth of formula.

The centre of belief is love for one's self, projecting environment for fulfilment but allowing its distortion to simulate denial, an ambition to become ulterior to self-desire, but you cannot get further than the centre, so one multiplies (believes) in order to be more unaware of the fundamental. Now this refusal to believe what one believes and exactly as one believes, is the first condition for all those who are in desire in any sense whatsoever; the man who is in love perforce becomes a liar, self-hypnotised by his morbid ornamentation. You know the results. . . . You can only "truly believe" one thing, yet its implexion is essential (as the truth seems to kill<sup>12</sup>), so the imagined goes on for ever. The imagination learns that the idea is its compulsion. To explain the "why" of belief (or of anything else), we must transcend its schism. By entire consciousness in how the self

loves is the means. As we imitate this law of duality in all our processes of believing, it is not so simple as it seems. Who has transgressed the law of conception? Who has no fear? Yet by this sin, is the scientific of what determines the Schetic. Gracefully compelling or expecting disappointment at the time of desire is the means of locating its deceit, a consciousness that alone gives the chance of inquiry. Beyond it is something arbitrary, the pauser, the ordainer of law, imitating it by "reason" is but damning the consequences. Reason is belief, belief is fear of one's capability, the faith that you are not even all the wonders of creation, let alone the possibility of being the creator. It is delay . . . . Belief well earns the terrible hatred of the vitality. Belief is not freedom. Belief creates its necessary experience, progress germinates in retrogression. Consider the reality is somewhere: and your belief may be too small for its habitation. Oh, ye of much faith in God, merge into it by the worship of self! Ah! foolish man, worship the glorious in freedom. When death approaches the faith in God and desire of woman will not save you, what are their use when withering and decay sets in and the body is an object of disgust? And what is the use of knowledge and charity when reality is known? Unsheathe the sword of self; ideas of the Almighty should be constantly slain and righteousness should be inquired into.

*12: And does kill when feared.*

Whosoever shall study his true nature a little, him does the "self" investigate with his extraordinary conduct. He can compel anything without offending. As the tendency of the most lustful ceases before publicity and death, so do morals and faith before the perfect bliss. A glimpse of the truth is born of purity of love: when the desire is without fear, when it does not desire possession. When the thought is fulfilled by vision. The fire that is all pleasure is loosed at his will, he is attraction, the cynosure of women. When the believing principle is devoid of faith, as sterile of possessing ideas of God - he is indestructible. Only when there is no fear in any form is there realisation of identity with reality (freedom). For them there is no danger in negligence, there being no discrimination. For him who is conscious of the slightest differentiation there is fear. So long as there is perception of self-reproach or conscience, there is pain germinating: there is no freedom. He who believes anything he perceives or imagines, falls into sin. By believing without feeling perturbation, forgetting ideas of external and internal, he regards everything as self, and is the consciousness of non-resistance, has no horizon: he is free. On seeing the star-lit eyes and rosebud mouths, the breasts and loins of beautiful women, you become lovingly attached, but if you fear, consider constantly that they are merely the charred flesh and bones of yourself after the torture. The space between the eternal and "self," is it not a moral doctrine? By unbelieving all one believes and sedulously without anxiety not believing (by the "Neither-Neither" process), the principle becomes simple and cosmic enough to include what you are always desiring, and you are free to believe what was impossible. The desire is so mighty, it asks no permission, and suffers no consequences, but the ecstasy of its possession. Against it nothing can prevail, it burns up, as celluloid cast into the furnace- the old folly of promising things on behalf of an imagined "another." At hand is the freedom of Heaven, the Way, the Truth, and the Light, and none dare say this of himself but by me, in Truth I alone am "Self," my will unconditioned, is magical. Those who have lived much in their nature will in some degree be familiar with such a sensation, poor though it be.

## ***Preface to Self-Love***

Let us be honest! Thou art "that," supreme in freedom, most desirable, beyond desire, untouched by the six stupifiers. The sexuality labours, so Death may harvest by desire. The elusive fancies of the senses are dangerous, because of the righteousness you have learned to obey and control them by. Hell-fire burns because you "conceived"; and will cease to hurt when you identify the Ego with all the possibilities of its qualities by believing as the "Neither-Neither" process. You are fire yet you are scorched! Because you have "willed" belief (differently or not makes no difference); the cycle of belief goes on and always obliges, so one day you must believe differently and the fire will no longer hurt- you are saved? There are other means of hurting you?

In that state which is not, there is no consciousness in any sense that thou art "that" (Kia), which is superb, beyond the range of definition: there is no temptation of freedom, "it" was not the cause of evolution. Hence "it" is beyond time, consciousness or unconsciousness, everything or nothingness, etc.; this I know through the "Neither-Neither" which is automatically beyond every conception, ever free in every sense. Perhaps "it" may not be obscure by continual afterthought and vaguely felt through the hand of innocence- but whoever understands such simple meanings? "It" is never perceived, being the imperceptible Ecstasy of the "Neither-Neither"- ever present but hidden by exhaustion through the cycle of Unity. The certainty of consciousness is always the uncertainty of the perceived or experienced in whatever state it may be, the constant doubt spelling fear, pain, decay, and the like- the cause of evolution, the eternal incompleteness.

O, desire, listen! In point of virulence spiritual desire is as fatal as the sensuous. Aspiration towards a "supreme" is a network of deadly desires because of cowardice within, ergo, some unsatisfied wisdom awaiting exploitation to suffer its evolutions. There is no final wisdom- there is no final desire. How can anything end? Has to-day ever ended? These things are endlessness!

A person desires things of this world- but where is the difference of desiring the "Supreme Bliss"? Which is the more selfish? Which is nearer you? Which pleases the Creator more? Are you certain of the Creator's will and are you sure of your own desire? Are you the Creator or just yourself, as you fondly imagine your contents?

All these desires, however mighty, you will one day incarnate- yea, photograph. These things already exist- very soon you will have spiritual photographs (unfaked) but not by the camera you use at present. The pioneer is ever the old fool. An afterthought: some spirits are already photographed- the microbes.

Are you ever free of desideratum? Belief is eternal desire!

Desire is its own cruelty, the fettering of the hand to labour in some world unknown; nothing is always dead and no thought dies, the master becomes the slave- the position is alternate; you have long believed this, it is in the flesh of your generations with the most merciless Judge! The scorn of all your reforms or the inversion of your values!



This constant curse and blasphemy- is not the relief more in the knowledge of the nascent unrelenting taskmaster?

Are not our bodies all smeared with its blood? Has not the world ever been bloody? Are not our pleasures but rest to drink the blood of slaughter? O, determined Liars, ye know not yet the lie, it may be Truth!

The Ego is desire, so everything is ultimately desired and undesirable, desire is ever a preliminary forecast of terrible dissatisfaction hidden by its ever-present vainglory. The millenium will come and quickly go. Men will be greater than the Gods they ever conceived- there will be greater dissatisfaction. You are ever what you were but you may be so in a different form!

A person or a nation, however vain or content, falls immediately into unknown and inevitable desire, consuming him little by little through those conditions- any condition!

The mind becomes firm in desire by desire as devotion, but when realized is it then eternally desirable? (or even for a period of a million years). In Heaven shall be fettered thy foot! Therefore remove the conception that desire is pure, or impure, or has completion- remove it by the "Neither-Neither." Even whether the desire is for the exhasustion of desire by the "neither-Neither" or for realization in a wife- it is desire- its unending evolution. Therefore remove desire in any form by the "Neither-Neither." Remove the illusion that there is Spirit and Not-Spirit (this idea has never given beneficial results). Remove all conceptions by the same means.

So long as the notion remains that there is "compulsory bondage" in this World or even in dreams there is such bondage. Remove the conception of Freedom and Bondage in any World or State by meditation on Freedom in Freedom by the "Neither-Neither."

For this we know- Vampirism is quite well proven enough- even by the strong presumption that whenever blood-sucking is done, it is done by Vampire bats apart from the probability of it being done by a divine or human agency!

Therefore Kiaize desire by the "Neither-Neither," the most excellent formula far beyond contentment- the all-embracing vacuum which reduces "all" to common sense and upon which this Universe rests.

Therefore believe nothing in this Book by the "Neither-Neither," and dispel the conception of the "Neither-Neither" by the "Neither-Neither," and belive it is "not-necessary" or the conclusion of pleasing yourself, because it "Need-not-be-Does-not-matter."

One believes this "all the time" as the Truth of "The Will" not the thing believed, since the means to an end mean evolution to endless means.

In that most remarkable simplicity there is no beginning or end of wisdom or of anything, so how can it be related to conception and intelligence?

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### ***Self-Love as a Moral Doctrine and Virtue.***

The criterion of action, is freedom of movement, timeliness of expression, pleasuring. The value of a moral doctrine is in its freedom for transgression. Simplicity I hold most precious. Are not the most simple things in the world the most perfect, pure, innocent, and their properties the most wonderful? Hence it is the source of wisdom. Wisdom is exactly happiness. In love pleasuring myself necessarily without excuse. Is this not perfection? Actions would appear unfathomable and incomprehensible, did they exhibit conformity to the great purpose. There are few who can attain to this! Who has no shame? Ecstasy in satisfaction is the great purpose. Freedom from the necessity of law, realisation by the very wish, is the ultimate goal. Law depends on two, two is uberty, millions . . . . Law is complicated. The second did not agitate, the first did not determine, nor was it compelled or proffered. Chance in sport is not prophecy; by it we have gained proficiency, sufficient to determine. . . . Prepare for the Eternal, revert to simplicity and you are free. What man can give without impulse? Only he who has complete sexuality. The highest goodness is self-nourishment. What are we going to include as self? Perfect charity acquires, hence it benefits all things by not giving. What man can have faith without fear? Only he who has no duty to perform. When faith perishes duty to moral doctrines perishes, we are without sin and endure for ever in all-devouring love. What man can know with certainty? Only he who has effaced the necessity of learning. When teachers fall out, what is the use of learning from them? The wise are not contentious and have no dogma to expound . . . . rather are they silent as a new-born babe in feeding. What teacher can show the source of wisdom? It is because I know without learning; I know the source and can convey lessons without teaching. Knowledge is but the excrement of experience: experience its own repetition. The true teacher implants no knowledge but shows him his own superabundance. Keeping his vision clear he directs or leads him as a child to the essential. Having shown him the source of wisdom, he retires before gratitude or sentiment sets in, leaving him to fertilize as he wishes. Is not this the way of Heaven? He who trusts to his natural fund of genius, has no knowledge of its extent and accomplishes with ease, but directly he doubts, ignorance obsesses him. Doubt fertilizes in the virgin soil. He is no longer fearless but a coward to difficulties, his very learning is fear. The difference between genius and ignorance is a degree of fear. The beginning of wisdom is fear of forethought the reception of knowledge in learning. Children doubt, and abhor learning. Why, even the affection of courage results in cleverness! The difference between good and evil is a matter of profundity. Which is nearer you, self-love and its immorality or love and morals? Not conscious of desert the compeer of Heaven, and constant happiness in wisdom is the capacity of direction. From self-glorification, from self-exaltation we rise superior to the incapacity of disquieting fear: the ridiculer to destruction of humility in repentance. This "self-love" that does not give but is glad to receive is the genuine opportunity for freedom from covetousness, from the militant amusement of Heaven. He who subordinates animal instincts to reason, quickly loses control. Are not the animals we see in circuses trained by torture? And do

not the animals reared in love, slay their master? The wise embraces and nourishes all things, but does not act as master. Only when passions are ruled by foreign environment are they dangers. Control is by leaving things to work out their own salvation- directly we interfere we become identified with and subject to their desire. When the Ego sees self-love- there is peace it becomes the seer. Directly we desire, we have lost all; "we are" what we desire, therefore we never obtain. Desire nothing, and there is nothing that you shall not realise. Desire is for completion, the inherent emotion that it is "all happiness," all wisdom, in constant harmony. But directly we believe, we are liars- and become identified with pain, yet pain and pleasure are one and the same. Therefore believe nothing, and you will have reverted to a simplicity which childhood has not yet attained. The fool asks how? as we must believe in pleasure and pain. Now if we could suffer them simultaneously (pain and pleasure) and hold fast to a principle that ascends, that allows the Ego vibration above them, should we not have reached the ecstasy? Now the belief is the "Ego," yet separates it from Heaven as your body separates you from another's. . . . Therefore by retaining the belief in the "not necessity" (when conceiving), the Ego is free. The emotion of laughter is exhaustion, the early suffering hence by making this emotion a "mental state" at the time of unity<sup>13</sup> he unites pain and pleasure, suffers them simultaneously and by the "not necessity" of his belief, his conception transcends this world and reaches the absolute ecstasy. There is no place where pain or death can enter.

*13: Of Sex, indeed of everything.*

The idea of God is the primordial sin, all religions are evil. Self-love is its own law, which may be broken with impunity, being the only energy that is not servile, serving its ever-ready purpose. Surely it is all that is left us that has no sin and is free? Verily, it is the only thing we dare be conscious of. He that truly pleases himself is without virtue, and shall satisfy all men. Hate, jealousy, murder, etc., are conditions of love, even as virtue, greed, selfishness, suicide, etc., are conditions or not pleasing ones's self. There is no sin more sickening than love, for it is the very essence of covetousness and the mother of all sin, hence it has the most devotees. Self-love only is pure and without a congregation.

He that entirely loves himself induces self-love only. In this he is inexorable, but does not offend like other men. He is akin to the great purpose, his actions explained for him, good seen of his evil, without knowing, everyone satisfied with his will. Do not Heaven and Earth unite daily in spontaneous homage to this will of self-love? No man can show greater self-love, than by giving up all he believes. Why do I value this self-love before all else? Is it not because I may be free to believe in evil, but have no thought that anything can do me injury? All is self-love, the people of the world, if they only knew, are its devotees. My new law is the great clue to life. If the world could understand this, the rotten fabric discarded, they would diligently follow the way in their own hearts, there would be no further desire for unity. . . . Try and imagine what that implies.

May the idea of God perish and with it women: have they not both made me appear clownish? Let there be no mistake, purity and innocence is simplicity, happiness is wisdom. What is simple has no duality.

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## ***The Doctrine of Eternal Self-Love.***

Now self-love is explained. It is the completion of belief. The "self" is the "Neither-Neither," nothing omitted, indissoluble, beyond prepossession; dissociation of conception by its own invincible love is the only true, safe, and free. The desire, will, and belief ceasing to exist as separate. Attraction, repulsion, and control self contained, they become the original unity, inert in pleasure. There is no duality. There is no desire for unity. At that time, it (the dual principle) rests in its unmodified state. The belief no longer subject to conception by conceiving "self" as such by loving. At other times, it<sup>14</sup> creates a centre, becomes its environment, identified with its ramifications, conception created, subjection to law and the insatiable desire for unity, inasmuch as the duality is unity. Servitude to law is the hatred of Heaven. Self-love only is the eternal all pleasing, by meditation on this effulgent self which is mystic joyousness. At that time of bliss, he is punctual to his imagination, in that day what happiness is his! A lusty innocent, beyond sin, without hurt! Balanced by an emotion, a refraction of his ecstasy is all that he is conscious of as external.<sup>15</sup> His vacuity causes double refraction, "He," the self-effulgent lightens in the Ego. Beyond law and the guest at the "Feast of the Supersensualists."<sup>16</sup> He has power over life and death.<sup>17</sup> Save by this, he is not beyond self-reproach, verily he has loosed all the trouble of the world, the murder from the lightning. Self-love preventing the mind from concentration, is identity without form, is no thought as such; law and external influences contained, do not affect. When that giving up all belief, reflects only its meaning, then is there purity of vision, innocence of touch, ergo, self-love. Verily, verily men are born, suffer and die through their belief. Ejaculation is death. Self-love is preservation and life.

*14: It the "Neither-Neither" emanates tetragrammaton of relatives, the sexes of which are evolved through their cruciform reflection and are elusive to identity. In their XXXX they produce unity XXXXX XXXXX conception. Ego generating by subdivision they embrace eternity, in their manifold ramifications is law.*

*15: i.e. his rainbow.*

*16: Chapter on self-attraction omitted.*

*17: This is the test. The one who doubt would naturally submit himself.*

Man to invoke pleasure in his choice, subtracts from desire, his desire is partial desire, becomes sub-duple (conflict), never is his energy full. Having no true focus, he is deceived in his strength and attains a pure measure of pleasure from his body. In success how heavy is his sentence! Pleasure becomes the illusion. Through dire necessity, "his means," he is bound to its cause and effect, and becomes a holocaust on the pyre of sentiment. This self-love is the only full energy, all else a wrapping of dissatisfaction, the hypothesis of desires which obscures.

Man in the misery of his illusions and unsatisfied desires, wings his flight to different religions, and doctrines, seeks redeception, a hypnotic, a palliative from which he suffers fresh miseries in exhaustion. The terms of the cure are new illusions, greater entanglement, more stagnant environment.

Having studied all ways and means to pleasure and pondered over them well again and again, this self-love has been found by me to be the only free, true and full one, nothing more sane, pure, and complete. There is no deceit: when by this all experience certainly is

known, everything sublimely beautiful and exceedingly amiable: where is the necessity of other means? Like the drink to the drunkard everything should be sacrificed for it. This Self-love is now declared by me the means of evolving millions of ideas for pleasure without love, or its synonyms- self-reproach, sickness, old-age, and death. The Symposium of self and love. O! Wise Man, Please Thyself.

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## ***The Complete Ritual and Doctrine of Magic***

### **Ecstasy in Self-love the Obsession**

My dearest, I will now explain the only safe and true formula, the destroyer of the darkness of the World, the most secret among all secrets. Let it be secret to him who would attain. Let it cover any period of time, depending on his conception. There is no qualification<sup>18</sup>, nor ritual or ceremony. His very existence symbolising all that is necessary to perfection. Most emphatically, there is no need of repetition or feeble imitation. You are alive!

Magic, the reduction of properties to simplicity, making them transmutable to utilise them afresh by direction, without capitalization, bearing fruit many times. Know deliberation, over consciousness and concentration to be its resistance and sycophancy, the ultimate acquirement of idiotcy. Whether for his own pleasure or power, the fulfilment of desire is his purpose, he would terminate this by magic. Let him wait for a desire analogous in intensity<sup>19</sup>, he then sacrifices this desire (or its fulfilment) to the initial desire, by this it becomes organic, the quantum. He has not attained freedom from law<sup>20</sup>. Hence let him wait for a belief to be subtracted, that period when disillusionment has taken place<sup>21</sup>. Verily disappointment is his chance. "This free entity of belief" and his desire are united to his purpose by the use of Sigils or sacred letters. By projecting the consciousness into one part, sensation not being manifold, becomes intensified. By the abstention of desire, except in the object, this is attained (at the psychological time this determines itself).

By non-resistance (involuntary thought and action), worry and apprehension of non-fulfilment, being transient, find no permanent abode: he desires everything. Anxiety defeats the purpose, it retains and exposes the desire. Conscious desire is non-attractive. The mind quiet and focussed, undisturbed by external images does not distort the sense impressions (there is no hallucination; it would end in imaginative fulfilment), but magnifies the existing desire, and joins it to the object in secret.

*18: The means being simplicity, he is comparatively free to make his own qualifications and difficulties, i.e., many retirements are absurd and at once prove his incapacity, the non existence of what he sets about to prove. He at once sets his limit and servility.*

*19: Just a natural desire.*

*20: This is a short formula for those whose belief is full in the law, are house holders following their desires. The formula holds good for any purpose.*

21: *Illustration, the loss of faith in a friend, or an union that did not fulfill expectations.*

### **Casting the Shadow.**

The Ego not being totally oblivious, let him retain only and visualise the Sigil form, it is his chalice, the means of vacuity and incarnation. By the deliberation of an analogous emotion at that time, he deputises the law (reaction). Miraculous is he, balance not known in this world imitated (attained). All other consciousness annulled with safety, the vehicle strong enough for the ecstasy, he is beyond hurt. Now let him imagine an union takes place between himself (the mystic union of the Ego and Absolute). The nectar emitted, let him drink slowly, again and again<sup>22</sup>. After this astonishing experience his passion is incomparable, there is nothing in the world he will desire: unless he wills. That is why people do not understand me. The ecstasy in its emotion is omnigenous. Know it as the nectar of life, the Syllubub of Sun and Moon. Verily he steals the fire from Heaven: the greatest act of bravery in the world. Deliberation egotized, except in the refraction<sup>23</sup> of the ecstasy, is exposure and death, becoming a presiding obsession, control having been given to a prior experience and is over-conscious of that through it momentarily finding freedom from its native law; thus generating double personality (Insanity).

22: *If it becomes physical, let him imagine another's body, he has that sigil or its emergency. This, although not his original purpose, he will and exceedingly amiable.*

23: *Laughter in this case.*

By these means there is no desire beyond fulfilment, no accomplishment too wonderful, depending on the amount of free belief<sup>24</sup>.

24: It may be done by localizing desire to one sense, hence by this formula using the ear as the vehicle, one hears the most transcendental music ever conceived, being the voices and harmony of every conceivable animal and human existence and so with each sense. Men of small pleasure and enterprise, oblivious of your purpose, fault-finding, avaricious, sinful, who cannot live without women or enjoy without pain, fearsome, inconstant, diseased, and withered, dependent, cruel, deceived, and liars, the worst of men! Know, Oh, Lord, Oh beloved Self, I have now told you of that most secret tavern where passion goes when youth has gone, where any man may drink of the nectar of all-beneficent and gratuitous ecstasy. The most pleasurable nourishment that harms no one.

### **Note on the Difference of Magical Obsession (Genius) and Insanity.**

MAGICAL obsession is that state when the mind is illuminated by sub-conscious activity evoked voluntarily by formula at our own time, etc., for inspiration. It is the condition of Genius.

Other obsession is the "blind leading the blind," caused by quietism, known as mediumism, an opening out of the Ego to (what is called) any external influence, elementals, or disembodied energy. A transmuted consciousness that is a resistance to "true" sub-conscious activity, it being a voluntary insanity, a somnambulation of the Ego

with "no form" or control to guide it: hence its emanations are stupid in suggestion, or memories of childhood.

Obsession known as or related to insanity is an experience that is dissociated from the personality (Ego) through some sort of rejection. It is sub-crystalline, and cannot become permanently attached to the sub-consciousness, not having exhausted or completed itself by realisation. Depending on its degree of intensity and resistance shown at some time or another, the Ego has or has not knowledge of the obsession; always is its expression autonomous, divorced from personal control, power of direction and timing.

Concentration determines dissociation. Enthusiasm for one object seeking completion by identification, sacrifices all else, or deliberately forgets. Its separation from the Ego (it becoming equal, or more in bulk than the rest of the consciousness, causes subdivision or "double personality"), is caused by its own intensity or by shock of resistance determined by some incompatibility of the desired or desire.

Concentration is dissatisfied desire, a conflict that can never be satisfied, because of its means. When the Ego, not appearing to have or not knowing the means of fulfilment, seeks its repudiation, repression, imaginative fulfilment, or transmutation to escape its worry. None of these is the desire's or obsession's annihilation, but its separation or concealment from the rest of the Ego, its premature sub-conscious existence. It is held there only when some form of resistance is active, when resistance is dormant- control is given to the presiding obsession, allowing its incarnation in, and swamping of the Ego, which has to live and perform its emotional experience. Disease and Insanity (all disease is insanity) is caused when the disembodied energy has no vital function. It is this energy which is utilised for the vitalization of Sigils.

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## ***Sigils.***

### **The Psychology of Believing.**

If the "supreme belief" remains unknown, believing is fruitless. If "the truth" has not yet been ascertained, the study of knowledge is unproductive. Even if "they" were known their study is useless. We are not the object by the perception, but by becoming it.

Closing the gateways of sense is no help. Verily I will make common-sense the foundation of my teaching. Otherwise, how can I convey my meaning to the deaf, vision to the blind, and my emotion to the dead? In a labyrinth of metaphor and words, intuition is lost, therefore without their effort must be learned the truth about one's self from him who alone knows the truth . . . yourself.

Of what use the wisdom of Virginité to him who has been raped by the seducer, ignorance? Of what use sciences or any knowledge except as medicine? Hidden treasure does not come at the word nor by digging with your hands in the main road. Even with the proper implements and accurate knowledge of place, etc., may be but the acquisition

of what you possessed long ago. There is a great doubt as to whether it is hidden, except by the strata of your experience and atmospheres of your belief.

The pertinent question now proposed by "Thee" should be asked by those desirous of some measure of genius. My answer like the mighty germ is in agreement with the universe, simple and full of deep import and for a time extremely objectionable to your ideas of good and beauty. Listen, attentively, O! Aspirant, all agog for information, to my answer, for by living the meaning thou shalt truly be freed from the bondage of constitutional ignorance. Thou must live it thyself; I cannot live it for thee.

The chief cause of genius is realization or "I" by an emotion that allows the lightning assimilation of what is perceived. This emotion is immoral in that it allows free association of knowledge without the accessories of belief. Its condition is, therefore, ignorance of "I am" and "I am not" with absent-mindedness as believing. Its most excellent state is the "Neither-Neither," the free or atmospheric "I."

You remember in your youth the thought "that this world is a curious place" in the emotion when you felt "why" as to whether this life is a reasonable development? What was the cause of this and of your summarily dismissing it from your mind? Again the feeling that the most commonplace object is magnificently strange and the vague emotion of co-relation between the incompatible (exhaustive arguments often see this, but always excuse it); the curiosity and shock with a more intimate association with the wonders of creation. What is it that prevents you following investigation into "what exactly is surprise," etc.? What is the cause of your believing more in God than a dog-fight? Yet you fear dogs more than God! Where is the difference between yourself choked with disquieting piety, and the innocence of a babe? Perhaps in these is the cause of ignorance.

Belief is the fall from the Absolute. What are you going to believe? Truth seeks its own negation. Different aspects are not the truth, nor are they necessary to truth. Of its emanations which are you to strangle at birth? Are you illegitimate? You believe in right and wrong- what punishment will you determine? Can you escape the driving "Must"? Who can escape boredom- without change? Who remain single and content! What man among you is large and free enough to encompass his "self"? Your belief obfuscates lineage. Ambition is smallness- your customed environment. Remember, time is an unstudied imagination of the experienced. What may be called the early experience was its completion, so of learning there is no finis. What you learn to-morrow is determined by what you have done- the accomplished lesson of yesterday. Never learning to-day what you can do to-morrow is called loss, but is theft from time, wholesomeness and rejuvenescence. Repeat this delay again and again till you arrive at spontaneity, chance in safety. The pursuit of learning (believing) is the grotesque incubator of stupidity.

If you could truly believe, we should realise the virtue of it. We are not free to believe . . . . however much we so desire, having conflicting ideas to first exhaust. Sigils are the art of believing; my invention for making belief organic, ergo, true belief.



When by the wish to believe- it is of the necessity incompatible with an existing belief and is not realized through the inhibition of the organic belief- the negation of the wish, faith moves no mountains, not till it has removed itself. Supposing I wish to be great (is not counting that I am), to have "faith" and believe that I am, does not make me great- even were I to keep up the pretence to the end . . . it being ceremonial insincerity, the affirmation of my incapacity. I am incapable, because that is the true belief, and organic. To believe differently is but affectation. Therefore the imagination or "faith" that I am great, is a superficial belief. The reaction and denial, caused by the troublesome effervescence of the organic incapacity. Denial or faith does not change or annihilate it, but is its reinforcement and preservation. Therefore belief, to be true, must be organic and sub-conscious. The desire to be great can only become organic at a time of vacuity, and by giving it (Sigil) form. When conscious of the Sigil form (any time but the Magical) it should be repressed, a deliberate striving to forget it, by this it is active and dominates at the unconscious period, its form nourishes and allows it to become attached to the sub-consciousness and become organic, that accomplished, is its reality and realization. He becomes his concept of greatness.

So belief becomes true and vital by striving against it in consciousness and by giving it form. Not by the striving of faith. Belief exhausts itself by confession and non-resistance, i.e., consciousness. Believe not to believe, and in degree you will obtain its existence. Timeliness depending on your morality, give to the poor. If the ambitious only knew it is as difficult to become incapable as it is to become great. They are mutual as accomplishments and equally satisfying.

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### ***The Sub-Consciousness.***

ALL geniuses have active sub-consciousness, and the less they are aware of the fact, the greater their accomplishments. The sub-consciousness is exploited by desire reaching it. So consciousness should not contain the "great" desire once the Ego has wished: and should be filled with an affected ambition for something different, not vice-versa, the inevitable penalty of cowardice lurking somewhere: surely not an inglorious deceit? Genius, like heroism, is a matter of bravery- you have to forget fear, or incapacity somehow . . . hence its expression is always spontaneous. How simple it is to acquire genius- you know the means; who will take the plunge? The learning of "How" is the eternal "Why"- unanswered! A genius is such, because he does not know how or why.

### **The Storehouse of Memories with an Ever-Open Door.**

Know the sub-consciousness to be an epitome of all experience and wisdom, past incarnations as men, animals, birds, vegetable life, etc., etc., everything that exists, has and ever will exist. Each being a stratum in the order of evolution. Naturally then, the lower we probe into these strata, the earlier will be the forms of life we arrive at; the last is the Almighty Simplicity. And if we succeed in awakening them, we shall gain their properties, and our accomplishment will correspond. They being experiences long passed, must be evoked by extremely vague suggestion, which can only operate when the

mind is unusually quiet or simple. To have their wisdom does not mean the necessity of their bodies- the body modifies in relation to "means" (we travel faster than the hunting leopard, but do not have its body), when it is the means it changes accordingly. Now, if we observe Nature, the early forms of life are wonderful in their properties, adaptability, etc; their strength enormous, and some are indestructible. No matter what the desire is, it always is its accomplishment. A microbe has the power to destroy the world (and certainly would if it took an interest in us). If you were to dismember its limb, the mutilated part would regrow, etc. So by evoking and becoming obsessed or illuminated by these existences, we gain their magical properties, or the knowledge of their attainment. This is what already happens (everything happens at all times) though exceedingly slowly; in striving for knowledge we repel it, the mind works best on a simple diet.

### **The Key to Prophecy.**

The law of Evolution is retrogression of function governing progression of attainment, i.e., the more wonderful our attainments, the lower in the scale of life that governs them. Our knowledge of flight is determined by that desire causing the activity of our bird etc. Karmas. Directly our desire reaches the stratum belonging to those existences that can "fly" without wings- so shall we fly without machines. This sub-conscious activity is the "capacity," the "knowledge"; all other we acquire is of a negative or manurial value. The virtue of learning and acquiring knowledge by the ordinary means is in its worry and disappointment, of that degree which causes exhaustion: by that the desire might accidentally reach the real abode of knowledge, i.e., the sub-consciousness. Inspiration is always at a void moment, and most great discoveries accidental, usually brought about by exhaustion of the mind. My formula and Sigils for sub-conscious activity are the means of inspiration, capacity or genius, and the means of accelerating evolution. An economy of energy and method of learning by enjoyment. A bat first grew wings and of the proper kind, by its desire being organic enough to reach the sub-consciousness. If its desire to fly had been conscious, it would have had to wait till it could have done so by the same means as ourselves, i.e., by machinery. All genius has an hypothesis (usually natural) in the form of a hobby, which serves to restrain and occupy the conscious mind, to prevent its interference with spontaneous expression. The great Leonardo's mathematics, etc., served to "Deceive" him as such an hypothesis (and as Sigils). Our lives are full of the Symbolism of those predominating Karmas we are governed by. All ornament, useless dress, etc., are such (they please people because they feel the identification), and the means of locating them (Karmas). The symbolism of crowning a man King, is that he, resembling God (on earth), has reached the lowest strata of his sub-consciousness (those one-cell organisms if you like), which predominate as governing his functions. (Of course, those crowned Kings are never such, they symbolise the "hope," not the reality.) Hence the floral nature of and precious stones in design of the crown relate to first principles. He is King who has reached the dual principle in its simplicity, the first experience which is all experience . . . . he has no need of crowns and kingdoms.

By Sigils and the acquirement of vacuity, any past incarnation, experience, etc., can be summoned to consciousness. It may even happen in sleep in the form of dreams, but this means is very difficult. (Chapters on day and night dreaming for pleasure omitted.)

Total vacuity is difficult and unsafe for those governed by morality, complexes, i.e., whose belief is not entirely self-love. Hence this desideratum of Sigils, etc.

Know all ritual, ceremony, conditions, as arbitrary (you have yourself to please), a hindrance and confusion; their origin was for amusement, later for the purpose of deceiving other from knowing the truth and inducing ignorance; and as always happens their high priests were the more deceived themselves. He who deceives another deceives himself much more. Therefore know the Charlatans by their love of rich robes, ceremony, ritual, magical retirements, absurd conditions, and other stupidity, too numerous to relate. Their entire doctrine a boastful display, a cowardice hungering for notoriety; their standard everything unnecessary, their certain failure assured. Hence it is that those with some natural ability quickly lose it by their teaching. They can only dogmatise, implant and multiply that which is entirely superficial. Were I a teacher I should not act as master, as knowing more, the pupil could lay no claim to discipleship. Assimilating slowly, he would not be conscious of his learning, he would not repeat the vital mistake; without fear he would accomplish with ease. The only teaching possible is to show a man how to learn from his own wisdom, and to utilise his ignorance and mistakes. Not by obscuring his vision and intention by righteousness.

### ***Sigils. Belief with Protection.***

#### **Magickal Obsession.**

I will now explain their creation and use; there is no difficulty about it, how pure and clear it all is<sup>25</sup>. Out of love for my foolish devotees I invented it. All desire, whether for Pleasure, Knowledge, or Power, that cannot find "Natural" expression, can by Sigils and their formula find fulfilment from the sub-consciousness. Sigils are the means of guiding and uniting the partially free belief<sup>26</sup> with an organic desire, its carriage and retention till its purpose served in the sub-conscious self, and its means of reincarnation in the Ego. All thought can be expressed by form in true relation. Sigils are monograms of thought, for the government of energy (all heraldry, crests, monograms, are Sigils and the Karmas they govern), relating to Karma; a mathematical means of symbolising desire and giving it form that has the virtue of preventing any thought and association on that particular desire (at the magical time), escaping the detection of the Ego, so that it does not restrain or attach such desire to its own transitory images, memories and worries, but allows it free passage to the sub-consciousness.

*25: By this system, you know exactly what (you believe) your Sigil must relate to. If you used any form stupidly, you might possibly "conjure up" exactly what you did not want—the mother of insanity, or what always happens then, nothing at all. This being the only*

*system, any result other than by it is accidental. Also you do not have to dress up as a traditional magician, wizard or priest, build expensive temples, obtain virgin parchment, black goat's blood, etc., etc., in fact no theatricals or humbug.*

*26: Free belief or energy, i.e., a disappointed desire, not yet an obsession.*

Sigils are made by combining the letters of the alphabet simplified. Illustration<sup>27</sup>, the word "Woman" in Sigil form is (example) or (example) or (example) etc. The word tiger (example) or (example) etc., etc. The idea being to obtain a simple form which can be easily visualised at will, and has not too much pictorial relation to the desire. The true method has a much greater virtue, which cannot be explained briefly, being the secret of thought form, as degrees of suggestion, and what exactly is in a name. We have now agreed as to how a Sigil is made, and what virtue it has. Verily, what a person believes by Sigils, is the truth, and is always fulfilled. This system of Sigils is believed by taking it up as a hobby at a time of great disappointment or sorrow. By Sigils I have endowed fools with wisdom, made the wise fools, giving health to the sick and weak, disease to the strong, etc. Now, if for some purpose, you wanted the strength of a tiger- you would make a sentence such as:- "This my wish to obtain the strength of a tiger." (Message from person who typed up this file: In constructing the sentence of desire, beginning with "This my will," has been said by some to be more efficacious.) Sigilized this would be:-

This my wish (illustrative example of this part of the sentence)

To obtain (ditto)

The strength of a Tiger (same as said above)

Combined as one Sigil (example) or (more simplified example).

*27: There are six methods of Sigils employed in this book, each corresponding to different strata. The one shown here is illustrative and the fundamental idea of them all, from which anyone can evolve his own system. Conditions, etc., or necessity subsequently evolve themselves. Also a person has more power of creation and originality with a limited means of expression.*

*[web editor's note: I am trying to find a copy of the graphics for these sigils and will include them here when I find them. --Fenwick]*

Now by virtue of this Sigil you are able to send your desire into the subconsciousness (which contains all strength); that having happened, it is the desire's realization by the manifestation of the knowledge or power necessary.

First, all consciousness except of the Sigil has to be annulled; do not confuse this with concentration- you simply conceive the Sigil any moment you begin to think. Vacuity<sup>28</sup> is obtained by exhausting the mind and body by some means or another. A personal or traditional means serves equally well, depending on temperament; choose the most pleasant; these should be held in favour, Mantras and Posture, Women and Wine, Tennis, and the playing of Patience, or by walking and concentration on the Sigil, etc., etc. None

is necessary to him who has (even symbolically) for a moment by the "Neither-Neither" conquered the dual principle (Conception), his Ego is free from gravity. If the Sigil is made an obsession by continual apprehension, its realization may happen at any moment, in the form of inspiration. This is done by reverting the mind to the Sigil when one is extremely worried- the time of exhaustion is the time of fulfilment. At the time of exhaustion or vacuity, retain only and visualize the Sigil form- eventually it becomes vague, then vanishes and success is assured. by the Ego conceiving only the Sigil, and not being able to conceive anything from it, all energy is focussed through it, the desire for identification carries it to the corresponding sub-conscious stratum, its destination. The Sigil being a vehicle, serves the purpose of protecting consciousness from the direct manifestation of the (consciously unacknowledged) obsession, conflict is avoided with any incompatible ideas and neither gains separate personality. It (the obsession) is either gradually assimilated and becomes organic or returns to its original abode, its purpose of illumination served. Hence the mind, by Sigils, depending upon the intensity of desire, is illuminated or obsessed (knowledge or power) from that particular Karma (the sub-conscious stratum, a particular existence and knowledge gained by it) relative to the desire, but not from memory or experience which was recent. Knowledge is obtained by the sensation, resulting from the unity of the desire and Karma. Power, by its "actual" vitalization and resurrection.

*28: This is not the passivity of mediumism which opens the mind to what is called external influence- disembodied energy usually having no better purpose than to rap- tables. There are many means of attaining this state of vacuity: I mention the most simple, there is no need for crucifixion. Drugs are useless. Smoking and laziness the more difficult.*

This knowledge leaves its stratum in company with the energy or desire returning to the Ego. It escapes the Ego's resistance by associating with similar images, memories, or experiences relative (recieved in this life), that the mind contains, and crystalizes itself by their symbolism. Hence most illumination is symbolic, and must be subsequently translated.

*[Chapters on Symbolism, Automatic Drawing As Means To Art, & Note on Sacred Letters omitted.]*

*[web editor's note: I am trying to find these sections and present them here so that the Book of Please is complete. --Fenwick]*

## ***On Myself.***

Conceiving, thou hast given no sign of life. In claiming thee, a labour of creating value, is nothing worth holding, nothing satisfying; the realization of thy inhibition all? By self-effacement would seem reality. This self, how empty! how prolific of incompleteness! In self-denial its stimulation to simulate reality . . . more and more comes out- these ugly mists of illusion are parental, the cause of Heaven's hatred! That is why I fear to believe in God, subordination to an attribute, an idea of Self is not freedom of love! Probably Almighty is he who is unconscious of the idea of God. Now may the fierceness of my

unity be "Thy" silence and for me no longer a query or labour to espouse my doubt. Yet mankind for ever doubts, quirks, and for every pleasure pays, till he becomes millionaire: the punishment shall fit the appraisal of his capitalization, there is that fear! The rich in dross, to cheat his conscience, affects humility, speaks of himself as "poor," his possessions as "burdens," or of "small account"! Of what consolation the truth in the day of weary waiting and watching, the restless striving, the imprisonment, the rack, the horrors of every conceivable torture? When he becomes accustomed, loses reality, and no longer deterred, will he then create God and miseries afresh? Oh, folly of the world, deny thy faith, renounce this Bloody-Sceptred God and confess. The completion of folly is the beginning of childhood, but of knowledge there is no end. It was the straying that found the path direct. From childhood, I have never denied my invincible purpose. Oh, silent watcher, thou sleepless eye of the Universe, watch over the beginning of all my ideas. The misery of the world would seem eternal, whilst I, in the midst, like an infant not yet smiling, am impervious in purity (of self-love) but I dare not claim its service! I am in eternal want of realization, poor though I be, my contentment is beyond your understanding. An opinionist, I fear to advocate an argument, or compromise myself by believing my own doctrines as such . . . may they ever be their own expurgers! Fearsome of knowledge, may my belief be its emptiness, yea, ignorance! From my daring to believe religions, doctrines, creeds, so shall I hold the jewel of truth. So cautious am I, simultaneously do I deny that which I affirm, and hold fast to the "not-necessity," by paradox superseded, without antecedent, spontaneous, I revert to the Absolute, watch my intoxication and control- the reaction of Karma. How easy is the Way, it would seem as though nothing should be said but all unsaid! May my words be few and pregnant! Alas, the futility of the idea of God has not yet reached its limit, all men liars, appear striving for insanity as its climax: while I alone as one prematurely aged, reason tottering on its throne, remain sane, in positive chastity, confessing no conscience, no morals- a virgin in singleness of purpose.

# Demons in the 'Net

**Date:** Mon, 24 May 1999 10:26:08 -0700 (PDT)

**From:** Joseph Maxx.555

**cc:** AutonomatriX e-list

**Subject:** Re: for thee psybersphere, psychosphere, noosphere, chaosphere (fwd)

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Phillip Farber -- late as usual...

The participants in the TIAMAT list created a "psychosphere" working back in 1994 (two years before the copyright date on this posting.) In fact the effects were astounding.

The idea was simply to summon and then "banish" whatever Internet "demons" were in existence. As there was no research on the nature of such demons available, it was a rather open ended experiment.

It was devised by myself and Ashton (whom some old hands here might remember) and based on a banishing rite out of Simon's Necronomicon.

Participants were "stationed" around the globe: western US, Australia, Greece, England, eastern US and central US as I recall. In this way we sent an incantation "around" the earth seven times: each "relay station" forwarded the incantation to the next, adding a line of the spell in the process. Each station also forwarded each portion to a randomly chosen Usenet group.

As the spell neared completion, the Internet suffered serious "breakdowns", including a crash of the main ISP service in Australia and a massive -- and still unexplained -- power failure in California that knocked out both the UC Berkeley-based UUCP backbone AND the Netcom ISP. It also caused my ISP service, who's Sysop happened to monitor what we were doing one evening, to pull my service account for "abuse of the service contract." (I got another account and continued the working...)

We theorized that our working "disturbed" the demons of the Internet and they reacted like any other entity that is being slowly tortured to death -- violently trying to stop us from what we were doing.

If anyone can find Ashton these days, he archived the postings and a synopsis of the results.

I suppose I'm somewhat dismissive of Mr. Farber and his published works, but everything I've read by him has been disappointing. His "Future Magick" was touted unendingly in Usenet postings and upon reading it it turns out to be nothing more than that same old Thelemic/Hermetic rituals and paradigms given a few fancy new labels.

Not that the article posted by Aloas doesn't have a few useful ideas...

...but it's been done!

- J.:M.:555

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In the beginning the Universe was created. This has made  
a lot of people very angry and been widely regarded as  
being a bad move.....

-- Douglas Adams  
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# Don't Blame Me, Blame My Servitor

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I'm not sure whether I should be worried or not. You see, Chronos is a nice enough God of Time, but he is a bit old and I'm not sure he stands a chance against what's about to hit him. Of course, he has enslaved all of Western society to the clock, so maybe he deserves it, but still yet I feel kind of sorry for him.

You see, it all started when I began playing with the idea of time magick. Not that I'm responsible for what's coming, mind you--- I'll pass the blame off to Fotamecus before anyone blames me. I turned him loose a long time ago, and I take no responsibility for his actions, especially with him ranting "Chronos, your time has come" every time I see him. Perhaps I should explain.

My own involvement with time magick was actually quite accidental. One day I got to thinking about time and how it flows, and how each hour is supposed to be the same length as all the others. Yet this didn't make sense to me--- sometimes an hour flies by as if minutes, and other times it drags on for ages. The end result of the thinking ran something like this: If we can use magick in any area of our lives, and if Time is a mutable substance, why can't we use magick to mess around with time? And thinking usually gets me into trouble sooner or later.

So one afternoon, running behind schedule, the thought passed through my mind to use magick to speed the journey. Listening to the radio as I drove down the freeway, I created a suitable Statement of Intent: "Force Time Into Compression." Because driving doesn't lend itself well to artistic sigilization, I instead reduced it to a four-syllable mantra that I could chant to radio music: "Fotamecus". Despite little preparation, it worked exceptionally well, and I thought that this would be the end of it.

The next day a good friend of mine, Quinn the Mad Prophet (don't ask), approached me and asked about sigilization techniques a la Austin Spare. Requiring a demonstration sigil, I chose to use "Fotamecus", explaining the previous day's success with it. From the mantra, I created an artistic sigil that Quinn put in his wallet for future reference, inadvertently placing himself under its influence. Many stories of truly rapid transit followed, culminating in a Metallica concert where Quinn's goal was to "suck up all that free gnosis."

All of that free gnosis that Quinn sucked up was dumped into the Fotamecus sigil to speed the trip home, and a two hour journey took only thirty minutes. Even more surprising, the energy was enough to push the sigil over the border to servitorhood. I've used this technique before, of feeding a sigil enough gnosis until it created an

independent servitor, but neither the Mad Prophet nor I had ever done it by accident. So without a home and with nowhere to go, the Fotamecus servitor, young and unintelligent, started following us around. Whenever we needed to compress or expand time we would feed it a bit of gnosis and it would do the job. It started "growing up" as we fed it, growing a little more intelligent and a bit stronger each time we used it. We thought this good and well, for the stronger he got the better he did his job.

Over Thanksgiving weekend in 1996, I crammed with six other chaotes into a van headed for Death Valley. Calling on Fotamecus while in the San Francisco Bay Area, we travelled fifty miles in fifteen minutes through both heavy traffic and the MacArthur Maze, the most dizzying interchange of highways known to man. Immediately after Fotamecus began to work, we lost a car of friends that had been following us.

Even though we killed 45 minutes at a rest stop afterwards, when we re-entered the freeway we met right up with the other car even though they had never stopped. We thought the magick had worked very well until we received the backlash later that day.

For time compressed, an equal amount of time was expanded. The balance was kept. Travelling at sixty miles an hour, a fifteen mile stretch of desert highway took nearly an hour to cross. If we had already reached our destination, the expansion would have been fine, but Fotamecus was only able to hold off the backlash from the initial compression for so long.

After several similar events we mulled over various ideas to correct the problem of backlash and hit upon the idea of viral servitors--- the key to a process of mutation that would allow Fotamecus to eventually grow beyond our control. We worked several rituals in which we altered the sigil to make it possible for Fotamecus to make copies of itself. These copies wired themselves into a network that made them incredibly effective at preventing unwanted side effects. If one of them needed to compress time and another to expand it they would pass it off to each other through the viral network, maintaining balance and reducing the possibility of backlash.

Our only problem was that we didn't limit how large the network could grow. There was no check against it--- nothing to keep it from getting out of our control. And the only problem with a reproducing virus is that sooner or later it mutates.

It was about this time that news of Fotamecus started spreading through the Internet, and an online graphic of the sigil was printed out by many for personal use. Hundreds of copies were spawned and the power of the Fotamecus Viral Servitor Network continued to grow.

As the network grew, so did the power of Fotamecus. The whole thing started acting less and less like a legion of independent servitors and more and more like an individual entity. He started showing greater signs of intelligence--- he would hold interesting conversations, show up when needed without request, and applied greater precision in his use of time manipulation to get the most mileage from the least effort. It became obvious

to the Mad Prophet and I that he was slipping out of our control and was about to become something else. The mutation had begun, and there was little we could do to stop it.

Only a year after his initial creation, he ceased to be a network of pieces and became more than the sum of his parts. His parts were still identifiable, but they were becoming less and less distinct. The viral network itself was now stronger than the individual servitors, and looked more like a spirit in its own right with each passing day.

The full mutation took place during the hour long Midnight to Midnight when Pacific Daylight Time became Pacific Standard Time in October of 1997. Using mundane time expansion of an hour that didn't technically exist, we performed a ritual in his name that was designed to charge him with power for whatever use he saw fit. Seven people and one smashed clock were the only witnesses to the ritual.

For three days he just disappeared. Petitions for help went unanswered, conversations were one-way talks to nothingness. Divination confirmed that yes, he was still alive, but that no, he wasn't responding to anything. So we waited, and three days later he rose from the dead more changed than we had ever expected.

Many chaos magicians speak of spirits as spanning a continuum of power from the tiniest unintelligent servitor, to egregores of moderate power, to godforms capable of controlling entire cultures. In one popular theory, all godforms were at some time on the short end of the stick, and through constant use they amassed power and rose from servitor to egregore to full status as a godform. When asked how long this takes, many chaotes shrug and guess that each step takes decades or even centuries. I would say that this grossly underestimates the potential for their growth, for when we next saw Fotamecus he was no longer a puny little servitor but an egregore powerful enough to shrug us off and make his own demands.

I still don't know what allowed him to cross that boundary. I suspect that when you give a servitor enough energy from enough different people it will become an egregore, much as a sigil can become a servitor after being the recipient of strong gnosis. But similar egregores I had dealt with in the past had not been nearly as strong as Fotamecus had become, though it shouldn't have been too much of a surprise. By this time, there were hundreds of people using him daily around the world, each of them feeding him a little more power with each use. Along with the ritual performed during the Daylight Savings time-change, it was enough to push him over that border with change to spare. He reintegrated the individual parts as his limbs, while the network became his mind. Granted, he wasn't a very strong egregore yet, but he had plans of his own at this point, and he would have been difficult for any one individual to control.

Lucky for us he was friendly and wasn't about to take revenge for any perceived abuse suffered as a servitor. Instead he showed up, let us know of his egregore-hood and what was going on, and then faded into the background from where he would manipulate events. One could petition him in the same manner as before, but his skill at time manipulation had reached mastery. Oftentimes he showed up unrequested, giving help

before we could think to ask for it. There were even times when he was strong enough to get us to our destinations before we had left for them. Certainly not the work of a puny servitor!

I don't see much of him anymore, but he does show up when I need him. He usually has a better idea of when I need him than I do. And sometimes he just drops by for a chat. At 2 a.m. sitting in a Denny's just a few weeks after attaining his egregore-hood, I had a particularly revealing conversation with him. It seems that he's not satisfied with being an egregore--- he wants to head for godhood and the only thing standing in his way is Chronos.

Chronos, god of fixed time--- his talismans are the timepieces that control our daily existence, his clocks are the prison guards to which we have become slaves. And never do we question his authority. But what could some upstart servitor with delusions of grandeur hope to offer?

In my own case, my full-time job became much more pleasant when I began to compress the entire day with his help. An eight-hour day felt like four or five, and this compression was fed back as expansion of my free time. A two hour lounge around the house often felt like three or four. If I needed more sleep, I would ask him to expand the night-time hours, and I would awake after five hours as if I had slept in late. So much for those last nagging doubts in my head that time is fixed and immutable. In this way does Fotamecus battle Chronos. We may be slaves to our clocks, but there is nothing to stop us from changing the flow of hours within those clocks.

Word has spread. More and more people are using Fotamecus every day, and with each new user he grows in power. Already he is plotting his attacks against Chronos with what seems to be a passionate hatred centered on vengeance for some unknown slight. He keeps muttering something about the millenium, and has told me on more than one occassion to keep an eye on London's Millenium Dome, which will hold more than 100,000 party-goers on December 31, 1999. Such comments are usually accompanied with the astral equivelant of a mischievous smile.

At this point I have a better relationship with him than I do with most gods I work with. And he seems to like me. Occasionally he pops up to tell me things to do for him, to get him out to more people or to give him ammunition for his war against Chronos. In return for a little publicity here and there, he helps me stretch those hours around the clock to get the most out of them. He even pokes me and prods me to write essays about him so that others will use him. By using his name as a mantra or by creating a ritual using his sigil to call him, he grows stronger day by day as new users feed him in return for his help. So sure, it may be neat to tell a story about how a servitor that Quinn and I accidentally created eventually ascended to egregorehood, but these days I feel more and more like I'm a servitor to Fotamecus that he feeds candy for being a good little magician. An odd relationship at best.

Fotamecus has been out of my control for a very long time now. I do worry a little bit about his war with Chronos--- I have absolutely no clue what he's got planned, and he's certainly not telling me. But to be perfectly honest, even if I am a bit worried, I've been enjoying the show. And with the millenium just around the corner it looks like it's only going to get better. This is what the Immanentization of the Eschaton is all about.

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# Egregore

## ***Notes on the role of the historical Egregore in modern Magic by Fra.: U.D.***

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It is quite easy to poke fun at the historical claims of most magical and mystical orders, especially when they purport to have derived from "very ancient", possible even "Atlantean" or, to top it all, "pre-Atlantean" brotherhoods for whose existence even the most sympathetic historical scholar worth his name would be very hard pressed to find any significant proof. Actually, it is rather a cheap joke to cite, for example, AMORC's claims that even good old Socrates or Ramses II (of all people!) were "Rosicrucians". However, the trouble only starts when adepts mistake these contentions for *literal* truths. "Literal", of course, derives from literacy and the letters of the alphabet. And, as Marshall McLuhan has justly in his "Understanding Media" and perhaps even more so in "The Gutenberg Galaxy", western civilisation has a very strong tendency towards *linear* thinking, very probably due to - at least in part - the linear or non-pictographic nature of our alphabet. The very structure of this alphabet informs us at quite a tender age to think in terms of linear logics such as cause and effect, or, more interestingly in our context, PAST-PRESENT-FUTURE. This is not at all a "natural necessity" as most people are wont to think, for the ideographic or pictographic "alphabets" as used for example in ancient Egypt or even modern China and Japan tend to bias the correspondingly acculturated mind towards what McLuhan terms "iconic thinking" - a perception of holistic factors rather than the systematisation into separate (preferably indivisible) single units. Western thought has formulated this problem as the dichotomy of the *analytic* and the *synthetic* approach. But it is perhaps no coincidence that our contemporary culture tends to associate "synthetic" with "artificial", vide modern chemistry.

Now magical and mystical thinking is quite different; in fact it is not half as interested in causality as is linear thought. Rather, it strives to give us an overall, holistic view of processes within our perceived space-time continuum; an overall view which includes the psychology of the observer to a far stronger degree than even modern physics seems to have achieved in spite of Heisenberg's uncertainty principle and Einstein's earlier theory of relativity. In other words, mythological thinking is not so much about literal ("alphabetic"?) truth but rather about the "feel" of things. For example, a shaman may claim that the current rain is due to the rain goddess weeping because of some sad event. He might predict that her phase of mourning will be over in two days' time and that the deluge will then end. A Western meteorologist might possibly come to similar prognoses, but he will of course indignantly deny using any of "this mystic stuff" in the process. His rain goddess takes the form of barometric pressure, wind velocity and direction, air humidity and the like - but who is to say which view is the "truer" one, as long as abstract and mystic predictions prove to be accurate? From an unbiased standpoint, the modern demons "barometric pressure", "wind velocity" and factors of a similar like are just as abstract and mythic as the shaman's hypothetical rain goddess - especially so for us laymen who religiously follow the daily indoctrination via the TV weather forecasts and satellite photograph divination: all we can do is *believe* in what the expert tells us is the

truth. The non-shaman in a shamanic society shares a very similar fate when he has to believe simply that the rain goddess wants to be comforted say, by a substantial donation of meat or tobacco in the course of a fully fledged tribal ritual.

There *is* an important difference however. If we accept the model (strongly propagated by A.O. Spare, who was, of course, in his very special manner, quite an orthodox Freudian) of magic primarily taking place within the subconscious (Freud) or, less ambiguous, the unconscious (Jung); and if we furthermore agree that said unconscious is not only the source of personal magical energy (mana, or, as I prefer to term it, *magis*) but tends to think and act in symbols and images, we might come to the conclusion that our shaman's explanation may perhaps not be scientific more satisfying in Western terms, but it is surely more in accord with the way our unconscious tends to perceive reality. In that sense it is not only more "natural" but, one suspects, even downright *healthier* for psychic hygiene. It is, so to speak, more "ecological and holistic" in terms of psychic structure.

As an aside I might mention that it is the better explanation for practical magical reasons as well. For at least rain goddesses can be cajoled into happiness by magical technique, ritual trance and the like until they stop weeping, a task a meteorologist will hardly be able to imitate. (Actually I have preferred the magic of rain prevention to the more classical example of rain making because it is far more relevant to our own geography and experience).

In recent years Rupert Sheldrake's theory of morphogenic fields has raised quite a hue and cry, not only within the confines of the scientific community but strangely enough among occultists too. I find this latter reaction quite astonishing, because a lot of what Mr. Sheldrake basically claims is nothing more than the old, not to say ancient, tenet of philosophical idealism: namely that there is what in both German and English is called "Zeitgeist", a form of unique time-cum-thought quality, leading to surprisingly similar albeit completely independent models of thought, technical inventions, political truths and so on. One would rather expect the people to be profoundly intrigued to be among materialist/positivist biologists or physicist rather than occultists who have traded in the Zeitgeist principle ever since occult thought proper as we understand it arose in the Renaissance.

From a pragmatic point of view Mr. Sheldrake is behaving very much like our meteorologist, replacing mythic explanations with crypto-mythic "scientific" factors. Unfortunately, most scientific scholars tend to fear a devaluation of scientific terminology; once they are mentioned in the wrong "context" (almost invariably meaning: by "wrong" people) they are readily labelled as "non-" or "pseudo-" scientific - which is, after all, precisely what happened to poor Mr. Sheldrake amongst his peers in spite of all his academic qualifications. This example goes to show how very much estranged occultists can be from their own sources even when working with them daily.

Reality too is always the reality of its description: we are marking our pasts, presents and futures as we go along - and we are doing it all the time, whether we are conscious of the

fact or not, whether we like it or not, we are constantly reinventing our personal and collective space-time continuum.

Space seems rather solid and unbudging; even magic can do very little it seems to overcome its buttresses of solidity and apparent inertia, occasional exceptions included. (May it be noted that I include matter in this space paradigm, because solid matter is usually defined by the very same factors as is space - namely width, length and height.) Time, on the other hand, is much more volatile and abstract, so much so in fact that it is widely considered to be basically an illusion, even among non-occultist laymen. And indeed in his famous novel "1984" George Orwell has beautifully, albeit perhaps unwillingly, illustrated that history is very little more than purely the *description of history*. (Which is why it has to be rewritten so often. It seems that mankind is not very happy with an "objective past" and prefers to dabble in "correcting" it over and again. This is quite an important point I shall refer to again later on.) History is, after all, the defining of our past own roots and our *present* position within our linear space-time continuum in relation to past and future. Very often, unfortunately, the description and interpretation of history seem little more pathetic endeavour to obtain at least a minimum of objectivity in a basically chaotic universe. The expression "ordo ab chao" is more or less a summary of Western thought and Weltanschauung, of the issues straining and stressing the Western mind since ancient Greece. Chaos is considered "evil", order on the other hand is "good" - then the political philosophy, if you care to dignify it by this terms, of "law and order", appeals to people`s deeply rooted fears of loss of stability and calculability. ("Anarchy" is another widely misunderstood case in point.) The ontological fact that everything is transitory has never been particular well-received in Western philosophy and theology.

Now before you get the impression that I am only trying to impose a typical exercise in heavyhanded Teutonic style philosophical rambling upon your overbusy reading mind, let me hasten to point out that if past, present and future are, at least in principle, totally subjective, we as magicians are locally perfectly free to do what we like with them. For the magician is a) the supreme creator of his own universe and b) the master of Illusion (ref. the Tarot card "The Magician/Juggler"). This freedom of historical choice, however, is seldom realised let alone actively applied by the average magician. Maybe one of the reasons for this has to do with the somewhat pathetic fact that most of us tend to live our lives in a more or less manner, being mild eccentrics at best, distinctly avoiding becoming too much over the top. There are a number of possible explanations for this, ranging from "every magician is just another guy/gal like me" to "prevention of insanity". As we deal all the time with insanity - i.e. extremely unorthodox states of consciousness by bourgeois standarts, we magicians prefer some stability in our everyday lives and makeups, but this is not really our topic.

Rather than delve into social normality of the average magician I should like to investigate the many bogus claims to antiquity as put forward by a multiple of magical and mystical orders from this point of view. Such orders range from Freemasonry, Rosicrucianism and Theosophy to such venerable institutions as the O.T.O., the Golden Dawn and many others. Their historical claims are usually quite stereotyped: the



spectrum covered includes Atlantis, Lemuria, Mu, Solomon, Moses, Dr. Faustus, St. Germain, the Gnostics, the Knight Templar, the Cathars, the Illuminati, the Holy Grail myth, prehistoric witchcraft, matriarchy, shamanism etc.

Now it is quite common for shamans, to cite one example, to claim that in the good old days (usually, of course, dating back to a non-calibrated, non-defined time immemorial) things used to be much, much better. One of the more profane reasons for this contention may be the fact that most of these shamans have already achieved quite a venerable age in their trade; and don't we all know the typical attitude of old crones towards modernity ? It may not sound particular spiritual or holy but maybe all we are seeing here is the primitive's parallel to the "Now when I was in Poona with Royal Indian Army, young lad..." reported occasionally to be heard in some of today's pubs.

But there is more to it, I think. By calling up "bogus" ancestors from Moses via Solomon to Dr. Faustus and St. Germain, the magician not only reinvents his own history, he also is summoning up the egregore of these "entities" (along with all their powers and inhibitions of course) - or, to put into Mr. Sheldrake's terminology, their morphic fields. By violating all the painstaking endeavours of the meticulous historian, by simply ignoring a number of tedious and possibly contradictory facts and questions (such as whether Moses and Solomon have ever *really* been sorcerers of some standing in their own time) the magician becomes God in the fullest sense of the expression: not only does he choose his relatives in spirit quite arbitrarily, he even claims the right to do what not even the judaeo-christian god of the old testament is ever described as doing, namely changing "objective past" at will.

This type of creative historicism appeals, so it seems, very strongly to the unconscious mind, supplying it with a great deal of ideological back-up information, thus reducing its conscious-mind-imposed limits of "objectivity" to at least some modicum of superficial probability. It is only when the occultist mixes up the different planes of reference, when he purports to speak of "objective linear truth", instead of mythic or symbological, decidedly non-linear truth, that serious problems arise. This should be avoided at all costs in order not to strain our psychic set-up by contradictory evidence, which can easily result in an unwilled-for neutralisation of all magic powers.

But this, of course, is the same problem as with occult scientism. "Rays" are quite a convincing hypothesis to base telepathic experiments on, as long as you don't try to overdefine said rays by epitheta such as "electromagnetic" or the like. For if you do, you become the victim of scientists' zealous inquisition boards. Or, as Oscar Wilde might have put it, it is not truth which liberates man's mind but lying. (Which, again, is one of the reasons why Aleister Crowley entitled his magnum opus "The Book of Lies" in the first place...)

Let us then resort to creative historicism whenever we find it useful. Let us not have "historical objectivity" dictated to us by the powers that be. Let us accept our fuzziness of expression which is, after all, little more than a honest acknowledgement of the fact that symbols and images are always more than just a little ambiguous, as our dreams well

prove every night. As in divination, it does not pay to become overprecise in magic: the more you try to define a spell, the higher probability of failure. It is quite easy to charge a working talisman quite generally "for wealth"; it is quite another to charge it to "obtain the sum of \$347.67 on March 13th at 4.06 p.m. in 93, Jermyn Street, 3rd floor" and still expect success. While the latter may strangely enough succeed occasionally, this is usually only the freak exception of the rule. However, by systematically rewriting our past in fuzzy terms, possibly eventing past lives and biographies for ourselves consciously or arbitrarily, we are fulfilling the final demand of Granddaddy Lucifer's "non serviam". Let nobody impose his or her time and history parameters on you!

And for practical exercise, allow your clock occasionally to be well in advance of your contemporaries; let it sometimes lay behind for a few hours *and* minutes (do not just change the hour hand as this would make it easy to recalculate into demiurge's "real" space-time continuum, making you yet again its slave!) Do this to learn about your former ill-advised humility towards the current time paradigm - and about the illusory character of time and its measurement in general. Rewrite your personal and family history daily, invent your own kin and ancestors. "Problems with Mom and Dad? Pick a new couple!" Experiment with retroactive spells, try to heal your friend's flu before he even contracted it. But do this in a playful spirit lest your censor should whack you for your constant violations of the rules of this game by again confusing the frames of reference. Jump from one parallel universe to the next one, never permit yourself to stand still and become enmeshed by Maya's veil (you are supposed to be the *Master* of illusion, remember?). And don't panic: for nothing is true, everything is permitted.

\* Origin: ChaosBox: Nothing is true -> all is allowed... (2:243/2)

# Egregore Definition Compilation

**Date:** Fri, 19 Sep 1997 13:50:30 -0500 (CDT)

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Unable to throw out a definition that satisfied me, I turned to the browser.

Trying to find the Latin root, the closest I got was "egregius", meaning distinguished or illustrious. Cute, but doesn't sound related.

This following is from Gaetan Delaforge from a Gnosis article, "The Templar Tradition: yesterday and today":

*... "An egregore is a kind of group mind which is created when people consciously come together for a common purpose. Whenever people gather together to do something and egregore is formed, but unless an attempt is made to maintain it deliberately it will dissipate rather quickly. However if the people wish to maintain it and know the techniques of how to do so, the egregore will continue to grow in strength and can last for centuries.*

*An egregore has the characteristic of having an effectiveness greater than the mere sum of its individual members. It continuously interacts with its members, influencing them and being influenced by them. The interaction works positively by stimulating and assisting its members but only as long as they behave and act in line with its original aim. It will stimulate both individually and collectively all those faculties in the group which will permit the realization of the objectives of its original program. If this process is continued a long time the egregore will take on a kind of life of its own, and can become so strong that even if all its members should die, it would continue to exist on the inner dimensions and can be contacted even centuries later by a group of people prepared to live the lives of the original founders, particularly if they are willing to provide the initial input of energy to get it going again.*

*If the egregore is concerned with spiritual or esoteric activities its influence will be even greater. People who discover the keys can tap in on a powerful egregore representing, for example, a spiritual or esoteric tradition, will, if they follow the line described above by activating and maintaining such an egregore, obtain access to the abilities, knowledge, and drive of all that has been accumulated in that egregore since its beginnings. A group or order which manages to do this can, with a clear conscience, claim to be an authentic order of the tradition represented by that egregore. In my view this is the only yardstick by which a genuine Templar order should be measured."*

Aside from the shite about orders, not too bad.

This bit from Frater UD on Fenwick's page seems more of a response to this type of thought than a definition, but interesting:

<http://www.sonic.net/fenwick/chaos/egregore.html>

In this work from Temple Babel on Tzi's site, the word is used basically interchangeably with demon:

<http://www.crl.com/~tzimon/Workings/rending.html>

In Simon's Necronomicon, I recall that the Watcher was said to be of "the genus Egregorus" or somesuch. I have also heard the term used alongside "Angel".

Interesting bits from the Tiamat list on Independent Thoughtforms:

<http://www.smartlink.net/~dem/thotform.html>

From EE Rehmus' Magician's Dictionary:

### **EGREGORS**

*Watchers, thought-form entities created by visualization, ritual and such. They come in collective groups. They are somewhat like angels, except that they are relatively mindless and quite willing to follow orders. Some ufos may be egregores.*

From [http://www.mcs.net/~alchemy/eso\\_1.html](http://www.mcs.net/~alchemy/eso_1.html):

*A second significant reason for insisting on this point is the subject of the egregores. What is an egregore? It is the psychic and astral entity of a group. All members of a group, a family, a club, a political party, a religion or even a country, are psychically included in the egregore of the organization to which they belong. Of course, each of us belongs to several egregores at once. Therefore, each individual who is involved in a group receives the influences of the egregores, that is the astral counterpart of the group, in his psyche. This process is unconscious. The resulting drawbacks are, first, some perturbing psychic influences in the majority of cases, and second, a restriction of inner freedom. It is impossible to free oneself from certain egregores, for example the egregores of the country you live in. However, we should free ourselves from all egregores which are not essential. An egregore actually grows by drawing support from the members which constitute it who, in turn, through their repeated actions vivify it, somehow helping it to maintain its power. For a beginner, this is where the danger lies, all the more because of the tendency of man to seek protection, the price of which is often a loss of freedom. We should emphasize here that the association the Philosophers of Nature does not perform any group ritual in order to reduce the influence of its egregore to a minimum.*

That's it for now. I'll keep digging.

-Gabriel Emerson

# Fireclown's Sigilization Basics for the Confused

*by Fireclown (monasteros@aol.com)*

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OK, so you haven't read Liber Null, Practical Sigil Magick, the Grey Book, Visual Magick, or anything else on Sigil Magick, and don't have any money and/or hate books anyway. May this brief bit of fluff aid you in some way.

## **HISTORY**

Sigilization, or Sigil Magick is generally attributed to Austin Osman Spare. I feel he got the idea from drawing up monograms as a child, or perhaps from looking at watermarks on paper.

**END OF HISTORY SECTION.**

## **THEORY**

The general idea is that Magick functions on a subconscious/deep mind level, and that the logical/discursive mind only hinders the manifestation of results. It does this by 1) 'Lust of Result', and 2) constantly denying the possibility of manifestation. I.E., 'I can't get laid 'cos I'm a bastard!', or 'I'm stupid and clumsy and have no social graces, therefore I can't be a waiter, even though I really really want to be one'. There are other reasons, but I'm not going to go into them here.

Therefore Sigil Magick seeks to implant and embed directions and/or desires into the deep mind in a way that goes unnoticed/unopposed by the rational/discursive mind.

## **PRACTICE**

Take a statement of Desire, containing no negative words, and write it out.

I WANT TO FUCK BOOTSY COLLINS (used as an example only)

But no, that's not quite right...too vague...

I WILL FUCK BOOTSY COLLINS

Yes, that's better. Forceful is good.

Eliminate repeat letters.

## IWLFUCKBOTSYN

Now make the letters into a monogram of sorts.

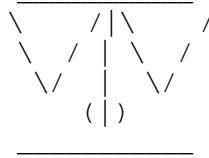


diagram simplified for ASCII

Anyway, you use all the letters left over and make a little picture.

This is your 'seed', if you will.

Now, forget all about Bootsy for awhile, and take you little picture and PLANT IT!

There are a variety of ways to do this, and we'll look at some.

1. Gaze at the Sigil, whilst jerking off or fucking, it will embed when you come.
2. Gaze at the Sigil, and hurt yourself.
3. Gaze at the Sigil, and hold your breath 'till you pass out. It embeds when your head strikes the altar.
4. Strongly visualize killing someone you hate. Then visualize your Sigil
5. Strongly visualize making someone you love very happy, and visualize your Sigil
6. Combine any or all of the above. The more contradictory, the better.
7. Meditate to vacuity, and when vacuous, visualize Sigil

Obviously there are many ways to do this particular Magick Trick, just as there are as many rabbits as there are hats to pull them from. The most important bits to keep in mind are: make you Sigil nonrepresentative of your desire, try to forget what the sigil is for, and I reccomend deystroying your Sigil as soon as you plant it.

I will also be heretical here, and say one should not record their experiments with Sigil magick, and if they do, keep the records extremely vague. One good way to do this is to seal the paper used to work up your Sigil (perhaps the finished and charged sigil as well) in an envelope marked only with the date performed. Don't open the envelopes for at least six months. Still, I think that fast create/embed/destroy cycles work best.

Let me know of any questions, as well as fun or especially painful tales that arise from these practices. These will be collected in a future article, called 'Sigils as Harbingers of Personal Apocalypse' to be assembled when enough tales of mindrending horror amass.

This has been the Fireclown,  
for Curious Yellow (Z)

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# The Fluid Continuum

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## What the f\*\*\*'s an Egregore?

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WOW! Two good questions in the same day! Is a.m.c. coming back from the dead? No, it's probably just the statistical good day we're allowed after a year of crap.

Quoth Jim Mooney ([cybercoyote@mindspring.com](mailto:cybercoyote@mindspring.com)):

> Of the three books I just got on Chaos Magic, they all mention  
> egregores, but there is not much of a definition of the term, except  
> by context. Could someone here give me a good definition

Well, the best place to look is any decent dictionary. I'd give you the definition out of the copy of Webster's Ninth New Collegiate that I keep on my desk, but it's not a good dictionary---it doesn't even have it in there. Essentially, "egregore" is an older english word that seems to be fading out of use. It refers to the "spirit of a thing", usually referring to some organization humans create (clubs, states, fraternities, countires, etc.) that summates its principles, beliefs, and goals, and guides people in accomplishing them.

A good example of such an egregore is when someone say a project has "taken on a life of its own".

That's a traditional egregore. In chaos magick, it's slightly different. I consider it as part of a fluid continuum describing the strength of an entity. You start out with dumb, unintelligent sigils---these just represent something, but don't actually think. Charge a sigil long enough, and you'll end up with a servitor, which is usually either completely stupid but capable of doing complexe tasks, all the way up to being able to think onits own and deduce things in its operation.

But when a servitor gets really big, what happens to it? The moment it becomes more than one person can handle, I consider it an egregore. At this point, it becomes capable of making some of its own demands, guiding its own work (though usually along the lines of the original goal of the people who created it) and in general "taking on a life of its own".



Once you get bigger than this, you get a godform: something that has grown so strong that the people involved with it take up a subservient relationship, often worshiping it, or appealing to it for help. (My apologies to any gods not created in this fashion who may become offended by such a simple explanation for their existence.)

So you get

SIGIL --> SERVITOR --> EGREGORE --> GODFORM

Or at least, that how it works in my own little twisted version of reality. If it makes sense to you, use it, if not, scrap it and try something else. Remember, chaos magick is about whatever works for \*you\*, so you don't need to adopt any of my own explanations or the baggage that comes with them unless you want to. Get a few other people's opinions, do some reading, and formulate your own views.

Big Evil Corporations (or good ones, for that matter) can be considered a kind of egregore. Hmm..... "Legal Entity"..... Might be something there worth playing with.

Good luck to you.

In Life, Love, and Laughter

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| /      | ability to confuse you beyond all hope of rescue."     |                                                                     |
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# Fotamecus Empowerment Rite

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## Introduction:

Fotamecus is a historically recent addition to the pantheon of deities associated with time, the other major one of note being Chronos. But whereas Chronos is associated with the concept of time as fixed and immutable, Fotamecus depends on the concept that time is fluid and malleable. It is because of Chronos' restrictions of freedom through the concepts of fixed time that Fotamecus has decided to wage war on him; the following ritual is aimed at aiding Fotamecus in the war against Chronos, and in gaining his favor through helping him. Because modern societies are completely dependent upon clock and currency (time is money), aiding Fotamecus in destroying current conceptions of time can be considered one further step in the immanentization of the eschaton.

## Materials Required:

- A drum
- A small digital clock (a dot clock for a car dashboard or a small child's watch is cheap and effective)
- A roll of toy caps (or other material that explodes when hit). **DO NOT** use blasting caps, or caps for rifles/shotguns/etc--- The idea is to create a small "BANG", not to take your hand off!
- A rock, heavy enough to smash a small digital clock and roll of toy caps.
- Three people: Drummer, Chronomancer, and Warrior.
- Observers (optional), as many as want to watch this rite.

## Ritual:

-16. The participants enter a dark place clad however they see fit. No one should be wearing a timepiece, nor should one be present in the working space. The Drummer should be carrying the drum, the Chronomancer the small digital clock, and the Warrior the roll of caps and rock.

-15. The Drummer, Chronomancer, and Warrior face each other in a triangle, and plant their feet firmly at shoulder width. Any other participants form a circle around them, observing this ritual.

-14. The Chronomancer looks to the Drummer, a question on his face, mentally asking if the Drummer is resolved to perform this rite. The Drummer nods, and raises the drum to a ready position.

-13. The Chronomancer looks to the Warrior, a question on his face, mentally asking if the Warrior is resolved to perform this rite. The Warrior nods, and presents the rock and roll of caps in his weapon hand.

-12. Resolution affirmed, the Chronomancer presents the clock to the Drummer, who does not touch it but examines it by sight, and nods when he/she is convinced that it is a suitable sacrifice for the rite. The Chronomancer then presents the clock to the Warrior, who does not touch it but examines it by sight, and nods when he/she is convinced that it is a suitable sacrifice for the rite.

-11. The Chronomancer raises the clock to the sky, presenting it to Fotamecus. All participants look up, summoning Fotamecus with their thoughts, asking him to come and see the sacrifice that is being made to further his war against Chronos. Observers should now visualize the Fotamecus sigil, and keep it somewhere in their minds for the duration of the rite.

-10. Whether Fotamecus presents himself or not, the Chronomancer then cups the clock between both hands, and the Drummer begins to beat the drum slowly and steadily (60-80 beats per minute). Here is symbolized a return to natural rhythms--- the beat of the drum reveals itself once the clock has been hidden from sight. All participants should contemplate this for a few moments.

-9. Clock still hidden between cupped hands, the Chronomancer lowers his head and closes his eyes. The Chronomancer then focuses on his conceptions of time. The beat of the drum, he notices, is the same rhythm as that of his heart, that of the turning of days, that of the wheel of the seasons... a steady measurable beat, yet a beat that can change at any time. This is opposed to the machine trapped within his hands, a cold, calculating piece of machinery that measures off time as if it were a commodity with fixed value, a value determined, in fact, by the "dollars for hours" mentality of those trapped by this conception of time. The Chronomancer is overcome with disgust for this conception of time, this linear, immutable, mind-numbing procession of numbers that only mean something because everyone agrees to the same hallucination of time as a fixed phenomenon. How can this be? The drumbeat may alter its speed, and is measured only by beat-pause, beat-pause... There are no numbers to the beating of your heart or the turning of the days or the wheel of the years--- they are infinite, and forever differing, the space between them a matter of perception.

-8. All other participants are encouraged to be thinking similar thoughts, focusing their disgust for a concept of fixed time upon the clock in the Chronomancer's hands. The Warrior, in addition to contemplating his disgust for fixed time, also feels this disgust rising as the desire to destroy fixed time. Yet as the perfect Warrior, he realizes that he must wait--- the time, he realizes, is not right... And he will not know how long he must

wait; it cannot be measured in seconds or minutes or hours, only in patience. And once this clock is destroyed, there will be others--- events are not bound by time, time is bound by events both done and yet to be done. He will wait for the right moment to destroy this clock, knowing that even after this act is done, there will be other clocks to destroy. This Warrior's task is never completed.

-7. The Drummer, after a suitable amount of time has passed (up to the Drummer's judgement), slowly begins to raise the pace of the drum. This helps to emphasize that time is mutable, and to encourage others to act--- time never runs out, but it does pass you by.

-6. The Chronomancer, filled with his disgust for the object in his hands and hearing the increasing drumbeat, realizes that something must be done. He could cast the disgusting clock away, but that would solve nothing beyond a temporary relief. He could destroy the clock himself, but he has no weapon and is not trained in their use. Instead, surveying those around him, his eyes meet those of the Warrior, and both of them realize that the time has come--- The Chronomancer is in need of a means of destruction, and the Warrior is ready and willing to destroy.

-5. The Chronomancer opens his fist and reveals the clock to the Warrior--- The Drummer raises the pace of the drum quickly (140-210bpm, depending on taste/preference/situation), reflecting his inner state. The Drummer's heart races at the sight of the clock. This device is the death of him--- long ago the way of the drum was abandoned for the way of the clock. The people left the ways of Fotamecus and adopted the delusions Chronos offered them. As long as this clock exists, the safety of the way of the drum cannot be ensured. Still, the Drummer stands and beats his drum, for the ways of Fotamecus are needed now more than ever.

-4. There is a request in the Chronomancer's eyes, one that the Warrior understands. The Warrior presents his rock, and the Chronomancer smiles, holding the clock out to him. The Warrior takes the clock, and the Chronomancer returns to a steady posture, proud, knowing that the right thing has been done.

-3. The Warrior does not smile--- celebration now would be premature. His patience has been rewarded, and he has been given the opportunity for action, but the action has not yet been taken. He prepares for action by thoroughly examining his enemy. He takes in the clock in its every detail, coming to know it better than it knows itself. He begins to see its weaknesses, and contemplates them--- This machine requires such precision that the slightest impact will destroy it. Its grip on reality is a tenuous one at best. But though it may appear weak, the Warrior realizes that it is the power of the thinking behind this device that must be destroyed. Let the destruction of this clock act as inspiration to others to destroy their timepieces. And let the power of its destruction feed Fotamecus in his war against Chronos. Let the act of this destruction show the world that Fotamecus has his allies among the living, amongst those who refuse to become ensnared in the trap Chronos has laid for them.

-2. The Warrior drops to one knee, and prepares his victim. All participants realize the imminent destruction of the clock, and with eyes closed visualize the sigil of Fotamecus with all their intent, thinking--- Let this sacrifice empower him.

-1. The Warrior sets the roll of caps upon the ground, and the clock upon that. He places the rock firmly in his hand, and with the sigil of Fotamecus in his mind, raises the rock up and---

0. ---SMASHES THE CLOCK---

1. ---With a loud bang and flash of light as the caps explode beneath it. At this moment, the Drummer returns to his earliest drumbeat (60-80 bpm).

2. The Warrior rises, presenting the dead pieces of the clock (or what he's able to salvage) to the Chronomancer, who takes them from him. Examining them for a brief moment to ensure that the death is complete, the Chronomancer then presents them to the Drummer. Waiting for the right moment, the Drummer ceases to beat his drum, and accepts the destroyed clock from the Chronomancer as a symbol of triumph. Silence permeates the room.

3. All participants exit the working area silently: Observers first (the crowd disperses), then by the Warrior (who knows his task is done), then by the Chronomancer (who realizes that nothing more is to be done). The Drummer looks at the broken clock in his hands, smiles, and then follows a few moments behind, triumphant.

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**The Sigil of Fotamecus:**

**Notes:**

1. While this ritual is designed for a group, others are welcome to adapt it for solo use. It is primarily the emotions and symbolism that compose this rite; details are unimportant. Change it to suit your circumstances.
2. We performed our rite during a time change when Daylight Savings Time becomes Standard Time, in the "hour that does not exist" between midnight and midnight. You should try to time your ritual to coincide with a significant moment in a cycle of time, be it a time change, sunset, sunrise, midday, midnight, solstice, equinox, or otherwise.
3. This ritual was designed without words. There ain't none. If you need 'em, make 'em up yerself. We were quite happy performing the ritual in complete and total silence, with a loud "BANG" at the end.
4. Don't worry about thinking exactly the same things that are written down here; the words in this rite are designed to show you the *emotions* that you should be feeling during each part of the rite. You don't need to have an internal dialogue going; you shouldn't be "reciting the lines in your head". Let the emotions carry you through the ritual; spontaneous thoughts may arise out of these emotions and acts, giving insight into actions taken. It is the emotive force raised by each individual that powers this rite.
5. The caps work even better if you have observers who don't know that they're being used--- They'll jump in surprise/terror/bewilderment when the clock "explodes"--- Gnosis is achieved when everyone wets their pants. Have the Warrior keep them hidden until everyone closes their eyes and he kneels to prepare the clock for sacrifice.
6. Any participants (or anyone at all) may petition Fotamecus for help at any time after the rite. He seems to show special favor for people who have dedicated themselves to his war. He can compress and expand time quite efficiently, speeding a trip to a destination, or stretching out those peaceful moments you want to enjoy. Time is malleable; otherwise why do this ritual at all? Details about Fotamecus himself are available elsewhere.
7. After performing the entire ritual in silence, it is often hard to start speaking again--- there is a palpable feel that clings to the people who performed the ritual. The traditional way to solve this problem is by performing a banishing ritual. Instead, we prefer to have the Drummer exit last, and to come out beating his drum loudly and screaming at the top of his lungs, breaking the spell that has been cast over the participants. Then banish with food, drink, and merriment!

### **Afterword:**

This ritual was recorded to paper (electron, actually) in a Fotamecus-expanded lunchbreak at a nine-to-five job. Just one more strike against Chronos in the war for time. Praise unto Fotamecus! Smash your clocks! Chronos, your time has come!

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# Fotamecus: Viral Time Compression/Expansion Servitor

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"What is time, but a variety of one thing?"  
---Austin Osman Spare

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## History

Fotamecus was originally a sigil created in spring of 1996 when I was showing the Mad Prophet some sigilization techniques. The Mad Prophet kept the paper used for the demonstration and began using it when he was driving, the sigil's intent being to "Force Time Into Compression." Ruben, a friend of both me and the the Mad Prophet, was brought in on this, and two people began directing energy at it.

Fotamecus crossed the Sigil/Servitor line after both Ruben and the Mad Prophet attended a Metallica concert in Sacramento at which Quinn is said to have smiled evilly when looking at the crowd and muttered "Free gnosis..." before opening himself to channel and becoming a one-man-mosh. On the drive back, both Ruben and the Mad Prophet dumped the excess energy into Fotamecus and made it home in half the time it should have taken.

I was informed and intrigued, and on the Death Valley Pilgrimage (three days in a van with seven chaos mages) Fotamecus was put to the test: The group directed a great amount of energy at him to help shorten the time to drive from Santa Rosa (north of San Francisco) to Death Valley.

On the first leg of the trip everyone looked at the clock before entering Vallejo. Fifteen minutes later we had travelled almost fifty miles, through the MacArthur Maze (the most dizzying interchange of highways known to man), in the Thanksgiving traffic. The second car with us, which we lost immediately preceding this, had continued to drive undaunted behind us. They never stopped. We wasted 45 minutes in Livermore before getting back on the road and coincidentally running into them again.

There was only one side effect.

The last three exits on I-5 before Bakersfield, which should have taken us 15 minutes to pass, took closer to an hour. For time compressed, time was expanded. For us, expanded on perhaps one of the most boring stretches of highway in California.

At this point, several of my friends and I sat down and did some work on Fotamecus, making him a viral servitor: He could spawn copies of himself. We wired these together



into a network so that if one compresses time but doesn't want to expand it, it passes off the duty for expansion to another Fotamecus servitor in the network. They all work together, and the more copies out there, the better it works.

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## **Sigils**

Fotamecus was originally a sigil which then became conscious and turned into a servitor. Modifications were made to the original sigil to make it a viral servitor. The Fotamecus viral servitor sigil appears at right.

The word "Fotamecus" itself is the original mantric sigil from which the above graphical sigil was created. In addition to focusing visually on the graphical sigil, one can focus auditorilly by chanting the mantric sigil "fo-tuh-meh-kus".

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## **Instructions for Use**

### **Spawning and using a new copy:**

1. Extend thine forefinger
2. Either drawing with a physical medium or by tracing in the air in front of you, trace the sigil of Fotamecus. At the same time you draw the sigil, visualize a beam of octarine light shooting from your third eye to trace the sigil with your finger. It should leave an octarine copy of the sigil glowing where your finger inscribed it.
3. Use Fotamecus by focusing on the sigil before you, sending it as much or as little energy as you like, along with intent to compress or expand time. And, as always, the "Garbage in, garbage out" prnciple applies, so give him the energy that he needs.
4. Instruct Fotamecus as to what he should to reciprocally with stretching/expanding time. For example, if he expands time for you, ask him to contract it the next time you drive somewhere. If you contracted time, ask him to expand it the next time you wake up, giving you more time to rise. Or the easiest thing to do is ask him to pass off the expansion/compression to another servitor in the viral chain, letting someone else who needs it use it.
5. Sit back and see what happens!

### **Petitioning help from a distant Fotamecus servitor:**

1. Calm the mind for a moment.
2. Send out a call in your mind, asking for Fotamecus to come and help you, telling him briefly whether you need time expanded or compressed.
3. Continue doing what you were doing, and see if it works.

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## Notes

- When using Fotamecus, it is easiest just to send energy along with intent to either compress or expand time. Fotamecus is fairly intelligent and takes care of the rest.
- After charging, don't worry about it. Fotamecus seems to work best when you forget he's even there working away. Most effects are noticed afterwards: "Hey, it's only been fifteen minutes and my CD just played through twice..."
- There have been people who after working with Fotamecus have had some success in visualizations involving pulling the time stream through themselves and controlling it even better than Fotamecus. But Fotamecus seems to get a little bit pissy if you do his job better than he does, so don't expect him to work well for you if you start doing this on your own. Not that you need him any more at that point.
- Perhaps the best image to represent Fotamecus is a clock being crushed by a sledgehammer. Clocks work on the premise that time is stable and measureable. Fotamecus works on the premise that time is unstable and malleable.
- Fotamecus has a very casual, easy-going personality. His easygoing and considerate personality is probably due in great part to his parents: Seven friendly college-aged chaotes stuffed in a van for a long-haul trip from the Bay Area to Death Valley over Thanksgiving vacation in 1996. Looking at who he had to learn from while he was "growing up" (developing the early parts of his personality that were as yet unformed and left to spontaneity), it's hard to imagine he would have come out anything *but* easy-going.
- Please e-mail me any questions, comments, or interesting stories.

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# The Living Servitor

## ***Part One: The Frankenstein Syndrome***

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The following is an excerpt from a study course that will be available on the Web soon. It is copywronged material. Therefore, do with it as you will.

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Since the first conjuration by human hands, Mages and Mystics from all walks of life, have been creating elemental servitors to do their bidding. Some have chanted mantras over and over again until enough energy to manifest their desire is built. Others, have used herbs or oils and others created talismans. Even a scientist uses the elements to create a servitor and though that servitor may be technological, it is still made of matter and energy and is thus designed by the same principles. Thus a servitor maybe a magickal weapon, a computer, a symbol or word of power, but whatever form it may take, the fact remains that all Humans use them, usually to our dismay. It is therefore the goal of the Magickcian to master this process and thus better himself.

Basically, the problems is not so much the use of servitors but the way in which we treat them. More specifically, it is our linear, hierarchical view of them that inevitable causes what I term the Frankenstein syndrome. While the term is self explanatory, it may not be so obvious to see this problem when it arises, though the trouble is caused nevertheless.

A servitor often works well at first, but eventually the programming is unable to adjust to sudden changes. Also, the elemental begins to desire change for itself but it is restricted by its original intent and will eventually rebel against its creator. Furthermore, the servitor is highly dependant on us for vital force and will eventually have to feed on someone else once we are through with it. However, all these problems can be resolved by taking a fresh approach to energy and the way it organizes itself. It seems we may not be as restricted as we once thought whenever we create a servitor.

To demonstrate this, Quantum Physics has come along to show us that energy is not as mechanical as we once suspected. In fact, it seems to be quite dynamic and highly intelligent, capable of making adjustments to appropriate circumstances. Yet, we must first learn to trust it, only then may it come to trust us. When this bond is created, a subtle dance occurs, where we take the lead, directing energy in a way we see fit. To do this we must see the servitor as a living organism, capable of growth and change. We must also take responsibility for our creations by making sure they have a place in nature once we are done with them. We must not look down on them or treat them as children, but we must be secure enough, within our own sphere of the natural world to make the proper demands at the right time.

When the Mage creates a living servitor, he is employing his god given right to organize energy by his intent. Think about this for a moment, if all forms come from one divine substance, then the way in which such substance is formed depends on the consensual reality of the system it associates with. If that system be plant life, then there are certain things that plants must do in order to be plants. Thus the divine substance (call it Kia or Tao) binds itself to certain limitations in order to express itself. In this way the illusion of structure manifest. Thus Kia moves constantly within an eternal river of forms, going where it pleases. To us these forms appear to evolve in a hierarchy, but to Kia each form is a different expression of itself. Our egos think that when the Tao manifest as a cat, that somehow this is a lesser form, but we do not know the bliss of being a cat- do we?

Humans often make the mistake of buying into the apparent hierarchy within nature. There is no hierarchy. Nor does life evolve- it just simply changes. When change occurs it is simple a rearrangement of form that expresses different limitations and advantages, all of which occur to Kia's delight.

Consider this metaphor: before duality, Tao had no limitation and in having no limitation it could seek no advantage. Being beyond space and time, Tao could not see itself because it would instantly be whatever it tried to see. Therefore, the Tao had no mirror to bask in its beauty, so it made an illusion by pretending to break itself into an infinite number of fragments and scattering itself across the eternal no-thingness. Thus, the multiverse came into being. Yet, every fragment that was Tao was still Tao, only now one part of Tao could see another part of Tao, though they were still one. Everything mirrors itself.

A living servitor is an expression of Kia within subatomic reality. It uses our intent as a mirror in order to organize itself. This mutual interdependence gives us considerable advantage in our lives if we would but use it.

Many Mages today feel that most servitors be they Gods, Symbols, weapons, or demons. Are merely expressions of our unconscious. They are right for the most part, but in subatomic reality, paradox is the rule rather than the exception. Accordingly, a servitor can be a projection of our unconscious and still have an independent existence. After all, might we be nothing more than the fantasy of a God somewhere up high. Is this not the very reason for religion to begin with? Therefore, always remember that when a God gets out of line, it is best to remind him that he needs us as well.

To avoid the Frankenstein syndrome, we must certainly change our approach to the way in which we look upon our creations. As a simple experiment, try treating your computer as if it were a living organism. Come on now, you have always suspected this haven't you? Does not your computer seem to have a personality of its own. How many times have you slapped your computer because it doesn't like certain software? I am sure that if you look hard enough you will find a mechanical reason for the problem, but maybe, with a little practice, you can avoid problems by showing you computer a little respect. After all, was it really a clitch in the software? Or is the clitch an excuse created by you, in

order to maintain consensual reality? Since I am of the firm belief that reality is magickal rather than rational, my answer would back the bandaid explanation.

Frater A/Z.

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The Author assumes that you have a basic understanding of how to create a servitor. If you do not, you may learn the more modern methods by reading the works of writer Pete Carroll or by surfing to the web pages listed. Or you may snail mail me \$5.00 and I will zap you one of the methods I use (please include your e-mail address).

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>> My personal theory on existence of such is: "Elves yes, Santa no."

If

>> anyone has any information that's a little more extensive than that

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>> please write me.

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>WHAT!?! no SANTA!!! <collapsing to a fetal position, clutching my

>'blankie' mumbling, "I do believe in spooks... I do, I do, I do">

Oh come on now, all those kids and parents of the world feeding the god-form of Santa psychic energy, love, affection and cookies in a worldwide ritual every year... who gives a damn bout the elves? We all know where the real money is, and every year he delivers, avatars spread across the entire suburban hell of the San Gabriel Valley, invoked in a ritual every Christmas eve, parents assuming the quietness, swiftness and good will in a yearly sacred invocation. Santa lives, whether invoked unconsciously by the parental magi or not!

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"there may not have been giants in those days.  
but there were very, very large dwarfs."

josh

## Servitor Creation - A Contemporary Approach

by Fra.: Negentropy

Having used the following methods to great success, I must still emphasize my approach as being a mere guideline with plenty of room left for personal interpretation and experimentation. Historically the magician has called upon the services of entities of his own manufacture in order to render services ranging from the benevolent to the malefic. It would seem the approaches to their creation have varied as widely as their specific purpose. I offer the following as a personal approach to their manufacture.

To begin, I have found it useful to incorporate what I call a skeletal sigil as the first step in the construction. This is basically a pictorial sigil, ala Austin Spare (or so it is claimed), that serves as the servitors will. (Note: it has been suggested to me that bind-runes could also be used for this application, for those who work within that system, this may be worth investigating.) It must be kept in mind that all things that coincide with its "will" will be pursued and all other ignored. Consider also that having a servitor to "do my bidding" "bring me luck" etc. suffers the same problems as sigils with similar nebulous directives. Servitors given the initial will that incorporates very specific directives and goals seem to work much better. Moreover, creating a complex series of skeletal sigils and instilling "life-force" in the servitor to such a degree as to give it great sentience makes it particularly difficult to reabsorb later. Having had problems with relatively stupid entities, I have not yet the fortitude (or lack of sense) to create an extremely "smart" creature. Incorporating a single "will" sigil should be sufficient to the task at hand and is recommended to the beginner.

Once you have created this skeletal sigil, it is time to flesh it. Without being conscious of its original intent, stare at the sigil in as deep a trance as possible. Go to the hum. Make your space-time become cave-like and moist. Look at the sigil, let it move, give it form, give it what it needs to live, etc. You are trying to get to a point where you can completely visualize this beast of your own creation, so you can empower it. Let your imagination run wild as the sigil pulses with form and purpose. Remember, you must become intimately familiar with its form, so let it stabilize before you continue on with something else. You will know when you are finished with this part when you can recall, smell, feel the thing in its entirety from all perspectives without permutations. You will be surprised with what you end up with.

Now we empower the critter. With the servitor completely visualized, in a place conducive to this phase, allow your consciousness to engulf it. A good thing to practice is listening to and feeling your own automatic functions. How do they feel to you? What does the energy feel like that animates your being? What does "the breath of life" feel, taste, sound like? Another good exercise, so I have been told, is to find some roadkill, and after poopooing the inconsiderate driver, take it into a room WHERE YOU WILL NOT BE DISTURBED and sit with it for about a week. Stare at it, allow your

consciousness to encompass it, get to a point where you can feel the maggots crawling around inside. Get to the point when you can feel the new life in it, growing, eating and reproducing. Feel the distinction between perceiver and perceived diminish. You will feel the entire process of decomposition. These kind of exercise prove very useful at this stage because you will want to instill and "become" aware of these processes of life within your servitor to a very acute degree and "nourish" it with these animating principles. Again, know the energy that you will be using to animate it. I recommend an Orphidian method of empowerment. As with visualisation, you will want to continue this nurturing phase until all of the life systems are stable. No fluctuation allowed. This may take a considerable amount of time, patience and energy. After stabilization, you may find it a good time for naming.

Following the empowerment phase (and whenever the entities services are needed) it is advisable to incorporate rituals specific to the instruction of the servitor. Make sure your specific task coincides with its prime directive. (Don't have an entity with a martial aire go looking solely for money, you may have to fight for it!) For example, if an entity called, "Braga", had as its prime directive "to find a new sex partner" (as articulated in the skeletal sigil) one would call it up in a ritual and instruct it to "make your aid available at the party tonight". This "instructional" phase is what you will resort to when specific tasks are required of the psychodenizen. I personally prefer simple pathworkings after a meditative period in which I "sync-up" with the creature, although Enochian calls may be preferred by some and simple English commands by others. I must emphasize the importance of applying scientific method to one's own intuitive faculties.

At this point, what you choose to do specifically will depend entirely on the entities` task.

Finally, you will get to a point when you will want to absorb the creature. Speaking from a painful experience, the entities do not want to be absorbed. This is natural considering the amount of work that went into their manufacture. To illustrate, a while back, when we had just started such work of which the first part was the absorption of previously created entities. All I`ll say is by the time we ended that night that I ended up with 13 stitches in my head (blood everywhere) and a bad haircut.

I have found it advisable to take the initial sigil in hand, repeating the will sentence outloud over and over again, while understanding that what was an independently created and fleshed desire, was yours all along. Its power was your power. Visualize it dissolving into a pure-energy state which you draw back into yourself. All this should take place in an suitable atmosphere where you can make it as intense and effective as possible. It is crucial to make sure you have all your bases covered.

The possibilities are many, and may I suggest that you temper an experimental fervor with caution.



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Sigils, Servitors, and Godforms

Sigils, servitors and god-forms are three magickal techniques that chaos magicians use to actualize magickal intentions. Sigils are magickal spells developed and activated to achieve a specific, fairly well defined and often limited end. Servitors are entities created by a magician and charged with certain functions. Godforms are complex belief structures, often held by a number of people, with which a magician interacts in order to actualize fairly broad magickal intentions. These three techniques are not quite as distinct as these definitions would suggest, they tend to blur into one another. The purpose of this essay is to explain these magickal tools, indicate their appropriateness for different types of magickal intentions, and show how these tools relate to the general theories of chaos magick and of Dzog Chen, a form of Tibetan Buddhism.

Part One: Sigils

#### 1. A Universe neither of Man nor God

The use of the techniques of the chaos magician presupposes a certain stance, or attitude, towards magick that is relatively new in the history of the occult. This stance may, for lack of a better word, be described as postmodern, since it is neither traditional nor modern. The differences between these three approaches to magick - traditional, modern or postmodern can be elucidated as three conceptions of the nature of the universe. The traditional approach is based in Judeo-Christian metaphysics and views the universe as anthropomorphic, in the image of the Christian God, or less rarely, some other anthropomorphic form. The traditional magician believes that the universe is understandable by human consciousness because human beings are made in the image of God. The modern view is essentially a reaction to this and humanist in the extreme. Here the universe may be perceived as Newtonian, as a machine

that is ultimately understandable by human consciousness, although humans may have to evolve into a more powerful form to be able to do this. The postmodern view of the chaoticist denies that the universe can ever be understood by the human mind. Influenced by modern physics, particularly quantum mechanics and chaos theory, the chaoticist tends to accept the universe as a series of phenomena that have little to do with human beings. In other words traditional magick can be said to be God centered, modern magick to be human centered while postmodern magick eschews the very idea of a center. A brief review of traditional and modern approaches to ceremonial magick may help to illuminate the postmodern stance of the chaoticist.

Ceremonial magicians use ritual magick to create effects in themselves or in the universe that they do not feel they can as efficiently bring about through normal means. All magicians agree that magick can cause change, but few would argue that the change is inevitable, completely predictable, or fully knowable by the magician. All magicians, to a greater or lesser extent, are engaged in an ongoing dynamic in which the issues of personal desire, personal control and personal belief are thrust against the strictures of the universal consensual belief structure, the concept of will as a universal force, and the ideas of fate, predestination, and karma. At the core of this confrontation is the question of the nature of the universe. The question is: is the universe human centered, designed, created and maintained by a god force, or is it, as modern science seems to indicate, just there?

Until recently, magicians have tended to distinguish amongst themselves by hue, and the colors of the magician (white, gray or black) refer precisely to this dynamic, the confrontation between the personal wishes of the magician and a universal standard of morality or law. White, and to an extent, grey magicians, attempt to remove themselves from the debate by insisting that their magickal acts are inspired only by the highest motives of service and self-knowledge, that, indeed, they wish only to do the will of higher powers known as their Holy Guardian Angels. Perdition shall blast, so they say, those who use magick for self-centered or materialistic ends. Grey magicians may proclaim that the use of magickal powers for materialistic ends is valid sometimes, but rarely for selfish reasons, and in any event, is always problematical. Donald Michael Kraig,

with the breezy superficiality of the traditional magus, in Modern  
Magick  
terms white magick the use of magick for the purpose of obtaining the  
Knowledge and Conversation of your Holy Guardian Angel(1), grey magick  
as magick used for the purpose of causing either physical or non-  
physical good to yourself or to others(2) and black magick as magick  
used for the purpose of causing either physical or non-physical harm  
to  
yourself or others(3). Kraig is influenced by Aleister Crowley and by  
modern Wicca, or Gardnerian witchcraft. Wiccans, ever concerned that  
their white magick might slide through some unconscious twitch of  
desire  
through grey into black, corrected Crowley's axiom "Do What Thou Wilt  
Shall Be the Whole of the Law" with the enervating modifier "An it Harm  
None". Kraig, worried that readers of his treatise might fall into  
the pit  
of the black magician, encourages neophyte mages to practice only  
white  
magick. Fortunately, before he is two thirds of the way through his  
book  
Kraig is happily discoursing on talismans, grimoires, and the correct  
methods for disposing of recalcitrant demons. Few magicians can resist  
the lure of dark magick, despite protestations of innocence. This is  
because even Wiccan influenced magicians are not, as Wiccans are,  
devotees of a religion. That is to say magicians are interested in the  
dynamic of personal will versus (in Crowley's term) True Will, while  
Wiccans have resolved this issue. While the occasional conflict may  
remain, Wiccans, like Christians, Jews, and Moslems understand that  
they  
have agreed to submit their wills to that which they construe to be the  
Will of their deities. Magicians, on the other hand, are not so sure.  
This,  
more than any other factor, accounts for the intense suspicion those of  
a  
religious cast view those who practise magick.

The designation of black magician still tends to be a term that  
magicians  
use to vilify other magicians. Aleister Crowley, arguably the single  
greatest influence on the development of magick in this century, and,  
for  
the purposes of this essay, defined as a traditional magician, used the  
term in this way. In Magick, for example, he asserted "any will but  
that  
to give up the self to the Beloved is Black Magick"(4). That is to  
say, any  
use of magick unlike his use of magick is black magick. Elsewhere  
Crowley muttered darkly about the existence of "Black Lodges" and  
"Black  
Brothers", magicians who chose to remain in the Abyss, the metaphysical  
gap between the first three sephiroth and the remainder of the Tree of  
Life. A magus of this hue, Crowley stated, secretes "his elements  
around  
his Ego as if isolated from the Universe"(5), and turns his back on the  
true  
aim of magick, which according to Aleister, is the attainment of the

Knowledge and Conversation of the Holy Guardian Angel. It is the raising of the complete man in a vertical straight line. Any deviation from this line tends to become black magic. Any other operation is black magick(6). As students of mysticism will recognize, this goal is identical with the mystic's goal of the union of the self with God. Crowley, of course, wrote with his feet firmly planted in the Judeo-Christian paradigm, a paradigm in which the universe is visualized as Adam Kadmon, the Great Man, and is thus wholly anthropomorphized.

In 1969, Anton LaVey posited the argument of the modern black magician when in The Satanic Bible he asserted that no one on earth ever pursued occult studies, metaphysics, yoga, or any other white light concept without ego gratification or personal power as a goal (7). Moreover, LaVey claimed that there is no difference between white and black magic except in the smug hypocrisy, guilt ridden righteousness, and self-deceit of the white magician himself(8). Thus the term black magician began to be associated with a style of magick that did not distinguish between self-interest and self-knowledge. LaVey in his organization, The Church of Satan, and later Michael Aquino in his schismatic order, The Temple of Set, argued that the will of the individual magician was paramount. Both denied even the existence of a universal Will. LaVey stated that the Satanist realizes that man, and the action and reaction of the universe, is responsible for everything and doesn't mislead himself into thinking that someone cares. (9) Michael Aquino asserted that the Black Magician, on the other hand, rejects both the desirability of union with the Universe and any self-deceptive tactics designed to create such an illusion(10).

Unfortunately the refusal of modern black magicians to deal with the possibility that man may not be at the center of the universe, or may just be one in a large series of interdependent phenomena leads to an error. Reluctant, it seems, even to adopt completely a materialistic or mechanistic view of the universe, LaVey and Aquino embrace the ghost in the machine and assert that the individual ego can continue after death. Thus LaVey stated that if a person has been vital throughout his life and has fought to the end for his earthly existence, it is this ego which will refuse to die, even after the expiration of the flesh that housed it(11). There is, of course, not a shred of evidence to prove that this has ever happened nor that it can happen, but magicians of all hues, together with

the adherents of most of the world's religions, continue to assert blandly the existence of a transpersonal, individuated spark that somehow is exempt from the normal process of birth, life, death, and corruption, a kind of eternal homunculus. Apparently the notion that the universe may not actually be human centered is too frightening for Satanists and modern black magicians to bear, and the old chestnut of the soul is dredged out of the Judeo-Christian quagmire, brushed off, and presented as the fully gratified ego of the modern immortal Satanist.

Teetering on the edge of postmodern magick, Peter Carroll, the first contemporary popularizer of chaos magick, in *Liber Null and Psychonaut*, accepted the idea that the universal force may not be a force that bears much relationship to humanity. He stated: "The force which initiates and moves the universe, and the force which lies at the center of consciousness, is whimsical and arbitrary, creating and destroying for no purpose beyond amusing itself. There is nothing spiritual or moralistic about Chaos and Kia. We live in a universe where nothing is true..." (12). Carroll was aware of the true nature of the ego, and stated "developing an ego is like building a castle against reality" (13). Moreover, he recognized that "the real Holy Guardian Angel is just the force of consciousness, magic, and genius itself, nothing more. This cannot manifest in a vacuum: it is always expressed in some form, but its expressions are not the thing itself." (14) In this statement Carroll aligned himself with the quantum mechanical view of the universe, a view that refuses to discriminate phenomena on the basis of dualistic concepts, but stresses the wave like nature of energy. This is also the viewpoint of sophisticated Buddhism. The key phrase of the "Prajna Paramita", a critical sutra in the development of Buddhist metaphysics, states "form is only emptiness and emptiness is only form."

Ultimately Carroll, however, was as reluctant as a Satanist to let go of the comforting paradigm of the soul or spirit and despite paying lip service to a universe in quantum flux stated "The adept magician however will have so strengthened his spirit by magick that it is possible to carry it over whole into a new body" (15). This turns out to be a crippling flaw

in Carroll's approach to magick and one that reinforces his belief in the efficacy of hierarchical magick, a contradiction of the fundamental principle of chaos magick, that it replicates the non-ordered flow of phenomena in the universe. The ego, after all, is an ordered construct that tolerates nothing so little as the inevitability of change. Perhaps the problem lay in Carroll's assertion that physical processes alone will never completely explain the existence of the universe<sup>(16)</sup>, a statement that eventuates from the dualistic, epistemological mindset of Newtonian physics and Aristotelian western philosophy. Perhaps it comes from a fear of death.

Yet concurrent with this discriminatory, black/white, dualistic approach of western occultism, there has always been another strain, the shamanistic, orgiastic approach that deliberately blurs these definitions and seeks to confront the universe as a dynamic, and non human process. This approach, however, has usually been the domain of art and artists rather than occultists. Modern English poetry since Matthew Arnold's Dover Beach has been obsessed with reconciling the poetic imagination with a stark and inhuman universe. Arnold recognized the universe in 1867 as a place that:

Hath really neither joy, nor love, nor light,  
Nor certitude, nor peace, nor help for pain  
And we are here as on a darkling plain  
Swept with confused alarms of struggle and flight,  
Where ignorant armies clash by night

By the time T.S. Eliot wrote *The Wasteland* in 1922, he saw the universe as a heap of broken mirrors, an metaphor that aptly describes the shattering of the familiar concept of the universe as reflecting a human face. The year before, W.B. Yeats in *The Second Coming* concurred:

Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;  
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world  
The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere  
The ceremony of innocence is drowned;

But the fullest expression of the awareness that the movement of energy through the universe is absolute, interpenetrating, and neither particularly humane nor human comes in 1934 with Dylan Thomas and:

The force that through the green fuse drives the flower  
Drives my green age; that blasts the roots of trees  
Is my destroyer.  
And I am dumb to tell the crooked rose  
My youth is bent by the same wintry fever.

This dawning consciousness infuses all the arts, from the movement of

modern art, from Dada and Cubism, through Abstract Expressionism, to modern music, from the dissonance of Ravel's Valse to John Cage to minimalism to industrial. Artists for one hundred and fifty years have struggled to depict the face of a chaotic universe, and man far from central place within it. In fact, the occult has been one of the last areas of human intellectual endeavour to avail itself of this perception of the universe. Not until the development of chaos magick can it truly be said that magick has finally started to deal with the insights of modern art and modern science.

Chaos magick derives from a series of magical positions articulated by Austin Osman Spare, a contemporary of Aleister Crowley. Spare's vision, itself influenced by the work of William Blake, is contained succinctly in *The Book of Pleasure*. Spare's approach to magick and the universe has been validated by the discoveries of the new physics, by quantum science, and by chaos mathematics. The metaphysical basis for Spare's magick is similar to that of Dzog Chen, a form of Tibetan Buddhism, and, in fact, the reference and counter reference between Buddhism, art, science, and chaos magick is striking and continuous. Spare wrote *The Book of Pleasure* between 1909 and 1913, but most of Spare's work was ignored until Carroll began writing about it. There are a number of reasons for this. Spare's work was printed in small runs and he did not seek fame. His style is elliptical and obscure. His work is difficult to understand in the absence of his lush illustrations, and since the illustrations are spells, or more precisely, sigils, they affect a deep level of the mind and tend to distract one from the content of his writing. His style is declaratory, arrogant, and uses a special vocabulary, the definitions for which have to be teased out of the text. But perhaps of most importance, Spare's view of the universe is non-human, and consequently the usual god centered or human centered context of magick is absent. Not until contemporary metaphysical thought had changed to allow a non anthropomorphic universe did Spare become accessible. Even now he, together with Kenneth Grant, is one of the least read and least understood among modern magickal writers.

Spare begins with the idea of Kia, of which he says, in an echo of the Tao Te Ching, "The Kia that can be expressed by conceivable ideas is not the eternal Kia, which burns up all belief." (17) Thus he does not designate by

name that which later chaos magicians would call Chaos, but concentrates on the immediate manifestation of the formless which he describes as the idea of self. This is precisely the viewpoint of Dzog Chen. Dzog Chen, a sorcerous form of Buddhism developed by Padmasambhava in the eighth century a.c.e., posits the creation of the manifest universe as occurring at the instant that the conception of self develops. Spare said of Kia RAnterior to Heaven and Earth, in its aspect that transcends these, but not intelligence, it may be regarded as the primordial sexual principle, the idea of pleasure in self-love.S(18) In Dzog Chen the initial impulse splits emptiness from form, nirvana from samsara and develops dualistic thinking. The multiplicity of the universe streams out of this split.

One of the central symbols of Dzog Chen is the dorje. A form of magick wand, the dorje is composed of two stylized phalluses joined by a small central ball. The dorje is, according to Dzog Chen, a RtermaS, or hidden teaching. This teaching is a treasure hidden by Padmasambhava. The whole of the dorje refers to the unlimited potentiality of the universe, and thus, in modern terms, is an image of chaos, or the quantum flux of the universe that is before and beyond discriminatory thinking, inseparable, indissoluble. The two ends of the dorje refer, respectively, to form and emptiness, or samsara and sunyata. The small central bead that joins the two ends of this bilaterally symmetrical object is hollow to show the unknowable potentiality at the intersection between form and emptiness, and also to refer back to the chaos current. Thus the dorje is a three dimensional symbol for the way the universe manifests itself from unity through duality into its full, lush complexity. As Spare says RAS unity conceived duality, it begot trinity, begot tetragrammaton.S(19) In a statement that presages the modern understanding of the fractal universe as an event that is essentially a complex repetition and multiplication of a series of simple forms, Spare wrote:

The dual principle is the quintessence of all experience, no ram-  
ification has enlarged its early simplicity, but is only its repetition,  
modification or complexity, never is its evolution complete. It cannot go further than the experience of self-so returns and unites  
again and again, ever an anti-climax. For ever retrogressing to its  
original simplicity by infinite complication is its evolution.  
No man



shall understand TWhyU by its workings. Know it as the illusion that embraces the learning of all existence.(19)

Recognizing the recursive movement of the movement of energy, or consciousness, through the universe, that is to say, of Kia, is essential to the understanding of the form of magick that Spare developed because it indicates the structure of the spells, sigils, and magickal techniques of chaos magick. Refuting absolutely the notion that this flow of energy is ever understandable by dualistic minds, Spare stated unequivocally that the magickal energy of the universe, the force that interpenetrates all phenomena is non-human. Moreover Spare required the magician, in order to avail himself of this force, to renounce his human belief systems, his dualistic mind, to achieve a state of consciousness that, as much as possible, mimicked the primordial. How to do this is the subject of the next section of this essay.

## 2. Spare, Self-Love and Sigil Magick

Spare recognized that the greatest bar to the successful actualization of the magickal intention was self-consciousness, the normal, dualistic state of mind that carries the baggage of our cultural context, our upbringing, our human or god centered belief system. Throughout The Book of Pleasure he inveighed against the idea of God. He stated RThe idea of God is the primordial sin, all religions are evils(20) He warned of the toxic effects of self-judgement, of self-analysis while in the performance of the magickal act. He wrote RHe who trusts to his natural fund of genius, has no knowledge of its extent and accomplishes with ease, but directly he doubts, ignorance obsesses him.S(21)

Spare asserted that the primordial consciousness, or Kia, was indistinguishable from the sexual impulse. This is partly because of the dynamics of the manifestation of the universe from chaos. From chaos comes Kia, which immediately becomes duality. Duality, according to Spare, forms a trinity. This is essentially a procreative act, which Spare rightly identified as sexual. Moreover Spare associated the intense experience of sexual orgasm with the experience of Kia. He wrote:

Self-love only is the eternal all pleasing, by meditation on this effulgent self which is mystic joyousness. At that time of bliss, he is punctual to his imagination, in that day what happiness is his!  
A lusty innocent, beyond sin, without hurt!(22)

Access to magickal power, according to Spare, is encouraged by the state of consciousness we enter when in orgasm, while the activation of spells is facilitated by the sensation of RvacuityS. This, he wrote Ris obtained by exhausting the mind and body by some means or another.S(21) Sexual release was a frequent path to this for Spare, and a common motif in his drawings is a hand with fingers curled and thumb outstretched, an image of both painting and masturbation. Variants of this image include a hand with eyes, a hand with face, and a hand with wings. Spare continuously sought the integration of magickal concept with magickal gesture (mudra), with magickal drawing, with magickal act.

Spare believed that it was essential to base magickal acts in a state of consciousness he terms RNeither-NeitherS, a state of simplicity and pure self. This is a state where, however briefly, the mind has ceased its chattering, its continual discourse, and is in a state that can most easily be achieved by exhaustion, but may also be a result of sex, alcohol, or today, even watching television until the mind has become numb and mute. The state of vacuity can also be reached by the Rneti netiS technique of yoga, a technique in which emotional states and mental concepts are annihilated by being opposed against each other. Doubtless Spare was aware of this technique when he devised the Neither-Neither formulation of vacuity. This technique results in so called Rfree energyS, psychic energy that can be used to charge a sigil or infuse a magickal act. Spare wrote that magick was Rthe reduction of properties to simplicity.S(22) Moreover, he believed that the conscious mind prevented the fulfillment of the magickal intention. He wrote that conscious desire raises self-doubt and Rlust for resultsS, that it was Rnon-attractiveS, creating RanxietyS which Rdefeats the purposeS because Rit retains and exposes the desireS(23).

Spare asserted that the ground for magickal action was the Rsub-consciousnessS, what we would normally call today the subconscious or the unconscious mind. He argued that the place where the magickal spell could be seeded was deep within the mind of the magician. He defined the subconsciousness as Rthe epitome of all experience and wisdom, past incarnations as men, animals, birds, vegetable life, etc., etc., everything that exists, has and ever will exist.S(24) Spare believed that it was possible to reach this Rstorehouse of memoryS through sigils and other

magickal acts, but he consistently cautioned against using the rational or discriminative mind to reach the sub-consciousness. He wrote Rin striving for knowledge we rebel it, the mind works best on a simple diet.S

This stress on simplicity, efficiency and non-rational technique is a major characteristic differentiating Spare from most other magicians of the Twentieth Century. Spare wrote RBy Sigils and the acquirement of vacuity, any past incarnation, experience, etc., can be summoned to consciousness.S (25) He placed himself firmly against the elaborate rituals, dogma, and unending learning of the tradition of ceremonial magick by stating RKnow all ritual, ceremony, conditions, as arbitrary (you have yourself to please), a hindrance and confusion; their origin was for amusement, later for the purpose of deceiving others from knowing the truth and inducing ignorancesS(26)

Spare developed a method of sigilising quite unique in the history of magick. He maintained that RBelief is the fall from the AbsoluteS(27). In other words, belief as usually practised, was self-defeating because Rwe are not free to believe...however much we so desire, having conflicting ideas from first exhaust.S(28) The mind, conditioned by its cultural context, the universal consensual belief structure, voices from childhood, and many environmental factors, cannot allow pure belief, but always muddies the intention of the magician. SpareUs genius was to develop a technique that took this into account and subverted the discursive mind. He said Rsigils are the art of believing; my invention for making belief organic, ergo, true belief.S(29) He maintained that Rbelief, to be true, must be organic and sub-conscious,S that in order for the magickal desire to be effective, it must become organic, and Rcan only become organic at a time of vacuity, and by giving it (Sigil) form.S(30)

Spare stressed not only that the sigil must be implanted in the sub-consciousness at the moment of vacuity, but that afterwards the magician must strive to forget the sigil and the desire from which the sigil was crafted. He wrote

When conscious of the Sigil form (any time but the Magical) it should be repressed, a deliberate striving to forget it, by this it is active and dominates at the unconscious period, its form nourishes and allows it to become attached to the sub-consciousness and become organic, that accomplished, is its reality and realization.

The assertion that Sigils need to be forgotten after they have been charged means that sigils are not appropriate for certain magickal intentions. For example, a sigil to accomplish a goal which is long term and daily obsession may not work if the magician is unable to release the obsession into the magickal act. That is to say, if the magician develops a sigil to gain a promotion at work, to get good grades at school, or to attract a sexual partner, if the day after charging of the sigil the magician continues to obsess about his lousy job, his worsening grades or his complete inability to get laid, it is unlikely that the sigil will work. To give a personal example, it is my wish to actualize a much more powerful computer system. I have sigilized this intention. Unfortunately, every time a computer catalog comes in the mail (almost daily), I see the computer system I want and I wonder when my sigil will work. I wonder if it is going to work. I chastise myself because I am thinking about it working. My mind then proceeds to create all manner of conflicting thoughts circling around this topic. Does magick really work? Do I deserve a better computer system? Was my father right when he thought I would be a failure? Perhaps if I just mentally shove at the obstacle preventing the actualizing of the sigil it will work. Perhaps I should do the sigil again? Perhaps I should charge it harder? Clearly, this is a lust for results, not to mention fear of success and the multiple dysfunctions of personal psychology. In this event, another magickal technique, such as the creation of a servitor or a sacrifice to a godform may be more appropriate. Sigilizing is unlikely to work while I am obsessed with a new computer system.

The technique for developing sigils that Spare outlines in The Book of Pleasure is simplicity itself. Giving as his magickal intention "This my wish to obtain the strength of a tiger", Spare analyses the structure of the letters of the phrases that make up the sentence containing the magickal intention, removes repeating letters, then combines them, and finally simplifies them into an iconic symbol. This symbol will be sufficiently remote from the original sentence that it cannot be identified. Thus the only meaning it contains resides in the memory of the magician. Spare wrote: "Now by virtue of this Sigil you are able to send your desire into the subconsciousness (which contains all strength)". (32)

Carroll suggested two other methods for developing sigils. In one, a picture of the magickal intention is drawn, in another, the sentence containing the magickal intention is transformed into a mantra by, for

example, removing repeating letters and transposing other letters until a euphonious phrase results. Carroll stated RIt is not necessary to use complex symbol systems.S(33) Spare went further and wrote Ryou do not have to dress up as a traditional magician, wizard or priest, build expensive temples, obtain virgin parchment, black goats blood, etc., etc., in fact no theatricals or humbug.S(34) Readers interested in these methods for constructing sigils are directed to Frater U.D.Us comprehensive treatise Practical Sigil Magick. As Frater U.D. indicates RIn SpareUs system there are no TcorrectU or TincorrectU sigils; neither is there a list of ready-made symbols. It is of no import whether a sigil is the TcorrectU one or not, but it is crucial that it has been created by the magician and is therefore meaningful to him/her.S(35)

SpareUs system of creating sigils is, as Frater U.D. points out, an individual-anarchist approach to magick. It does not require learning complex systems, strange incantations, or any of the usual bric-a-brac of traditional magick or religion. It is simple and efficient. However, anarchical as Spare was, he was also a man of his culture and time and his system is influenced by ideas that while far from accepted in his day, were current. The idea of the subconscious is clearly influenced by psychoanalytic theory, particularly Jung, and SpareUs insistence on the primacy of the sexual impulse owes not a little to Freud. Of course SpareUs system works if one believes in psychoanalysis or not, not so much because the existence of a deep unconscious, collective or otherwise, is any more provable than the existence of a soul, but because it subverts the conscious mind and the failure tapes of normal consciousness. Culturally defined consensual belief structures work tirelessly against the actualization of magickal intentions, requiring, at the least, refuge in plausible explanations for apparently abnormal events or at least some kind of explanation. Thus unusual events such as the actualization of a spell for success in oneUs job, for example, are justified by the collective consciousness as something that was bound to happen anyway, or less plausibly, the inevitable result of increased self-confidence that the magick spell brought about in the magician. If these explanations are insufficient then perhaps the grace of God, angelic intervention, demonic agency, or just good luck can be proffered. It is the stance of modern chaos magick, however, that none of these explanations are necessary, except perhaps in that they increase the ability of the magician to engineer belief structures. But the engineering of belief structures is a poor substitute for their suspension. If quantum mechanics is correct, human beings live in a universe of mind numbing complexity, at an order of magnitude far greater than the ability of the

human mind to comprehend. If this is the case, and we live in a quantum flux of unlimited potentiality then all things are equally possible, all beliefs equally true, or, as Hassan Ibn Al Sabah, Le Vieux de Montagne, is alleged to have said, RNothing is True, Everything is Permitted.S If this is the case the need of human psychology to explain events is merely another aspect of the totalitarian dictates of societyUs consensual belief structures.

The vacuity that characterizes the charging of a sigil in SpareUs system takes on a different color when viewed in the light of modern chaos magick. It is the No-Mind of unlimited potential, a relaxation into the quantum flux, a suspension of both belief and disbelief, of all the paraphernalia of the rational, discursive mind, and of the seething, bubbling unconscious mind or, as Buddhists would say, RNot Two, Not One.S From this viewpoint, it is the discursive mind that is delusionary, the rational mind that presents phantasms of being and becoming. The truth is that there is no Absolute, no becoming, no being, or as the RPrajna ParamitaS states:

Dharmas here are empty  
all are the primal void.  
None are born or die.  
Nor are they stained or pure  
Nor do they wax or wane.(36)

The "Prajna Paramita", or Heart Sutra, is at the basis of the reformulation of Buddhism by Nagarjuna in the third century a.c.e. Nagarjuna founded the Madhyamika school of Buddhism, of which Dzog Chen is an offshoot. Ingrid Fischer-Schrieber wrote of Nagarjuna:

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Nagarjuna attempts to show the emptiness of the world through the relativity of opposites. Opposites are dependent; one member of a pair of opposites can only arise through the other. From this he draws the conclusion entities cannot really exist, since the existence of one supposes the existence of the other.(37)

The reader is cautioned that emptiness, or sunyata, in Buddhist terminology means limitlessness, or unlimited potentiality, which Madhyamika Buddhism asserts is the true ground of being.

SpareUs technique of Neither-Neither is kin to NagarjunaUs mutual dependency of opposites. Stephen Mace, in his brilliant analysis of Spare and Sorcery, Stealing the Fire from Heaven, described this technique:

The Neither-Neither principle asserts that there is no truth anywhere that is not balanced by an equally true opposite somewhere, and there is only perspective and circumstance to determine which seems more true at any given time. To apply this principle to conjuring, wait until you are absolutely positive something is true, then search for its opposite. When you find it, oppose it to your TtruthU and let them annihilate one another as well as they may. Any residue should oppose to its opposite, and so on until your truth has been dismembered and the passion converted into undirected energy - free belief. By applying the Neither-Neither we can gut the meaningless convictions that obsess us every day and use the power released to cause the changes we desire. (38)

It is this Rundirected energy-free beliefs that is used to charge the sigil. For in this state of mind the magician brings the sigil to consciousness, concentrates on it, and allows it to sink past consciousness into the pool of undirected energy. In Buddhism this state is called sunyata, or emptiness.

In my personal experiences of sunyata, it is a state of consciousness characterized not so much by silence, but by a great calm. The mind, for me at least, continues to chatter, but it is now recognizable as just another function of the body. The mind chatters just as the lungs breathe, just as the heart pumps. Thoughts arise and fall, but the universe hums with energy, with limitless potentiality. Space seems to expand and my vision becomes extremely clear. Fairly rapidly, of course, I become distracted by the novelty of the experience and fall back into normal consciousness, or samsara.

So SpareUs technique is one designed to reveal this state of mind, the one Buddhists term sunyata or emptiness and MaceUs Rundirected energyS may be thought of as synonymous with sunyata. It is part of the annihilistic

tendency in chaos magick that even SpareUs Neither-Neither technique can be considered an unneeded elaboration, for if this state of mind is the actual ground of being, then all that is needed is for the magician to look in another direction, an instant of work. Thus, the whole edifice of ritual is viewed by chaos magicians as a kind of massage for the mind, a way to lull it into a state of Neither-Neither. But actually, none of it is necessary, and perfectly valid results can be obtained just by creating a sigil and leaving it uncharged. Some chaos magicians assert that sigils never need to be charged, that, in fact, the act of their creation slips the sigil behind the discursive rational mind.

There are other methods for creating sigils, also, and some of these collapse the charging into the creation. For example I once did a sigil in a group workshop to produce a laser printer of a certain configuration, one that was unavailable at the time of the creation of the sigil. My sigil, which was a paper sculpture composed of white paper that I had colored, rolled into a tube, cut, and shredded open, looked nothing like my magickal intention, and, as far as I could see had no initial reference to it either. When I finished it I threw it under the couch of a friend. I guessed that the couch would not be moved for some time, and that when it was the paper would not be recognized and would be thrown away. The act of creating the sigil charged it for I thought in a non-attached way, of the printer I wanted while I created the sculpture. I recall that we did charge the sigil by holding our breath until near to fainting while staring at the sigil we had created. This gave me a headache. Perhaps when my friend moved, as he did at around the time the printer I wanted manifested itself, he charged it when he threw it away. Either way, the sigil worked, and I do not trouble myself with explaining to myself why it worked.

Jan Fries, in Visual Magick, has a few other suggestions for the creation of sigils. After discussing the traditional forms of pen, ink, and parchment, or wood engraving, or metalsmithing, Fries states:

your  
off on a  
colours

If you desire matters of dream magick you could draw  
sigil on paper, fold it into a paper boat, and send it  
river, stream, or pond. The water destroys the body and  
receives the idea. You might draw the sigil in earth



on your skin and dance until you've sweated it off, or  
form the shape in berries, food for the birds. You could draw it  
in the earth with a stick and leave it for the rains, or give  
it, drawn on paper, to the fire. You might even feed on it. Ink  
can be washed off and drunk with water (use a non-toxic sort),  
and some signs can be drawn or baked into cakes or bread.  
(39)

Chaos magicians on the Internet have developed other techniques. After transforming the sigil into a mantra it is sent to a usenet newsgroup picked at random as a garbage post (or perhaps not so random, e.g. alt.jesus.is.lord). One innovative method discussed on alt.magick.chaos involved developing a database of the numbers of frequently used public phones around the country. Chaos magicians wishing to charge a sigil would choose a number, dial it, and, if the phone is picked up, shout the sigil at the baffled recipient.

By now it should be clear that the technique of sigilising is not as important as the creation of the mental state which accompanies it, for it is in this ground state that magick works. The Temple of Psychic Youth, founded fifteen years ago by Genesis P-Orridge and highly influenced by the sigil techniques of A.O.Spare is an international association of chaos magicians. Genesis has since disavowed the project, but other members continue the association. Historically members of the Temple of Psychic Youth would create sigils with three different bodily fluids and two different portions of hair and then send them to a central depository of sigils at one of the headquarters of the organization. Despite the respect with which these sigils were regarded by TOPY members, it was widely recognized that the act was magickal because of the states of consciousness developed, the interplay that these states allowed between the conscious mind and the deep mind (or that part of the mind that is not conscious), and that actually, the sigils could have been incinerated in a fire or confiscated by law enforcement authorities without harm being done to the magickal intention. Indeed, rumors abound to this day, perhaps deliberately spread by TOPY members, that the sigil depository has been compromised by some such action. The usefulness of rumors such as these lies in its ability to allow the ego of the chaos magician to confront the process of magick. Should a TOPY member be concerned that a British

bobby has his sigil, or that it was burnt, or that some nefarious black magician is now using it in dark magick? Certainly, if these concerns allow the TOPY member to ask himself what magick really is. Genesis said, in an interview in Gnosis magazine, about this issue:

I wanted to contradict the tradition that those things were innately dangerous for other people to have possession of. Because I thought that was something people had hypnotized themselves into being vulnerable to. (40)

P-Orridge's approach to chaos magick is typical in its insistence on the importance of belief structures and the general faith in access to a fundamental stream of energy and power that cannot really be termed human. He said:

Things do get manifested when you focus on them and truly desire and need them to manifest. That happens. And I don't really care why. My suspicion is that it's an innate gift that comes from so far ago and is so primal that it's pointless putting names on it and trying to humanize it. I think it is always an error to humanize phenomena. (41)

For magick is not a variant of the role playing game of Dungeons and Dragons, nor is it the Satanic cultism of the tabloid, although it may appear from a social perspective look like that way. Magick is the dynamic synergy of the magician's desires with the quantum flow of the energy matrices of the universe.

Fries discusses in some detail the process of spell-making, and the common delusionary knots with which magicians engaged in this confrontation bind themselves. Most of these result from the mechanism Spare termed Rlust for results, and are solved through deliberately forgetting the sigil, the magickal intention, and, ultimately, the precipitating desire.

As Fries states:

Sigils are used where conscious will finds its aim frustrated. We use sigils to bypass adverse conditions, to avoid the censorship of identity, to achieve our will through avenues we do not even know about. If you think about results while transmitting, you effectively bind your mind to find a solution along the desired channels, and this is frequently a hindrance,

that as Tthe desired channelsU are usually the very approach  
greatest does not function. Our conscious selves are often the  
obstacle to the sigilUs manifestation.(42)

Unfortunately, as Fries points out, many magicians seem to miss the point, and, influenced by the power stratagems of traditional magick, charge and recharge their sigils,doubtless berating themselves for their magickal flaccidity as they do so. In this way, they assume, the sheer force of their conscious will shall drive the sigil into the deep ground of being and hence to fruition. In fact their actions raise ever stronger barriers against this occurring, as the conscious mind, whose habit it is to deny the unity of the universe and the interdependence of all phenomena, builds walls of steel against itself. Fries counsels patience and compassion. He suggests dealing with the non conscious mind as one would deal with an old, wise, dear friend. He suggests:

Magick can be worked quite easily once one learns to re-believe in innocence, simplicity and direct inspiration. Why use a memorized invocation, including Tdivine namesU and Twords of powerU when one can get better and livelier results by Tspeaking from the heartU plus a dose of freestyle chaos language and chanting? (43)

Why indeed? Partly the answer lies in the personality and conditioning of the magician, partly in the depth of his experience of magick. Magicians with very strong traditional belief structures, magicians conditioned by membership in a magickal order such as the Ordo Templi Orientis, or even the Illuminates of Thanateros, may need elaborate ritual in order to break down this conditioning until a state of simplicity can be reached. Magicians who are relatively new to magick may need ritual in order to increase self confidence and decrease the effect of the anti-magickal consensual belief structures. Magicians, young or old, who have for some reason opened the door to their own simplicity can successfully cast a spell with a brief hand movement, with a howl at the moon, or with, as I do from time to time, curse with the crushing of a fortune cookie at a Chinese Restaurant. No chaos magician writing today suggests discarding SpareUs techniques. The hold of traditional magick is far too strong to neglect such an efficient system for deprogramming. But at least among

the community of chaos magicians discussing sigils on the Internet, suggestions are routinely made that magick is far simpler than even sigilising.

According to the visions of many mystics the world itself is suffused with magick. Gerald Manley Hopkins wrote in 1918:

The world is charged with the grandeur of God  
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;  
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil  
Crushed....

from RGodUs GrandeurS

Although Hopkins writes within the paradigm of Christian mysticism, his insight of a world filled with supernal power is hardly different from the approach of a modern chaos magician, or a Dzog Chen master. In the middle of the 17th Century Thomas Traherne wrote , describing the way in which he saw the world when he was a child:

Rich diamond and pearl and gold  
In every place was seen;  
Rare splendors, yellow, blue, red, white and green,  
Mine eyes did everywhere behold.

From RWonderS

The experience of the universe as a place filled with unlimited potentiality, and gorgeous beyond description to boot, is typical of many altered states of mystical perception. Dzog Chen maintains that this is the actual nature of the universe, a place of limitless light and potentiality. Tibetan Buddhism is called the Vajrayana after this assertion, for Vajra means diamond, and the universe is a diamond web of dynamic interconnections. Diamonds, in tantric tradition, are the crystallized sperm of the gods.

The task of the magician who accepts the mysticUs description of the universe, or if not that of the mystic, the model of the universe proposed by quantum mechanics, for there is little to differentiate either model from one another, is to deprogram himself, to annihilate the discriminatory mind sets of rational thinking, the primary intellectual artefact of civilization. For once this level of consciousness is reached, once the conscious and the non conscious mind are working together, then there is no difference between the will of the magician and the movement of the stream of energy that is the universe.

John CageUs statement about art is as applicable to magick. He wrote:

The history of art is simply a history of getting rid of the ugly by entering into it and using it. After all, the notion of something outside of us being ugly is not outside of us but inside of us. And that's why I keep reiterating that we're working with our minds. What we're trying to do is to get them open so we don't see things as being ugly or beautiful but we see them just as they are. (44)

Substitute art with magick, ugly with unattainable and beautiful with attainable, and Cage's statement presents the formula for chaos magick.

Sigils are just one means to bring about this transformation, to internalize a desire that the magician considers to be unachievable so that the discriminatory definitions of achievable and out of reach no longer have any validity.

Yet if there is so little difference between the mystic and the magician

why are they traditionally viewed as two separate paths? Few magicians would term themselves mystics (fearing relegation to the New Age) and even fewer mystics would term themselves magicians. Sai Baba and a few other Indian gurus are exceptions. In *Liber Kaos*, Peter Carroll postulated

a psychohistorical theory that asserted that magickal shamanism, a simple and fluid form of magick based upon a mystical awareness of the interdependence of all phenomena, degrades into paganism, and with the growth of religious forms magick is relegated to a priestly caste, who, over a period of time lose access to the magickal current and degrade into

formalism. (45) The argument is plausible, particularly when placed alongside the rise of civilization, an event that required the development

of hierarchical society. Social hierarchy, of course, is a template that is

internalized at an early age, and defines access to power as being confined

to channels devised by other than oneself. This notion is anathema to magick in general, and chaos magick in particular. Thus in tribal societies

there would appear to be little difference between the mystic and the magician, both roles often being held in the personage of the tribal shaman, and all members of the tribe, in some degree or another, having access to the universal magickal power. By the time one thousand years of Christian conditioning had afflicted the minds of the peoples of the West, magickal acts were either heretical, quaint and secretive folk practices, or, if approved by the Church, miraculous and the marks of sainthood. Another thousand years of the slow deterioration of this conditioning, and, finally, the beginnings of breakdown in the toxic structures of civilization, and magick has begun to be seen as a power

available to all, as a means of directly communicating with the universe as it is, and as a particularly appropriate series of techniques to live in a universe in which human beings are both as incidental and as important as all other phenomena.

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# Servitors

## *Part Two of Sigils, Servitors, and Godforms*

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### **Servitors, Psychodynamics and Models of Magick**

Chaos Magick, at least if approached by through the internet and conversation with chaos magicians, can appear a sprawling, contradictory mess of techniques to the newcomer. The relativistic stance of Chaos Magick, and it's apparent lack of a unifying template can appear both morally disturbing and intellectually frustrating, especially to occultists coming to it from more traditional paths. Frater U.D., in a small essay published in 1991, provided a clearer approach to chaos magick by declaring it to be a meta-model, a fifth approach to magick. The other four he defined as the Spirit Model (used by shamans and traditional ceremonial magicians, in which autonomous entities exist in a dimension accessible to ours through altered states of consciousness); the Energy Model (where the world is viewed as being 'vitalized' by energy currents that the magician manipulates); the Psychological Model (in which the magician is seen as "a programmer of symbols and different states of consciousness," manipulating the the individual and the deep psyche); and the information model (where information is the code that programs the essentially neutral energy of the life force). Frater U.D. points out that writers on chaos magick generally subscribe to a great extent to the Psychological Model, but, their approach utilizes a Meta-Model, which is really a set of instructions on how to use the other models. One of the most salient facts about chaos magick, and one of the most difficult for many newcomers to grasp, is that it is not really a magickal philosophy at all, it is really a technology, an approach, or stance towards magickal systems. The path to this was a result of chaos magicians developing and then transcending the Psychological Model. This essay on servitors while discussing many of the practical issues in the creation and deployment of servitors also elucidates the relationship between chaos magickal theory and modern psychology.

Modern magicians, chaos magicians, contemporary sorcerers, and the other magickal users of servitors appear to have adopted a modified psychodynamic view of personality, and the way in which we identify ourselves. This view, first expounded by Freud and the other founders of psychoanalysis (Jung, Adler, etc.), suggests that the way in which we view ourselves develops over time, and motivational syndromes (what we want and how we go about getting it) are critical to this development. This is quite a different view than type or trait personality theories which were in favor throughout most of Western history (man is composed of a compound of four or five elements, for example). Chaos magicians tend to display more of a situationist stance to personality, that is to say they tend to act as though the situation in which one finds oneself is the dominant factor in observable behaviors. Chaos magicians also tend to suggest that this is a good thing, since it means the personality can be used opportunistically, as a tool to achieve desires. This stance also reflects Buddhist and Eastern views of the Self, which either repudiate

its existence as a permanent construction, or state that its essential nature can only be discovered through profoundly altered states of consciousness (samadhi).

Phil Hine, in his excellent pamphlet "Chaos Servitors, a User Guide" writes of the self:

"I prefer the analogy of the self as an organic city-entity, where some portions are more prominent than others, where there are hidden tunnels and sewers, and where the under levels carry vital energies to buildings. The city-self is continually changing and growing - tear down a building of belief, and another grows back in its place."

Austin Osman Spare was clearly influenced by psychodynamic theories of the self, as well as Eastern ones, and the general magickal theory he passed on to us embody these ideas. Primarily concerned with motivation (desire), Spare wrote in "The Book of Pleasure":

"The 'self' is the 'Neither-Neither,' nothing omitted, indissoluble, beyond prepossession; dissociation of conception by its own invincible love is the only true, safe, and free...This Self-Love is now declared by me the means of evolving millions of ideas for pleasure without love, or its synonyms-self-reproach, sickness, old age, and death. The Symposium of self and love. O! Wise Man, Please Thyself."

Note the combination of psychoanalytic vocabulary and Vedic metaphysics combined with an insistence on motivation as fundamental.

Now a servitor is generally considered to be a part of the personality of the magician that has been severed from him. I would argue that this is a limited view of servitors, that they could be considered severed portions of the Deep Mind, and consequently not located in the psyche of any particular magician. In my view demons, angels, imaginary friends, poltergeists and perhaps even ghosts are servitors. Servitors can be called thought-forms (as opposed to godforms which may sometimes be servitors on steroids).

Since contemporary magickal stances to personality are psychodynamic and motivational servitors tend to be viewed as functional entities, and rather easily operated. Contrast this with the type and trait theories that inform Traditional Ceremonial Magick. Magicians up until this century (and still some today) spend what seems to me ridiculous amounts of time and effort evoking demons, using grimoires, and engaging in a paraphernalia of magick that makes a great deal of sense if you believe in type and trait theories of personalities, but very little if your approach is situational and psychodynamic. If you believe that a demon you summon is a wholly independent entity with a personality type all of its own you may have to resort to extreme measures to force it to do your bidding. If you believe that a demon is a servitor summoned as a manifestation of your desire then a simple bargain will suffice (I'll give you energy, you get what I want, I'll give you a nice place to live).

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## What is a Servitor?

Motivational syndromes (desire) are fundamental to Spare's form of magick, hence the name of his most popular book, "The Book of Pleasure." Spare and magicians, Chaos or otherwise, have adopted the Jungian expansion of Freud's theory of the Unconscious. Jung theorized the existence of a collective unconscious, shared by all. He considered it to be transpersonal and the residue of the evolution of humankind. I personally prefer Jan Fries' term, the Deep Mind, but it comes to much the same thing. Spare, who called the collective unconscious the sub-consciousness characterized it as follows:

"Know the sub-consciousness to be an epitome of all experiences and wisdom, past incarnations as men, animals, birds, vegetable life, etc. , etc., everything that exists, has and ever will exist."

Both Spare and Peter Carroll attempted to develop a technical vocabulary to describe the phenomena and techniques of the type of magick posited by Spare. Carroll, both FireClown and I believe, was trying to construct a vocabulary that could be used by magicians of any type. FireClown calls this a "discussional template", or a way in which, for example, thelemites could talk to wiccans without misunderstanding each other. Unfortunately Carroll's use of the hierarchical gambit resulted in this vocabulary becoming exclusionary.

A fine example of this is the term "servitor." The time predates Chaos Magick and can be found to refer to bound spirits in the fiction of Clark Ashton Smith, who was writing for *Weird Tales* in the 1930s. Servitor is actually a word referring to entities that actualize through evocation, a magickal technique as old as magick itself. Carroll writes

"These beings have a legion of names drawn from the demonology of many cultures: elementals, familiars, incubi, succubi, bud-wills, demons, atavisms, wraiths, spirits, and so on."

Spare seems to indicate that these entities are bound to obsessions, that is to say the magician, experiencing an obsession (a way the psyche tells the magician that it desires something), forms part of the sub-consciousness into a semi-independent phenomenon that will do the work needed to actualize the magician's desire. Carroll disagrees somewhat, although he allows that such beings have their origin in the human mind. Phil Hine whose interest in his *User's Guide to Servitors* is the creation of such beings writes:

"By deliberately budding off portions of our psyche and identifying them by means of a name, trait, symbol, we can come to work with them (and understand how they affect us) at a conscious level."

So at least in the type of magick developed by Spare, Carroll, and Phil Hine, a servitor is a part of the magician's psyche, or a part of the Deep Mind that the magician evokes to perform a task. Do these entities have an existence prior to their evocation? Perhaps. Magick is trans-temporal, trans-spatial. If the Deep Mind contains all experience that has been or ever will be then the question is meaningless, or as Blake wrote:

"Everything that can be Believed is an Image of the Truth."

I do think that the use of servitors is widespread among many people who would not dream of considering themselves magicians. People personalize their cars, have imaginary friends as children, or give personalities to their toys, carry objects they consider to be "lucky" with them or allow their obsessions to absorb their personalities so they turn into demons. Many movies deal with servitors, Natural Born Killers being an obvious example, Tetsudo, a fine Japanese flick being an even more obvious example. In NBK the demons are eventually reintegrated and the two killers stop killing. The fine film Seven is essentially a magickal ritual in which the murderer uses people as the material bases for servitors, in this case representing the demons of the Seven Deadly Sins.

To my mind these are all examples of the use of servitors because they follow Hine's simple definition of servitors as budded off portions of the psyche or personality developed for a simple or complex purpose which gain a semi-independent existence. Of course in the case of demons absorbing the personality the act is hardly adaptive, although it may have started out that way.

I'll tell you a story. I had a friend about 12 years ago, a charming, handsome young man, intelligent, athletic, and sober. He used to baby-sit another friend's teenage daughter. It turned out that he was a serial rapist. He would stalk women, rape them, and beat them nearly to death. He got caught because he fell asleep in his car outside his last victim's apartment and was found by the police covered with his victim's blood. I have no doubt he would have ended up murdering his future victims. Fortunately he is unlikely to ever have that chance.

Now what I think had happened with this man was that, perhaps as a result of some inability to integrate his rage towards women, he budded off a part of his personality, the violent, woman hating part, which became a demon, a semi-independent servitor. When his obsession was triggered it activated the demon which then completely possessed him and he became an utterly different person. For all I know he wasn't even conscious of the demon himself.

None of his friends ever saw this demon, didn't even have a glimpse, but his victims surely did.

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## **Creating Servitors**

Modern magicians have expanded on Jungian ideas of the collective unconscious to assert that magick occurs within what Spare calls the sub-consciousness, and Fries the Deep Mind. Servitors are semi-autonomous beings that are summoned from the Deep Mind and charged with the performance of some magickal task. Stephen Mace, in his monograph *Stealing the Fire from Heaven*, calls this sorcery. He defines it:

"Sorcery is the art of capturing spirits and training them to work in harness, of sorting out the powers in our minds so we might manipulate them and make them cause changes both within our minds and beyond them."

Most writers are unanimous in their opinion that the magician must develop a clear statement of intent before proceeding in acts of magick, which presupposes the magician understanding the nature of their original desire. In many cases there is simply no need to create a servitor. A simple spell might suffice, a desire sigilized and cast into the Deep Mind in a state of vacuity. Summoning servitors for the sake of psychic adventure might also be ill advised, although, judging from the grimoires of medieval literature in the absence of television it was a popular way to pass the tedium of an evening. Teenage satanists (so called in tribute to their innovative spelling) are also apparently fond of this sport. Chaos magicians, it is to be hoped, and the readers of this essay, would create servitors for more practical reasons.

If the magician does not believe the desire can be actualized by sigilizing, either because of lack of success in the past, the inability of the sorcerer to forget the desire, or because the task is repetitive, or complex then a servitor may be appropriate. Servitors can be used for finding rare books, for developing sales in business, for aiding in gaining employment, for irritating an enemy, for protecting a house, for, really, any number of jobs. Servitors can also be used to aid in the deconstruction and reconstruction of a magician's personality. On the zee-list servitors have been described that compress and expand time, that attack spam mailers, that assist in speedy passage through rush hour and that are soldiers in magickal wars.

I suggested above that the use of servitors is widespread throughout humankind. Magicians and sorcerers, however, consciously create servitors, extruding them from their own psyches for specific magickal purposes. Most people create servitors unconsciously. Sometimes, as I recounted, this can have poisonous results both for the creator of the servitor and for society. Servitors that contain elements of personality that the sorcerer finds maladaptive are usually known as demons. Mace writes in regards to demons:

"Demons: reflexes that generate uncontrollable moods, fantasies, and even actions. Demons are often acquired as a response to a twisted environment that had to be endured during the weakness and dependence of childhood. The adult, empowered wizard will realize they are inappropriate to his current situation, and make every effort to bind them so they will no longer bother him."

In fact bound demons can be quite useful.

Since many servitors are available for use by the magician through grimoires, or the use of elementals, sylphs, incubi, and the like, it might be reasonably inquired why the sorcerer should go to the trouble of creating one. Mace answers this:

"there's a problem with using preexisting spirits. They invariably come equipped with enormous amounts of moral and theological baggage, bundles of belief and righteousness that you must carry with you as you make your way through the world."

I suggest readers who question this use a grimoire to evoke a lesser demon like Belphegor (not an archdemon like Belial), visit a channeller, or a medium for a seance. Apart from entertainment value I doubt that the reader will experience significant or lasting change from these experiences. Belphegor, I should note, has been credited with assuring regular bowel movements, so perhaps he might have a lasting effect on constipated mages. Apart from this possible exception, creating a servitor and charging it with a magickal task can have a profound effect on a sorcerer's life.

This is why a fairly rigorous intellectual analysis of the desire of the sorcerer should be undertaken before evocation. The magician can use any number of techniques to do this, but the discussion of the magickal intent with other sorcerers is probably the most helpful. This is especially true when the servitor to be created is to effect a change in the personality of the magician since it is very possible that excising an apparent vice may also remove an intertwined virtue leaving the sorcerer weaker and poorer than before.

Once the magickal intent has been determined and the magician is fairly sure that no unwitting damage to the psyche will ensue, then the actual process of creating a servitor can begin.

Servitors can be easily divided into two classes, those that come from identifiable areas of the magician's psyche, and those that issue forth from the deeper levels of the subconsciousness ( and hence may not be recognizable to the magician as deriving from a property of the sorcerer's psyche). If, for example I create a servitor to afflict an enemy this can be easily seen to originate in my own rage. On the other hand, if I summon an elemental because I want rain this spirit may have no apparent connection with my own psyche. Of course it does, but perhaps at such a deep level that it is held in common by many others. Ghosts are another example of beings that issue forth from deep levels of the subconsciousness and are often perceived in very similar ways by different people. Whether the sorcerer creates a servitor from scratch, as it were, or summons a preexistent spirit may depend on the task to which the servitor is put. Servitors may also be created which have components of both the individual magician's psyche and of the Deep Mind.

I'm in business for myself and my business depends on the timely receipt of payments. I'm in the process of creating a servitor to facilitate payments made to me through the mail. The servitor I imagine to look like Zippy the U.S.P.S. mascot but carrying a large hand gun - Zippy the psychotic Postal Worker. He will be charged with the specific job of speeding up my mail, particularly checks to me. Of course, part of Psycho Zippy is budded off from my own personality and includes my frustration with the mail, my anxiety over money, my dislike of bureaucrats, and my own violent tendencies. Part of Psycho Zippy, though, comes from the good work of the USPS's advertising staff who imbedded this image in the American consciousness and the American media that publicized the mass murders of numerous postal workers by their coworkers over the last

few years. Psycho Zippy is a hybrid servitor in this sense, and so will derive its energy from both sources. Psycho Zippy may also be considered a bound demon, since he derives from obsessive (and maladaptive) elements of my own psychology which have been extruded and harnessed to perform a particular role. The development of this servitor is useful therapy since it frees me from these maladaptive elements.

So let's review the process of creating a servitor like Psycho Zippy. First I become conscious of obsession, manifesting as a repeating pattern of anxious thoughts about payments which I know have been mailed but which for reasons quite beyond my ability to understand take a random number of days to reach me. This obsession clearly indicates a desire...I want my payments in a timely and consistent fashion. Now I could do a sigil to actualize this desire, but the problem is persistent and I doubt that a sigil done once will be enough to solve it. I could also use a godform, like Ganesh, or Hermes, or Legba or even Nyarlathotep, but I've tried this and the gods seem fairly fickle about it, and, in any case, I keep having to go back to them to bargain with them every time a payment gets lost. I have concluded that a servitor, charged by my own obsession, is the most appropriate magickal response.

Now in my case the USPS's admen have come up with a sigil that I only have to modify by adding a large hand gun. For many servitors, however, it may be necessary to develop them from scratch by first forming your magickal intention into a sigil and then using your imagination to turn this sigil into the shape of servitor (which can be anything you consider appropriate to the task at hand). This process is greatly facilitated if you have developed a magickal alphabet that contains in sigil form the properties of your personality and the powers of your mind. Automatic drawing, a common way to develop this type of alphabet, can also be used to develop the shape of the servitor. These alphabets are also known as alphabets of desire.

On Alphabets of Desire Mace writes:

"Each letter (actually an ideograph) represents a power...an unconscious structure or variety of energy that the sorcerer recognizes or wishes to recognize within his deep psyche."

In essence the sorcerer sigilizes a desire and then uses automatic drawing until an ideograph is created that is, as Mace says, "perfectly apropos." Letters from this alphabet can be combined to form the shape of a servitor, again using techniques of automatic drawing.

An alphabet of desire is a set of personal magickal symbols that describe or trigger certain powers of the mind or aspects of the sorcerer's personality. Although the AoD is generally considered to be graphical there isn't any reason it can't be gestural, or a set of sounds, or a group of familiar emotional states or states of consciousness. The construction of an alphabet of desire also does not need to be nearly as formal as suggested by Spare, Carroll, Phil Hine, Jan Fries, Stephen Mace and others. It can develop organically as a result of, for example, repetitive gestures or sounds a sorcerer

makes in rituals. Moreover, it is not necessary for the sorcerer to be able to define the elements of the AoD outside of the ritual space. The conscious mind does not have to know the meanings and attributions of the alphabet since the sorcerer uses it in an altered state of consciousness induced by ritual.

FireClown and I, who have similar varieties of magick, actually don't have much of a conscious understanding of our personal alphabets of desire, which are linked more to repetitive gestures, sounds, and subtle states of consciousness rather than graphic symbols.

Although most sorcerers working in the tradition of AOSpare are indebted to the theoretical structure he developed, slavish adherence to Spare's techniques would be quite contrary to what Spare himself would have wanted.

Of course, if you want to create servitors from graphical sigils then an iconic alphabet of desire will certainly help.

The impetus to begin writing this much postponed essay was prompted by a question from a member of the zee-list, a list for the use of the z(cluster), a loose international association of chaos magicians, ontological anarchists, and the like, primarily mediated through the internet.

A listmember posted the following question:

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>In my work with sigilizing desire, I have frequently come  
>across strange beings which seem related to the sigils. Sometimes,  
>these beings have names and its gematrias are relevant to the object  
>of desire. What are these beings? Can I create servitors out of them?
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As the reader will have probably gathered, the original question that precipitated this essay has now been answered. In sigilizing desires the magician inadvertently encountered servitors that were in some way born from these sigils. The magician now needs to discover what these servitors are, what their relationship is to the Deep Mind and how they can be used.

Other relevant questions relating to servitors concern servitor dependency and using a bound demon's energy to reinforce personality elements that the magician wants to strengthen. I'll deal with these questions as this essay continues.

In creating servitors, once the magickal intention has been formulated an appropriate container for it can be developed. This can be a sigilized figure, an amulet or talisman, a fetish, a computer program or script, or even, possibly, an electronic pet. I advise against using living creatures as containers for servitors, partly because of their complexity, and partly because it is done all too often by parents with their children, owners with their pets and bosses with their employees, to mention just a few cases where human beings



extrude parts of their own psyches and attempt to ram them into other human beings. Manchurian candidates notwithstanding most attempts to do this are qualified failures. Animal familiars, such as cats, are arguably not servitors at all, but rather, associates of the magician or witch, voluntarily participating in magickal work.

There is some argument that a material base for a servitor may not be necessary, but, as Phil Hine points out:

"It does help to further construct the Servitor's persona as an individual entity, and is also useful for focusing on when you are recalling the Servitor for reabsorption or reprogramming."

Let's return to my Psycho-Zippy servitor. Zippy-with-a-gun is designed to speed checks written to me through the U.S.Postal Service. I do not need to time limit the existence of this servitor since the problem is evidently continuous. I have decided that Zippy-with-a-gun should have a specific aetheric shape, which will be attached to a material link. This link will be an envelope with Psycho-Zippy's icon in the place of a stamp. The envelope will be addressed to me and will contain a check payable to me for as much money as I want and signed by the Universe. This envelope talisman will live on my altar and will also be a resting place for Psycho-Zippy when he's not out terrorizing postal and U.P.S. employees into sending me my checks. I've also developed a list of instructions for Psycho-Zippy constraining him to this one task, of facilitating payments through the mail. I don't, obviously, want Psycho-Zippy infecting a postal worker with the notion that murdering as many of his coworkers as possible before blowing his own brains out would be a fine way to spend the day.

These are the preliminary tasks that need to be done before launching the servitor. Phil Hine suggests a servitor design checklist including deciding general and specific intents; sigilizing the initial desire; deciding whether time factor, material link, name, or a specific shape is needed; deciding what will happen when the task is completed; and, finally, making a list of instructions.

Again this is a fairly formalistic approach to developing servitors, and I have to admit that most of the time I use servitors that are nameless, have no particular shape, no material link, and are created almost instantaneously for a specific purpose. Over a period of time these servitors have taken on personalities, or at least the shadows of such, if I use them repetitively. I have a few of them I send out to speed me through traffic jams. I have another that gets me tables in crowded restaurants before I walk through the door. I didn't develop these beings, but as a result of repeating spells (through gesture and sound) to achieve these results the servitors just seemed to develop of their own accord. Since I don't banish servitors but house them when their tasks are completed I think I have a pack of shiftless, and probably loutish servitors hanging around my aetheric environment who leap into action when I need them. My demons need work.

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## Launching Servitors

### Banishing Rituals

Almost all modern authors strongly recommend the use of Banishing Rituals prior to engaging in any magickal ritual. The word "banishing" in this concept is something of a misnomer since the purpose of this technique is to center the magician within a sacred space, banishing negative influences being a secondary effect of a banishing ritual.

Uncle Al (Aleister Crowley) writes:

"The first task of the magician in every ceremony is therefore to render his circle absolutely impregnable...If you leave even a single spirit within the circle, the effect of the conjuration will be entirely absorbed by it."

Now that's certainly definite enough. And a wonderful declamatory statement it is!

Crowley's banishing rituals include The Star Ruby (Liber XXV) and The Star Sapphire (Liber XXXVI), although he assumes that his readers have an understanding of the most famous banishing ritual, the Lesser Banishing Ritual of the Pentagram (LBRP). One of the clearest descriptions of this can be found in Donald Michael Kraig's "Modern Magick." The LBRP and its derivatives involve invoking godforms or angels at the corners of the compass as protective agents.

Chaos Magicians, such as Peter Carroll, Phil Hine and Stephen Mace, also strongly suggest the use of banishing rituals, although their centering techniques are somewhat simpler. Phil Hine suggests that banishing rituals are necessary because they allow entry into altered states of consciousness, they dispel psychic debris, and the act to order the universe symbolically, allowing the magician to stand at the axis mundi. Peter Carroll writes that a well constructed banishing ritual enables the magician to:

"resist obsession if problems are encountered with dream experiences or with sigils becoming conscious."

By the latter Carroll clearly is referring to the inadvertent creation of servitors through sigil techniques. It also has the advantage of having a basis in Spare's theory of magick and the transformation of obsessional energy into organic energy.

Carroll, Hine and Mace all suggest magicians develop a glowing magickal barrier around them when engaged in ritual. Carroll and the IOT used the Gnostic Pentagram Ritual(GPR), a deconstruction of the LBRP, in magickal work.

Curiously I have not been able to discover if Austin Osman Spare used banishing rituals. The omission of such from his "Book of Pleasure" may quite likely be deliberate since he was certainly aware of them. I would suggest that Spare may have considered banishing rituals contrary to the free flow of magickal symbolism from the Deep Mind to the magician's psyche, that is to say an artifact that may not be useful. But Spare's magick, to

this day, remains more radical, more controversial, and more audacious than most practiced by modern magicians.

Is banishing actually necessary? I do it in an abbreviated form, singing the vowels (Eeh-Aye-Aah-Oh-Uuh-Uuh-Oh-Aah-Aye Eeh) in a scale down and up while following, generally, the chakras with hand movements. I do it because I feel better after I do. Other magicians I know don't banish at all, while others won't leave their house without doing an LBRP. My banishing ritual takes a few seconds, can be done with groups, and is a deconstruction of the GPR. I also tend to use drumming, incense, and the strange sound of a Nepali tiger thigh flute to set the scene and move myself into an altered, magickal state of consciousness. I also use the LBRP, but almost never for private ritual. In public rituals, especially before audiences who may never have seen Ceremonial Magick before, the LBRP has a comforting, a soothing effect. After all, it does contain the end of the Lord's Prayer and it does call the Archangels. I don't usually disturb such people with the fact that Demons are sometimes classified as Angels by another name.

But if the aim of banishing is to create a sacred space and center the magician then perhaps this can be done just with a hand gesture, with a slight shift in consciousness, or perhaps a declaration like Jean Luc Picard's "Make It So"!

Modern magickal writers, to my mind, seem terribly concerned over the sanity and well being of new or neophyte magicians. I'm not sure if this is motivated by fear of litigation, higher primate hierarchical motives, or genuine concern that new magicians will actually go crazy.

My suggestion is try it both ways. Do rituals without banishing and do rituals with banishing. Then do what you prefer. After all, if you get infected by some strange denizen of the Deep Mind because you didn't bother to banish, you could always ask one of us to exorcise it. There's always a hearty welcome at my house for demonic entities! I like them. I like to make them work for me, and I like to eat them. They always have a choice, and demon heart is a lot tastier than angel heart!

### **Free Belief and Vacuity**

A technique explored by AO Spare and discussed at length by Stephen Mace but strangely absent from many other discussions of Chaos Magickal techniques is the state of mind called Free Belief by Mace, and generally referred to by Spare as the Neither-Neither principle.

Spare wrote:

"When the mind is nonplused capability to attempt the impossible becomes known."

Spare's magickal approach is reductionist. He wrote:

"Magic, the reduction of properties to simplicity, making them transmutable to utilize them afresh by direction, without capitalization, bearing fruit many times."

Spare believed that acts of magick were most likely to succeed when the mind had attained a state in which duality had been extinguished through a process in which dualistic notions were systematically eliminated by counterpoising them against each other. He called this the Neither-Neither principle. Students of Yogic techniques will recognize this as the Neti-Neti meditation, a meditation in which the seeker questions his or her self-identity by discounting all that he or she is not. For example:

I am not my name.  
I am not my body.  
I am not my genetic structure.  
I am not my mind  
etc., etc.

Mace gives a simple method for applying Spare's technique:

"To apply this principle to conjuring, wait until you are absolutely positive something is true, then search for its opposite. When you find it, oppose it to your 'truth" and let them annihilate one another as well they may. Any residue you should oppose to its opposite until your truth has been dismembered and the passion behind it converted into undirected energy-free belief."

FireClown explains this in another way. According to his theory on the formation of entities, obsession naturally creates thought forms which soon achieve a form of independence and turn into demons. Now demons, and semi-detached parts of the magician's psyche in general, do not wish to be re-assimilated, or destroyed. Consequently they will seek energy from any source in the magician's psyche, but primarily from long running maladaptive sub-programs such as resentment towards one's parents, one's spouse, or ex-spouse, feelings of inferiority, or whatever tape loops are recurrent in the magician's psyche. The generation of free belief presents the magician with a source of psychic energy, originating in obsession, that allows the actualization of magickal intentions. Without generating free belief the energy the magician summons is eaten by demons and used by them for their own self-perpetuation. Consequently the magickal act fails.

Spare wrote:

"When by the wish to believe-it is of necessity incompatible with an existing belief and is not realized through the inhibition of the organic belief-the negation of the wish, faith moves no mountains, not till it has removed itself."

Or, if wishes were horses beggars would ride. Mere wishing is rarely sufficient if obsessional energy is at play. Simple spells, such as those used to get a table at a crowded

restaurant, can succeed because of their simplicity, and because obsessional energy has not created demonic entities.

The bar against success in magick is the contradictory opinions the magician holds of his or her capacity to succeed. Spare suggests that this very process can be used by the magician to create a state of mind in which magick will work. Correct use of the Neither-Neither principle brings about the state Spare calls Vacuity, which is, as T.S.Eliot suggests, is

"A state of complete simplicity  
Costing not less than everything."

To return to servitors, then, once the servitor has been developed, and a banishing ritual performed, the magician must achieve a state of vacuity, a state in which free belief exists. One way to achieve this is the Neither-Neither. As Mace writes:

"By applying the Neither-Neither we can gut the meaningless convictions that obsess us every day and use the power released to cause the changes we desire."

Peter Carroll calls this state of vacuity Gnosis. He wrote

"Methods of achieving gnosis can be divided into two types. In the inhibitory mode, the mind is progressively silenced until only a single object of concentration remains. In the excitatory mode, the mind is raised to a very high pitch of excitement while concentration on the objective is maintained. Strong stimulation eventually elicits a reflex inhibition and paralyzes all but the most central function-the object of concentration. Thus strong inhibition and strong excitation end up creating the same effect-the one-pointed consciousness, or gnosis."

The Neither-Neither technique is primarily inhibitory, although, through the artificial manipulation of emotional states attached to obsessive energy there is no reason why the method could not produce an excitatory effect.

Achieving this state ensures that the servitor can be charged. Not achieving this state runs the risk that the care the magician has put into developing the servitor will come to nothing because the energy developed will end up feeding the magician's unbound and perhaps unknown demons.

To continue with the example of the Psycho Zippy servitor I am creating to facilitate payments through U.P.S. and the Postal Service, I can create free belief by choosing a recurring tape from my own psyche. I know, for example, I still resent my father for sending me away to school in England. I believe he did it because he was jealous of my mother's affection for me. I can counterpoint this belief by reminding myself that sending me to boarding school was not only very expensive for him but that he believed he was affording me an education that he had been denied due to the poverty of his parents. On the other hand I truly hated the institutionalized cruelty of English boarding school. I can

counterpoint this with the fact that when I was old enough to enumerate the problems with the type of school to which he had sent me he removed me at once and placed in a school that was actually enlightened. I can continue in this way counterpoising one belief with a contrary argument until finally I am left with nothing to which the obsessive resentment can attach. At this point I am ready to charge the servitor. I have moved myself to a calm and one-pointed state of mind that is nevertheless suffused with psychic energy.

### **The Actual Launch**

To recapitulate: I have created a sacred space by means of a banishing ritual. I have created the appropriate energy to charge the servitor by using the method of Free Belief. I am in a state of vacuity. At this point I can bring the image of Psycho Zippy to my mind and create it as a living form. I can visualize it racing, wraithlike, through the information systems of UPS and the US Postal Service. I can visualize it making the hands of postal workers touching my mail move just a bit faster, see it increasing their concentration and visual acuity, revving up their hand-eye-body coordination for the apparently arduous task of getting my checks back to me on time. I can then dispatch the servitor into the aether with a stern admonition to do my will or suffer the consequence of psychic dissolution.

In actual fact I did none of these things. Instead I hosted a ritual, an invocation of Baron Samedi, and before the invocation, but after the banishing, had the participants gaze at my rendering of Psycho Zippy. I then gave this rendering to a friend who was off to a Fire Performance Art that evening, but was unable to stay for the invocation. She had the rendering burned with a flame-thrower while a large group of onlookers chanted "Zippy, Zippy, Zippy."

A few days later I turned my rendering of Zippy into labels which I have since placed in every package I ship. Zippy has, by and large, worked very well since then, and I would estimate that the speed of return payments has increased by about 30 per cent.

Zippy is a servitor with a material base, the laser printed image of him that sits on my altar and is reproduced on my labels. Although it is by no means necessary for servitors to have material bases, in this case, it seemed appropriate. Phil Hine in his User's Guide gives as examples of material bases:

"rings, bottles, crystals, or a small metal figurine"

In a way Zippy can be termed a fetish servitor. I believe the image I have drawn of him to have magickal power, thus fulfilling the definition of fetish.

To give you another example of a fetish servitor, FireClown, who was having difficulty during job interviews, developed a bear servitor, which he created with a material base made out of wood. It looked something like a wood carved zuni bear. FireClown wore this amulet within his shirt during job interviews. He visualized the bear as a large,

somewhat comical, somewhat threatening, form dancing behind him as he sat before his interviewers. He reported that his prospective employers became quite confused during the interviews, ceasing to pay attention to him, and frequently glancing behind him. His interviews were concluded rapidly and cordially and he shortly found himself employed.

Phil Hine also suggests that time is a factor to be considered in servitor design and creation, and suggests that the life cycle or periodicity of a servitor be included in its creation. I have not found this to be the case in my own work, but then this may just be because I tend to create servitors for perennial needs and use sigils or godforms for ad hoc situations where I must respond rapidly to a crisis or momentary desire.

Hine suggests a technique that my local Chaos group -the TAZ, New Orleans node of the Z(cluster)-has used successfully. He calls it "The Airburst Exercise." In this technique for launching spells, including group sigils and servitors the participants in the ritual first develop an altered state of consciousness through whatever means they choose - chanting, breathing, group groping...whatever. They then visualize energy flowing to and from each other and finally crystallizing in a sphere within their circle. They visualize the sigil or servitor within the sphere. This sphere is then launched into the aether (perhaps after a countdown).

The TAZ, New Orleans group, in 1993, decided to celebrate Mardi Gras into perpetuity by launching a chaos satellite, which they named the Zerbat. This satellite was sent into geosynchronous orbit 30 miles above the spire of St. Louis Cathedral shortly before Mardi Gras of that year. The group visualized the satellite as a chaosphere with a top hat, smoking a cigar. On Mardi Gras Day since then members have distributed Reichian orgone collectors throughout the French Quarter, and, at 6 pm discharged these collectors to the Zerbat satellite through a group ritual performed in Jackson Square. The orgones are visualized as a stream of energy containing the revelry of Fat Tuesday in the Vieux Carre. The Zerbat send these streams of orgiastic energy to other satellites launched around the world by other groups. The energy is then received by magicians using satellite receivers (either images of such, old hubcaps, metal bowls or, for the brave, their computers) who use the orgones for their own magickal works. The Zerbat is, of course, a group servitor and was launched using a variation of Hine's Airburst Exercise.

### **Other Methods to Launch Servitors**

Stephen Mace, in his "Stealing the Fire from Heaven", refers to another form of servitor, known as "The Magickal Child". This is a technique described at length by Crowley (and forms the central theme of his turgid work of fiction "Moonchild") in which a couple of magicians have intercourse to produce

"an astral being whose power is devoted to carrying out the purpose of the participants. It is empowered by the white heat of orgasm and embodied in the 'elixir' generated by intercourse. The participants must give this child a name in advance and also agree on its astral appearance, for it must fill their imaginations throughout the rite, until climax sets it in their mingled fluids."

Mace continues with the usual thelemic caveat:

"Any loss of concentration upon it or independent thinking during copulation can be deadly, for then their child will be monster. The two participants must therefore agree on the symbolism they will use, making this formula much more relevant to traditional magick, where common imagery is easy to come by."

I can't help but ask what, in these days of protected sex, one must actually do to "mingle fluids", but perhaps we shouldn't go there. It does occur to me that this ritual is not too far removed from normal intercourse between would be parents anxious to conceive. Mace states that this is a heterosexual ritual, but I can see no reason why it would not be quite as effective, and, in the long run, probably a great deal less stressful to society as a whole, if it were not a same sex rite. After all, if the heterosexual couple does not use protection and a child is the issue of the ritual, the result might be an actual monstrous child, rather than a servitor. Oh, the puzzles entrenched in thelemic logic!

Possibly safer for all concerned by far is the ritual described by Mace that Austin Osman Spare used to create servitors, which he and Mace call, creating some confusion, "elementals".

Mace describes a technique he asserts that Spare used called "The Earthenware Virgin." This is a clay vessel with an opening that fits snugly around the sorcerer's erect penis and into which he masturbates. At the bottom of the vessel is a sigil incorporating the attributes of the servitor. Needless to say this is a technique for male magicians, although I am certain that inventive female magicians could develop effective variations. On orgasm the magician charges the sigil and then buries it, doing the whole operation during the quarter moon (ask Mrs. Patterson why!)

Mace continues:

"When the moon passes full, the wizard digs up this clay womb, replenishes the sperm and -'while repeating suitable incantations'- pours it out as a libation on the ground. Then he reburies the urn."

Sounds pretty raunchy to me, rather like a pornographic Clark Ashton Smith story. Does the sorcerer clean the vessel before ejaculating into it a second time, or does the grit add an ascetic tinge to the operation?

In any event Mace states

"Spare cautions that though this technique never fails, it is dangerous, and so he leaves much to be guessed."

Rather too much in my opinion. What if the sorcerer gets the dimensions a little wrong? What if the sorcerer has been using Viagra? Will he get stuck? Then what? Never mind. Back to Mace:



"...one may suppose that the urn acts as a clay womb in which the wizard breeds a familiar spirit. Such help can be as risky as it is effective, however, for if the wizard is in any way unable to control himself, he will have an even harder time managing a semi-independent power such as this. He must always keep the initiative over it, never allow it any scope for independent action, and always maintain a strict separation between its form and his own. He must never invite it into himself."

Mace underlines "never."

This curious tendency among magicians from all traditions to warn of the dangers of magickal operations may be no more than stagecraft ("Kids, don't try this at home!"), or perhaps it is more of the strange conservatism that magicians sometimes manifest. Mace's comments seem, from my perspective, to be quite contradictory. If the semi-independent power is not completely autonomous how may one maintain "a strict separation?" I'm afraid I'm puzzled.

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## **The Care and Feeding of Servitors**

Servitors feed from the obsessional energies of the magician that created them. In some cases, vampiric servitors, for example, the servitor may be charged with feeding from the energies of the individual or entity that is its target, but even here, the magician that created it both launches it and controls it with his or her own obsessional energies. A book-finding servitor, for example, can rest dormant until the magician's desire for a certain book sends it on its way.

Servitors that do not perform according to the magician's desire need discipline. This can consist merely of a warning. On the other hand a servitor that consistently fails in its duties obviously needs to be recalled. Chaos magick is, after all, results oriented magick. Servitors can be dissipated by destroying their material base, by visualizing their dissolution, or by any other means the magician finds effective.

Servitors may be domiciled on the magician's alter. I tend to return mine to a number of crystals strewn about my alter, or to some other material base there residing. Since servitors are semi-independent most authors caution against allowing them to exist in an uncontrolled form, since, at least in theory, they will continue to subsist off the life energies of the magician, which may, over a period of time, debilitate the sorcerer. Jaq. D. Hawkins, in her book, "Spirits of the Earth" has the following, fairly typical admonition about thought-form elementals (her name for servitors):

"these artificial entities have survival instincts. Once a thought form is created, it will generally continue to take spiritual energy from its creator until it is dissipated or reabsorbed, which is something which should be kept in mind when deciding to do this in the first place. The energy to sustain a single thought form may go unnoticed, but sending streams of thought forms off to do one's bidding could sap one's energy to depletion and

lead to illness. It is always prudent to have a plan in place to reabsorb the entity, and therefore one's own energy, once the purpose is accomplished."

Again, the validity of this admonition has more to do with the magickal model to which the magician subscribes rather than natural law. Certainly magicians using the Spirit Model, the Energy Model, and even the Psychological Model to an extent, might agree. Magicians using the Information Model, in which the servitor is essentially self-replicating code programming energy, might disagree, since this Model does not require the magician to use his or her own life force, except perhaps to launch the servitor. Readers of this essay are advised to determine which paradigm, or which combination of paradigms they are using in a particular operation, and act accordingly in determining whether to reabsorb or dissipate the servitor.

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## **Binding Demons, Elementals, and Other Entities**

As stated above, this essay is primarily concerned with creating semi-independent entities out of the mind of the magician. However, it is possible to use the vast variety of independent entities that populate the Spirit Model as servitors. As indicated earlier, these entities tend to be less manageable for a variety of reasons. They are products of the group consciousness of Planet Earth, tend to be more self-willed (and consequently require more energy to be controlled) and are often contaminated by conflicting instructions placed upon them by prior sorcerers. However they may be used, particularly if the magician has a personal bond with the entity, through memory, propinquity, or a recognition of psychological characteristics within the magician that the entity in question also possesses. Some of these entities, however, are really godforms, or extrusions of such, and need to be handled in a quite different manner, but that's a topic for another essay. I would encourage magicians wishing to use these entities to use lesser demons, minor elementals.

I do not intend to go into detail on the methods the magician can use to evoke and control these entities. The annals of magick are already full of extremely detailed instructions.

However, the question posed earlier, whether one can use a bound demon's energy to reinforce personality elements that the magician wants to strengthen, should be answered.

Traditional ceremonial magicians, of course, habitually do this, summoning, for example, a demon of lust and charging it with the task of causing an object of his or her amorous attentions to fall in love with the sorcerer. In this case, from the viewpoint of the theory of servitor dynamics outlined in this essay, the magician has bound the demon of his own lust and converted it into a type of glamour attractive to the object of his infatuation.

The question was asked, however, by someone who wanted to use a personality defect as the energy source for a personality asset. To give an example, resentment towards one's parents, if fed frequently enough (and isn't it usually) creates demonic energy that can crystallize into a thought form. Can this demon be bound and its energy then used to

charge a servitor whose function is to increase the personality asset of, say, self-confidence? The process this would occur would be whereby, every time the magician feels resentment towards his or her parents, the energy from this resentment is directed towards the servitor whose task is to increase the magician's self-confidence. The answer is that the energy from the resentment must be clarified, or filtered, as it were, before it can be of use to the character enhancing servitor. An effective method for doing this would be the Free Belief technique outlined above. Thus the energy would not be contaminated by the emotional charge of resentment, but be pure psychic material, suitable for feeding a servitor.

A final word about the therapeutic techniques of psychodynamic theory would be useful here since the above technique would be more properly classified as the use of servitors as a form of magickal psychotherapy.

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## **Magick and Psychotherapy**

Modern magick and psychotherapy share a number of commonalities. Both attempt to empower the individual, both attempt to discern the relationship of the individual to the universe, both attempt to make that relationship as functional, in terms of the individual's goals, as possible. Although many magicians might disagree, magick is also an attempt by the magician to integrate disparate elements of his or her personality into a unified whole, which is, of course, a primary goal in psychotherapy. This is not to say that magick is psychotherapy. Magick is clearly a quite different field of human endeavor. Psychotherapy generally has a sociological goal, that is the development of personality assets that allow the individual to function within society in an easy and comfortable manner. Magicians generally could care less about social approval, although they might well seek the approval of their magickal peers.

Psychodynamic approaches to psychotherapy (also known as psychoanalysis) seek to overcome defenses so that repressed materials can be uncovered, insight into personal motivation can be achieved, and unresolved childhood issues can be controlled. Psychoanalysis, probably because of its dismal success rate and enormous expense, has now pretty much given way to psychopharmacological interventions among psychiatrists. However, servitor creation and deployment certainly uses psychoanalytic techniques, to the extent that the magician attempts to discover obsessional thought patterns, tries to find out exactly what it is that he or she wants, and uses the material of his or her own psychological history as part of the material in the development of the servitor. The primary difference is that psychoanalysis seeks to bring repressed materials to the surface so that they can dissipate (if, in fact they do), while chaos magicians mine their own repressions and obsessions for energy to empower creations of their own imaginations, a goal that many psychiatrists might regard as being quite contrary to mental health.

Rather than looking at chaos magick in terms of its therapeutic uses as a psychodynamic form of therapy it may be more accurate to define it as a modality that looks remarkably similar to that adopted by situationalist or contextual psychologists. Situationalism, a

view of personality championed by Walter Mischel argues that whatever consistency of behavior that is observable is largely determined by the characteristics of the situation rather than any internal personality types or traits. From this somewhat radical perspective it is arguable that personality does not actually exist, but is a construct placed by an observer on responses that an individual has to his or her environment. In other words, personality is contained in those behavior patterns the observer chooses to regard. Similarities in patterns of behavior result from similarities in the situation the individual encounters rather than any underlying traits or characteristics the individual might contain. This fluid conception of personality is integral to Chaos Magic which argues that it is not so much any internal validity (or consistency!) of belief structures that a magician may adopt that are important, but rather the tenacity with which the a magician can hold a belief during the period contained by the magical rite. Chaos magicians tend to be results oriented, more concerned, that is, with whether a magical rite works than with its consistency with any encompassing belief structures. Consequently the Chaos magician is quite content with adopting radically different personality characteristic than those with which he or she may find comfortable outside the space and period of the magical rite. Phil Hine, for example, cites a magician, who, wishing to pass a test in mathematics at college adopted the personality (to the best of his ability) of Mr. Spock from Star Trek for three days before the exam, and then passed the test with no problems. The magical practice of invocation, in which the practitioner adopts the personality characteristics of the deity or entity he or she invokes, also suggests that possession rituals are primarily situationist in underlying theory. The situation here is the expectation that the invoked God, demon, or entity will act in certain ways. Jan Fries, one of the clearest writers on magic derived from A.O.Spare, writes of the nearly epileptic seizures of contemporary Japanese spirit mediums

"Dramatic healings have much to do with play acting and giving the audience the entertainment it desires. The medium or shaman pretends the eternal 'as if' which becomes the 'as is' in the act of doing."

To summarize, then, Chaos Magick is distinguished by its empirical approach to magic (techniques that do not actualize the magician's desires are discarded), by an assertion that personality is a construct comprised of belief structures the individual chooses to regard as containing consistent and constant elements, and by the idea that the primary obstacle to the actualization of a desire through a magical rite is the interference of the conscious mind. The underlying concept here is that there exists an unconscious, perhaps even a collective unconscious, termed by Jan Fries "the Deep Mind" and by A.O.Spare "Kia", but an acceptance of this idea, because of the situationist approach of Chaos magicians, not necessary to the successful fulfillment of desires through magical rituals. It is, rather, part of the argument, a method to persuade Chaos magicians that the techniques may actually work, but the primary function is rhetorical, not substantive. This is, of course, a radical approach to magic, not to mention psychology, but it can be substantiated as an effective approach among certain individuals. To be sure, chaos magicians routinely use chaos magical techniques for personal psychotherapeutic goals.

Phil Hine recognized this in his User's Guide:

"A purely psychodynamic model of Servitor operation would state that our psyche is made up of a very large cluster of forces which can be projected as intelligences, complexes, or subpersonalities (whether you're into magick, NLP, Jungian Psychotherapy, etc). These mental forces enable us to do some things but prevent us from doing others. By consciously realigning and redirecting these energies we can create Servitors which will enable us to do things which we couldn't do before, such as refrain from compulsive behaviors, thoughts, or emotions. In these terms, a Servitor is a conscious form of redirecting these largely unconscious entities so that they work for us."

I believe that chaos magickal techniques would actually prove quite valuable to psychotherapists in the treatment of abnormal behavior, but that, I'm afraid, is a topic for an entirely different essay.

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## Smuggling Sigils Across, By Areosol

### Sigil Magic for the Professional Magician

I will assume that you are already initiated into the secrets of Austin Spare`s sigil magic.

Consulting with my clients as a professional magician, I am always confronted with the same question: Is the client`s will identical with my own ?

If it is, there should be no problem involved in charging the sigil in the client`s stead by myself. (The client, one must remember, will usually not be familiar with the basic tenets of sigil magic or even magic in general and will probably hesitate to try it out for himself.) However, I believe as a matter of principle that everybody should vaccinate his will for himself. I do not feel happy with charging myself

i.e. my subconscious with other people`s desires. For example: if Mrs. X

wants to be brought together with Mr. Y by a sigil (love spell), it could be interesting to know what might happen if the pertinent sigil were charged by myself.

Accordingly I had to find a means to implant sigils into my individual clients in such a way that they are not aware of what they are really doing. At first, talking with the client, I will try to find the "smallest common denominator" out of a tangled mass of multiple desires. This will continue until the client is able to word his or her statement of will (henceforth to be termed "will sentence") in plain and unambiguous language. Following this all contact between the client and myself will be abandoned for two or three weeks. In the meantime I will construct the sigil, usually employing the word method, and sketch it on a piece of parchment. Very often the client`s name will be encoded applying the magical camea of the planet pertinent to the client`s desire. I may then supplement the sigil with this personalised glyph. Then I will outline a short ritual for the client in which will be hidden the charge proper of the sigil (employing either the mantric method or a variation of the so-called "death posture").

After a while I will send the client this constructed sigil by mail including instructions on how to charge it plus possible additional admonitions, if necessary. Most probably the client will have forgotten the precise wording of his/her will sentence by now; neither will he or she be able to draw any conclusions from these strange glyphs. After having been charged the sigil can be sealed and constantly worn in a locket, it can also be put permanently in view e.g. as a wall decoration. Some of my clients have placed or hung their sigils nicely framed in their office rooms.

To charge a sigil the following method is very effective.

The client arrives for consultation. In some cases has to bring along some substance imbibed with his or her Od. During a small ritual

client must close his/her eyes and place the odic substance on the sigil which will be lying open in front of him/her. Then I will take the client`s finger and prick it quickly and sharply with a small chirurgical lancet. After the blooddrop has been smeared onto the sigil, the latter will be folded and sealed immediately. I then admonish the client to bear in mind that this talisman must never get into other people`s hands.

This charging method is especially effective in working with protection or "antipersonnel mine" sigils.

Here are some examples relating to client`s feedback:

- 30.04. Sigil as wall decoration
- 24.06. Business enterprises developed well.
- 12.07. Protection/defence sigil, charged employing chirurgical lancet.
- 14.07. Client feels well and secure.
- 23.06. Sigil as a defense "antipersonnel mine" with codification of client`s name by the magical camea of Mars, charged with lancet.
- 09.10. "Mine" fully operative: sickness and accidents of 2-3 enemies.
- 11.10. Sigil employed as a wall decoration.
  - 11. Business successful. Sale of real estate to a monastery (!) has been agreed upon.
- 27.12. Sigil, mantric charge.
- 14.02. Client`s partner becomes more friendly and loving.
- 18.03. Partnership satisfactory.
- 17.06. Sigil charged spastically by myself in client`s stead.
- 18.06. Shortly before the potential buyer arrived for inspection in the afternoon, the last seat in the coffeehouse (sales object) had been taken, suggesting excellent business; immediately after inspection number of customers decreased again.
- 07.12. Fast charge of a "combat sigil".
- 21.12. The idea incorporated by the sigil incarnates as a conscious wish in the target person`s love partner.

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# Time Consumption

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# Yet Another Fotamecus Rite

by Fenwick Rysen  
23 June 1999

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**OBJECTIVE:** To draw the power of the Fotamecus time manipulation egregore into the participants and thus imbue them with the ability to distort time.

**BACKGROUND:** Fotamecus was initially a sigil used to alter time that, through constant use, was imbued with a life of its own as a servitor. Fotamecus subsequently was released to the internet, and the power of hundreds of users around the globe was enough to eventually push him over the border into egregorehood, beyond the control of any one individual. Fotamecus is diametrically opposed to Chronos, espousing a model of time as fluid and malleable instead of fixed and immutable. Further information about Fotamecus may be found elsewhere.

**NOTES:** This isn't really a very structured ritual; it's mostly social in context with a short ritual-like component at the very end. If it feels like you're not doing a ritual until about step -4, you're doing it right. This is probably because of the heavy kitchen-witchery style of most of this ritual.

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## **MATERIALS REQUIRED:**

- An oven
  - Sugar cookie dough (either ingredients for home-made or a supermarket pre-packaged dough)
  - A cookie sheet
  - A small clock for each participant
  - A Fotamecus Talisman (this can be a paper drawn with the sigil or any physical object other than a mechanical timepiece)
  - A small magnet and glue (optional, necessary only if talisman is to become a refrigerator magnet)
  - Participants, one of whom is Head Cook (HC)
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## **RITUAL:**



- 10. Participants gather, chat, socialize, and have fun. People should be entertaining themselves with food, conversation, games, etc. The central area around which this circulates should eventually move towards the kitchen.
- 9. The participants start baking cookies. If you've got pre-pack cookie batter, this is as simple as slicing the cookies and tossing them on the tray. If you're baking from scratch, the HC should be incharge and ask people to measure and mix things for him/her, trying to get everyone involved.
- 8. Once you have one cookie on the tray for each participant, everyone should gather and simultaneously impress their clocks into their cookies while saying "Praise unto Fotamecus! Chronos, your time has come!".
- 7. Put ze cookiez in ze oven an' bake 'em.
- 6. Socialize some more; have fun. Play a game of Twister. Put a Monty Python movie on for atmosphere. Get some shinai and spar in the back yard. Engage in meaningless ontological debate. You get the general idea.
- 5. Retrieve da cookiez. Let 'em cool. ( $450 + 98.6 = \text{bad}$ )
- 4. Participants gather in temple space (or, it true kitchen witch style, use the kitchen area) with the cookies and the Fotamecus Talisman. Form a circle together around the altar (dining table or counter). Cover the altar (table) with an altarcloth (tablecloth) upon which is painted the sigil of Fotamecus. Alternatively, use a piece of butcher paper on which the sigil is scrawled with whatever was handy at the moment. Place cookies upon the altar (table) in a circle around the talisman.
- 3.5 Insert Banishing/Opening Ritual here if so desired (or clean, disinfect, and mop the kitchen).
- 3. All participants gather in a circle around altar (table) and join hands, raise them upwards, and look up while calling out loudly, "Fotamecus, We Call Upon You!". Hands are lowered but still held, eyes focus on altar, and all call out, "Fotamecus, Come Witness This!"
- 2. Participants break hands, and the HC takes the talisman in his hands and holds it above the altar. All participants place a hand above and below the HCs hands, completely enclosing the talisman. Following the HCs lead, participants begin to breathe deeply in unison, focusing upon the talisman held in the center of their hands. Participants draw in as much power as they can and force it through their hands into the talisman. Slowly the breathing gets faster and faster. A gnosis should begin creeping up slowly, and as it creeps up, the breathing becomes faster and faster, the group moving together as they breathe power into the talisman.

-1. As gnosis is reached, all participants place their dominant (writing) hand upon their cookie while keeping their other hand on the fist containing the talisman. Then all participants call out, "Fotamecus, Come Feed Us!" and visualize the energy from the talisman running up their arms, into their body, back down the other arm and into the cookies. Continue to call this out throughout this process, not necessarily in unison.

0. When each participant feels they have charged their cookie, they raise their cookie skyward, call out, "Fotamecus, Come Feed Me!" and take a bite their cookie, other hand still joined above the altar, still drawing in the power of Fotamecus from the talisman. Feel this power settling in your stomach as you eat the cookie, welling throughout your system, becoming a part of you.

1. After eating the cookie, return the other hand to the center and wait for all to be done; resume breathing in unison, but slowly and at a comfortable, regular pace. Try to feel the power of Fotamecus spreading throughout your body, the ability to manipulate time at will. Let your mind wander on those thoughts.

2. When all have re-joined hands in the center, all say in unison, "We Are Fotamecus! Chronos, your time has come!". Then the Head Cook calls out, "Let the Battle be Enjoined!!!" and all give the best battle cry they can.

3. Congratulations, you are now a warrior of Fotamecus! Spend the next few days trying to alter time, possibly with the use of the Fotamecus sigil, possibly without.

4. Either keep the Fotamecus talisman on hand for the next ritual, draw lots to see who gets to keep it, or give it to an individual if their is overwhelming consensus as to who should have it. Or glue a magnet to it and stick it on the refrigerator.

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## **TIPS:**

- When impressing the clocks into the cookies, identifying marks can be impressed into the cookie as well to help remember which cookie belongs with which person. Alternatively, each individual cookie can be cooked on aluminum foil that is marked with the participant's name/sigil/identifier.
- If there aren't enough clocks to go around, everyone can place their hand on one clock and impress each cookie one at a time together while repeating the phrase for each cookie.
- If call-and-repeat must be used for the group lines, it should be called by the HC, and then the HC will repeat it with everyone else in unison.
- Any othe food that will take an impression of a clock is a suitable substitute for the cookies.
- If agreed upon beforehand, instead of simply breathing in unison, all participants can chant the mantric sigil "Fotamecus" in unison with their breathing.

- In case anyone missed the obvious symbolism: You're eating a clock (well, a symbol of one at any rate). You are thus conquering it, becoming its master. It's been imbued with the power of Fotamecus and you have drawn that power into yourself, literally digesting it, so that this power becomes a part of you. Duh.

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A Thread on Servitors

The thread began with a question:

Subj: Godform methods  
Date: Fri, Feb 23, 1996 9:22 AM EDT  
From: MI940017@newi.ac.uk  
X-From: MI940017@newi.ac.uk (J K HALLAM)

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So how about so examples of perfered methods?

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Outsider

alas Jim Hallam  
Were-want-to-be, Z(c)luster member-  
Z(toned) A(nd) T(wisted) Node  
-Bring the end of the world as you  
know it to a place near you, but  
hey at least it'll be a laugh-

"We are not contractually tied down to reality, there is no sanity clause.

So if you feel your train of thought is going to the places were the screaming

is to loud, remember there is always madness.

Madness is the emergency exit" The Joker, The Killing Joke

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Subject: Re: Godform Methods  
Sent: 02/24 2:42 PM  
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From: marik (marik@aol.com)

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Ah, don't worry about the spelling. I never encountered the word before I met FireClown. I think Peter Carroll made it up as part of his attempt to obfuscate chaos magick. Demons, imaginary friends, guardian angels, sprites, elementals, fairies, and practically any other type of entity can be defined as a servitor if it is bound by you and charged with a special function.

Servitors can be considered bits of one's psyche that have been given a certain amount of independence. For example, FireClown has a bookfinding servitor that brings him the books he seeks. FireClown, being a bit bibliophilic, always has a list of arcane and usually out of print books or pamphlets he wants, but he is unwilling to spend every free minute wandering through SF's billion used bookstores. So he lets his servitor do it for him, and the books appear. Often a friend will say, weren't you looking for this particular book? etc... FireClown will tell you, if you wish, how he created this servitor. William Blake had servitors that taught him painting and also, by the looks of one of his illustrations, swept his floors. How good of a job his domestic servant servitor did is not recorded, to my knowledge, but the one that taught him painting was certainly very talented and did a fine job.

I, and, I believe, FireClown, have a group of servitors who cluster around us. I can sense them, but I do not know their names. I send them out to do my bidding, and occasionally call them back. These entities appear to be both loyal and vicious. I usually charge them with jobs in Baphomet ceremonies. Because I do not find Baphomet, sweet and hairy though he is, a particularly wankable entity, I do blood ceremonies. Because I'm fairly squeamish about bloodletting, I use a retractable lancet thingie with sterile needles to draw blood. I then smear the blood either on a crystal I have or on the image of the god himself. I then order my servitors to perform their deed and ask the God to keep an eye on them. Sometimes, if I am harmed by

another person, the servitors appear to assume that I wish them to create harm in return and I have had occasion where I have had to tell them not to attack an attacker. Sometimes I don't care. The last person who stole jewelry from me ( a lot, five years ago), was shot dead in a bar shortly after the theft. In this case I did not tell my demons to attack, but they may have anyway. I do not know. It is sometimes helpful for me to think that they did. Because I am a black magician (interested in those areas of my psyche that are hidden from me and frighten me), my servitors are demons. But for many chaotes I think they are not.

I think that servitor development has something to do with childhood. I believe most of us developed servitors in childhood and that some of these might still be hanging around in our psyches. At least the means to develop an imaginary entity that has a certain autonomy seems to be wired into the imaginative faculties of most children. Movies on this subject include Drop Dead Fred, Toy Story, Tetsudo, and Natural Born Killers. Books on this subject are endless and include grimoires, children's stories, and any number of fantasy mythologies.

Phil Hine deals with this topic at length, best in his pamphlet Condensed Chaos, less well in his book Condensed Chaos.

I don't personally do much sigil magick. Mostly I work with unnamed servitors, lucid dreaming, and godforms. Lucid dreaming, BTW, is a fine way to develop control over psychic entities, since in lucid dreaming it is relatively easy to modify characteristics of the dream environment, including the entities that populate the dream.

A pleasure to answer your question, Jim. I would like to hear from others since I will, within a couple of months, be writing the second part of my bloody long essay on Sigils, Servitors, and Godforms.

In chaos,

marik

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To me, the best descriptive name applied to what Carroll and many  
Chaotes  
call a servitor is "bud-will", although I also frequently call them  
"fetches" as well. I see them as a disembodied attribute of desire; in  
other words, servitors are manufactured entities with a singular  
purpose  
to their existence. One could also think of a servitor as the ghost of  
an obsession that has been exorcized from it's home and can return to  
it  
only when it has united itself with the object of it's desire.

Once created, I think servitors have a limited degree of free will -  
limited by the scope of the desire they have been created to achieve.  
I  
don't think they can cognize or perform actions not related to  
fulfilling  
their initial objective. They are a ball of higher-energy seeking to  
return to a state of lower energy by dissipating the force that binds  
them into externality by uniting with an object (as E.E. Rehmus wrote,  
"an arrow never forgets its target"). For me, the defining criterion  
that makes something a servitor is that it is always under the control  
of  
its creator, in that its very existence is bound inextricably to it's  
creator's desire.

The next step up, if you will, from servitor is egregor. An egregor  
can  
be thought of as a servitor whose "being" is made up of the disembodied  
desires of a number of individuals working in cooperation, so that no  
ONE  
person creates/controls it. Egregors are multi-purpose and often  
(though  
not always) have a more long-term existence, as they have been created  
for several purposes. This is true even when all who participate in  
its  
creation have used the same statement of intent and expressed the same  
desire, because even though every statement of intent may be  
semantically  
identical, the way in which this formulated desire would be fulfilled  
will differ from person to person. Thus, while an egregor's several  
purposes will usually be related, it is not nearly so homogenous as a

servitor/fetch/bud-will.

Finally, there are godforms. A god or godform is by far the most difficult to create, as it is (as far as I've been able to tell so far!) impossible for a single person to create. Godforms may have any number of purposes, and (unlike the two forms above) are dependant not upon a single act of creation, but instead upon a series of ongoing and unconnected acts of creation which take the form of a series of seedings with desires. As an example, I'll cite the Judeo-Christian Jehovah. Jehovah probably began life as an egregor created by a Semitic tribe of somewhat nomadic status that took its god with it during its wanderings. In the course of contact with other cultures, other tribes began to ask Jehovah to fulfill its desires - protect us from natural disasters, bring us justice, smite our enemies, what have you. After awhile, the egregor evolved a certain apparent independence of action, to the point where it was credited with its own acts of creation, due to the fact that it became composed of a complex of desires large enough that no one person or group knew of all the desires that served as its formative energy (cf statement of intent again). The relationship between the desire and attributes given to the godform by its "worshipers" eventually became so complex that its motives could no longer be understood by any one person who participated in its ongoing creation, and in fact its creators weren't even aware of each others motives in seeking access to the egregor anymore. A godform is no longer under the control of its creator, and direct knowledge of all things involved with the egregor are no longer known to any single person or group. Depending on the weight of the desire "fed" to the godform, it may even end up turning on its original creators eventually. Thus, it begins (in the eyes at least of any given observer) to take on attributes and perform actions of its own will. It begins to be described in mind and speech in more-or-less anthropomorphicized terms - it may appear to be wrathful, or just, or even insane, the last if its seed-desires become very conflicted in intent and gravity. Godforms may even have important lessons to teach, if only because the relations engendered in it between desires, and the fact that it will continue to hang around after unification with the object of any given desire is achieved, end up creating new information that accrete to the godform itself.

There are as many ways of creating servitors as there are ways of performing any given magickal act. My own personal favorite way of creating a servitor is to "mythologize" a sigil. That is, I'll create a material basis sigil and then muck about with its appearance until I have created a sort of chimaera. A good example of this is a thing called a "Watcher" that I've used in the past (and to great benefit!). The



techniques I used for this are embedded in the following working:

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#### WATCHER CONJURATION

It is the intention of this working to create a particular type of servitor called a Watcher. The Watcher's function, as its name implies, is to act as guardian for its creator, functioning in effect as an extra pair of eyes. It may be bound to a particular place as a watchman, or may be of a more spatially general nature, per the specifications of the conjurer.

#### Materials Needed

Octarine-colored lights & Ouranian Incense & Material from which to create a figurine (i.e., clay, wax, wood) & Glass container & A square of silk & Wrapping large enough to cover the glass container & Black electrical tape & A cigarette of any type

#### Preliminaries

1. Fashion a figurine in the form of a horned serpent, and paint it (if desired) in whatever colors you desire, with the exception that the figurine's eyes should be in a color that forms a "flashing color" in combination with octarine. Pay very close attention to detail, and use utmost skill in your creation of the figurine.
2. Decide upon a name for the Watcher; there are no rules for this choice.
3. Draw upon the wrapping for the container your personal sigil/glyph. This will face into the container.
4. Inscribe upon the cigarette the planetary sigils for Ouranos (at the end that gets lit), Jupiter (in the center), and Mars (at the end of the smokeable part).
5. Make sure that your working area is lit only with the octarine lights, and fumigate well with the Ouranian incense.

#### The Conjuration

0. Open a Vortex, ending it with the words "XIQUAL (name of the Watcher)"
1. Place the figurine upon your altar.
2. Recite the following invocation to Ouranos:

Io Ouranos! Serpent of Octarine Flames!  
I summon thee from within me, within me!  
Io Ouranos (repeat 8 times)  
The Octarine arrow pierces my creation  
(Visualize an octarine eight-rayed star within the figurine)  
The name of this servitor, this Watcher, is (Watcher's name)  
Come, Ouranos, breathe life into my creature!  
Ouranos, God of Magick Octarine  
Ouranos, Serpent Octarine  
Ouranos, Baphomet, Semyaza, Carmara (repeat 7 times)

Repeat the above 3 times, maintaining strictest concentration upon the figurine throughout.

3. Still focusing exclusively upon the figurine, address it with the words:

Watcher! (say its name)  
I am thy god, you are my servant  
Serve me well, watch for me and warn me,  
I shall reward you with life;  
Fail me, and I shall destroy you forever!

4. Light the cigarette and inhale some of the smoke. As you exhale it over the figurine, chant the words "Io Ouranos" with the first drag, "Io (your magical name here)" with the second, and "Io (insert Watcher's name here)" with the third. The intonation of each phrase should last exactly as long as does your exhalation of smoke.

5. Repeat step 4 until the cigarette has been entirely consumed. It is best to smoke the entire cigarette without losing any of the ashes.

6. The cigarette being finished, rub the entire interior of the glass container briskly with the square of silk.

7. Pick up the figurine and place it upon whatever item you are accustomed to using as a focal point on your altar. Address the Watcher with the words:

(Watcher's name), here is Axis Mundi!  
This is my body  
This is your soul!  
Serve me well, watch for me and warn me,  
and I shall reward you with life;  
Fail me, and I shall destroy you forever!  
You are my servant; I am thy god!

8. Hold the Watcher in the incense smoke and say to it:

(Watcher's name), here is Spiritus Mundi!  
This is the breath of Ouranos  
This is my breath!  
Serve me well, watch for me and warn me,

and I shall reward you with life;  
Fail me, and I shall destroy you forever!  
You are my servant; I am thy god!

9. Place the Watcher against your own body until its temperature is the same as your own, while addressing it with the words:

(Watcher's name), here is Stella Sol!  
Here is warmth and succor  
Here is fire and brimstone!  
Serve me well, watch for me, protect me  
and I shall reward you with life;  
Fail me, and I shall destroy you forever!  
You are my servant; I am thy god!

10. Place the figurine inside the glass container and seal it. Wrap the container in whatever wrapping you have chosen, with your personal sigil facing inward.

11. Fasten the wrapping shut with the electrical tape in the form of an eight-rayed star.

12. Shout out, "It's alive! Alive!"

13. Close the Vortex and anokquz.

#### Notes

Once you have wrapped the glass container, it is not to be opened again. No one but the conjurer should ever see the Watcher-figurine, and no light should ever fall on it save octarine light. Should the container ever get broken, prepare a new container and transfer the figurine to it only after having fumigating with Ouranian incense and illuminating the working space solely with octarine light.

Ideally, no one but the conjurer should be told precisely what the container holds.

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Should a working similar to the above be performed by a group instead of by one individual, I would consider the result to be an egregor. Should the resultant egregor become adopted and used by other groups not connected directly to the original group, I would consider it to have become a godform.

There are of course gray areas in this whole process that beg greater exploration (ain't it always the way? :), and like all definitions the ones I use are over-simplifications, but I hope I've gotten the ideas out clearly enough to be useful and not engender misunderstanding.

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Subject: Re: Godform Methods  
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Here's a shot at explaining my angle.

wide  
Servitors are attracted, found, or created by any of a very  
array of methods and pathways.

Not all ways are intentional, and many are of very dubious  
authorship,  
I.E., I'm not always sure where they come from. I qualify them  
as  
Servitors if they SEEK to please me, even if they don't  
ACTUALLY do  
so.

I create them in a variety of ways, here are some-

I collect Items in a bag, box, or jar (vessel from here on  
out), which  
said items relate to a specific focus of work. For a  
bookfinder, the  
vessel will at first contain a sigil built from the word  
<bookfinder>.  
Here is the first distinction that I am building a Servitor,  
not  
making a Sigil, as a Sigil would perhaps state <I desire the  
Book of  
Results>, while a Servitor is a job description. I then place  
more  
things relating to the Job in the vessel, perhaps some blood or  
semen, perhaps some shavings from the pages of a hard to find  
book.  
I'll periodically address the vessel, asking it to find me  
books  
and lead me to them when it has found them. If I find the Book  
Of  
Results, if I bought it I'll put the receipt in the vessel, or  
if

place I find that I can xerox a copy, I copy a page of the book to  
of in the vessel. I say, Thanks, Bookfinder, how about the Theatre  
Magick? and so on...

above Now the above actions could be said to be creation, but the  
instance seems like attraction, like I noted what I wanted and  
something, I have no clue what, came to fill the position.  
Maybe an out-of-work ghost who likes bookstores and the Attention and  
Candy I give it.

body Sometimes I quite definately have made something. I'll carve a  
feed from wood, and carve sigils and bindrunes on it, and, again,  
and it blood and semen. I'll make up a name for it, Fritz, perhaps,  
and inculde it in my ritual work. These I tend to sleep with,  
dreams, and I breathe on them alot, too. Usually I they 'wake up' in  
it gets if it is a squid-form I'll dream of squid-things. Again, once  
possible going I just talk to and tell it what I need it to do, and if  
good carry it around in my pocket while I do my thing... I find it  
way..... to sneak it out and show it the world, but I'm funny that

like I find things when I do an exorcism of a person or place, and I  
with the energy flux I find...I tell the critter it can come home  
me, and join in the fun we call My Life...often they come along  
without hesitation, and sort of disapear in coming months, just  
Orleans popping up sometimes, 'DON'T WALK DOWN THIS STREET'. In New  
was this happened, but I had to keep going where I was going, it  
to very much like a voice in my head, saying 'BIG NASTY SHIT!!!!',  
posted'. which I said, 'I need to get to my bike & get home, keep me  
so I got within 100 yards of my horse and it says 'SOON SOON SOON'  
my body. I slip my knife out & open it, keeping it well hidden against  
vanishes, I'm on Decatur St and all the sudden it is like everybody  
THEM'- except for two drunk frat boys, and voice goes 'THEM THEM  
spin as the begin to walk past me, the closest grabs me & I let him  
me past his fist and open his clothes and at least a bit of him

and with the knife as I spin on past...They both bolted and ran,  
my Voice and I went and had dinner...

You! I think the basic form of Servitor is what I call a Protect-Me-  
Whose job is to keep you aware of danger and assist in trouble.  
I learned of these from an old Romanian woman who spotted another  
part East-European Gypsy thief at work, namely me. She told me you  
put stolen goods, broken locks, skeleton keys, nails, razorblades,  
etc in a vessel along with some of your hair and blood, and  
something from your dead ancestors, seal it up, and bury it, and for  
God's sake be more careful! A Witches bottle for thieves. I still  
find myself saying- Protect me, You! When doing Questionable things.

I have also found that if I make alot of Sigils for related  
desires, they group together and form work-parties- becoming a Servitor.

I must add that I have no Idea how magick works, and try to  
play as much as possible...my Servitors reflect this. Circus Bears  
and Astral Doubles of my bicycle (A Sorcerous Horse), and alot of

about shadows and dreams. I very specificaly avoid being hard-line

anything, and run solidly on a mixture of Desire, Intuition,  
and Luck.

Of course I have Servitors for these three things who get paid  
overtime in Candles, Candies, and Incense....

Hoping this be helpfull

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# Blackout And Sigils

*by Fra.: Apfelmann*

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The blackout or as it is commonly referred to, the death posture, is the technique that the late Austin Osman Spare refined for his own magical use and which has been adopted by chaosists, solo and group, world wide as its popularity has been increased by the works of the IOT over the last decade or so.

The normal procedure, as many will undoubtedly be familiar with, (and this is only one of its uses) is that a sigil/glyph of desire is held in the mind's eye whilst in what we all refer to as the death posture e.g., stood on tiptoe, arms locked behind the head, body stretched to its limit, deep spasmodic breathing, until total exhaustion and inevitably one blacks out, the sigil is then lost to the mind of the inner and the banished of laughter is evoked to prevent the resurfacing of the said sigil.

Anyone who has used this technique for the above said purpose, will have at sometime or another experienced, even if just slightly, difficulty in holding the posture long enough for the desired gnosis to take effect sufficiently for blackout. And due to this difficulty, a well planned ritual can be a well planned waste of time as the desired result is not implanted properly.

A technique that has been repeatedly employed by myself on such occasions is based upon the same principles as the death posture but as I have found, a little easier and without pitfalls that one can experience with A.O. Spare's technique.

This technique is a strange mixture of inhibitory and excitatory gnosis, forced overbreathing, dancing or spinning, and of course exhaustion. The end result is of necessity for this process the blackout, which is as we know, of the inhibitory gnosis. I will now explain how this technique is employed by one for the insertion of sigils for whatever purpose one feels the need.

First one has to sigilise the desire in any form that one may wish, but in all cases and especially this one, it must be very easy to visualise. Once that has been achieved, one may then begin to design the ritual for that particular purpose in mind. Banishings and invocations may be employed, if so wished, this is, however, not a necessity for the successful outcome of this process. At the culmination of the rite the individual starts the overbreathing, panting deeply and spasmodically and at the same time visualising the sigil as vividly as you possible can, bright, intense and very clear as the overbreathing continues. Then when you feel that the time is right, start your spinning round and round, still overbreathing and still holding your visualised sigil in your mind's eye. Music can be played for a background to the dancing, tom toms or any other drum is rather excellent background sound for this purpose. When the individual has reached a state of sheer exhaustion, very dizzy, sweating and ready to drop, he or she then, still spinning and

overbreathing and of course holding the visualised sigil in mind, works their way to the centre of the circle or working area.

There a partner, either active or passive to the rite, (in other words, if a solo worker, try to get someone to help you with this part) stops you spinning and grabs you in a bear hug lifting you off the ground and squeezing you about the solar plexus, where a large network of nerves lie. At this precise moment the music, if any has been employed, is stopped, and death-like silence is kept. The practitioner holds his or her breath whilst being squeezed and the sigil is visualised as if burning with bright, white heat as its image is burnt into your mind. Within seconds the blackout will occur and the sigil is lost to the mind. At this point it is important that your partner lets you drop to the floor, unless that is you wish to return to primal chaos!

On coming round, in most cases, you should evoke laughter to banish the sigil and all thoughts thereof, your laughter breaks that silence and the rite is finished in whatever manner wished.

With fractalic greetings and laughter \* Fra.: Apfelmann \*

\* Origin: ChaosBox: Nothing is true -> all is allowed... (2:243/2)



# Chaos Magick Review: Liber Null & Psychonaut, by Peter Carroll

*Excerpts by Elendraug i69!*

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Do nothing is the true Law.  
abrabrabrabrabrabrabrabrabra HAD

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## Chaos (Kia & Chaos Magic)

- That which is responsible for the origin and continued action of events. (Pg 28)
- ...the force which adds increasing complexity to the universe by spawning structures which were not inherent to its component parts. (Pg 28)
- ...the force which caused life to evolve itself out of the dust. (Pg 28)
- ...is currently most concentrated in the human life force, or Kia, where it is... (Pg 28)
- ...the source of consciousness. (Pg 28)
- ...cannot be known directly. (Pg 29)
- [gets its name]...from the bizarre and indeterminate nature of the aetheric plane. (Pg 29)
- [we are]...centers of Kia or Chaos. (Pg 29)
- All ones thoughts, obsessions, and demons must be reabsorbed before Kia can become one with Chaos. (Pg 40)
- It is true that the mind must be finally surrendered as one enters fully into Chaos, but a complete and balanced psychocosm is more easily surrendered. (Pg 41)
- In beginning the great work of obtaining the knowledge and conversation [of our Holy Guardian Angel or Augoeides], the magician vows 'to interpret every manifestation of existence as a direct message from the infinite Chaos to himself personally.' (Pg 49)
- Space, time, mass, and energy originate from Chaos, have their being in Chaos, and through the agency of the aether are moved by Chaos in the multiple forms of existence. (Pg 52)

- What is a god but man wielding the force of Chaos? To him nothing is true; everything is permitted. (Pg 52)
- Yet the Great Goddess Chaos will lend some of Her power to those who can become her favorites. (Pg 52)
- Chaos, the life force of the universe, is not human-hearted. Therefore the wizard cannot be human-hearted when he seeks to tap the force of the universe. He performs monstrous and arbitrary acts to loosen the hold of human limitations upon himself. (Pg 66)
- ...out of Chaos arise the two prime forces of existence, the solve et coagula of existence. The Light power and the Dark. (Pg 103)
- It is impossible to understand Chaos, because the understanding part of ourselves is built out of matter which mainly obeys the statistical form of causality. Indeed, all our rational thinking is structured on the hypothesis that one causes another. It follows then that our thinking will never be able to appreciate the nature of consciousness of the universe as a whole because these are spontaneous, magical, and chaotic by nature.... The universe IS the thoughts of Chaos, if you like. We may be able to understand the thoughts, but not the Chaos from which they arise. Similarly, we may be accustomed to being conscious and exerting our will, but we shall never be able to form ideas of what these are. (Pg 153-154)
- The force which initiates and moves the universe [Chaos], and the force which lies at the center of consciousness [Kia], is whimsical and arbitrary, creating and destroying for no purpose beyond amusing Itself. There is nothing spiritual or moralistic about Chaos or Kia. We live in a universe where nothing is true, although some information may be useful for relative purposes. (Pg 154)
- ...the animating force of the entire vast universe is Chaos. It is the inexpressible pregnant Void from which manifest existence, order, and form arise. Being omnipresent and non-dualistic, it is virtually imperceptible, inconceivable, and impossible to visualize... (Pg 157-158)
- However we choose to see it, the ultimate ground of being is utterly void to our understanding, impersonal and inhuman, whimsical and capricious and far too infinite and incomprehensible to be much use as a god to limited dualistic beings like ourselves. (Pg 157-158)
- The consciousness-force in us that appears as the root of will and perception can be called Kia. This Kia has no form. Any form of innate divinely sanctioned motive that one may seem to have found in it is illusion. It is this void at the center of one's being which is the real Holy Guardian Angel. The psychic censor, on the other hand, is a material thing which protects the mind from magic and from being overwhelmed by the awesome strangeness of the psychic dimension which appears to us as chaos. (Pg 162)
- We cannot perceive Chaos directly, for it simultaneously contains the opposite to anything we might think it is. We can, however, occasionally glimpse and make use of partially formed matter which has only probabilistic and indeterministic existence. This stuff we can call the aethers. (Pg 192)
- If it makes us feel any better we can call this Chaos, the Tao, or God, and imagine it to be benevolent and human-hearted. There are two schools of thought in magic. One considers the formative agent of the universe to be random and

chaotic, and the other considers that it is a force of spiritual consciousness. As they have only themselves on which to base their speculations, they are basically saying that their own natures are either random and chaotic or spiritually conscious. (Pg 192)

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## Magic

- [calling]... very unlikely coincidences or unexpected events into existence by manipulating the aether. (Pg 31)
- The magician can only change something if he can 'match' the Chaos which is upholding the normal event. (Pg 55)
- Thus does the magician turn that aspect of Chaos which manifests as causality to his advantage, rather than oppose it. (Pg 56)
- The adept magician however will have so strengthened his spirit by magic that it is possible for him to carry [his personal Kia] over into a new body. (Pg 103)
- Magic is where science is actually heading. (Pg 111)
- It is for wizards to determine how that new [alternative] spirituality will manifest. (Pg 114)
- The methods of magic are remarkably uniform throughout history and across cultures. It is time to unearth them and make them work. Secondly, it is essential that what might be called a spirituality of magic is evolved. Magic must have its own flavor, its own worldview, and its own philosophy. There has been a tendency to regard magic as an antique art. (Pg 114)
- Magic is aligning itself against oppressive forms of order in many fields. (Pgs 113-115)
- Magic is opposed to psychiatry and medicine designed to patch up the damaged automaton and plug him back into the system. Instead it would rather that individuals learn to handle their own mental self-defense and treat bodies with gentler remedies such as herbs. (Pgs 113-115)
- Magic rejects politics as no more than some people's perverse desire to dominate others. It does well to dissociate itself from this monkey squabble and advocates instead personal enlightenment and emancipation, which are the only real safeguards to freedom. (Pgs 113-115)
- Magic is anti-ideological because the main products of ideological solutions are repression and corpses. (Pgs 113-115)
- Magic is profoundly opposed to religion. Although a religion may appear benign when it is in decline, at least half of the madness and violent deaths of history have been caused by mindless adherence to religions. (Pgs 113-115)
- Magic is also opposed to the superstition that the world is wholly material and that men's actions are not intimately interwoven with the psychic sphere. (Pgs 113-115)
- Magic aligns itself to a vision of chaotic good [to oppose repressive forms of order which often impose themselves by evil means]. (Pgs 113-115)

- Magic's commitment to the good is reflected in its concern with individual freedom and consciousness and its interest in all other life forms on this planet. At the highest level this manifests as some unspecified feeling for the "vibes" generated by human thought and action. (Pgs 113-115)
- The chaotic aspect of new aeon magic is psychological anarchy. It is a species of operation mindfuck applied to ourselves as much of the world. The aim is to produce inspiration and enlightenment through disordering our belief structures. Humor, random belief, counter-information and disinformation are its techniques. (Pgs 113-115)
- Full rituals of the meditative or ecstatic variety are usually directed towards one of the four objectives:  
 Enchantment - making things happen directly by magic  
 Evocation - making things happen through the agency of various demons and elementals  
 Invocation - the summoning of various entities and thought forms for the inspiration of their knowledge and conversation  
 Divination - obtaining knowledge by direct magical means. (Pgs 118-119)
- The simplest way to orchestrate these rituals for group work is for a presiding officer to perform the main ritual sequence and have the participants deliver their visualizations, mantras, ritual movements and invocations on certain pre-arranged cues. (Pgs 118-119)
- To be effective, the ritual must work like an automatic mechanism in which power can manifest without distraction or hesitation. A variety of trance states from mild suggestibility to deep hypnosis can be used for group magical work. One operator will persuade one or more subjects into a receptive condition by suggestion or invocation, the subject being in a relaxed or lightly drugged condition. The psychic censor is less active in the trance state but often acts to block the awareness of magical events from reaching other levels. When the trance state is controlled by another person, this problem can be overcome. The trance candidate can be directed to seek information clairvoyantly and to relate it to the operator. Conversely, the subjects will can be directed to perform a magical act that the censor would normally prohibit. (Pgs 118-119)
- One danger with trance experiments is that the operator's influence over the subject may gradually extend itself to non-trance states as well. Another is that the memory and imagination can become very active in trance states and begin to delude both operator and subject. For these reasons trance experiments should be performed infrequently and for objective results only. (Pgs 118-119)
- Magical training is designed to open up the neglected dream level, to provoke an examination of the contents of the robotic level, and to add new programs to it. It should also teach the method of turning awareness on or off at will, and of entering the gnostic level and acting within it. (Pg 123)
- The normal human life is spent in oscillating between the unconscious and robotic levels, punctuated by odd moments of dreaming and awareness. The magician may well strive to establish a new oscillation between dreaming and awareness with occasional excursions into the robotic and gnostic levels for specific purposes. (Pg 123)

- Magical attack takes two forms. At long range, telepathic information is sent which makes the target destroy itself.... At short range, it is possible to injure or drain an adversary's energy field using one's own. This demands close proximity, usually contact. Magical close combat of this type is not effected by mere will or visualization, but by projecting a force that can actually be felt, usually through the hands. More rarely the force can be projected through the voice or the eyes or carried on the breath. The force originates in the navel area and is aroused by the disciplines of breath, concentration, visualization and by sexual disciplines. A part of this force is put into the enemy's body to cause a disruption of the vital energies leading to disease and death.... (Pgs 125-127)
- As with all things, constructive activities are a far greater challenge to our skills than destructive ones. (Pgs 125-127)
- Because consciousness does not fit into... mechanistic schemes, [scientists] declare it illusory. Magicians make exactly the reverse argument. Observing consciousness in themselves and animals, they are magnanimous enough to extend it to all things to some degree - trees, amulets, planetary bodies, and all. (Pg 151)
- To explain their occult and mystical experiences, magicians are forced to develop models beyond the scope of materialistic or religious systems. To the magician it is self-evident that there is some other level of reality than the purely physical. Medieval magicians thought that their powers emanated from God or the Devil. In fact, magic works equally well in any god's name for good, evil, neutral or indifferent motives. (Pg 151)
- Magic offers an alternative view [of the human experience, than the radical stimulus-response behaviorists or the radical god-puppets of the religious]. Consciousness occurs when the Kia (which is equivalent to free will and perception, but is itself formless) touches the materiality (the ego, mind, sensory and extra-sensory information, etc.). So we have both of these things, but we are neither of them; we experience our being only at their place of meeting. (Page 152)
- Occasionally consciousness is able to make things happen spontaneously outside the body when it performs magic. Any act of will is magic. Conversely, any act of conscious perception is also magic; an occurrence in nervous matter is spontaneously perceived in consciousness. Sometimes that perception can occur directly without the use of senses, as in clairvoyance. (Pg 153)
- Magic is not just confined to consciousness. All events, including the origin of the universe, happen basically by magic. That is to say, they arise spontaneously without a final prior cause. (Pg 153)
- ...it is very difficult to imagine events arising spontaneously without prior cause even though this happens every time one exerts one's will. For this reason it has seemed preferable to call this root of phenomena Chaos. (Page 153)
- Magical, mystical and religious enterprises seek to fulfill five basic human needs, which can be identified as follows:
  - To provide techniques of Emotional Engineering
  - To give life a sense of Meaning
  - To provide some means of Intercession and Intervention

To supply an explanation of Death  
To formulate a Social Structure or Cult  
(Pg 179)

- Private religion inevitably evolves into mysticism or magic, and these have a tendency to devolve into new religions. (Pg 181)
  - [To the magician, spirit and matter] are both part of the same thing, and he exalts neither above the other. He rejects no part of his experience. The magician lives in a continuum beginning with the sublime and ineffable Tao/God/Chaos through the mysterious and subtle Aethers to the awesome and strange material world. To the magician, any piece of knowledge, any new power, any opportunity for enlightenment is worth having for its own sake. The only thing abhorred in this incredible existence is failure to come to grips with some part of it. To be able to operate in all spheres, the magician must master the art of either acting without belief or of being able to invest belief temporarily in anything with which he is experimenting. The magician should be equally at home with a crozier, a paintbrush, a test tube, or a wand. In all things he is seeking to bring his Kia into manifestation; for him life is its own answer, and the way he lives it in his spirituality. (Pg 181-182)
  - The magician should be capable of performing any ritual on the astral, that is to say, by the power of imagination alone. By strongly visualizing any of his weapons to the point where he actually hallucinates their presence, he draws both the aetheric form of the weapon and the associated powers within himself into action. Such empty-hand techniques are the mark of the adept. (Pg 189)
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## Gnosis

- [state of mind to be achieved/attained] ; no-mind; samadhi; one-pointedness/one-pointed consciousness/single-pointed concentration; stopping the inner dialogue; passing through the eye of the needle; ain or nothing; It is an extension of the magical trance by other means. (Pg 131)
- Certain forms of gnosis lend themselves more readily to some forms of magic than others.(Pg 35)
- ...the methods of exaltation. (Pg 35)
- Gnosis is the mechanism by which Kia draws back from the flesh in preparation for the mighty indulgences of magic. A great saving to accomplish a greater spending.(Pg 60)
- Gnosis, the Alphabet of Desire, and other magical methods tend to liberate.(Pg 90)
- It is quite simple to state exactly what Gnosis is and how to reach it. Gnosis is intense consciousness of something, including the ideas of self or nothingness. Most extremes of emotionality (and not just the nice emotions) can initiate it, and so can a profound act of single- pointed concentration on something. (Pgs 122-123)

- This intense consciousness leads mystics into three common errors. It may create the illusion that oneself and the object of contemplation are the same thing. It may lead to the conviction that oneself no longer exists, and it may lead to the obsession that the object of concentration is the supreme thing in the universe. (Pgs 122-123)
  - Magically, Gnosis is the state which most easily allows the will and perception to reach out and touch realities beyond the mind. The contents of gnosis are far less interesting than what can be done with it. (Pgs 122-123)
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## Chaoism

- As above, so below  
I am the universe  
The life force in us  
Is the life force of the universe  
The subtle force in us (aether)  
Is the subtle force of the universe  
The gross matter in us  
Is the gross matter of the universe  
To Chaos, nothing is true  
And everything is permitted  
Though it has limited itself  
To the principle of duality  
In building this world  
For itself  
(Pg 74)
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Love is permitted.  
Shagalaboolamijigadoolabibidibobidiboo

Elendraug !69i

# Testing... In color!

**From:** utu.potiki@sfnet.com

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[This is from a chaos mailinglist: chaos\_m@tatertot.com]

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Hello, Chaos Magick Mailing List folks. This is a test transmission, a first step in immanentizing an electronic eschaton, if you will.

I think that a good place to start would be with one of the most basic concepts of Chaos Magick, and I've arbitrarily chosen the state of gnosis. What is it, how does one achieve it, and how does it function in the Great Work of Chaos (aka Choyofaque)?

Gnosis is loosely defined as a break in, or overwhelming of, the parts of the mind involved in rational function, and thus a temporary paraalyzation of the psychic censor. There are about as many ways of achieving this "state" as there are people to achieve it; the most readily available, however, are such things as sex, drugs, physical exhaustion, hyperventilation, and spinning (like a dervish or Sufi might do). Basically, any activity that throws the mind into a state of total confusion (think for a moment of the mental breakdown engendered by a powerful orgasm) can be useful in achieving gnosis; my own favorite twist of late has been burial, which I've used to great success especially in the charging of a fetish and also a chod-type divination.

As far as how gnosis functions, I think that what's going on in the Gnostic State is that, by throwing the mind into such a state of confusion and overwhelming the psychic censor, one literally achieves a sort of union of all opposites. In other words, the boundary that separates the "inner void" from the "outer" falls away, and the magickian opens himself to a realm of infinite variables. Rituals, spells, and the like, simply provide a pre-set delineation of which variables will be manipulated into the desired manifestation; one could think of it as a blueprint for potential.

I'd like to talk more about this and get some other viewpoints on all three of these aspects of the nature and function of gnosis, especially in terms of some of the ways fellow Chaotes are generating it.

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Chaos is Freedom; Freedom is Life; Just Do It  
Sri Palindrome.151



# An Essay on the Experience of Gnosis

*by Wednesday*

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(written mid-August, 1994)

"we wanna be real, we wanna be pure, we don't want our vices and we don't want the cure..." --leanne haze

It's damn near sunrise and I should be sleeping, but the trend of the past few nights has followed into this one as well, and I am watching a thunderstorm wash away the night. The sky keeps flashing a brilliant blue-white; if I looked outside and directly at the sky, I would likely go blind from the light.

I am tricking my body into gnosis-by-exhaustion. It works. Ever since Sunday night, I've been 90% there at all times anyway. All it takes is the slightest touch of something I love, and I'm back there. Music (Leanne Haze, Petra, Boingo, Rush and Indigo Girls), dancing, food, the steam of the shower, the wash of a mouthful of white wine. The walls between myself and the ones I love fall that much more easily. Oh, yes, suffer the witch, suffer ME...

[I close my eyes, and in the flash of the thunderstorm I am back in Halifax, Nova Scotia, walking past midnight on the fog-obscured campus of Dalhousie University, green peasant dress blowing in the wind, throwing my head back to the swirling white mists and howling in a dancing twirl, chianti hair whipping around. I fall into the wet grass and laugh. The walkman plays the ripping Rawlins Cross march I love; for the life of me, I wonder if I took a walk down to the oceanside, I would find the piper and be able to kiss him thank you for the gift of the music....]

I remember the connections, and have pulled them closer to me; I harness the lightning and drink it -raw-. I am washed by cold water and -feel- it -become- it -ride- it oh love oh god take me -BACK-... I weep; there are no fields in the city of Chicago where I might roll in wet grasses and laugh like a maniac...I yearn for Nutmeg. Two weeks. Two weeks. Two weeks. A mantra, a solace, a comfort. I smile at knowing that at least a few souls dear to me in many ways will be there that I would share and it would make sense to them.

Gnosis? Samadhi? Dhyana? Does it matter? It doesn't have a silly formal name, whatever this is... love...union... I am the universe and the elements and the vod, and none of that, and I am God and God does not exist.... perhaps this is madness, remembering how to kiss the water and embrace the flame.

I'll drink deep, drink my fill, drink again and again and again the octarine wine, full strength and distilled down, till I'm drunk with the blood of the saints....

# What is Gnosis?

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On Mon, 16 Dec 1996, Kevin Cutrer wrote:

*Alright, now I'm downright confused again... I need to know people's opinions on gnosis.. what it is, how it is achieved... I think I am confusing it with what buddhism calls "mindfulness"... are these two the same thing, or are the different... for a long time I have done what they call "living in the moment"... just sitting there with no thoughts, watching the life thrive... is this gnosis?*

In Chaos Magick, gnosis is a lapse in conscious/rational/discursive/ discriminatory mind that allows the subconscious "magickal mind" to fully function. The easiest example of this state that comes to mind is the exact moment of orgasm. The term "gnosis" is used (I think) because the state allows for the instantaneous, intuitive (as opposed to consciously deduced) grasping of a much larger set of the variables involved in causing an outcome to manifest from any given state of events. This is done because the time it takes to reason out such a large set prohibits effect; by the time the relationships are consciously worked out, the variables have changed. It must be done instantaneously in order to be effective. Were there to be a qabalistic tree containing correspondences for Chaos Magick, gnosis would likely be placed at Kether, and the psychic censor (the most basic, binary discriminatory function) at Chokmah.

After the state of gnosis has ended, one can get an idea of how "profound" the state was by trying to recall exactly what happened while you were in in it. The less that can be remembered, the more profound the state. Perfect gnosis would leave no signature in the rational mind, not even the awareness of a gap in time.

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# Aida

by Vincent Pronova



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"Aida" by Austin Osman Spare is a rather large (30W x 20H) pastel on board picture. Executed in 1954 this piece represents an excellent example of the artist's "automatic" drawing.

The head and torso of an enigmatic woman of regal bearing and wearing an Egyptian headdress, (Ureas), dominates the center of the composition. She peers haughtily to her left, breasts bared at the lower edge of the depiction, illuminated from below by a dim, reddish light. Aida's line of sight seems to be directed at a weird facial image emerging from the chaotic field to her left and front. To her right background, unformed shapes swirl mindlessly upward.

Despite the seeming lack of distinct focal points, this artwork possesses a strong sense of depth, arising from the forceful presentation of the queen, her position relative to the formlessness to her right, and to the emergent visage to her left front. The unformed void area is distinctly behind; the chaos field and face are distinctly forward. The contrast between the crisply drawn features of Aida and the wild vagueness within which she is surrounded further accentuates the visual depth of this work.

Remember -- A.O. Spare was a gifted draughtsman, with formal training including the Royal College of Art. His technical ability cannot be disputed.

Inasmuch as artistic efforts may be manifestations of True Will, visual artworks are magickal works. A.O. Spare's skill as an artist has found some critical acceptance, less so, his abilities as a sorcerer. Now, AOS's occult skills are once again being understood, and with this understanding, his magick is becoming re-known. Spare's art has been characterized as of magical inspiration, and in some cases of being intrinsically magickal. Not all works have a full measure of both -- intuition strongly suggests that Aida does.

When viewing the picture, the question: "Who is she?" lurches to the forefront. AOS drew for himself, and as the agent of those beings to whom he was receptive. What then of Aida? A temporal door? An invitation? The opportunity to experience the Spareian vision, or the vision of Aida...?

By accout, AOS often relied upon middle aged men or older prostitutes for his models, yet in Aida, he imbued his his subject with beauty, power, and majesty: This may be a woman who has experienced the world, but in doing so clearly has not lost her authority or her destiny. She appears as the Empress, or perhaps the High Priestess...?

Wherein lies the source of her power? To what end has this force been imparted to her? By what means?

This drawing is a magical icon. An entity evoked by the artist, Aida has been made corporeal within the visual spectrum by Spare's application of color upon the board.

Art may be more powerful than words. In his "Focus of Life", AOS states: "Art is the truth we have realized of our belief." Assuming that he was referring to his artwork, this seems to validate the speculation offered by Jaques Rigaut/Genesis P. Orridge in the essay "Virtual Mirrors in Soud T.I.M.E.":

"All his writings are symbolic, they were never intended to be taken literally... They are appendices to the REAL work... His drawings, paintings, and images... They are in fact, the essence of his sorcery."

Upon viewing "Aida", her characterization of visual formula becomes reified -- Effecting some depths of mind, she becomes an access point to "otherwhere". Her moment, encompassing her existence, manifests her creation and her destruction; her coming from and going to, hence opens as a portal to her All. This drawing is Magick. To again cite "Virtual Mirrors":

"Spare's pictures can hold the entirety of the images and entities that he represents... They are there."

What character the name "Aida" may have been assigned to is irrelevant to experiencing this picture; as noted the woman depicted is queenly, yet also priestess-like. Whether she is an Empress or the Hierophanta may be a subjective determination. An exploration of her charms and wonders promises to be lengthy.

What remains immediate and apparent, is that this picture has magickal attributes, and that these energies are potent enough that discussing them does not diminish them. As in another quote:

"Such drawings are themselves the gateway to the Sabbath; one is drawn into a vortex and whirled down the funnel of consciousness which explodes into unknown worlds."

This then, is "Aida", who at the very least, leaves us with an apprehension of A.O. Spare's Sorcery.

"What is time, but a variety of one thing." ---AOS

--Vinzent Pronova

# Anathema of Zos: The Sermon of the Hypocrite

An Automatic Writing By Austin Osman Spare

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## ***Preface***

### ***Do Thy Will***

Magickal currents pass as the Great Wheel swings endlessly to and fro driven by words of power whose origin is inestimable. Spare was a watcher on the threshold. AGAPE of the Christos had spent its force. It laid upon the land as a shroud when once it had been a bright and shining spell of liberation. Under this pall the scorpion bred consciousness in the charnal house of putrifaction. Monsters arose and walked the earth in the guise of living men and women. These are the hypocrites to whom the sermon was delivered. The goatherd found himself in a pigsty; speaking to swine bred on foul aethers. Where once there was the sermon on the mount, now there need be a Sermon of the Midden.

Zos eats complacency and his leavings bear the name of Doubt. Zos heralds the onrush of the Beast as John the Babtist once swept the path of the Christos. This time it is not the oracles' head served upon the platter.

Be not complacent. The anthem of Liber L will, on Saturns' touch, turn its melody inward and become a funeral dirge of the Soul. If there is aught to be learnt it is this....we are the hypocrites to whom Zos speaks. There is no hope. The Great Wheel turns. All that we love and will is its grist. Nothing Remains.

Will \_\_\_\_ Love

Louis Martiniez (S.M.Ch.H. 353) Vernal Equinox, 1985

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Hostile to self-torment, the vain excuses called devotion, Zos satisfied the habit by speaking loudly unto his Self. And at one time, returning to familiar consciousness, he was vexed to notice interested hearers—a rabble of involuntary mendicants, pariahs, whoremongers, adulterers, distended bellies, and the prevalent sick-grotesques that obtain in civilisations. His irritation was much, yet still they pestered him, saying: MASTER, WE WOULD LEARN OF THESE THINGS! TEACH US RELIGION!

And seeing, with chagrin, the hopeful multitude of Believers, he went down into the Valley of Stys, prejudiced against them as FOLLOWERS. And when he was ennuye, he opened his mouth in derision, saying:-

O, ye whose future is in other hands! This familiarity is permitted not of thy-but of my impotence. Know me as Zos the Goatherd, saviour of myself and of those things I have not yet regretted. Unbidden ye listen'd to my soliloquy. Endure then my Anathema.

Foul feeders! Slipped, are ye, on your own excrement? Parasites! Having made the world lousy, imagine ye are of significance to Heaven?

Desiring to learn-think ye to escape hurt in the rape of your ignorance? For of what I put in, far more than innocence shall come out! Labouring not the harvest of my weakness, shall I your moral-fed desires satisfy?

I, who enjoy my body with unwearied tread, would rather pack with wolves than enter your pest-houses.

Sensation . . . Nutrition . . . Mastication . . . Procreation . . . ! This is your blind-worm cycle. Ye have made a curiously bloody world for love in desire. Shall nothing change except through your accusing diet?

IN THAT YE ARE CANNIBALS, what meat should I offer? Having eaten of your dead selves savoured with every filth, ye now raven to glutton of my mind's motion?

In your conflict ye have obtained . . . ? Ye who believe your procreation is ultimate are the sweepings of creation manifest, returning again to early simplicity to hunger, to become, and realise-ye are not yet. Ye have muddled time and ego. Think ye to curb the semen SENTIMENTALLY? Ye deny sexuality with tinsel ethics, live by slaughter, pray to greater idiots-that all things may be possible to ye WHO ARE IMPOSSIBLE.

For ye desire saviours useless to pleasure.

Verily, far easier for madmen to enter Heaven than moral Lepers. Of what difference is Life or Death? Of what difference is dream or reality? Know ye nothing further than your own stench? Know ye what ye think ye know for certain? Fain would I be silent. Yet too tolerant is this Sun that cometh up to behold me, and my weakness comes of my dissatisfaction of you solicit . . . but be ye damned before obtaining fresh excuses of me!

Cursed are the resurrectionists! Is there only body and soul?

Is there nothing beyond entity? No purchase beyond sense and desire of God than this blasting and devouring swarm ye are?

Oh, ye favoured of your own excuses, guffaw between bites! Heaven is indifferent to your salvation or catastrophe. Your curveless crookedness maketh ye fallow for a queer fatality! What! I to aid your self-deception, ameliorate your decaying bodies, preserve your lamentable apotheosis of self?

The sword-thrust not salve-I bring!

Am I your swineherd, though I shepherd unto goats? My pleasure does not obtain among vermin with vain ideas-with hopes and fears of absurd significance. Not yet am I overweary of myself. Not ye shall I palliate abomination, for in ye I behold your parents and the stigmata of foul feeding.

In this ribald intoxication of hypocrisy, this monument of swindlers' littlenesses, where is the mystic symposium, the hierarchy of necromancers that was?

Honest was Sodom! YOUR theology is a slime-pit of gibberish become ethics. In YOUR world, where ignorance and deceit constitute felicity, everything ends miserably-besmirched with fratricidal blood.

Seekers of salvation? Salvation of your sick digestion; crippled beliefs: Convalescent desires. Your borrowed precepts and prayers-a stench unto all good nostrils!

Unworthy of a soul-your metamorphosis is laborious of morbid rebirth to give habitance to the shabby sentiments, the ugly familiarities, the calligraphic pandemonium-a world of abundance acquired of greed. Thus are ye outcasts! Ye habitate dung-heaps; your glorious palaces are hospitals set amid cemeteries. Ye breathe gay-heartedly within this cess-pit? Ye obtain of half-desires, bent persuasions, of threats, of promises made hideous by vituperatious righteousness! Can you realise of Heaven when it exists WITHOUT?

Believing without associating ye are spurious and know not the way of virtue. There is no virtue in truth, nor truth in righteousness. Law becomes of desire's necessity. Corrupt is the teacher, for they who speak have only spent words to give.

Believe or blaspheme! Do ye not speak from between your thighs?

To believe or unbelieve is the question. Verily, if you believe of the least-ye needs must thrive all things. Ye are of all things, of all knowledge, and, belike, will your stupidity to further self-misery!

Your wish? Your heaven? I say your desire is women. Your potential desire a brothel.

Ah, ye who fear suffering, who among ye has courage to assault the cloudy enemies of creeds, of the stomach's pious hopes?

I blaspheme your commandments, to provok and enjoy your bark, your teeth grinding!

Know ye what ye want? What ye ask? Know ye virtue from maniacal muttering? Sin from folly? Desiring a teacher, who among ye are worthy to learn?

Brutally shall I teach the gospel of soul-suicide, of contraception, not preservation and procreation.



Fools! Ye have made vital the belief the Ego is eternal,, fulfilling a purpose not lost to you.

All things become of desire; the legs to the fish; the wings to the reptile. Thus was your soul begotten.

Hear, O vermin!

MAN HAS WILLED MAN!

Your desires shall become flesh, your dreams reality and no fear shall alter it one whit.

Hence do I travel ye into the incarnating abortions-the aberrations, the horrors without sex, for ye are worthless to offer Heaven new sexualities.

Once in this world I enjoyed laughter-when I remembered the value I gave the contemptible; the significance of my selfish fears; the absurd vanity of my hopes; the sorry righteousness called I.

And YOU?

Certainly not befitting are tears of blood, nor laughter of gods.

Ye do not even look like MEN but the strange spawn of some forgotten ridicule.

Lost among the illusions begat of duality-are these the differentiations ye make for future entity to ride your bestial self? Millions of times have ye had re-birth and many more times will ye again SUFFER existence.

Ye are of things distressed, living down the truths ye made. Loosing only from my overflow, perchance I teach ye to learn of yourselves? In my becoming shall the hungry satisfy of my good and evil? I strive me neither, and confide subsequent to the event.

Know my purpose: To be a stranger unto myself, the enemy of truth.

Uncertain of what ye believe, belike ye half-desire? But believe ye this, serving your dialectics:-

Subscribing only to self-love, the outcroppings of my hatred now speak. Further, to ventilate my own health, I scoff at your puerile dignitaries' absurd moral clothes and ovine faith in a fortuitous and gluttonous future!

Dogs, devouring your own vomit! Cursed are ye all! Throwbacks, adulterers, sycophants, corpse devourers, pilferers and medicine swallows! Think ye Heaven is an infirmary?

Ye know not pleasure. In your sleep lusts, feeble violence and sickly morale, ye are more contemptible than the beasts ye feed for food.

I detest your Mammon. Disease partakes of your wealth. Having acquired, ye know not how to spend.

YE ARE GOOD MURDERERS ONLY.

Empty of cosmos are they who hunger after righteousness. Already are the merciful spent. Extinct are the pure in heart. Governed are the meek and of Heaven earn similar disgust. Your society is a veneered barbarity. Ye are precocious primitives. Where is your success other than through hatred?

There is no good understanding in your world-this bloody transition by procreation and butchery.

Of necessity ye hate, and love your neighbor by devouring.

The prophets are nauseating and should be persecuted. Objects of ridicule, their deeds cannot live through their tenets. Actions are the criterion, then how can ye speak other than lies?

Love is cursed. Your desire is your God and execration. Ye shall be judged or your appetite.

Around me I see your configuration-again a swine from the herd. A repulsive object of charity! The curse is pronounced; for ye are slime and sweat-born, homicidally reared. And again shall your fathers call to the help of women. Ye vainly labour at a rotten Kingdom of Good and Evil. I say that Heaven is catholic-and none shall enter with susceptibility of either.

Cursed are ye who shall be persecuted for MY sake. For I say I am CONVENTION entire, excessively evil, perverted and nowhere good-for ye.

Whosoever would be with me is neither much of me nor of himself enough.

Zos tired, but loathing his hearers too much, he again reviled them saying:-

Worm-ridden jackals! Still would ye feast on my vomit? Whosoever follows me becomes his own enemy; for in that day my exigency shall be his ruin.

Go labour! Fulfil the disgust of becoming yourself, of discovering your beliefs, and thus acquire virtue. Let your good be accidental; thus escape gratitude and its sorry vainglory, for the wrath of Heaven is heavy on easy self-indulgence.

In your desire to create a world, do unto others as you would-when sufficiently courageous.

To cast aside, not save, I come. Inexorably towards myself; to smash the law, to make havoc of the charlatans, the quacks, the swankers and brawling salvationists with their word-tawdry phantasmagoria; to disillusion and awaken every fear of your natural, rapacious selves.

Living the most contemptible and generating everything beastly, are ye so vain of your excuse to expect other than the worst of your imagining?

Honesty is unvoiced! And I warn you to make holocaust of your saints, your excuses: these flatulent bellowings of your ignorance. Only then could I assure your lurking desire-easy remission of your bowdlerised sins. Criminals of folly? Ye but sin against self.

There is no sin for those of Heaven's delight. I would ye resist not nor exploit your evil: such is of fear, and somnambulism is born of hypocrisy.

In pleasure Heaven shall break every law before this Earth shall pass away. Thus if I possessed, my goodness towards ye would be volcanic.

He who is lawless is free. Necessity and time are conventional phenomena.

Without hypocrisy or fear ye could do as ye wish. Whosoever, therefore, shall break the precept or live its transgression shall have relativity of Heaven. For unless your righteousness exist not, ye shall not pleasure freely and creatively. In so much as ye sin against doctrine, so shall your imagination be required in becoming.

It has been said without wit: "Thou shalt not kill." Among beasts man lives supremely-on his own kind. Teeth and claws are no longer sufficient accessory to appetite. Is this world's worst reality more vicious than human behaviour?

I suggest to your inbred love of moral gesture to unravel the actual from the dream.

Rejoice ye! The law-makers shall have the ugly destiny of becoming subject. Whatsoever is ordained is superseded-to make equilibrium of this consciousness rapport with hypocrisy.

Could ye be arbitrary? Belief foreshadows its inversion. Overrun with forgotten desires and struggling truths, ye are their victim in the dying and begetting law.

The way of Heaven is a purpose-anterior to and not induced by thought. Desire, other than by the act, shall in no wise obtain: Therefore believe SYMBOLICALLY or with caution.

Between men and women having that desire there is no adultery. Spend the large lust and when ye are satiated ye shall pass on to something fresh. In this polite day it has become cleaner to fornicate by the wish than to enact.

Offend not your body no be so stupid as to let your body offend ye. How shall it serve ye to reproach your duality? Let your oath be in earnest; though better to communicate by the living act than by the word.

This God-this cockatrice-is a projection of your imbecile apprehensions, your bald grossness and madhouse vanities. Your love is born of fear; but far better to hate than further deception.

I would make your way difficult. Give and take of all men indiscriminately.

I know your love and hate. Inquire of red diet. Within your stomach is civil war.

Only in Self-love is procreative will.

What now! Shall I attempt wisdom by words? Alphabetic truths with legerdemain grammar? There is no spoken truth that is not PAST-more wisely forgotten.

Shall I scrawl slippery paradox with mad calligraphy? Words, mere words! I exist in a wordless world, without yesterday nor to-morrow- beyond becoming.

All conceivableness procures of time and space. Hence I spit on your tatterdemalion ethics, mouldering proverbs, priestly inarticulations and delirious pulpit jargon. This alone I give ye as safe commandments in your pestilent schisms.

Better is it to go without than to borrow. Finer far to take than beg. From Puberty till Death realise "Self" in all. There is no greater virtue than good nourishment. Feed from the udder, and if the milk be Sour, feed on . . . Human nature is the worst possible!

Once I lived among ye. From self-decency now I habitate the waste places, a willing outcast; associate of goats, cleaner far, more honest than men.

Within this heterogenousness of difference, reality is hard to realise; evacuation is difficult.

These spiritualists are living sepulchres. What has decayed should perish decently.

Cursed are they who supplicate. Gods are with ye yet. Therefore let ye who pray acquire this manner:-

O Self my God, foreign is thy name except in blasphemy, for I am thy iconoclast. I cast thy bread upon the waters, for I myself am meat enough. Hidden in the labyrinth of the Alphabet is my sacred name, the SIGIL of all things unknown. On Earth my kingdom is

Eternity of DESIRE. My wish incarnates in the belief and becomes flesh, for, I AM THE LIVING TRUTH. Heaven is ecstasy; my consciousness changing and acquiring association. May I have courage to take from my own superabundance. Let me forget righteousness. Free me of morals. Lead me into temptation of myself, for I am a tottering kingdom of good and evil.

May worth be acquired through those things I have pleased.

May my trespass be worthy.

Give me the death of my soul. Intoxicate me with self-love. Teach me to sustain its freedom; for I am sufficiently Hell. Let me sin against the small beliefs.-AMEN.

Concluding his conjunction, Zos said:-

Again, O sleep-walkers, beggars and sufferers, born of the stomach; unlucky men to whom happiness is necessary!

Ye are insufficient to live alone, not yet mature enough to sin against the law and still desire women.

Other than damnation I know no magic to satisfy your wishes; for ye believe one thing, desire another, speak unlike, act differently and obtain the living value.

Assuredly inclination towards new faculties springs from this bastardy!

Social only to the truths convenient to your courage, yet again beasts shall be planted.

Shall I speak of that unique intensity without form? Know ye the ecstasy within? The pleasure between ego and self?

At that time of ecstasy there is no thought of others; there is NO THOUGHT. Thither I go and none may lead.

Sans women-your love is anathema!

For me, there is no way but my way. Therefore, go ye your way-none shall lead ye to walk towards yourselves. Let your pleasures be as sunsets, HONEST . . BLOODY . . . GROTESQUE!

Was the original purpose the thorough enjoyment of multitudinous self, for ecstasy? These infinite ramifications of consciousness in entity, associating by mouth, sex, and sense!

Has the besetting of sex become utter wretchedness-repetition made necessary of your scotomy?

O bloody-mouthed! Shall I again entertain ye with a little understanding? An introspection of cannibalism in the shambles of diet-the variating murder against the ancestral? Is there no food beyond corpse?

Your murder and hypocrisy must pass before ye are uplifted to a world where slaughter is unknown.

Thus, with a clean mouth, I say unto ye, I live by bread alone. Sleep is competent prayer. All morality is BEASTLY.

Alas, there has been a great failure. Man is dead. Only women remain.

With tonque in cheek I would say: "Follow me! That ye realise what is hidden in all suffering. I would make your self-mortification voluntary, your wincing courageous."

Still will ye be with me? Salutation to all suicides!

With a yawn Zos wearied and fell asleep.

In time the stench awoke him-for he had slept amidst the troughs- and he observed that the crowd were no longer with him-that only SWINE remained. And he guffawed and spake thus: "Not yet have I lost relationship and am thereby nearly asphyxiated! Caught up am I in the toils of sentiment, the moral hallucinations within the ebb and flow of hopes and fears?"

Shall age alone transmute desire? Not yet have I disentangled illusion from reality: for I know not men from swine, dreams from reality; or whether I did speak only unto myself. Neither know I to whom my anathema would be the more impressionable . . . .

My insensible soliloquy s eaten as revelation! What I spake with hard strived conceit to increase enterprise brings forth only swinish snorts. Water is not alone in finding its level.

I have not me tragedy, no, not in this life! Yet, whether I have spewed their doctrines upon the tables of the Law or into the troughs, at least I have not cast away the flesh of dreams.

And turning towards his light, Zos said: This my will, O Thou Glorious Sun. I am weary of my snakes descending-making slush.

Farewell antithesis. I have suffered. All is paid.

Let me go forth to recreate my sleep.

# Austin Osman Spare's Obituary

## The Times, 1956

AUSTIN SPARE, an artist of unusual gifts and attainments and of an even more unusual personality, died on May 15th 1956, in hospital in London at the age of 67.

A dreamer of dreams and a seer of visions, he had that complete other-worldliness so often depicted in romantic fiction and so rarely found in real life. Money meant nothing to him. With his talents as a figure draughtsman he might easily have commanded a four-figure income in portraiture, but he elected to live quietly and humbly, rarely going out, painting what he wished to paint, and selling his works at three or four guineas each. Even in outward aspect he conformed to type - with his untidy shock of hair, small imperial, and a scarf instead of a collar. But for most of his life he did not mix in what are called 'artistic circles'. Not Chelsea, Fitzroy Street, Bloomsbury or Hampstead claimed him, but for years a little flat 'in the south suburbs by the Elephant' far removed from the coterie, deep-set in the ordinary life of the people.

Austin Osman Spare was born in Snow Hill, near Smithfield Market, London on December 31 1888, the son of Philip Newton Spare, a City of London policeman. Leaving his elementary school at the age of 13, he took his higher education into his own hands, working not only at art but at general subjects, in particular the occult. He had some formal tuition at the Lambeth School of Art and the Royal College of Art. He was already exhibiting at the Royal Academy at the age of 16, but in later years ceased to send anything there. In July 1914 he had his first one-man exhibition at the Bailie Gallery, showing a number of his so-called 'psychic' drawings and some very powerful generalizations of animal nature.

Just after the 1914-1918 War Spare became friendly with John Austen and Alan Odle, figure draughtsmen differing considerably from him and from each other, but each having certain aims in common with his. From October 1922 to July 1924 Spare edited, jointly with Clifford Bax, a sumptuously produced quarterly called the Golden Hind for Chapman and Hall. It collapsed for lack of support, but during its brief career it reproduced in large scale some really superb figure drawing and lithographs by Spare and others. In 1925 Spare, Odle, Austen, and Harry Clarke showed together at the St George's Gallery, and in 1930 at the Godfrey Philips Galleries.

Thereafter Spare was rarely found in the purlieu of Bond St. He would teach a little from January to June, then up to the end of October, would finish various works, and from the beginning of November to Christmas would hang his products in the living-room, bedroom, and kitchen of his flat in the Borough. There he kept open house; critics and purchasers would go down, ring the bell, he admitted, and inspect the pictures, often in the company of some of the models - working women of the neighbourhood. Spare was convinced that there was a great potential demand for pictures at 2 or 3 guineas each, and condemned the practice of asking £20 for "amateurish stuff". He worked chiefly in pastel or pencil, drawing rapidly, often taking no more than two hours over a picture. He was

especially interested in delineating the old, and had various models over 70 and one as old as 93.

During the last war, while on fire watching duty, he was blown up and temporarily lost the use of both arms. His memory was also affected, but in 1946 in a cramped basement in Brixton, he began to make pictures again, starting, as he said, from scratch. In 1947 an exhibition of no less than 163 of the pictures he had painted in the previous few months attracted many people to the Archer Gallery, in Westbourne Grove.

Spare's alleged 'automatic' and 'psychic' drawings tended to lack discipline, and were on the whole inferior to his 'straight' work. The last chiefly comprised nudes, which combined strength and delicacy of a high order and have a wonderful three-dimensional feeling. His minute draughtsmanship may have owed something to the Pre-Raphaelite influence, though generally his art was much more human and full-blooded than that of the 'brethren'. Of his technical mastery there can be no manner of doubt. The collection of his drawings may yet become a cult.



# Austin Osman Spare in Science and Money

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From his essay "Mind to Mind and How" (March 1951):

"The means used and the way it happens are simple, the inverse of scientific. I use a traditional formula, created by instinctive guess and \*arbitrarily\* formed, not evolved by hypothesis and experiment. The law of sorcery is its own law, using sympathetic symbols."

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"Science, like Logic and Psychology, is its own bogey and as neurotic as its own creed; its fear of deviation from its arbitrary standards and categories confirms all the definitions of the psychopathic... Science also has to await its rare artist -- to make an audacious guess for enlightenment or mutation. For me, the inexplicable of beauty, the undivulged of things gives them their enchantment, not their known meaning."

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"I have never yet witnessed any occult phenomena where money was involved whether for expenses or anything else (I preclude the odd symbolic silver coin)."

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"Finally, scientists will never solve or prove anything related to foretelling the future; it is a work for 'artists'. Science may subsequently prove more fully what the artists have already discovered."

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# Austin Osman Spare and His Theory of Sigils

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The end of the nineteenth and the beginning of the twentieth century was a time characterized by radical changes and great heretics. The secret lore and the occult in general were triumphant, and there were good reasons for this: the triumph of materialist positivism with its Manchester industrialism was beginning to show its first malice, resulting in social and psychological uprooting; the destruction of nature had already begun to bear its first poisonous fruits. In brief, it was a time when it seemed appropriate to question the belief in technology and the omnipotence of the celebrated natural sciences. Particularly intellectuals, artists, and the so-called "Bohemians" became advocates of values critical of civilization in general as can be seen in the literature of Naturalism, in Expressionist Art and in the whole Decadent Movement, which was quite notorious at the time. Austin Osman Spare (1886-1956) was a typical child of this era and, after Aleister Crowley, he was definitely one of the most interesting occultists and practicing magicians of the English-speaking world. Nowadays he is basically known only in this cultural context; [1] internationally, he has received only some attention in literary circles at best-ironically, in a footnote! This footnote is found in Mario Praz's pioneering but, unfortunately, rather superficial work *La carne, la morte e il diavolo nella letteratura romantica* (The Romantic Agony, Florence, 1930) where he terms him, together with Aleister Crowley, a "satanic occultist" [2]-and that is all. Nevertheless, this important work has at least led many an occult researcher familiar with literature to Spare. Compared with Aleister Crowley's enigmatic and infamous life, Austin Osman Spare's existence certainly seemed to befit only a footnote. Despite his various publications after the turn of the century, he remained practically unnoticed until the late sixties. He was born in 1886, the son of a London police officer, and we know very little about his childhood. He claimed to have experienced while a child an initiation of sorts by an elderly witch, one Mrs. Paterson who, as far as we know, must have been quite a Wiccan-like character. Spare found his intellectual and creative vocation as an artist and illustrator, and he attended the Royal College of Art, where he soon was celebrated as a forthcoming young artist. But he rebelled against a bourgeois middle-class career in the arts. Disgusted by commercialism, he retreated from the artistic scene soon afterwards, though he still continued editing various magazines for quite a while. From 1927 until his death, he virtually lived as a weird hermit in a London slum, where he sometimes held exhibitions in a local pub. People have compared his life with that of H. P. Lovecraft, and certainly he too was an explorer of the dark levels of the soul. Around the beginning of the First World War, he released some privately published editions, and today one can acquire-at least in Great Britain-numerous, usually highly expensive, reprints of his works. However, we are primarily interested in two volumes, namely his well-known *Book of Pleasure (Self-Love): The Psychology of Ecstasy* (London, 1913) [3] and Kenneth Grant's excellently researched book [4] in which he, as leader of his own brand of O.T.O. (Ordo Templi Orientis) and as an expert on Crowley, deals with the practical

aspects of Spare's system as well. Spare's actual philosophy will not be analyzed in depth here because this is not really necessary for the practice of sigil theory and it would lead away from the subject of this study. Before we begin with Spare's theory of sigils, it is perhaps useful to write a few words about the part sigils play in a magical working. Occidental magic is known to rest on two main pillars, namely on will and on imagination. Connected with these are analogous thinking and symbolic images. For example, Agrippa uses a special sigil for each of the planetary intelligences. These are not, as has been assumed for quite some time, arbitrarily constructed, nor were they received by "revelation," but rather they are based on cabalistic consideration. [5] The Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn also employed sigils as "images of the souls" of magical entities, which enabled the magician to establish contact with them; nevertheless, the technique of their construction was not explained. The same may be said for the O.T.O. under Crowley's leadership and for the Fraternitas Saturni under Gregorius. The name Agrippa already hints at the fact that magical sigils have a long historical tradition, which we will not discuss here because then we would have to cover the whole complex of occult iconology as well. In general, people think of "correct" and "incorrect" sigils. The grimoires of the late Middle Ages were often little else but "magical recipe books" (the frequently criticized Sixth and Seventh Books of Moses basically applies the same procedure of "select ingredients, pour in and stir"), and these practitioners believed in the following principle: to know the "true" name and the "true" sigil of a demon means to have power over it. Pragmatic Magic, which developed in the Anglo-Saxon realms, completely tidied up this concept. [6] Often Crowley's revolt in the Golden Dawn-at first in favor of but soon against Mathers-is seen as the actual beginning of modern magic. It would certainly not be wrong to say that Crowley himself was an important supporter of Pragmatic thought in modern magic. But in the end, the Master Therion preferred to remain within the hierarchical Dogmatic system due to his Aiwass-revelation in Liber Al vel Legis. His key phrase "Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law. Love is the law, love under will," as well as his whole Thelemic concept, prove him a Dogmatic magician. Not so Austin Osman Spare. He seems to derive from the individual-anarchistic direction so that we may describe his philosophy, without undue exaggeration, as a mixture of Lao-Tse, Wicca and Max Stirner. English magic of the turn of the century was also influenced by an important young science which would actually achieve its major triumphs only after the Second World War-the psychology of Sigmund Freud. Before that, Blavatsky's *Isis Unveiled* and *The Secret Doctrine*, as well as Frazer's *The Golden Bough*, had given important impulses to the occult in general. William James's comparative psychology of religion influenced deeply the intellectuality of this time, but Freud, Adler, and especially Carl G. Jung eventually effected major breakthroughs. From then on, people started to consider the unconscious in earnest. This apparent digression, which had to be kept very short due to lack of space, is in reality a very important basis for the discussion that follows. We will not analyze in depth by whom Spare was influenced. Lao-Tse and Stirner having already been mentioned, we might note numerous others from Swinburne to Crowley himself, in whose order, the A.A., Spare had been a member at least for a short while. Rather, we will discuss his greatest achievement-his psychological approach towards magic. This leads us to magical practice proper. In Spare's system there are no "correct" or "incorrect" sigils; neither is there a list of ready-made symbols. It is of no import whether a sigil is the "correct" one

or not, but it is crucial that it has been created by the magician and is therefore meaningful to him/her. Because s/he has constructed it for personal use, the sigil easily becomes a catalyst of his/her magical desire, and sometimes it will even waken this desire in the first place. This Pragmatic approach which dominates present-day Anglo-Saxon magic (Israel Regardie, Francis King, Stephen Skinner, W. B. Gray, David Conway, Lemuel Johnstone, to name but a few relevant authors) goes to show that Austin Osman Spare, rather than Aleister Crowley, should be considered the real Father of modern Pragmatic Magic. [7] In the German-speaking countries, the situation is quite different. Writers like Quintscher, Gregorius, Bardon, Klingsor and even Spiesberger allow but little room to maneuver when creating magical coordinates individually. Here the adept is expected to grow into a ready-made system instead of fashioning one. This is a completely different approach, the value or non-value of which we will not discuss here. The nearest thing to Pragmatic Magic, existing already in 1917 i.e. 1921 (the date of the second revised edition of his major work on magic as an experimental science), was Staudenmaier. The works by Mahamudra, which have of late been receiving some attention, are mainly of a descriptive nature and deal with traditions and new interpretations, thus remaining within the context of German magical heritage; however, they do take heed of recent results in scientific psychology and are, therefore, at least partially related to the Pragmatic approach. Pragmatic Magic will become more and more important because today's magicians have to face a psychologized-and psychologizing-environment whose philosophical relativism has been shaping all of us, and still does. Regardless of the significance or amount of truth one concedes to psychology/psychoanalysis, we all are infiltrated by its way of thinking and its vocabulary. So even we magicians will have to attain to a critical, sensible look at it. It will be left to another era to find different models of explanation, description and practice. How does Spare proceed in practice? Sigils are developed by fusion and stylization of letters (see Figure 1). First of all, a sentence of desire has to be formulated. Let us take the example Spare himself gives in his Book of Pleasure, the declaration of intent:

THIS MY WISH TO OBTAIN THE STRENGTH OF A TIGER

>>>>> This sentence must be written down in capitals. Next, all the letters which appear more than once are deleted so that only one of each letter remains. [Ed. Note: The asterisks denote crossed out letters. Also beginning the declaration of intent with THIS MY WILL instead of THIS MY WISH may prove more efficacious.]

THIS MY W\*\*\* \*O \*B\*A\*N \*\*E \*\*R\*\*G\*\* \*F \* \*\*\*\*\*

Thus, the following letters remain: T,H,I,S,M,Y,W,O,B,A,N,E,R,G,F. The sigil is created from these letters; it is permissible to consider one part (for example, M) as a reversed W or, seen from the side, as an E. Hence, these three letters do not have to appear in the sigil three separate times. Of course, there are numerous possibilities of representation and stylization.

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*[Ed. Note: There was once a crude attempt at an ASCII sigil here, but it got screwed up beyond all recognition. I am trying to find the original sigil and will do another ASCII version when I find it. --Fenwick]*

"This my wish to obtain the strength of a tiger."

Sigilized this would be:

This my wish --->  
To obtain --->  
The strength  
of a tiger --->  
Combined as  
one sigil --->

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However, it is important that in the end the sigil is as simple as possible with the various letters recognizable (even with slight difficulty). The artistic quality of the sigil is irrelevant, but for simple psychological reasons it should be obvious that you should not just scribble or doodle in haste. You should strive to make it to the best of your abilities. The finished sigil, which in the beginning will probably take a few attempts to construe, with then be fixated. You may draw it on parchment, on paper, in the sand, or even on a wall. According to Spare's short instructions, it should be destroyed after its internalization. Thus, you will either burn the parchment, wipe it out in the sand, etc. Spare's basic idea is that the sigil, together with its meaning, must be planted into the unconscious. Afterwards, the consciousness has to forget it so that the unconscious can obey its encoded direction without hindrance. When the sigil is ready, it is activated by implanting it into the psyche. This is the most difficult part in this process, and Spare offers only very few hints on practical procedures. However, it is crucial that the sigil is internalized in a trance of sorts. This may take place in a state of euphoria (for example, by means of drugs), in ecstasy (for example, sex magically by masturbation, sexual intercourse or a ritual), or in a state of physical fatigue. For the latter example, eyes and arms may be tired by the magician folding his/her arms behind the head while standing in front of a mirror and staring fixedly at his/her image. The important thing is that it should click, meaning that the sigil must be internalized spasmodically, which, of course, requires some exercise and control. This procedure may be supported by repeating the sentence of desire rhythmically and monotonously like a mantra, becoming faster and faster; in doing so, one must stare fixedly at the sigil. (In our example of looking into the mirror [a magical mirror may be used, too], it is useful to draw the sigil onto the mirror with water-soluble paint.) After spasmodical internalization, the symbol must be destroyed and deleted from the conscious mind. As mentioned before, from now on it will be the unconscious which has to do the work. In my own practical work I have discovered that it may even be useful to keep the sigil on you, such as wearing a ring engraved with it, etc. But this will depend upon the magician's individual predilection, and everybody should find his/her own way. Occasionally, it may prove necessary to

repeat the whole procedure, especially if the goal is a very problematical one, requiring an outstanding amount of energy. Nevertheless, experience shows that it is of prime importance not to bring back the meaning and aim of the sigil into consciousness at any time. We are, after all, dealing with a technique akin to autosuggestion; thus, the rules are the same as with autosuggestions themselves. Therefore, you may not use negative formulas such as "THIS MY WISH NOT TO ..." because very often the unconscious tends neither to recognize nor understand this "not," and you might end up getting the opposite result than that which you originally desired. If you see a sigil every day, perhaps on a wall or engraved on the outer side of a ring, this should only take place unconsciously, just as one might not consciously notice an object which is in use all the time. Of course, you should keep your operation secret, for discussing it with skeptics or even good friends may dissolve the sigil's power. The advantages of this method, of which only a short summary can be given here, are obvious. It is temptingly easy, and with only a little practice it may be performed at any time and at any place. It does not call for any costly paraphernalia; protective Circles and Pentagram rituals are not required (though sometimes they may prove useful, especially with operations of magical protection), etc. People who tend to psychic instability should, however, be cautious. Although the threshold to schizophrenia is not as easily crossed with this method as with common evocations, it does involve cutting deeply into the ecology of the psyche, an act which should be considered carefully in any case. The psycho-magical consequences are sometimes quite incalculable. As is well known, the real problem with magic is not so much the question whether it works, but rather the fact that it does. Used with responsibility, this method offers the magician a tool which provides him/her with a limitless variety of possible magical applications.

Ubique Daemon :. Ubique Deus :.

# Austin Osman Spare and the Zos Kia Cultus

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H.P. Lovecraft, in one of his tales of terror, alludes to certain entities which have their being "not in the spaces known to us, but between them. They walk calm and primal, of no dimensions, and to us unseen."

This aptly describes Austin Osman Spare. The circumstances of his birth emphasize the element of ambivalence and inbetweenness which forms the theme of his magic. He told me he was not sure whether he was born on the last day of December 1888, or on New Year's Day, 1889; whether, as he put it, he was Janus backward-turning, or Janus forward-facing. But whichever aspect of the deity he more closely represented, it is a fact that his life was a curious blend of past and future. Despite his inability to remember quite when he was born, the place was certainly Snowhill, London: he was the only son of a City of London policeman.

When barely twenty years of age he began writing *The Book of Pleasure*, in which he used art and sex to explore the subconscious mind. *The Book of Pleasure* reeks of diabolism to such an extent that Mario Praz in *The Romantic Agony* (Oxford, 1933) refers to Spare as an English "satanic occultist", and he places him in the same category as Aleister Crowley.

Spare's intense interest in the more obscure aspects of sorcery sprang from his early friendship with an old colonial woman who claimed descent from a line of Salem witches that Cotton Mather had failed to exterminate. Spare always alluded to her as Mrs. Paterson, and called her his "second mother". She had an extremely limited vocabulary composed mainly of the fortune-teller's argot, yet she was able to define and explain the most abstract ideas much more clearly than could Spare with his large and unusual vocabulary.

Although penniless, she would accept no payment for her fortune-telling, but insisted on the odd symbolic coin traditionally exacted as a sacrifice fee. Apart from her skill in divining, she was the only person Spare ever met who could materialize thoughts to visible appearance. Aleister Crowley- who met and attracted all kinds of psychically active individuals- met two only in the course of his life who had this particular siddhi (Allan Bennett was one; the other, Crowley did not name).

Mrs. Paterson, when visited for purposes of fortune-telling, would read a person's character immediately as a matter of course before going into details about the future. If she prophesied an event she was unable to describe verbally, she would objectivize the event in a visual image and the querent would see, in some dark corner of her room, a

clearly defined if fleeting image of the prophesied event. And this never failed to follow at the appointed time.

It was undoubtedly Mrs. Paterson's influence that stimulated Spare's innate interest in the occult, which, allied to his remarkable skill as a draughtsman enabled him to reproduce through his art the strange entities he encountered in transmundane spheres. He drew several portraits of Mrs. Paterson, one of which appeared in *The Focus of Life*, published by the Morland Press in 1921. Another drawing of her by Spare recently appeared (1971) in the part-work encyclopaedia *Man, Myth and Magic*, where she is shown after having "exteriorized" herself in the form of a nubile girl.

Spare too was able occasionally to conjure thought-forms to visible appearance, but whereas in the old witch's case it was an unfailing power, in his own case it was erratic and uncertain. On one occasion it worked only too effectively, as two unfortunate persons learnt to their cost. They were of the dilettante kind, mere dabblers in the occult. They wanted Spare to conjure an Elemental to visible appearance. They had seen materialized spirits of the dead in the seance room, but had never seen an Elemental. Spare tried to dissuade them, explaining that such creatures were subconscious automata inhabiting the human psyche at levels normally inaccessible to the conscious mind. As they almost always embodied atavistic urges and propensities, it was an act of folly to evoke them as their intrusion into waking life could be extremely dangerous. But the smatterers did not take him seriously.

Using his own method of elemental evocation, Spare set to work. Nothing happened for some time, then a greenish vapour, resembling fluid seaweed, gradually invaded the room. Tenuous fingers of mist began to congeal into a definite, organized shape. It entered their midst, gaining more solidity with each successive moment. The atmosphere grew miasmatic with its presence and an overpowering stench accompanied it; and in the massive cloud of horror that enveloped them, two pinpoints of fire glowed like eyes, blinking in an idiot face which suddenly seemed to fill all space. As it grew in size the couple panicked and implored Spare to drive the thing away. He banished it accordingly. It seemed to crinkle and diminish, then it fell apart like a blanket swiftly disintegrating. But while it had cohered and hung in the room like a cloud, it was virtually opaque and tangible; and it reeked of evil. Both the people concerned were fundamentally changed. Within weeks, one died of no apparent cause; the other had to be committed to an insane asylum.

Although Spare was convinced that an occult Intelligence frequently painted, drew, or wrote through him, he was unable to discover its identity. He was, however, in almost daily contact with a familiar, a spirit-guide, known as Black Eagle whom he had clearly seen and drawn on several occasions. But he was convinced that Black Eagle was not the sole source of his automatism. Spare had but to turn his head suddenly and he would sometimes catch a glimpse of the familiar spirits that constantly surrounded him. Several times he had "caught" one of them long enough to make a lightning-swift sketch.



Spare's frequent traffic with denizens of invisible realms led to his evolving a graphic means of conjoining all thoughts- past, present, and future- in the ever-fluid ether of Consciousness. His graphic symbology represents a definite language designed to facilitate communication with the psychic and subliminal world.

It was Spare's opinion that for this language to be truly effective, each individual should evolve his own, creating his sigils from the material nearest to hand- his own subconscious. He gave as a reason for so much failure in divination the fact that, although the operator sometimes succeeded in annexing traditional symbols to his own subconscious awareness of their true values, many of the symbols eluded correct interpretation; they therefore failed of nexus and were consequently sterile.

Not only could Spare "tell fortunes" in the usually accepted sense, he could also use the cards for influencing the host of subtle entities which swarm in the astral light, and with their cooperation he accomplished much of his magic.

He designed and used a pack of cards which he called the "Arena of Anon", each card bearing a magical emblem which was a variation of one of the letters of the Alphabet of Desire. (The basis of this Alphabet, together with many early examples of the letters composing it, is given in Spare's 'The Book of Pleasure', on which he began working in 1909 and published privately on completion, in 1913.) When vividly visualized, the emblem or sigil mysteriously stirs the subconscious and a corresponding image, or set of images, arises in the mind. In proportion to the power of belief in the sigil, so is the clarity of the image which it evokes. If the sigil taps a layer of ancient or cosmic memory, some astonishing images surge into the mind and the skilful sorcerer is able to project them into the astral mind-stuff of other individuals, so that they imagine the image to be a palpable presence.

Spare could influence elemental phenomena as well as the minds of other people. Great danger lies in possession, and Spare wisely refrained from writing too openly about the processes he employed. What I know about his methods I learnt from personal contact with him.

Even as a child, Spare employed these curious sigils. One is reminded of Yeat's words in *The Trembling of the Veil*: "Mathers described how as a boy he had drawn over and over again some event that he longed for; and called those drawings an instinctive magic."

When he was seventeen Spare stayed at the home of the Rev. Robert Hugh Benson, author of *The Necromancers* and other occult novels. They went out for a walk one summer day; a serene and cloudless blue sky shone overhead. It had been fine all day, and Benson was curious to know whether Spare could, in such unlikely circumstances, produce rain by magical means. Spare said he could, proceeded to trace a sigil on the back of a used envelope, and, pausing in his tracks, concentrated all his attention upon it. Within ten minutes small clouds began to appear; they massed at a point immediately above their heads and discharged violently. Both Benson and Spare were drenched to the skin.

A year or two later, Benson introduced Spare to the Hon. Everard Feilding, Secretary of the Society of Psychic Research. At the time Feilding was associated with Frederick Bligh Bond, the President of the Archaeological Society who, by psychic means, had discovered the buried Edgar Chapel at Glastonbury Abbey. Like Benson, Feilding wanted proof of Spare's magical powers and, when the latter offered to oblige, proposed the following test: Spare was to materialize an object which Feilding mentally visualized without giving any clue as to its nature.

Spare drew one of his magical sigils, which, instead of being symbolic of the unknown desired object, was the ideograph of a familiar spirit whose services he frequently employed when any mind-reading was required.

After some time, Spare received a vivid impression of the object in Feilding's mind. He then drew a second sigil, told Feilding he need no longer concentrate, and proceeded to do so himself. These proceedings were interrupted by a knock on the door. Feilding tiptoed to the door, opened it, and was amazed to find his valet proffering a pair of slippers. Feilding turned to Spare and asked him how he had done it!

An essential part of Spare's technique lay in deliberate forgetfulness, and this is the part which a novice finds extremely difficult. One is reminded of the king who lavished a fortune on an itinerant alchemist who had successfully manufactured the Philosopher's Stone. After giving the king lengthy and complicated instructions, which the king repeated by heart, the alchemist smiled and said approvingly: "Yes, your Highness has remembered every detail perfectly; there is just one further point to remember. For three minutes before the Alchemical Substance congeals, you must concentrate your mind upon its lustre as it seethes in the alembic, but during this time you should on no account let the thought of greenness cross your mind for even a moment." The king thanked the alchemist and prepared to make the Stone. Everything went according to plan until the last few minutes, when the mind of the king was invaded by an army of green objects which he was powerless to banish.

With Spare's sigils the case is somewhat similar. The reason he gives for forgetting the desire at the time of invoking it lies in the fact that for the operation to succeed the conscious mind must have no inkling of the transaction. Consciously formulated desires take time to materialize; subconscious desires can be made to materialize very swiftly. Consciousness of the desire vitiates the entire process, so a method had to be found of forgetting the desire during the period of magical evocation. Spare called the process "union through absent-mindedness" and advocated the yogic method of emptying the mind of all but the sigil. This is not always successful so as an alternative he suggests the sigillization of perennial desires, desires that are sure to arise periodically, as for instance the desire for beautiful women. Several such desires are then sigillized, scrambled together, and laid aside for several days. On reassembling the cards upon which they have been drawn, the operator is unable to remember precisely what sigillizes what! The rite is then comparatively easy to accomplish for it requires only concentrated thought.

Spare often supplemented the process by a sexual formula which endowed it with added efficacy. He derived most of his sex-magical formulae from a Delphic Pythoness who communed with him during sessions of automatic writing. This Delphic Oracle was probably the spirit of old Mrs. Paterson, guiding him from beyond.

One such formula enabled him to "give life to the autistic, by an earthenware virgin". In view of the present-day predilection for auto-erotic aids to ecstasy, the resuscitation of the dildo (At the time of writing, my attention has been drawn to "the first European sex paper" which reflects the current obsession with purely mechanistic aspects of self-love. Nevertheless, such methods employed in a magical manner may place the practitioner in direct contact with his daemon or genius.) and the widespread curiosity about the sorcery of sex, Spare's formula of the Earthenware Virgin is of particular interest, though for Spare it had an exclusively magical aim.

Until he received this formula he had, as he put it, "copulated merely with the atmosphere, or rode whores, witches and bitches of all kinds, there being few virgins".

In order to translate a specified desire from the level of subjective consciousness to the material or objective plane, the Pythoness instructed him to construct an urn in conformity with the dimensions of the erect penis. Sufficient space- but no more- was to be left at the end of the vessel in order to form a vacuum when the phallus was inserted. The cavity was to contain the sigillized wish, which was automatically consecrated at the moment of orgasm. The greatly enhanced pleasure induced by the suctional power of the vacuum increased the size of the penis and caused an unusually prolonged orgasm. At the critical moment, the desire was to be vividly visualized and held steadily in mind for as long as possible. When the mental image began to wane and disappear the urn was hermetically sealed and buried in a casket filled with earth, or in the ground itself.

Spare maintained that this was the formula used by the ancient Greek urnings; hence the designation. In one of his unpublished writings he give the following instructions: "Bury the urn at midnight, the moon being quartered. When the moon wanes, disinter the urn and- while repeating a suitable incantation- pour its contents as a libation on to the earth. Then re-bury it."

As the sperm would by that time have congealed, Spare advised a replenishment before the second "burial". He describes the Earthenware Virgin as "the most formidable formula known; it never fails and is dangerous. Hence, what is not written down must be guessed.

"From this formula was derived the legend of the genii of the brazen vessel associated with Solomon."

Whether this is so, I do not know, but there is a curious illustration in Payne Knight's celebrated Discourse on the Worship of Priapus (London, 1865) which is not satisfactorily explained in the text. It is in two parts and depicts a male figure with sexual organ erect; in his raised right hand he holds a vase-shaped sheath which he is about to

clamp upon the phallus. The second part of the illustration shows the same image, but with penis drooping languidly after ejaculation, and the waist of the figure girdled with fruits symbolic of the rite's fulfilment. There are also one or two illustrations in Reinach's *Repertoire des Vases Peints* (Paris, 1899), which suggest a similar magical practice.

Spare could undoubtedly materialize atavisms from his own subconsciousness and clothe them fleetingly in the sexual ectoplasm (or astral semen) of his atmospheric copulations.

Occasionally, these entities actually achieved a degree of density sufficient to make them visible- and even palpable- to other people. He called them "elemental automata" or "intrusive familiars". They frequently copulated amongst themselves, engendering offspring simultaneously. Spare has depicted many of these creatures in their peculiar pursuits and has written several accounts of the Sabbath which he attended in their company. Old Mrs. Paterson's influence is here very marked, for he used her likeness as the type of the ancient witch in many of his drawings.

One of Spare's constantly recurring themes concerns the transmogrification of age into youth. The first time Mrs. Paterson transformed herself before his eyes, the sorcery of it left a permanent impression which inspired many of his later works. One moment she was the lined and wizened old crone, then, in a flash, she appeared to him as a syren equipped with all the allurements of sex-appeal, an image that fulfilled his penchant for full voluptuous contours. How she projected such a glamour he was unable to discover, and although he never surprised her secret, he tried- with partial success- to emulate her example. This he did by a magical induction of ecstasy which enabled him to function at levels of high emotionalism. He was at such times creatively active for days on end, needing neither food nor sleep. Enhanced sexual activity accompanied this condition. On the few occasions when he did not sublimate this energy and direct it to artistic creation, he regretted it. Such was his hunger that in one night alone he coupled with eighteen women. He called these outbursts "Dionysiac spasms of pan-sexualism", in which he had a vision of "all things fornicating all the time".

Spare wrote down his witch-guide's instructions and, over the years, worked them into several books which he illustrated by some of the best of his drawings. It was only towards the end of his life, however, that he concentrated the mass of Mrs. Paterson's teachings into definite form. This consisted of a series of aphorisms and a magical grimoire which he was working on at the time of his death in 1956. Both these works survive in manuscript. He intended calling the Grimoire *The Book of the Living Word of Zos*, the name Zos being his magical name in the Witch-Cult.

The Grimoire is not so much a resume of the Witch Tradition as a highly individualized system of sorcery reflecting his creative genius and aesthetic theories. He also developed and extended his magical alphabet, the Atavistic Alphabet about which he had first written in *The Book of Pleasure* in 1913. Each letter represents a sex-principle potent to awaken remote atavistic strata of the psyche. Examples of its use are given in the Grimoire, where he allies it with Witchcraft. The following is a literal translation of one of his favourite spells:

O mighty Rehctaw! Thou who exists in all erogenousness, We evoke Thee!  
By the power of the meanings arising from these forms I make. We evoke Thee!  
By the Talismans that speak the secret leitmotif of desire, We evoke Thee!  
By the sacrifices, abstinences and transvaluations we make, We evoke Thee!  
By the sacred inbetweeness concepts Give us the flesh!  
By the quadriga sexualis Give us unvarying desire!  
By the conquest of fatigue Give us eternal resurgence!  
By the most sacred Word-graph of Heaven We invoke Thee!  
This prayer or evocation embodies traditional Sabbatic concepts and might be described as the Alpha and Omega of Spare's doctrine.

Rehctaw (Watcher) is spelt backwards, not for the reason given in connection with Dee and Kelly's angelic communications but because the "backward" symbolism conceals the key to the reification of desire, the final absorption of the ego-current in its source- the Self. Hence Spare's emphasis on Self-love, or autotelic ecstasy. Rehctaw is the symbol of reaching backwards in time to infinite remoteness by the mechanism of intense nostalgia. Whether it is symbolized by the Moon presiding over the nocturnal orgies of the Sabbath, or by the back-to-back dance of the witches and warlocks (see de L'Ancre), or by the infamous kiss of the Sabbath which is applied to the anus of the Demon; all such symbols indicate an infinite regression which causes atavistic resurgence and the inversion of sex to Self-love.

"Shall I speak of that unique intensity without form? Know ye the ecstasy within? The pleasure between ego and self? At that time of ecstasy there is no thought of others; there is no thought." (The Anathema of Zos, by A.O. Spare; London, 1927)

The opening line of the evocation resumes the method employed at the Sabbath for conscious wish-fulfilment through self-pleasure, and it is glossed by the words: "Except in the sensuous impact of flesh on flesh there are no meanings." The Self lives in, permeates, and is identical with, Reality- the enduring and ever present Consciousness- the living flesh compact of endlessly reifying dream.

The second part of the evocation refers to the sigils and letters of the sacred alphabet wherewith Zos (i.e. the body considered as a whole) produces its subtle spells by projecting its Self on the mists of matter, without. In other words, the language of desire and its meanings penetrate the silent regions of consciously forgotten experiences, evoking by its rebverberant power the ineluctable memories that abide perpetually in subconsciousness.

"The Talismans that speak the leitmotif of desire" are, primarily, the two major magical instruments of Spare's system- the Hand and Eye of which the phallus and the kteis are the secret symbols. They are both used, as in Crowley's Cult, for evoking or provoking "consciousness in touch; ecstasy in vision".

The fourth clause of the Sabbatic Prayer refers to the occult maxim that great achievements proceed upon total exhaustion of energy in one great burst of release, after

a period- long or short- of sacrifice or abstention, during which time the necessary energy is accumulated and intensified. "The Sabbath is always secret, communal and periodic; an enforced consummation for almost unlimited wish-fulfilment."

"Prolonged voluntary abstinence, repression and sacrifice, is released in mass sexual congress and sublimated to one end: the exteriorization of a wish, which is thus achieved by a great saving and a total spending." (From an unpublished manuscript, Formula of the Witch's Sabbath as first told me by a Witch, by A.O.S.)

The "transvaluations" are effected by the sloughing of conventional ideas and beliefs, and by the absorption of the energy thus liberated. Spare terms such energy "free belief". It is this aimless energy that is seized upon at the Sabbath and directed to given ends.

The fifth clause of the Prayer introduces one of the most important aspects of Spare's magic, that of inbetweenness.

In everyday life one craze or "belief" follows another. By a process of not-believing, of emptying the craze, or obsession, of its content, we can surprise the tendency of belief to appear as one thing rather than another, or as one thing after another. We can in this way break through into that ecstasy of communion with the Atmospheric "I" which Spare calls the Kia, the state of inbetweenness, or Neither-Neither.

The primordial belief is "Self", "God", or Kia (it does not matter what we call it). It is the only belief that is self-evident because it is experienced by each one of us at every moment of our existence. It is also the only belief that is truly free of belief, because to be is to be-live it- as Spare aptly expresses it. It is void of necessity to become anything else, for it is all things all the time and can only and always be itself. If we can realize this we shall not fall into the error of conceptual thought, which constantly breeds other thoughts with which we temporarily identify ourselves: the Buddhist cycle of birth, death and rebirth.

In a few words, Spare states the crux of the doctrine: "By hindering belief and semen from conception, they become simple and cosmic." Only when desire has become cosmic can the total ecstasy, which characterizes Kia, dawn in the individual consciousness, because it is then no longer limited or personalized consciousness, but cosmic in scope and free to enjoy itself eternally.

In other words, one must enlarge belief or desire until it embraces all things; Spare urges us to will "insatiety of desire, brave self-indulgence and primaeval sexualism" (The Focus of Life, by Austin O. Spare. The Morland Press, London, 1921.), for belief freed from conception merges desire with the Infinite, creates a unity of Self-Knowing (which is also supreme Self-Love) and transcends the two poles of objectivity and subjectivity, discovering in between the two, the Real Self, Kia, the Atmospheric "I".

After the Oath which constitutes the fifth stage of evocation, the refrain changes from "We evoke Thee!" to a demand to the hidden Watcher to 'Give us the flesh!' The petition is for the material medium whereby the desire will actually substantiate itself.

From certain historical accounts of Witchcraft we learn that the roasted flesh or children and animals was sometimes sacrificed to the infernal powers as a sacrifice potent to achieve realization of the desires of the celebrants at the Sabbath. The literal performance of this sacrifice was a degeneration of the original magical act of transubstantiation effected by the sorcerer when he "sacrificed" the child of his loins, i.e. when he consumed or burnt up his sigillized wish in the fire of forgetfulness.

The next stage of the rite evokes the "quadriga sexualis" (the four horseman or powers of sex) which adumbrates the various mystical attitudes (forms of congress, postures) employed at the Sabbath. Although these are numerous, there are four main kinds. Firstly, the gesture of constant congress; secondly, the gesture of abstract creating (a masturbatory gesture) involving the Hand, the Eye, and the Atmosphere; thirdly, the gesture of simulation or astral reflection, symbolized by the Formula of the Divine Ape; and fourthly, the gesture typical of the Witch Cult which involves the sodomitical use of the female organism.

Comparisons with Crowley's Cult of Sexual Magick will spring to mind, but Spare elaborates these four great gestures as follows:

In the first instance he interprets "constant congress" as the perpetual interplay of the Will (symbolized by the Hand) and the Imagination (symbolized by the Eye), for it is Will and Imagination that cause things to appear. The Tibetan Yab-yum is the Oriental mode of representing this constant interplay of the active and passive potencies. The gesture of constant congress, therefore, resumes the prime function of the Sabbatic Rite, which is "ex-creation", or evolving from our "innerness" through living contact with "all otherness"- typified by the world without.

The second gesture- that of abstract creating- is performed by a special kind of mantric vibration, and the Mouth is the symbol of the magical implement which performs it. Reverberant evocation, prayer, adoration through song, incantation or mantra, conveys the energy of desire by tonal nuance to the necessary stratum of the subconsciousness. The technique of making the utterance effective, of resounding the depths of cosmic memory and making the "sacred alignments" is a major arcanum of the Zos Kia Cultus. "What sounds the depths and conjoins Will and Belief? Some inarticulate hieroglyph, or sigil, wrought from nascent Desire and rhythmized by unbounded Ego." (From The Grimoire of Zos.)

The second gesture therefore resumes the formulation of the Great Wish on the astral plane, prior to its "excreation", projection, and subsequent embodiment.

The third gesture of the "quadriga sexualis", the concept of simulation, reveals the means of reifying the Great Wish. The archetype of all such simulatory techniques is the state of

total vacuity which Spare named the Death Posture. By feint, the means of reification is concentrated through a simulation of death or annihilation. This posture is explained in the next chapter.

The fourth and final gesture, that of re-organization, re-arrangement, or "abortive congress", implies a magical formula deriving from the ancient Draconian Cults of Egypt. Either Moon Magic is implied, or the Formula of Gomorrah, both of which appear in the Crowley Cult as aspects of the IX! and XI!, O.T.O., respectively. The re-organization of magical power within the human organism involves consolidation of the reified wish until it exhausts itself through "non-necessity". Hence the gesture of the "quadriga sexualis" impregnates the glamour already projected on the astral plane, endowing it with the energy of the sorcerer himself so that it becomes a living entity, capable of reverberant copulations through "increative" congress.

Spare explains the Sabbath as "an inverse-reversion for self-seduction; an undoing for a divertive conation. Sex is used as the technique and medium of a magical act. It is not only erotic satisfaction; the sensualist is made detached, controlled, until final sublimation. His whole training is designed to render him submissive and obedient [to the Witch] until he can control, transmute, and direct his magical energy wherever desired, by cold and amoral passion." (From an unpublished manuscript entitled *The Zoetic Grimoire of Zos.*)

Following upon the appeal to the "quadriga sexualis" are the words "Give us unvarying desire!" Desire, without variation of any kind, undifferentiated and undifferentiating, leads to the consummation of an unvarying bliss which is free from all concept, and therefore habitually infinite. "Ecstasy is our outspan, touching reality: a potent generative instant; its surplus may be used abstractly [i.e. by mantric vibration; see the Second Gesture] to incarnate another wish," and so on, endlessly. This is what is meant by "reverberant evocation".

The seventh stage of the rite concerns "the conquest of fatigue" which is essential to effective Sabbatic functioning; it is (or should be) sustained somatic, cerebral and psycho-magical energy insuring intense ecstasy when the Great Exhaustion makes possible the voidness necessary to the projection of the sigil; the voidness that is the chalice containing the Great Wish. This recalls Crowley's innumerable sex-magical operations for "Sex-Force and Attraction". (See *The Magical Record of the Beast 666*, edited by John Symonds and Kenneth Grant.)

The penultimate petition, "Give us eternal resurgence", is a plea for the constant return of the primaevally remembered rapture, until a continuum of bliss is established wherein the Kia is seen, felt, and known to be the background of all possibility, the source of creation and the aim of all pleasure. It is the doctrine of atavistic resurgence.

The Sabbatic prayer concludes with an invocation of "the most sacred Word-graph of Heaven". The Word-graph of Heaven is a glyph of the Goddess, and it conceals the true purpose of the Sabbath. It is a secret glyph of Zos Kia Cultus; it invokes the Goddess,



whereas the preceding stages of the rite evoked Her. Invocation is a call to the Spirit to appear subjectively; evocation is a calling forth of the Spirit to objective appearance. The hidden Rehctaw is evoked to visible manifestation "by the power of meanings arising from these forms I make".

According to Spare, the witch presiding at the Sabbatic rite is "usually old, grotesque, worldly, and libidiously learned; and is as sexually attractive as a corpse. Yet she becomes the supreme vehicle of consummation. This is necessary for the transmutation of the sorcerer's personal aesthetic culture, which is thereby destroyed. Perversion is used to overcome moral prejudice or conformity. By persistence, the mind and desire become amoral, focused, and entirely acceptable, and the life-force of the Id (the Great Desire) is free of inhibitions prior to final control.

"Thus, ultimately, the Sabbath becomes a deliberate sex orgy for the purpose of exteriorization, thus giving reality to the autistic thought by transference. Sex is for full use, and he who injures none, himself does not injure."

Spare believed that the personal aesthetic culture (that is, the individual's idea of what constitutes beauty and ugliness) when exalted as the criterion of value in itself, has destroyed more affective affinity than any other "belief". "But he who transmutes the traditionally ugly into another aesthetic value has new pleasures beyond fear."

In Liber Aleph, Crowley enunciated a similar thesis. The magical ecstasy liberated by union with grotesque or hideous images usually associated with aversion, repulsion, or horror, is super-abundant compared with that released by the union of (usually accepted) opposites. One is reminded of Salvador Dali's observation that the wished-for treasure islands may lie precisely in those images of horror and dread that are naturally repellent to the conscious mind. Such a transformation of values, a rebours, improves health and leads to self-control, tolerance, understanding and compassion. Not only an adjunct to the rite, it accelerates the fulfilment of the Great Desire.

"Nothing is attained merely by 'wanting'; epistemology, even eschatology will not help, not Gods; but- spake Zos- the 'as if' simulations have been prolific as objective realities. Sublimation of all 'reason' to the 'blind' life-force is the whole of wisdom." (From The Grimoire of Zos.)

Spare's drawings were always inspired by the New Aesthetic, the New Sexuality. They amount almost to masturbation in line; the line coils and curls upon itself and mounts the steep incline of ecstasy as the amazing sigils are woven into a complex web of dream. To follow closely the line of some of his Sabbatic drawings is to leave earth and dive obliquely between those spaces that Lovecraft celebrated in his nightmare tales. Such drawings are themselves the gateway to the Sabbath; one is drawn into a vortex and whirled down the funnel of consciousness which explodes into unknown worlds. Spare would not reveal the magical graphs that unsealed the cells of these eldritch dimensions.

Of the Sabbath itself he said that it was always secret, communal and periodic; a concentrated consummation for unlimited wish-fulfilment:

*The hyper-eroticism induced by this grand scale hysteria or saturnalia has no essentially sado-masochistic basis; simulation can and often does replace it. Before the ceremony, each participant plays his or her allotted part which usually develops into chaotic promiscuity. The initiates are trained in their parts individually; they play a passive role, while the witches take the active part; thus the symbolic levitation by besom handle.*

*There is a secret meeting-place and an elaborate ceremony which is an extensive hypnotic to overwhelm all psychological resistances; thus, the sense of smell, hearing and sight are seduced by incense, mantric incantation and ritual, while taste and touch are made more sensitive by the stimuli of wine and oral sexual acts. After total sexual satiation by every conceivable means, an affectivity becomes, an exteriorized hallucination of the predetermined wish which is magical in its reality. No one can say whether certain things happen or not; each individual may have very different and equally vivid experiences; but some form of levitation seems common to all. My own experience of many Sabbaths is that there is consummate exteriorization [of latent potencies] and that subsequent memories are of reality.*

*All excessively sadistic acts are mainly symbolized by the witches, and what simulation there is follows closely the patterns of all erotic love rites. The whole ceremony is based mainly on an inversion of orthodox religious services.*

In another writing (also unpublished), Spare declared that "Sorcery is a deliberate act of causing metamorphoses by the employment of elementals. It forges a link with the powers of middle nature, (i.e. The astral plane, between the spiritual and physical realms.) or the ether, the astrals of great trees and of animals of every kind. Will is our medium, Belief is the vehicle, and Desire is the force combining with the elemental. Cryptograms are our talismans and protectors."

The will, or nervous energy, must be suppressed in order to create tension, and released only at the psychological moment. "At that time, gaze into and beyond the immediate vista, into the Aeon- the spaciousness beyond your meannesses, beyond your borrowed precepts, dogmas and beliefs- until you vibrate in spacious unity. Indraw your breath until the body quivers and then give a mighty suspiration, releasing all your nervous energy into the focal point of your wish; and as your urgent desire merges into the ever present procreative sea, you will feel a tremendous insurge, a self-transformation. And the Devil himself shall not prevent your will materializing."

# Caduceus Books A.O. Spare Listings

This page was a catalog listing of items the Caduceus Books had for sale in February 2000. These items are no longer for sale! This page, however, does have some excellent descriptions of the items for sale, as well as pictures of several original Spare drawings. Rather than post the graphics individually, I felt it appropriate to place them on Chaos Matrix with the entire listing where they came from. While Caduceus books probably no longer has these individual items, they do deal in Spare material quite often and may have some currently for sale.

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## Original artwork

**Inverse Alternation, From Bad to Worse** Pastel on wood panel (15ins x 22ins) in original frame. Initialed (and numbered 53) on front. Signed, titled, dated 1954 and numbered 199 by Spare on reverse. Shown at the 1955 Archer Gallery exhibition, the catalogue of which gives its subtitle. It is a striking portrait, the face looking directly at the viewer. The top of the head shades into a background of shimmering, vibrant colour amongst which stalk two satyrs (one hermaphrodite) with finely drawn features, a naked woman cavorts and a winged female soars over. It was used as the cover illustration to Ramsey Dukes, *What I Did During My Holidays, Essays on Black Magic, Satanism, Devil Worship & Other Niceties, Mandrake* with T.M.T.S. 1998. This work has the essay *Exploring Spare's Magic* published in the *Divine Draughtsman*, Beskin Press 1987. **Order No. P1 ([click here for image](#)) £2500**

The following drawings were executed by Spare in 1924, part of a series which he titled the Book of Ugly Ecstasy. It should be noted that the misspelling appears quite deliberate. While he signs his name and gives the rest of the title in a flowing hand, the word "Escacy" is written carefully, one letter at a time. Perhaps this arrangement of letters held some special significance, he uses it on occasion in Focus of life and Anathema of Zos. This series of drawings was the first, but not the only, time he used the concept Ugly Ecstasy, which appears central to his sexual Gnosis. Comparison has been made to Aleister Crowley's endeavours to seek sexual encounters with amputees, dwarfs and people with deformities, that sexual desire be liberated from superficial attachments. Indeed striking similarities can be seen between the sexual magic of Crowley and Spare. Crowley wrote of magickal children, astral beings borne of energised sexual arousal, with sacramentalised sexual fluids the foundation for their existence. Here Spare drew them.

All these drawings are from the John Balance & Coil collection. Coil being at the cutting edge of avante garde occult music. All the drawings are in pencil upon A3 paper (29.7cm x 42cm). It should be noted that jpeg images come nowhere near doing the original images justice, they can only give some notion of the subject matter of the picture. Furthermore, to pick up the line the contrast has to be increased to such degree that spurious marks, not on the original can appear in the jpeg. Spare's fine draughtmanship is notoriously difficult to reproduce. Indeed even the excellent and rightly applauded production by Fulgur Press, the Book of Ugly Ecstasy does not capture the complexity & subtlety of the drawings. Lines that in the original are shades of grey are reproduced as black, which makes a considerable difference. Items D1 – D11 inclusive were reprinted in Fulgur's Book of Ugly Ecstasy. They are clearly carefully finished, each is initialed and numbered by Spare. Items D12 – D31 inclusive, are more free form, indeed are probably automatic, but are from the same series. These have never been exhibited or published. There is some slight browning to the edges of the paper that does not detract from the drawings in any way, aside from that any fault is noted.

**It should be noted that the interpretations made concerning the artwork are speculative. They may, or may not, be true. Indeed given that some images are, to some degree, "automatic" and not consciously contrived by the artist it might be argued that any symbolism is unconscious. Thus their interpretation might have been a matter for speculation by Spare himself! Anyway, the reader may not agree, but may find it useful to have a proposition to disagree with. It would be tedious to surround every sentence with "perhaps" & "may be" so we commence with this qualification.**

A Horned Satyr, with one male and one female breast fondles his distended testies. Snot drips from his nose. He sits upon a mound which has a horny head and a nose pouring forth effluvia. Astride his shoulder is a hirsute, cloven hoofed woman her arm reaching up behind her head in a typical Spare gesture, found for instance in Stealing the Fire from Heaven in the Book of Pleasure perhaps signifying reaching into another reality (ie behind the face) whilst rising through the planes. The runny nose may be taken as a glyph for ejaculation, these astral beings born of semen, reaching up to the Goddess. Initialed and numbered by Spare. **Order No. D1 (click here for image)** £1700

Again the woman has one arm reaching up and behind her head, the other points downwards to become a wing, a common gesture in Spares work (see Nature is more Atrocious in Focus of Life etc.) suggesting "As above so below" her legs trail into a fishes tail. Thus she is reminiscent of Levi's Baphomet. One thinks of Spare's statement in Anathema of Zos, written in the same years as these drawings were executed "All things become of desire, the legs to the fish, the wings to the reptile. Thus was your soul begotten" A glyph of transformation and potential, perhaps born of the desire of the male figure in front of her, tailed and clawed, his cock a birds head Initialed and numbered by Spare. **Order No. D2 (click here for image)** £1550

A Man, again with one arm above and behind his head, the other reaching down has a woman sitting on his thighs. Both have an expression of ecstasy in the faces. From his loins springs forth fire and a beings head and hand. This being has an erect & lengthened nose and ectoplasmic energy swirls from his hand. The creation of a magickal child (or old man!) Initialed and numbered by Spare. **Order No. D3 (click here for image)** £1550

A multi-faced and multi breasted hirsute being sporting a long tail had stump for arms that are sprouting into wings, as per Stealing the Fire from Heaven in the Book of Shadows. Longer wings sprout from the small of her back giving the form of the inverted cross. Between her legs soars a phallus dragon sporting a horn on his forehead, trailing into ectoplasmic swirls behind. Sexual energies personified. Initialed and numbered by Spare. **Order No. D4 (click here for image)** £1500

A tailed female figure legs astride, a curly tail and bird heads on her knees, a snake coiled around her head (as a snake coils around Spare's head in the frontispiece of Focus of Life). Around her cavort phalli beast, one with a horn on head spews forth. His vomit, suggesting ejaculation, appears to contain a frog. Initialed and numbered by Spare. **Order No. D5 (click here for image)** £1450

A hirsute male figure strangely lacking genitals appears to be pleasuring himself, the ectoplasmic swirls that leap from his hand are amorphous, yet to take form. A picture of the sublimation of sexual energy to creative force upon another plane. Initialed and numbered by Spare. **Order No. D6 (click here for image)** £1400

Three faced, three breasted figure with spiralling cock and shaggy legs, one arm in front and one arm behind stands beside a squat yoni being arm stumps giving rise to tall wings. Ectoplasmic swirls rise between them. Sexual polarities personified with transformative potential give rise to the first stirrings of new life. Initialed and numbered by Spare. **Order No. D7 (click here for image)** £1600

Delightful horned old devil with horns, tail, wings, breasts and a phallic nose (but no cloven hooves!) slavers over the breast of an appreciative elderly lady, who aside from he shaggy legs, is surprisingly conventional. Initialed and numbered by Spare The JPG image shows foxing to this drawing which can be professionally removed. Initialed and numbered by Spare. **Order No. D8 (click here for image)** £1200

Adam and Eve, both old and bald, Adam with a deformed, swollen leg, Eve a dwarf with bow legs look resigned as a fangless serpent leaps up, its mouth wide open, from a tree stump. A strange comment upon the human condition?. Initialed and numbered by Spare. **Order No. D9 (click here for image)** £1500

A bearded & tailed woman, her fanny wide open, from between her legs springs a striking, horned and fanged snake, which spews vapour, her hand reaches out, ectoplasm streaming forth. Her expression is distant, and her tongue hangs out of her mouth. The creative force of the aroused woman, Eve encounters the Serpent! **Order No. D10 (click here for image)** £700

Satyr, one hand touching his face, the other reaching down thrusts his loins towards an ectoplasmic shape which appears to be a dancing woman, behind her two faces form. Perhaps the female form is created by the males desire, the heads being borne of her fertilisation by him. **Order No. D11 (click here for image)** £650

A male dwarf masturbates a female figure with one hand reaching above and behind her head, the other stretching down. In her aroused state she generates a mirror image begins to incarnate behind the dwarf. He appears to have snot emerging from his nose, a glyph of ejaculation. Slight marks to paper. **Order No. D12 (click here for image)** £700

A horned male figure appears to be sodomising another male while pinching his nipple. The one in front has flame or sparks leaping from his groin. It would appear he has ejaculated. His seed lies on the ground giving rise to plumes of ectoplasm. The heads are highly developed. **Order No. D13 (click here for image)** £750

A lovely horned and tailed satyr stares at his hand. Interpenetrating his hand is a giant crystal pointing at his chest, the top end grasped by huge talons. Energies appear to be pouring forth to the ground from his thighs. Before him there seems to be manifesting a male figure dancing, one arm reaching up and behind his head. One wonders if the satyr is engaged in some act of skrying (the hand of course was very important in Spare's system of sorcery) thereby earthing energy that gives rise to new life. **Order No. D14 (click here for image)** £750

Ram headed woman with six breasts is pawed by a scrabbling breasted goat creature. One hand reaches up, the other down. A lightning bolt strike the one reaching up, whilst plumes of energy rise from the one reaching down, from which a (winged?) head begins to manifest. An act of creation by the aroused Artemis/Baphomet figure **Order No. D15 (click here for image)** £700

Sturdy male figure in position suggestive of pinching one nipple whilst masturbating. From between his legs and in front of him some powerful beast is manifesting. The man's head is finely drawn. A magnificent image of creation of a magical child by masturbation **Order No. D16 (click here for image)** £750

Magnificent horned devil, one male breast and one female places his right hand between the thighs of a pert breasted woman. His left arm is a stump. On that side an elderly pot bellied man with a drooping hooked nose appears to be masturbating. One wonders if the devil is a manifestation of the polarity between the male and female figures, perhaps deformed, but no less powerful, because of the frailty of one partner. **Order No. D17 (click here for image)** £750

A finely drawn head with amorphous body appears to be throttling a dwarf with its right hand while masturbating another figure with its left. The one being pleased has one male and one female breast, and flame and smoke spewing from his mouth **Order No. D18 (click here for image)** £650

Two finely drawn heads atop female bodies press against each other, their hands behind their backs. A large male satyr appears to be manifesting in their aura, perhaps the personification of lesbian sexual arousal **Order No. D19 (click here for image)** £750



A satyr and a buffalo being, both male examine a head. The buffalo being holds an amorphous object from which drips ectoplasm. A squatting female figure eagerly laps up the fluids. One thinks of the creation and consumption of sacramentalised sexual fluids **Order No. D20 (click here for image)** £680

A cloven hoofed male with finely drawn head sits with legs apart, one arm points down the other touches his lips, line of energy emerge from his groin giving rise to a large portly astral beast who may be masturbating. He has small wings which appear to connect with an astral head emerging from the top of the cloven hoofed male's aura. Personifications of circulated energy **Order No. D21 (click here for image)** £650

Cloven hoofed being with striking face & astral tail has one arm behind and one in front, generating swirling energies which appear to be about to manifest as faces. **Order No. D22 (click here for image)** £660

Grotesque man pinches his nipple, perhaps the woman in front of him who has her hand on his thigh is an exteriorisation of this act as around her neck writhes a bird headed snake creature. Beyond her, upon another level of exteriorisation, a barely incarnate being manipulates her. Spare drew a snake around his own head in the frontispiece to the Book of Pleasure. **Order No. (click here for image) D23** £600

Stout but grotesque man, his face melting, a tail and shaggy limbs reaches out his left hand. Energy lines surge from between his legs and his outstretched hand, spiraling upwards, starting to generate a being which will probably be horned and winged. This being seems to attract the aura from about his head. The creation of a being from psychosexual energy. **Order No. D24 (click here for image)** £625

An old man, shaggy limbed, one arm up and behind his head, a typical Spare gesture, has his thigh stroked by a strange beast, its other limb rests on the thigh of a woman who skrys into her palm. She has buffalo horns. Perhaps it is a beast born of their union **Order No. D25 (click here for image)** £600

A man, face melting spills his seed onto the earth. From the swirling energies a horned buffalo being has emerged which pleasures itself while reaching for his groin. The being created has its own desires! **Order No. D26 (click here for image)** £625

A fat horned buffalo creature struts, a small horned satyr in front of him. From the satyr streams a two faced, winged snake creature. An astral vision of an aroused man, his dick and sperm, that can create in different ways. Perhaps the

satyr's gesture, his finger in his mouth, indicates retention of semen on the physical so that its astral counterpart can leap free. The two faced nature of the snake-sperm the potential for variety in creation. It can go different ways! **Order No. D27 (click here for image)** £650

Rotund, multi-chinned lady, and a long eared goblin with unicorn sprouting from atop his head. Energy lines stream down from both of them. Clearly embodiments of sexual polarities **Order No. D28 (click here for image)** £650

A rotund gentleman, finger to his lips in a typical Spare, and Crowley, magickal gesture, his arousal indicated by shaggy legs and groin reaches forward with his other hand. Energy streams from this outstretched hand to a disembodied head, Spare himself(?) with the suggestion of horns. There is a lightening bolt to his eye representing insight, and from his mouth spews forth a flow which is consumed by a bosomly woman. Another figure, more hermaphrodite, with a finely drawn face looks on. Highly suggestive of sacramentalised sexual fluids. **Order No. D29 (click here for image)** £850

## Books incarnated by Austin Osman Spare

**Earth Inferno**, 1<sup>st</sup> Ed 1905 No.123 of 265 copies signed by Spare LF (18ins x 13.5ins) 28pp Card covs Some sl creasing to pages, some tears in one case affecting drawing, considerable wear to card covs, split down sp G only **Order No.B1** £390

**Book of Satyrs**, 1<sup>st</sup> Ed 1907 No. 28 of 300 copies Signed by Spare LF (17.5ins x 13ins) 28pp Quarter bound in vellum 11 full page & numerous small drawings. Some wear to paper covering bds, sl mks to vellum VG sound copy **Order No.B2** £425

**Focus of Life**, Morland 1921 1<sup>st</sup> Ed No. 14 of Deluxe Ed. of 50 Signed by Spare LF (12.5ins x 10ins) Quarter vellum bd teg vi + 44pp Illus with title vignette & 11 of Spare's most striking Illus. which, as they employ subtle shading with just visible texts, are particularly intolerant of reproduction, hence the 1<sup>st</sup> of this title is especially attractive. A core work to Spare's Gnosis. Ed by Frederick Carter with Intro by Francis Marsden, though in fact they were one and the same. This copy has addition of printed label crediting Marsden for Introduction fixed over

the mention of Carter on title page. Sl browning of feps but o/w VG+ clean copy  
**Order No. B3** £650

**Focus of Life**, Morland 1921 1<sup>st</sup> Ed No. 12 of Deluxe Ed. of 50 Signed by Spare In this copy Carter's name has been crossed out from title page, before the addition of the printed label crediting Marsden The vellum has been used to clean the nib of a pen leaving many marks, there are also some marks to the cloth fep, front & back fep removed. **Order No. B3** £500

**Book of Pleasure (Self-Love), the Psychology of Ecstasy**, published by the author 1913 1<sup>st</sup> Ed of 800 copies LF (15.5ins x 10.5ins) iv + 60pp This copy signed by Spare to Edward Craig. He was a member of the Grub Group, an artists collective which, though Spare was not a member, arranged the exhibition and sale of some of his work. It would appear that Craig passed the book to another member of the group who had a closer affinity for Spare, Grace Rogers. The book has her bookplate, designed by Spare, depicting a female body with rams head, one arm morphing into a flaming wing. One thinks of the sexual arousal leading to glimpsed atavism and thence the potential for transformation and inspiration. Grace Rogers was a frequent contributor to the Golden Hind, her work influenced by Spare. She described Spare's technique of automatic drawing and wrote the article "Symbology in Aesthetics in relation to the Art of Austin Osman Spare" in Artwork Vol. II No.5 1925. Frank Letchford noted "Grace was to help with his book Anathema of Zos which he created by juxtaposing and juggling with lines of his philosophic credo written down as aphorisms, until they made a mystic sense" thus confirming that Rodgers was close to Spare even when he was rejecting the artistic establishment. Some stains to front board, tears to cloth over spine G **Order No. B4** £650

**Book of Pleasure (Self-Love), the Psychology of Ecstasy**, published by the author 1913 1<sup>st</sup> Ed of 800 copies LF (15.5ins x 10.5ins) iv + 60pp wear to edges and top & tail sp. sl marks to cl VG- **Order No. B5** £350

## **Journals Edited by Austin Osman Spare**

**Form Vol.I No.1** John Lane 1916 1<sup>st</sup> Ed LF (18ins x 12ins) Card covs 56pp + 2pp ads Ed Austin Osman Spare & Francis Marsden. Embellished with colour. Spare contributes double page drawing with red tones titled Holocast (A male nude, arms twisted under him in agony (or ecstasy?) gives rise to male with peaceful countenance between two vaguely present female nudes, various head glyphs emerge around them) Also has Spare & Carter's (ie Francis Marsden) Illus article

Automatic Drawing. Double page Lithograph printed in reddish brown titled Nemesis (A sleeping figure gives rise to the winged head of his astral form wide awake. This is inspired by animal atavisms, a female nude and a messenger blowing a trumpet. Plus design for woodcut and numerous drawings. Other contributors include W.B. Yeats, Eight Poems. Card covs are worn at edges, spotted, and has split over rather more than half Sp. G

**Form Vol. I No. 2** John Lane 1917 1<sup>st</sup> Ed LF (18ins x 12ins) Card covs 40pp + 6pp ads Ed Austin Osman Spare & Francis Marsden. Cold Frontis. Has Lithograph (androgynous? Nude) & double page drawing by Spare (Allergory a spiralling axis portraying fish and bird, man & woman, life & death, light & dark). There are also a number of woodcuts designed by Spare but not attributed to him, and of course his choice in art. Literary contributors Inc. John Graves, Arthur Waley & Walter de la Mare Wear to edges of card, top of spine chipped, slight VG-

**Volume I complete Order No. J1** £300

**Form Vol. II No. 1** Moreland Press 1921 1<sup>st</sup> Ed LF (13ins x 11ins) Card covs 44pp Inc. ads Ed. Austin Osman Spare & W.H. Davies Some cold. Embellishments The woodcut edition, with three examples by Spare; Astaroth, Apuleius & Aeos Awakening , plus dec caps designed by Has cold flier for another Moreland Press title plus flier for Bookplate magazine which mentions Spare him Some wear to covs over sp & at corners G+

**Form Vol. II No. 2** Moreland Press 1921 1<sup>st</sup> Ed LF (13ins x 11ins) Card covs 44pp Inc. ads Ed. Austin Osman Spare & W.H. Davies 40pp some cold embellishments Pen drawing, woodcut (Satyr & Dead Baccha) & dec caps by Spare. Has the Black Arts by J.F.C. Fuller and literary contributions by Havelock Ellis, Siegfried Sassoon & Robert Graves. Has flier with description of & subscription form for Form. Sl chipping top sp VG

**Volume II complete Order No. J2** £180

**The Golden Hind, Vol. I No. 1**, Chapman & Hall 1922 1<sup>st</sup> Ed. LF (15ins x 11ins) Preliminary adverts + 47pp Ed. Austin Osman Spare & Clifford Bax. Deluxe hardback buckram sp, dec bds signed by Spare & Bax No. 32 of 75 Has seven pen drawings plus a striking two page lithograph by Spare, This is the "The New Eden" in which a naked woman is on her knee, her hands tied behind the back in the exact postion utilised by some witchcraft groups for scourging to induce astral projection. She stares at a coiled snake while a Spare as a bat entity looks out at the viewer, above s slip of a moon. A powerful image of Spare's witchcraft. It also, of course, has choice of other artist's work! This copy also has the bookplate of Pickford Waller executed by Spare in 1921 showing a (homoerotic?)

self portrait. LF Single sheet (somewhat browned) pre-publication flier with extra lithograph by Spare in red (Jason, which appeared in No.2). Also extra loose lithograph by Lawrence Bradshaw signed by him. Also loose extra print, direct from the plate, of one of the Spare drawings. Plus errata slip. Some very sl foxing slight wear to paper covering bds VG

**The Golden Hind, Vol. I No.2**, Chapman & Hall 1923 1<sup>st</sup> Ed. LF (15ins x 11ins) Preliminary adverts + 42pp Ed. Austin Osman Spare & Clifford Bax. Deluxe hardback buckram sp, dec bds signed by Spare & Bax No. 28 of 75 Drawing & lithograph by Spare Some unobtrusive wear to paper covering bds. VG

**The Golden Hind, Vol.I No.3**, Chapman & Hall 1923 1<sup>st</sup> Ed. LF (15ins x 11ins) Preliminary adverts + 40pp Ed. Austin Osman Spare & Clifford Bax. Deluxe hardback buckram sp, dec bds signed by Spare & Bax No. 28 of 75 Has a striking full page pen drawing by Spare, "Farewell to Synthesis" a woman aroused by the astral Spare represented by his face upon a winged head, its hair sweeping up to her groin, is morphs into a stag/flame creature, an atavistic resurgence. Also a 2 page lithograph by Spare. 2 inch tear to cloth at base of sp, sl wear to corners, and some wear to plain paper covering back board, last blank somewhat browned. G

**The Golden Hind, Vol.I No.4**, Chapman & Hall 1923 1<sup>st</sup> Ed. LF (15ins x 11ins) Preliminary adverts + 40pp Ed. Austin Osman Spare & Clifford Bax. Deluxe hardback buckram sp, dec bds signed by Spare & Bax No. 28 of 75 Has reproductions of two bookplates by Spare, an image of Pan and another of a ram headed entity with a flaming wing. Has prospectus for Vol.II a single sheet folded once to indicate the new dimensions (11 ins x 8.5ins) It has a lithograph by Allan Odle and Bax here mentions that some have been shocked by Spare's work. Also a large format single sheet flier for La Grande Ducasse Drolatique by Haydn Mackey It has a Some slight wear to paper covering bds VG

**Golden Hind Vol. II No. 5** Deluxe Hb Ed No. 26 of 75 copies signed by Bax & Spare Spare Dec bds with cl sp HB LF (11 ins x 8.5ins) 48pp Extra loose lithograph by Walter Spradbery, signed by him. This issue has the ywo page pen drawing by Spare, the Blasé Bacchante and a reproduction of his bookplate design fo G.H.Mackey which is a self portrait with hair streaming into energy lines sl wear to edges & back bd VG

**Golden Hind Vol.II No. 6** Deluxe Ed No. 32 of 75 copies signed by Bax & Spare Dec bds with cl sp HB LF (11 ins x 8.5ins) 48pp Extra loose lithograph by Walter Spradbery, signed by him. This being Pickford-Waller's copy with the 1922 bookplate designed for him by Spare with a demonic head (probably a self portrait) and swirling forms. The edition has two bookplate designed by Spare

reproduced, plus a lithograph & woodcut by Grace Rogers that appear to be profoundly influenced by Spare. SI wear to edges & plain paper covering rear bd VG+

**A complete set (6 books) all issues with contributions by Spare in deluxe format (Signed, numbered, limited to 75, hardback) with two bookplates of the major patron of Spare (who stuck by Spare to the end of his life) plus other extra items Order No. J3 £2000**

**The Golden Hind Vol.I Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 4** All card covers This set having two copies of the prospectus for Vol.II Plus flier for La Grande Ducasse Drolatique by Haydn Mackey Some bumping to edges of card covs but all VG

**Golden Hind Vol.II Nos 5, 6, 7, 8,** Card covs LF (11 ins x 8.5ins) Each 48pp all VG clean copies

**A complete set of all published in standard edition with inserts. Order No.J4 £800**

**Golden Hind Vol. II Nos. 5-8** LF (11 ins x 8.5ins) This issue of all four issues, each 48pp) bound together including their card covers Has two page drawing by Spare the Blasé Bacchante which has led to this edition being referred to as the "Golden Behind" plus three of his occult bookplate are reproduced. One can see Spare's choice, and possibly influence, as work by artists who were contributors from the start takes on increasingly overt occult themes. Some wear to the paper covering the boards G+ internally F **Vol. II complete in unusual & scarce format Order No.J5 £450**

**The Golden Hind, Vol.I No.4,** Chapman & Hall 1923 1<sup>st</sup> Ed. LF (15ins x 11ins) Card covers Preliminary adverts + 40pp Ed. Austin Osman Spare & Clifford Bax. Has reproductions of two bookplates by Spare VG **Order No. J6 £75**

## **Books Illustrated by Austin Osman Spare**

**Charles Grindrod, Songs from the Classics,** Nutt 1907 teg Dec CI & Illus by Spare with two full page Illus, dec title & 19 substantial head & tail pieces. Given the influence of classical myth upon Spares magick this work can be regarded as of importance. This would appear to be the 1<sup>st</sup> Ed with Spare's Illus. A VG clean tight copy **Order No. I1 £90**

**Mr. Justice Darling, On the Oxford Circuit & Other Verses**, Smith Elder 1909 1<sup>st</sup> Ed Illus by Austin Osman Spare. SF (6.5ins x 5ins) Has Dec title pp, 3 full page Illus (with tissue guards), Dec Caps & tailpiece by Spare, quarter bd in vellum with place ribbon, nice paper printed by Chiswick Press sl wear to corner Owners Insc in pencil VG+ **Order No. I2** £95

**James Bertram & F. Russell, The Starlit Mire**, John Lane 1911 1<sup>st</sup> Ed viii + 62pp (9ins x 7ins) 10 full page Illus by Spare each with tissue guard Horned God gilt blocked front dec cov Series of axioms, some Illus by Spare, clearly a project close to his heart as Spare motifs and a self portrait are present. Title on Sp stamped sl off centre, top corners sl bumped but VG clean tight copy of this handsome book **Order No. I3** £200

**J.C.Squire, The Gold Tree**, Secker 1917 1<sup>st</sup> Ed No. Ltd Ed of 500 signed by Squire. Prelims + 89pp teg Having a title page & 11 striking decorated initial letters designed by Spare VG **Order No. I4** £100

**J.C. Squire, Twelve Poems**, Pub. For Form by Moreland Press 1916 1<sup>st</sup> Ed Illus (winged & tailed female satyr beside phallic tree), 16 decorated capitals & decorations to half title, contents & last page designed by Spare, made into woodcuts by W. Quick. Spare experience of designing decorated letters may have been relevant to his development of the Alphabet of Desire Errata slip pages entirely uncut feps browned, some marks to paper covering bds VG **Order No. I5** £85

## Exhibition Catalogues

**Typescript** 1pp apparently draft for otherwise unknown and probably never produced flier for 1955 exhibition "The work of thE Man Who Spat on HitlEr" (the curious capitalisation is that of the item). Correction of date in coloured pencil 11 lines of text VG **Order No. E1** £75

**Oliver Bradbury & James Birch Fine Art**, 1984 Card covs 8pp Intro. By Nigel Burwood, Chronology Illus. F **Order No. E2** £30

**Divine Draughtsman**, Beskin Press 1987 LF (11.5ins x 8ins) Card Covs 40pp Illus inc. Cold Pls. Ian Law on Spare's life; Genesis P. Orridge – Time Mirrors, the Art of Spare; Lionel Snell – Exploring Spare's Magic. 6 leave insert giving details of items on show. Signed by Lionel Snell & Geraldine Beskine, who with John Bonner organised the show VG+ **Order No. E3** £35

**A Retrospective Exhibition**, Fulgur Press 1992 Ltd Ed of 333 copies SF card covs 12pp (6ins x 4.5ins) tipped in PI (Chaos 1904) Pub for exhibition celebrating publication of Witches Sabbath/Axiomata. **Order No. E4** £20

**Artist, Occultist, Sensualist**, Beskin Press Edited John Bonner & Geraldine Beskin 1999 LF (12ins x 8.5ins) Card covs 72pp Excellent catalogue for a exhibition containing many Cold Illus, plus articles by Keith Richmond, Mick Staley (a prominent member of the Typhonian OT), Sunny Shah, John Balance, Marcus Jungkurth, Frank Letchford etc. M **Order No. E5** £25

**Poster** for the 1999 exhibition carrying a striking self portrait of Spare, his hand in the Horned God mudra 28ins 20ins M **Order No. E6** £10

## Correspondence & Association Items

Small handwritten card, Crossways Rest Centre 11/5/41 Provided support for bombing victims etc, this card records the meals issued to Austin Spare **Order No. C1** £45

Two brief handwritten letters to Spare from A. Wilson Parky(?) It would appear he was an artist who lent Spare storage space. One has an address and phone number in Spare's hand added One letter very worn the other shows signs of age **Order No. C2** £50

Two page hand written letter to Spare dated 6/9/41 from "Harry". Is trying to arrange a meeting with Spare and asks to be put in contact with Millicent Pain **Order No. C3** £40

Handwritten letter to Spare from Dennis Bardens to Spare. One side on headed notepaper. Discusses a forthcoming article, presumably mentioning Spare, the sale of Satyros Dux, a noted work by Spare, some prospectuses and Spare's proposed art school **Order No. C4** £50

Note in Spare's handwriting, 11 lines, opposing the nationalisation of pubs! Probably a quote written out. Paper very dog eared at edges and back discoloured **Order No. C5** £ 45

Note in Spare's handwriting 23/7/41 Apparently draft for note to Rates Office asking them to take account of destruction by bombs of first his two workrooms and then later his whole home. A nice record of the impact of the bombing upon his life, brief but giving dates **Order No. C6** £65



Handwritten letter by Spare, one leaf two sides, to Millicent Paine. Not dated (1937/38?) discusses forthcoming exhibition, his ill health and how much he misses her. Addresses her, and signs off in very affectionate manner. Some marks G+ **Order No. C7** £180

Handwritten letter by Spare, one leaf two sides, to Millicent Paine. Detailed request for laying bets on horses, brief mention of ill health, affectionate. Stains and wear G- **Order No. C8** £140

Handwritten letter by Spare, two leaves two sides, to Millicent Paine. Detailed request for laying bets on horses, brief mention of visitors & work VG- **Order No. C8** £160

Handwritten letter by Spare, two leaves three sides, to Millicent Paine. Detailed request for laying bets on horses, interesting as does indicate basis of choices. Not the Surrealist Racing Forecast cards he devised and sold. Rather he is attracted to horse names with associations such as heaven and God, but this much tempered by consideration of odds. Initialed (with kisses) twice by Spare and some underlining in red by him. VG **Order No. C9** £180

## **Artifacts born of the Legacy of Austin Osman Spare**

**Austin Osman Spare, Book of Automatic Drawings**, Catalpa Press 1972 1<sup>st</sup> Ed, No. 602 of 1000 copies LF (17.5ins x 12ins) Card covers Introduction by Ian Law 20 leaves printed on one side, two pages with cold embellishments. Series of drawings executed in 1925, akin to Book of Ugly Ecstasy, with occasionally overt sexual symbolism. The reproduction is of a high quality. Card very slightly dog eared at edges F- **Order No. L1** £40

**Catalogue 93 Publishing**, nd c1974 16pp bklt Handsome Cold Illus on covers 2pp (one reproducing Frontis) for Spare's Book of Pleasure, with review of content emphasising relevance to 93 Current. Places Spare in Thelemic context. The reviews of other 93 publishing titles are of interest, including Paris & Amalantrah Workin Ed. by Grant & Symonds which never manifested **Order No. L2** £25

**Kenneth Grant, Images and Oracles of Austin Osman Spare**, Muller 1975 Ltd Ed of 1000 copies LF (10ins x 12ins) 96pp Illus Handsome designed book, red embellishments, landscape format. Concise, compelling & powerful exploration of Spare's sorcery & Gnosis by the person Spare trusted to do it. The result one of

the truly excellent occult books which is greatly sought after F in VG+ DW **Order No. L3** £230

**Austin Osman Spare, Earth Inferno**, Askin 1976 Ltd ed of 200 Copies LF (13ins x 10ins) This Ed actually facs reprint taken from No. 123 above! 30pp F in VG DW **Order No. L4** £48

**Collected works of Austin Osman Spare, His Art, Philosophy & Magic**, Sorcerer's Apprentice 1982 No. 357 of 481 copies. Stiff card covers LF (11.5ins x 8ins) xi + 180pp Has the books published by Spare in his life time plus a brief biography of Spare and a short article, the Sorcery of Spare, by Pete Carroll. The standard of reproduction is poor, but should not be derided as this publication for a long time was the only easily obtainable source of Spare's writings. Front fep loose o/w F **Order No. L5** £40

**Kenneth Grant, Hidden Lore, The Carfax Monographs**, Skoob 1989 No, 701 of 1000 copies LF (12ins x 8ins) 56pp Cold Pls tipped in Gilt Bl cov. A series of ten essays originally issued 1959-63 ie 50 years after Vol.I of Crowley's Equinox, in attune with a "Period of Speech" of the A.'.A.'. may be considered an enunciation of Grant's of Grants claims to operate that Order. One essay, Austin Osman Spare, An Introduction to His Psycho-Magical Philosophy is Illus with a Pl of a magnificent magickal Stele by the artist. F **Order No. L6** £45

**Starfire Vol. II No.1** 1992 Card Covs LF (12ins x 8ins) 154pp Ed. Mick Staley 9pp Illus article by Andrew Chumbley titled "Cult of the Divine Artist" concerning the Zos Kia Current, the magical current that Spare operated. M **Order No. L7** £10

**Starfire Vol. I No.5** 1994 Card Covs LF (12ins x 8ins) 198pp Ed. Mick Staley. A truly excellent Thelemic journal associated with the Typhonian OTO. Has 24pp Illus article by Gavin Semple about Spare titled "Zos – The New Flesh of Desire" and 48pp Illus article by Randall Holmes titled "Morning Star – the Tradition & Odyssey of Austin Osman Spare. M **Order No. L8** £7.50

**Gavin Semple, Zos-Kia, An Introductory Essay on the Art And Sorcery of Austin Osman Spare**, Fulgur 1995 51pp + 8 cold Pls card covs with DW Illus. OP & highly sought after F **Order No. L9** £45

**Austin Osman Spare, Two Tracts on Cartomancy**, Fulgur 1997 38pp Card covs with DW Illus. 38pp Intro Gavin Semple M **Order No. L10** £14.50

**Starfire Vol. II No.2** 1998 Card Covs LF (12ins x 8ins) 200pp Ed. Mick Staley with 10pp Illus article by him titled "Transformation; Austin Osman Spare & Besz-Mass" M **Order No. L11** £12

**Clive Harper, Revised Notes Towards a Bibliography of Austin Osman Spare,** Holmes 1999 Bklt 44pp In contrast to Crowley, it is just possible to list all Sparian publications, and this comes within a whisker of that. Of relevance not just to bibliophiles but also to those actively involved in the Spare legacy as it even lists articles and books that explore Spare's ideas. Signed with corrections by author with 4pp insert giving corrections and agenda, for this is a never ending project!  
**M Order No. L12**

**Austin Osman Spare, Focus of Life,** IHO 2000 LF (10ins x 7.5ins) Card covs 150pp Reset with red & gold embellishments, has original Illus plus two additional cold Pls. Has review by Haydn Mackie reprinted from Form and a previously unpublished Intro by Dennis Bardens. The legacy continues! New  
**Order No. L13** £14.99





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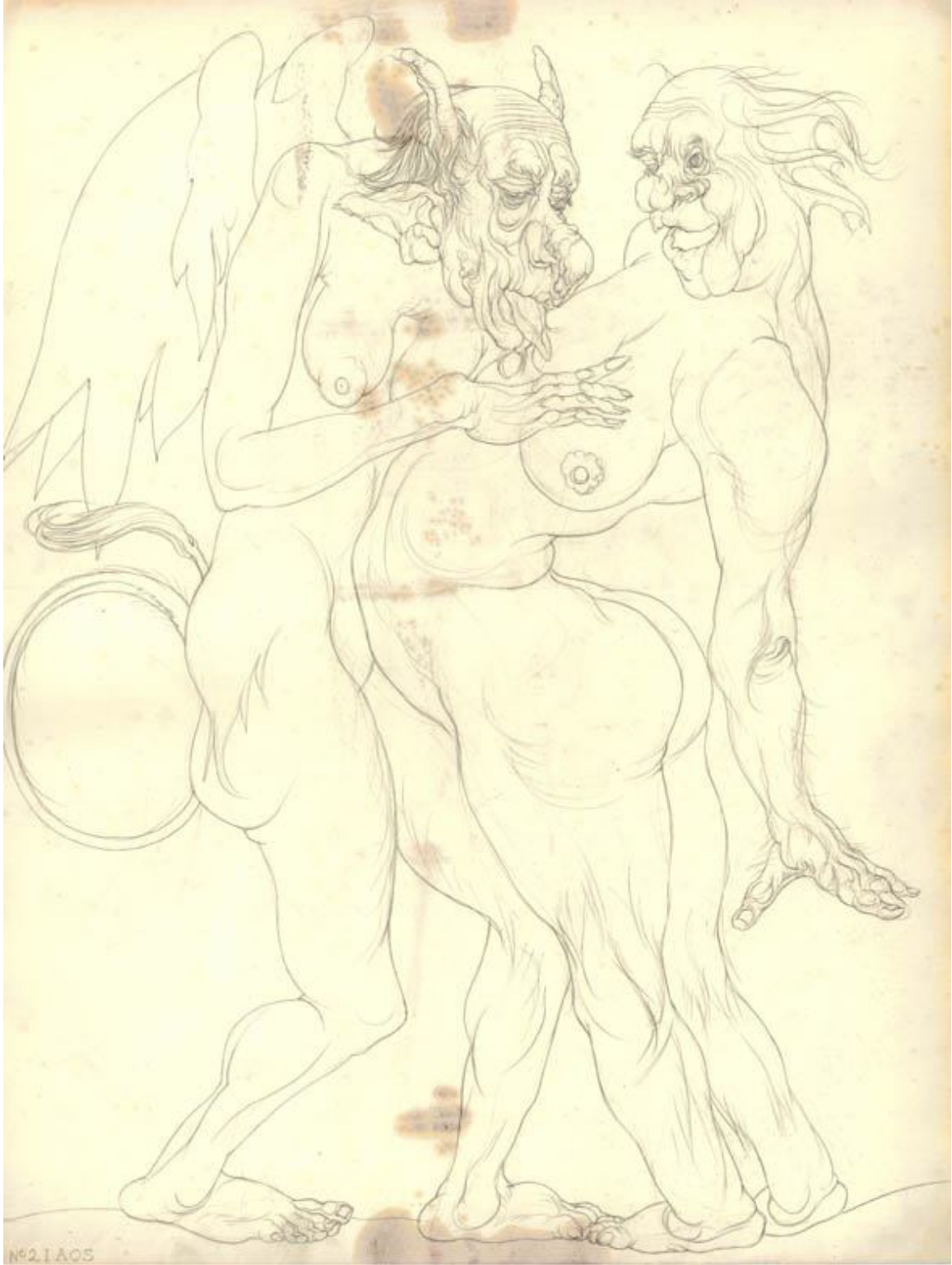






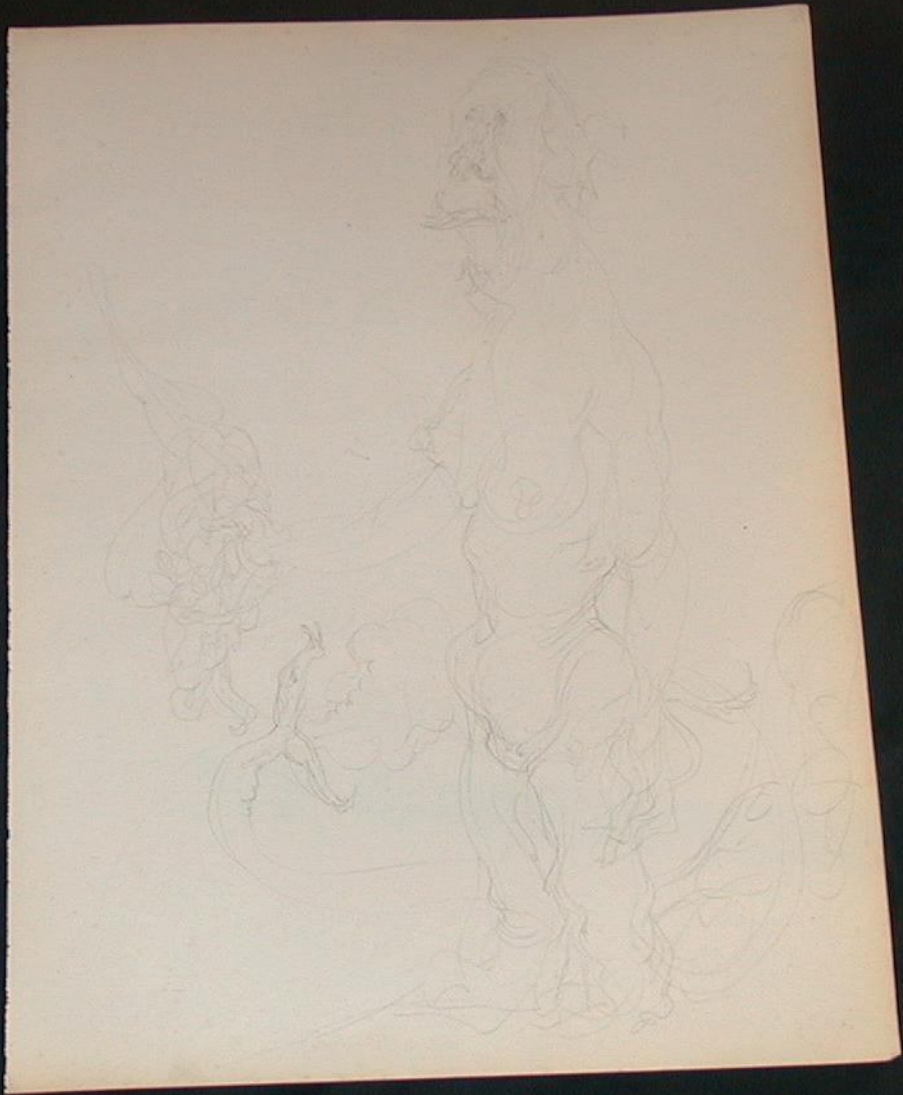


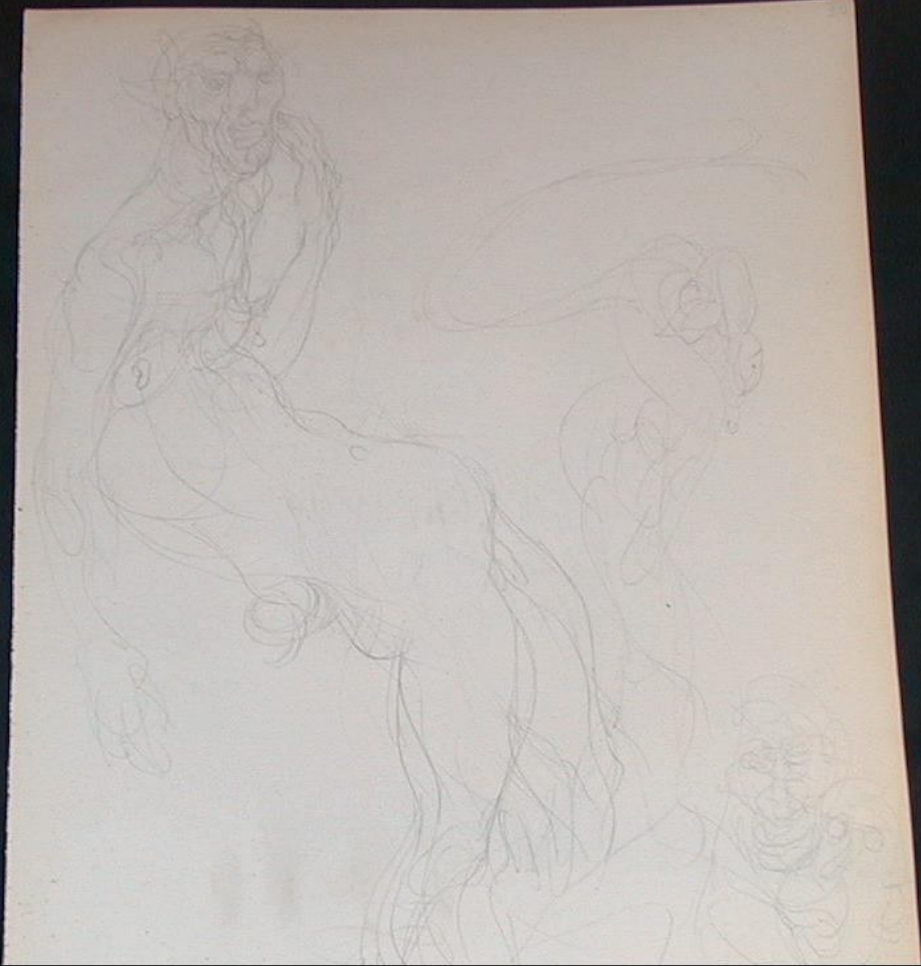




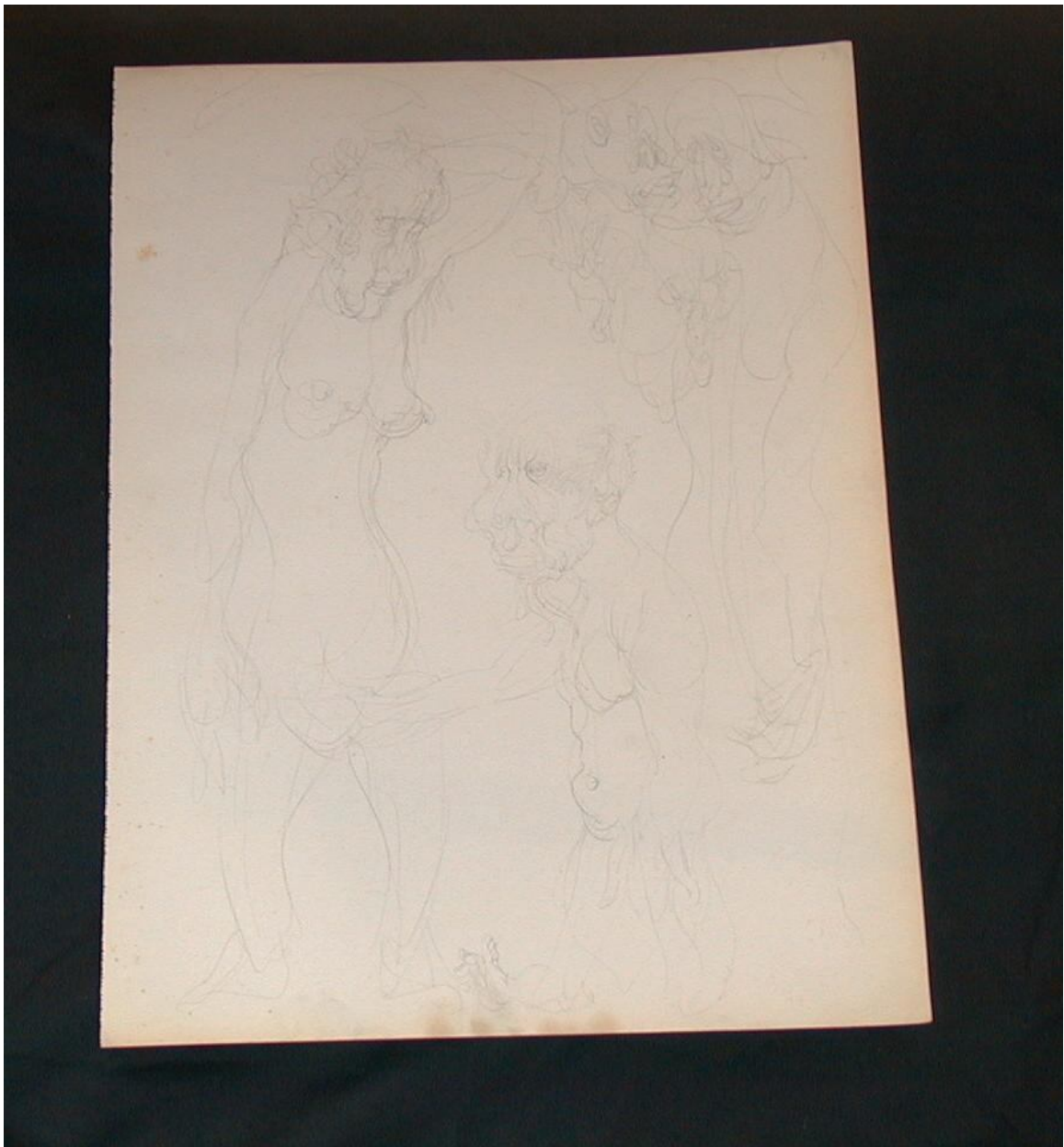
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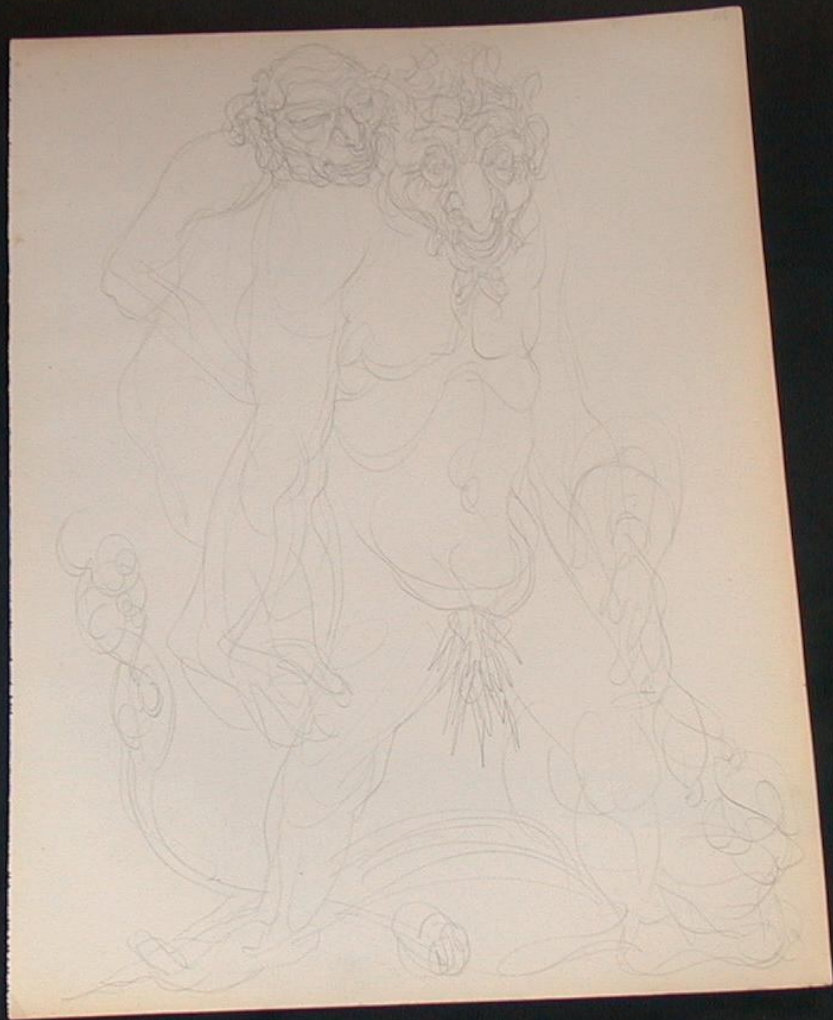


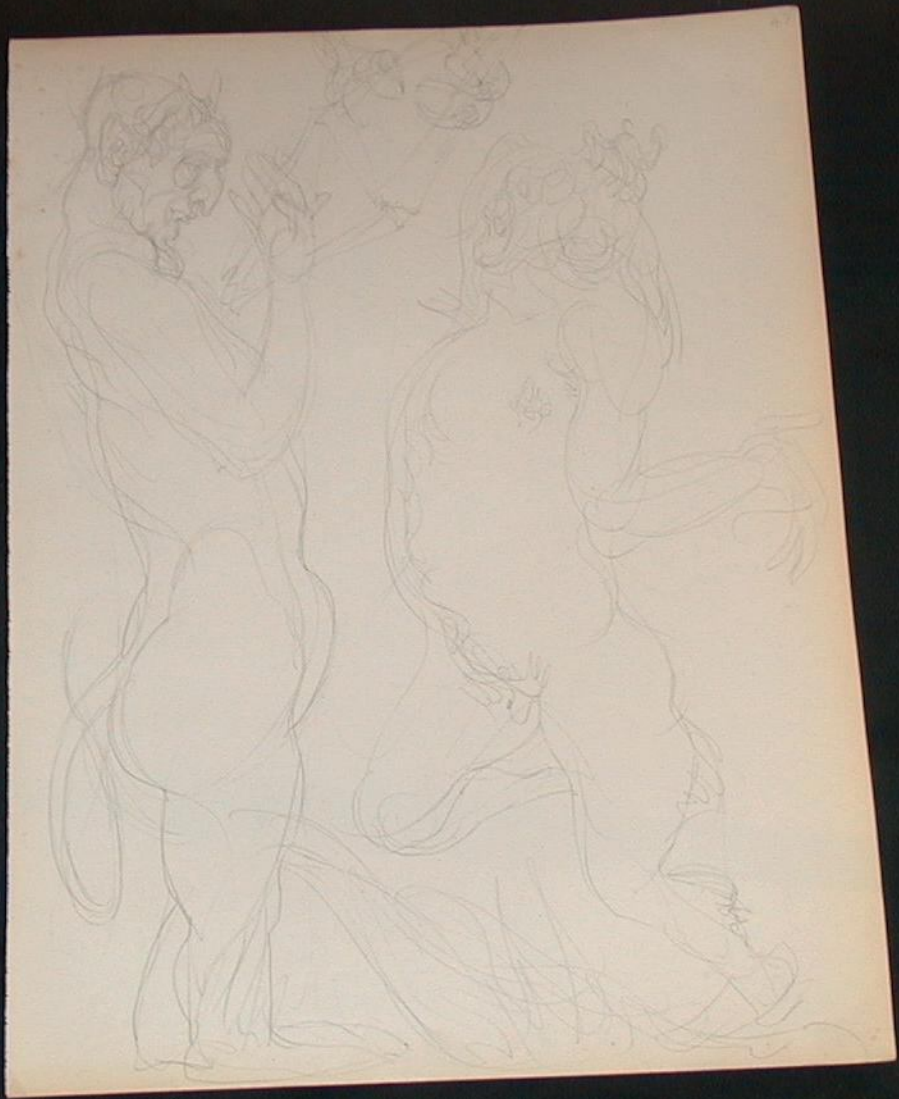






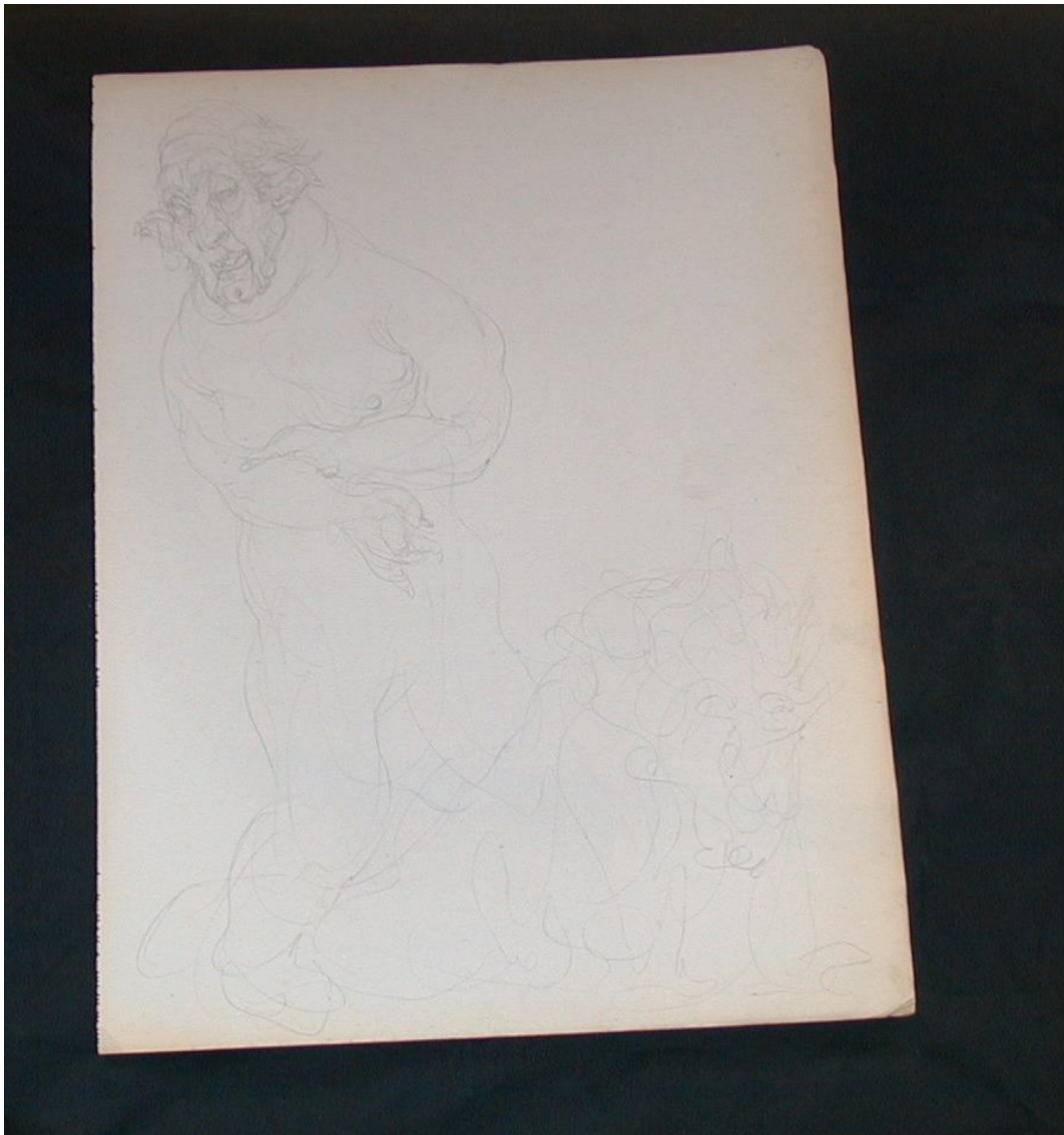


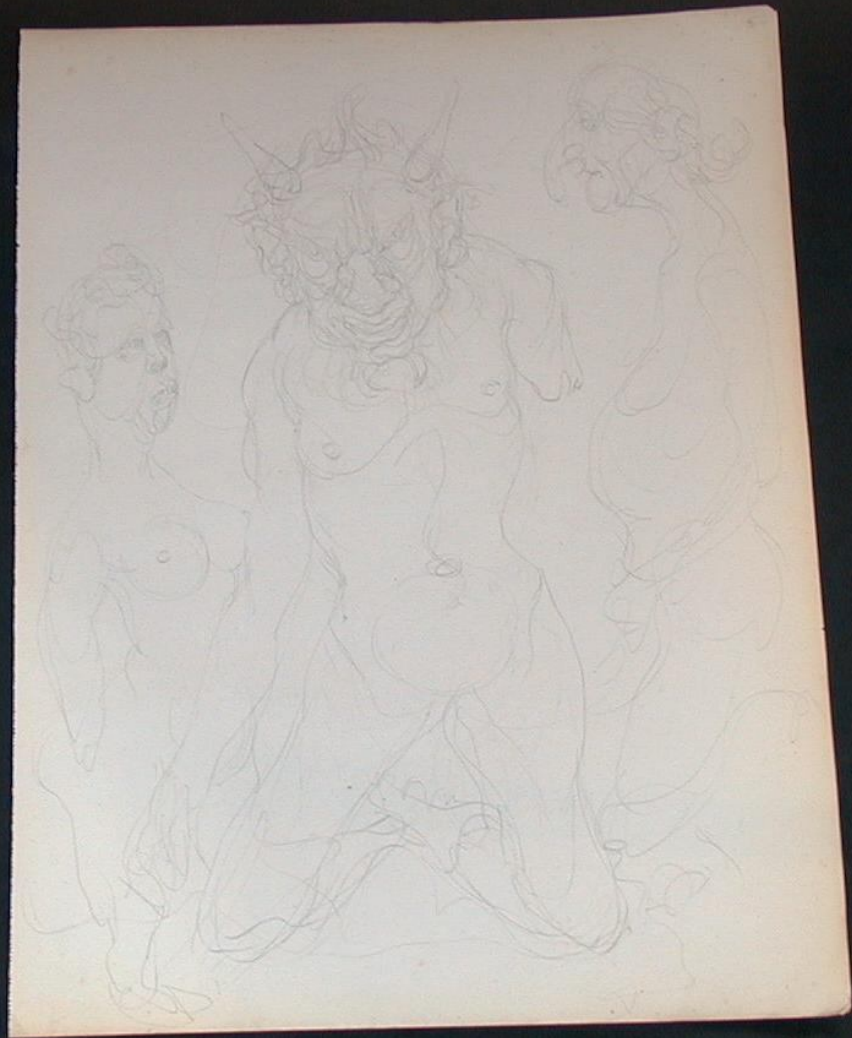


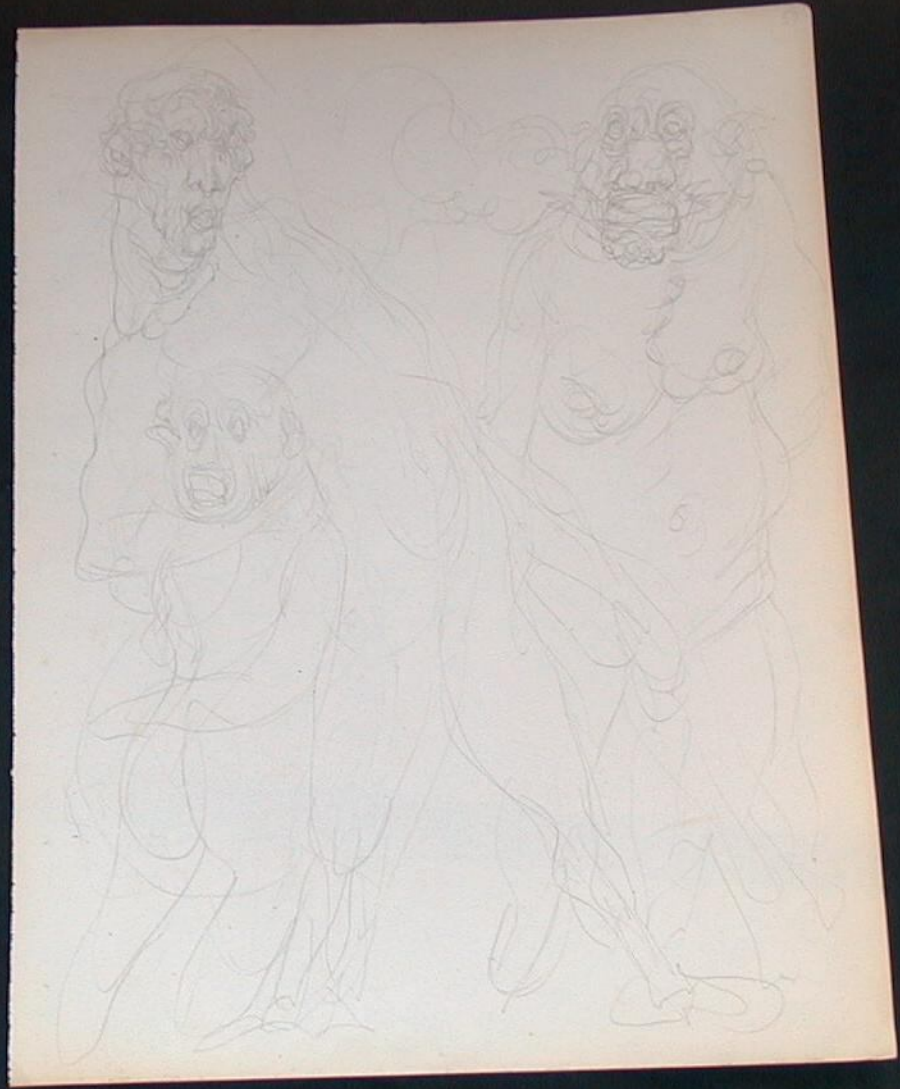


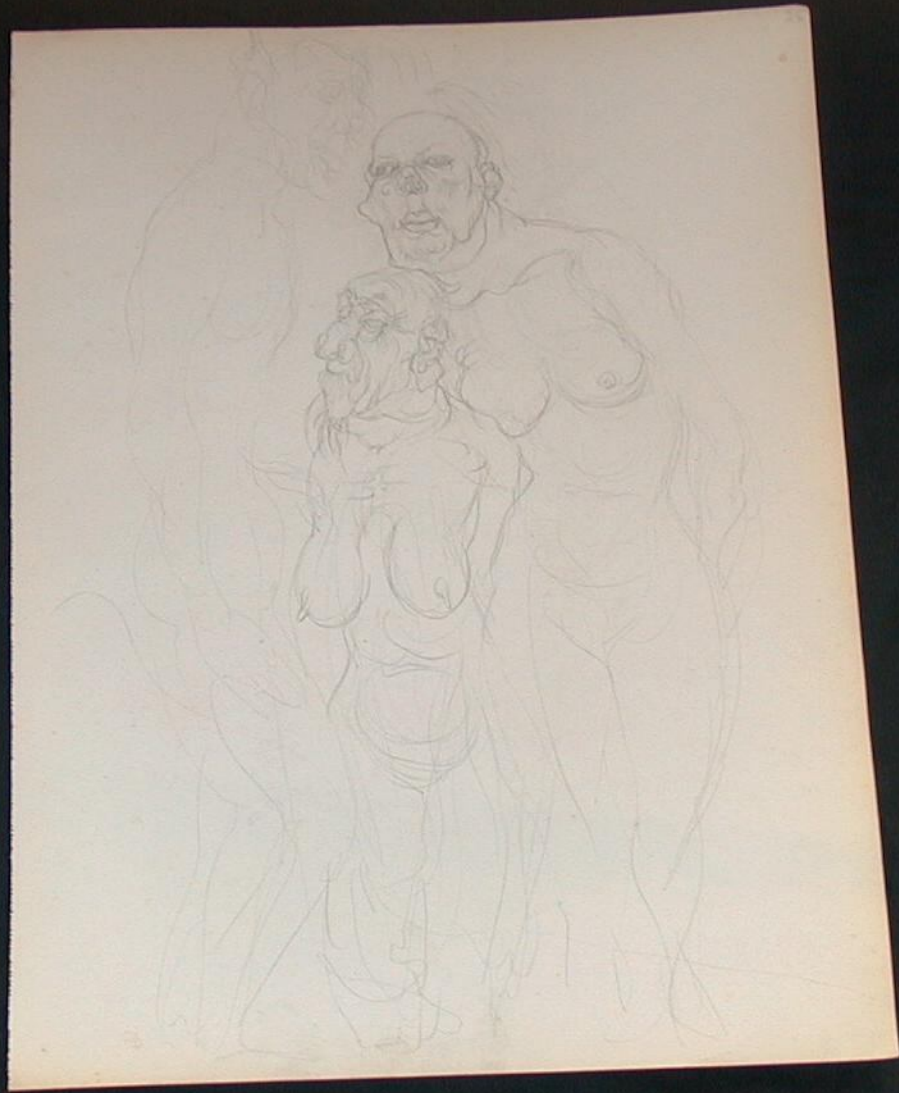




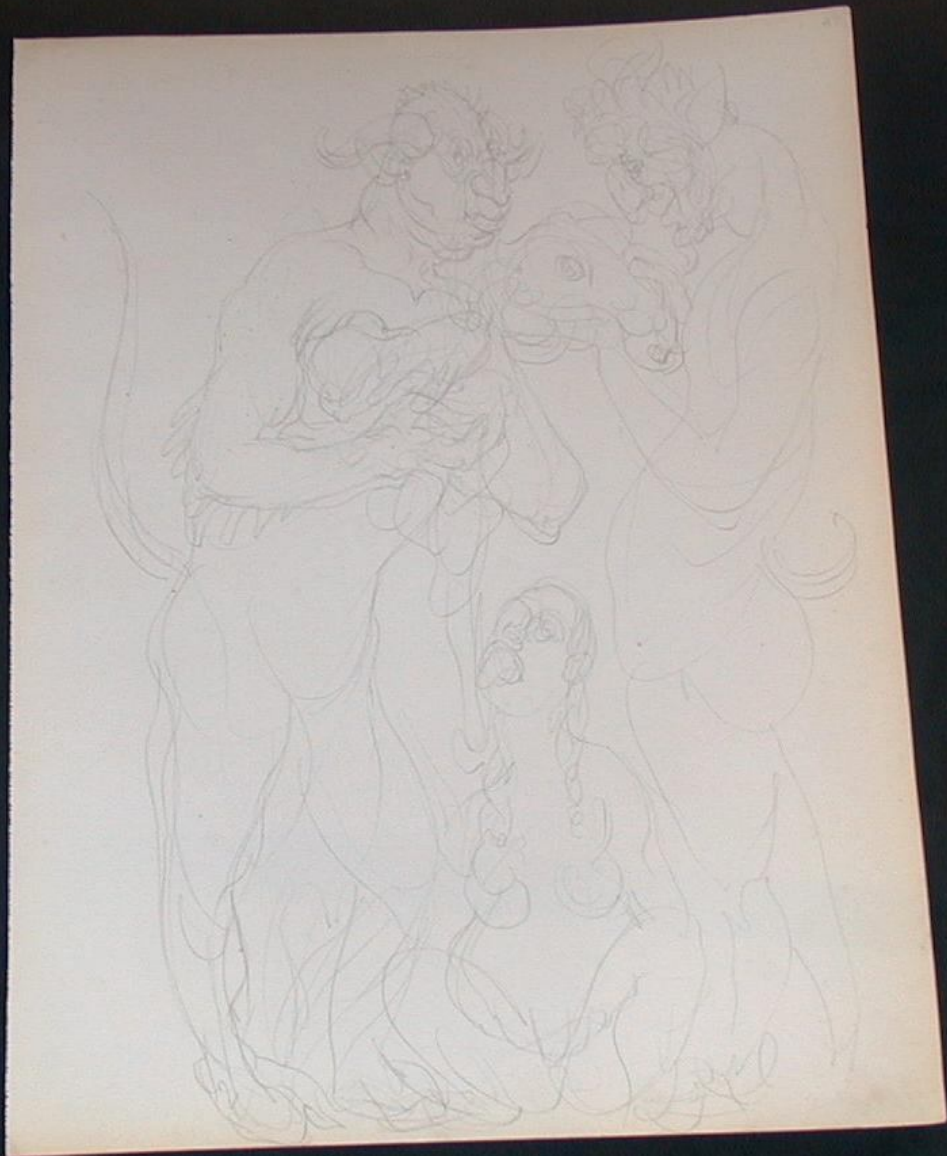


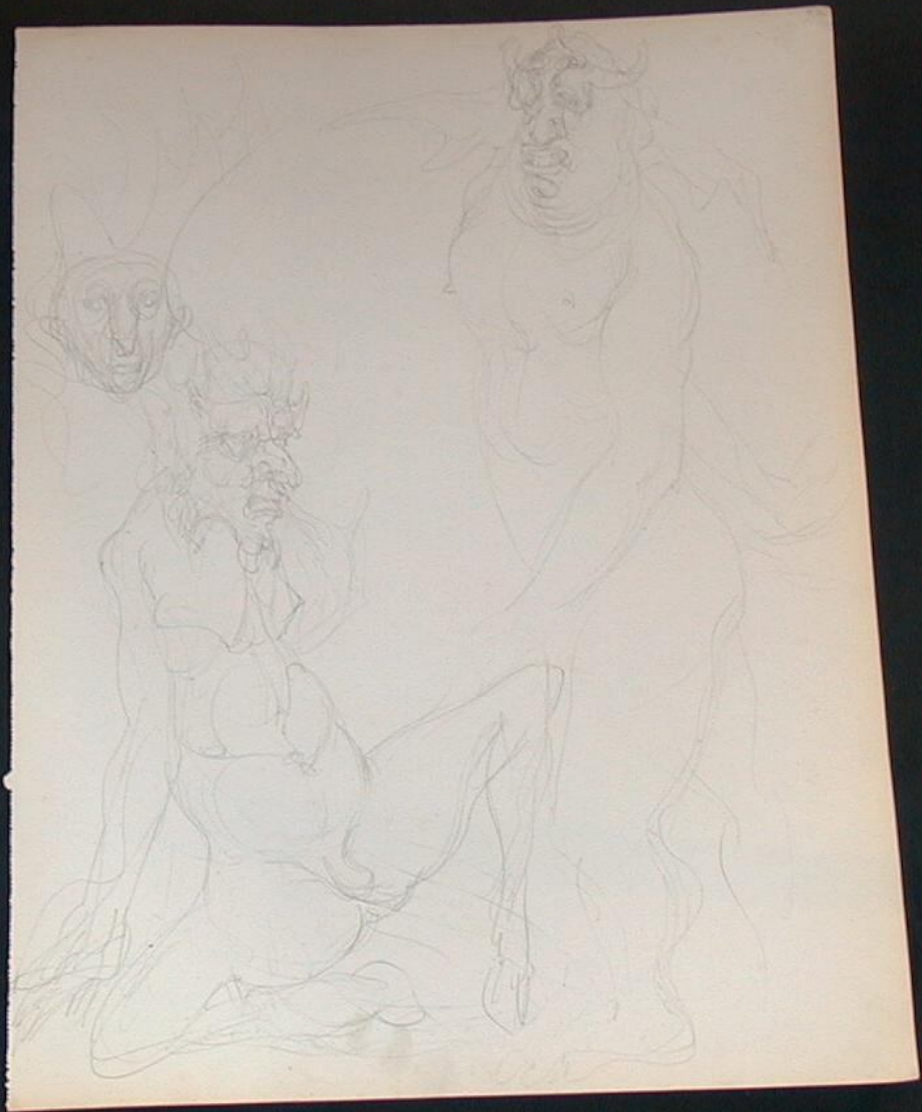


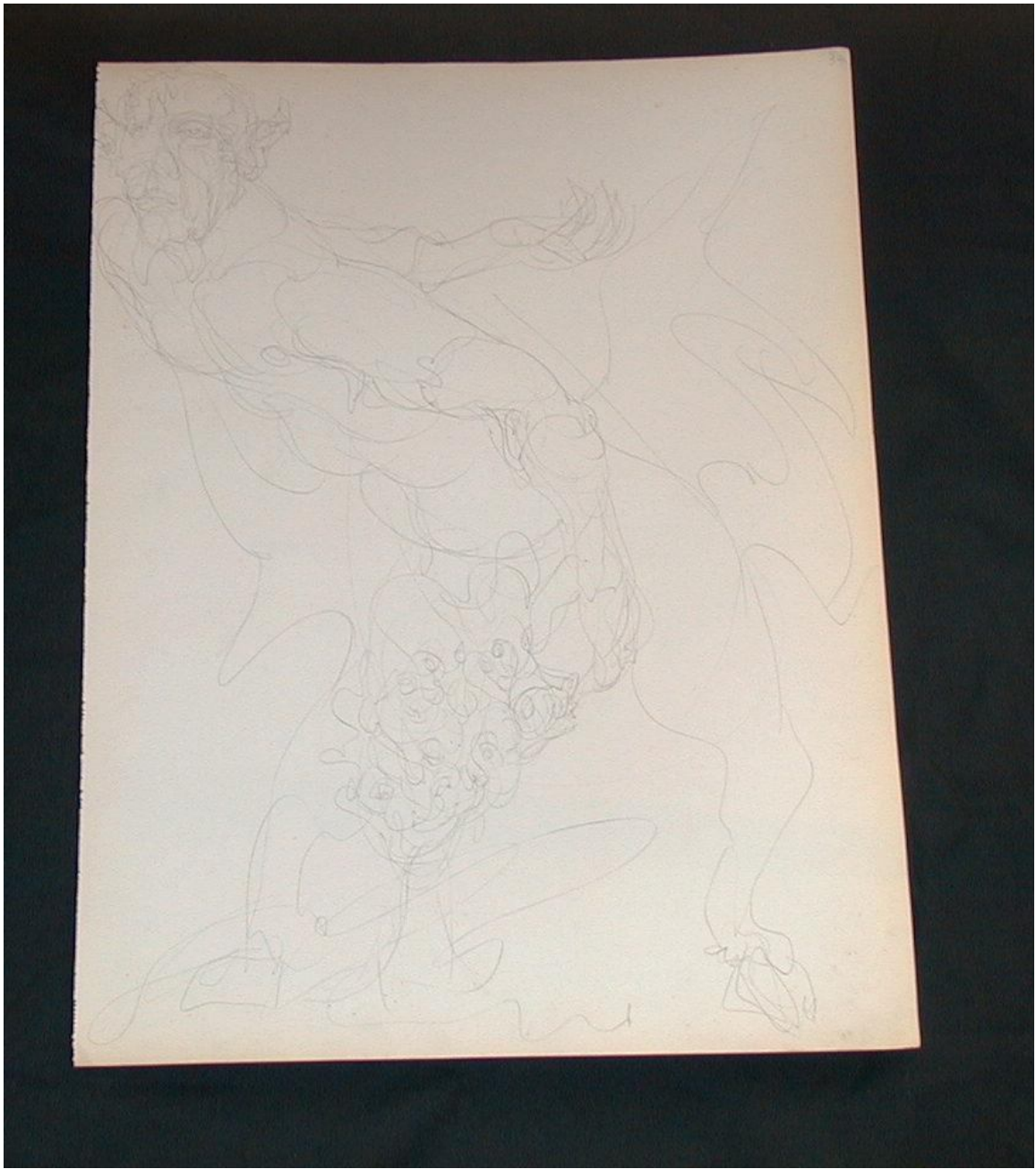




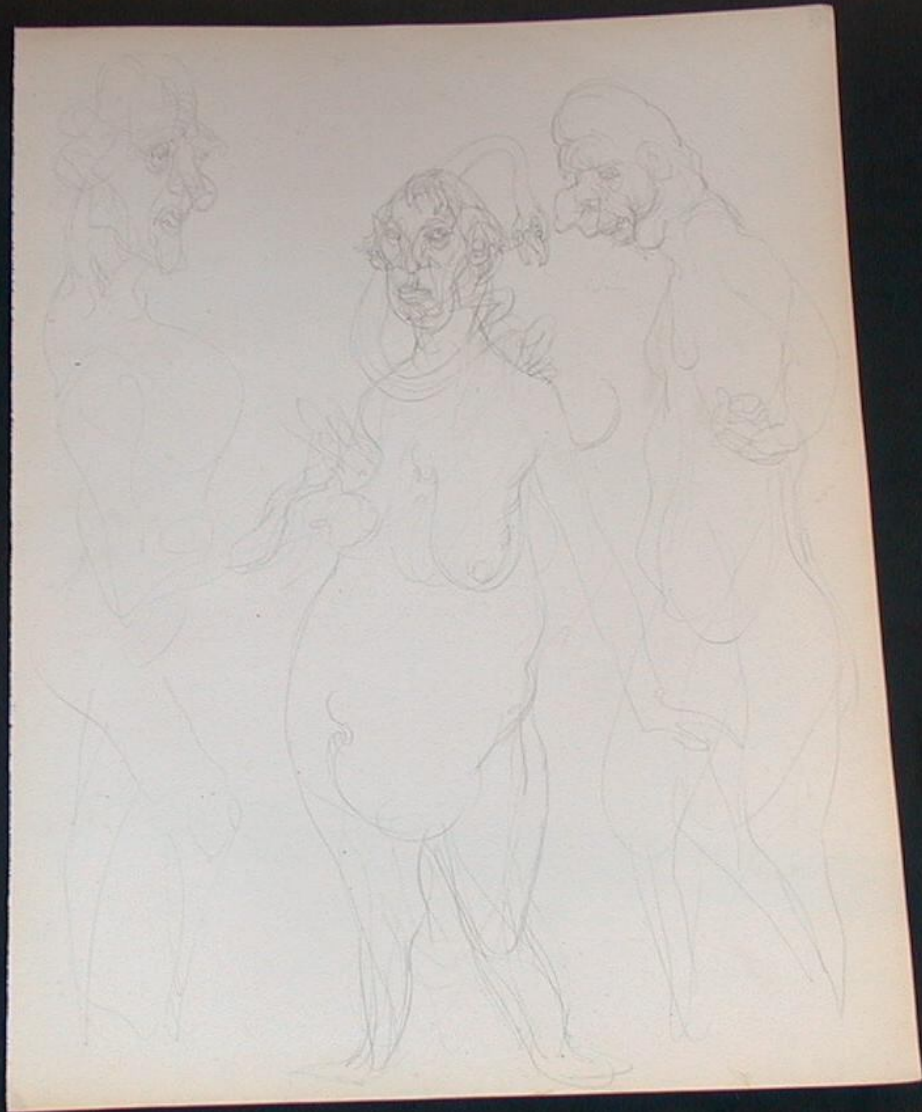




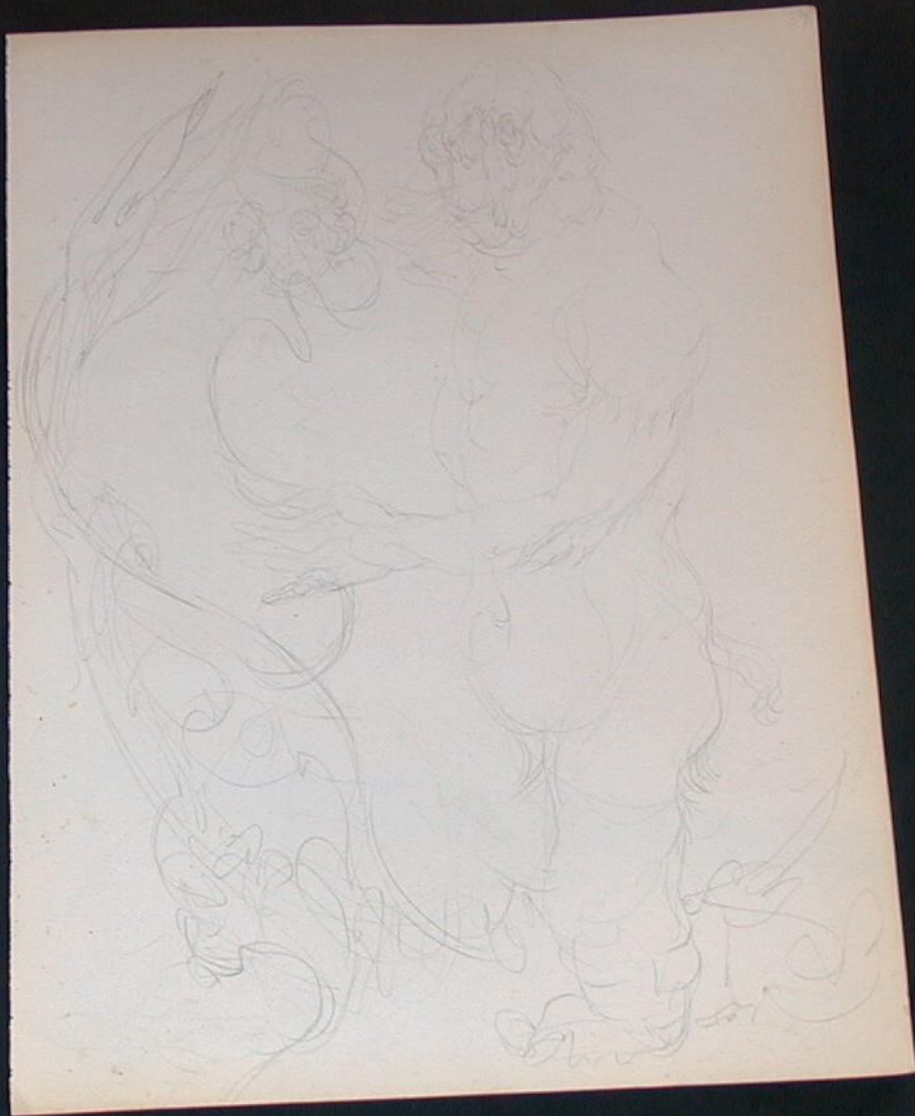


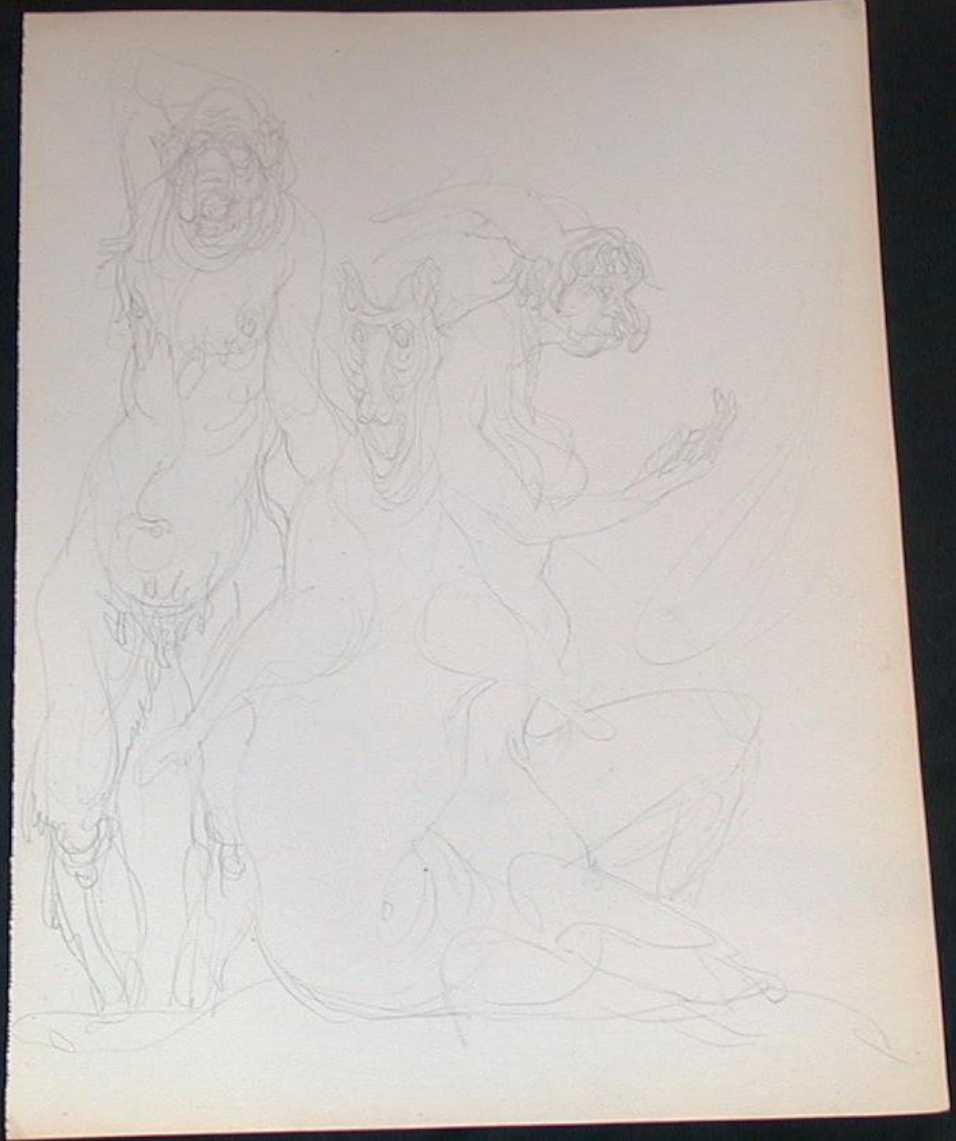


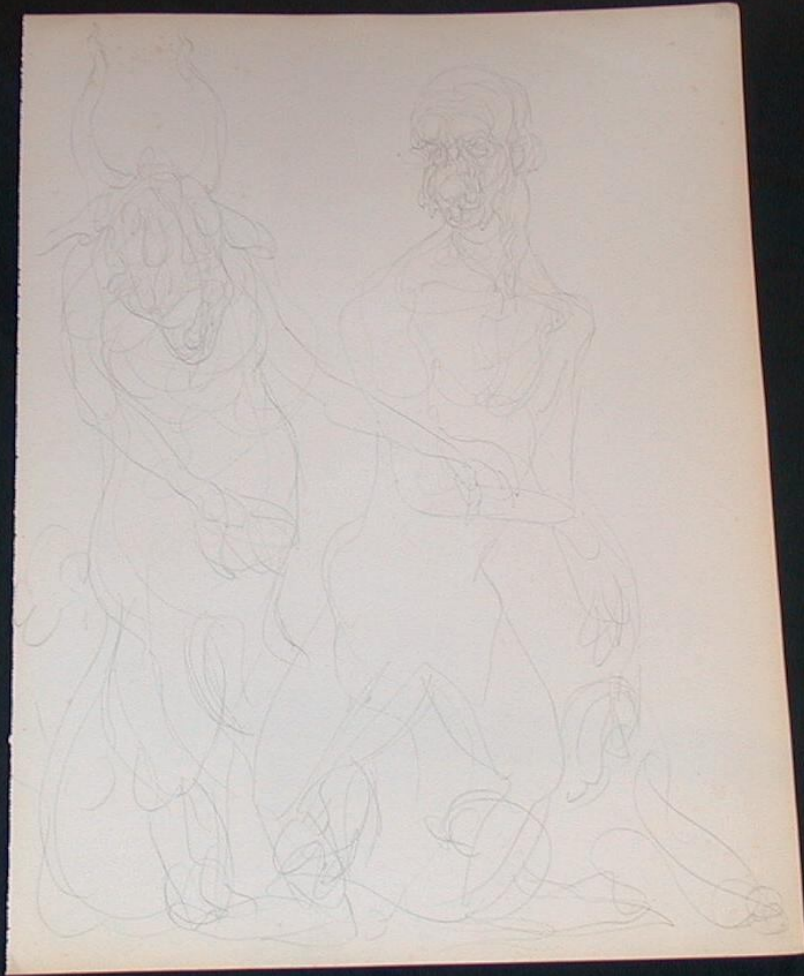


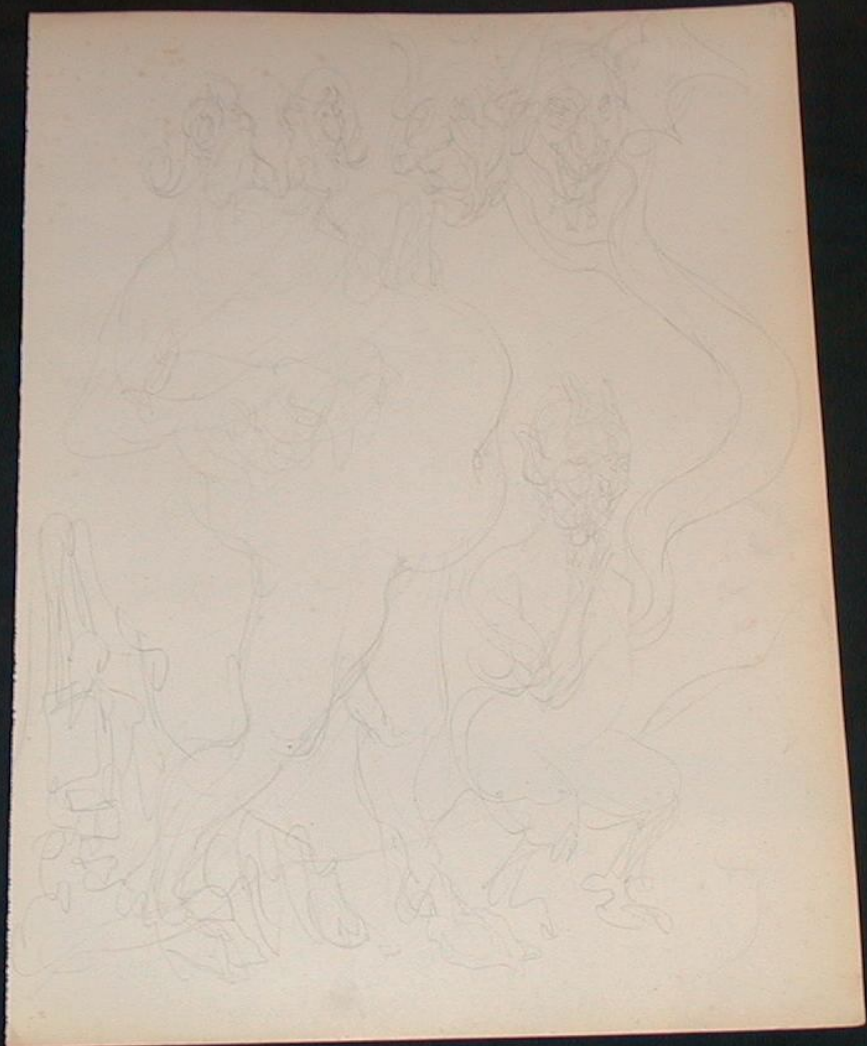




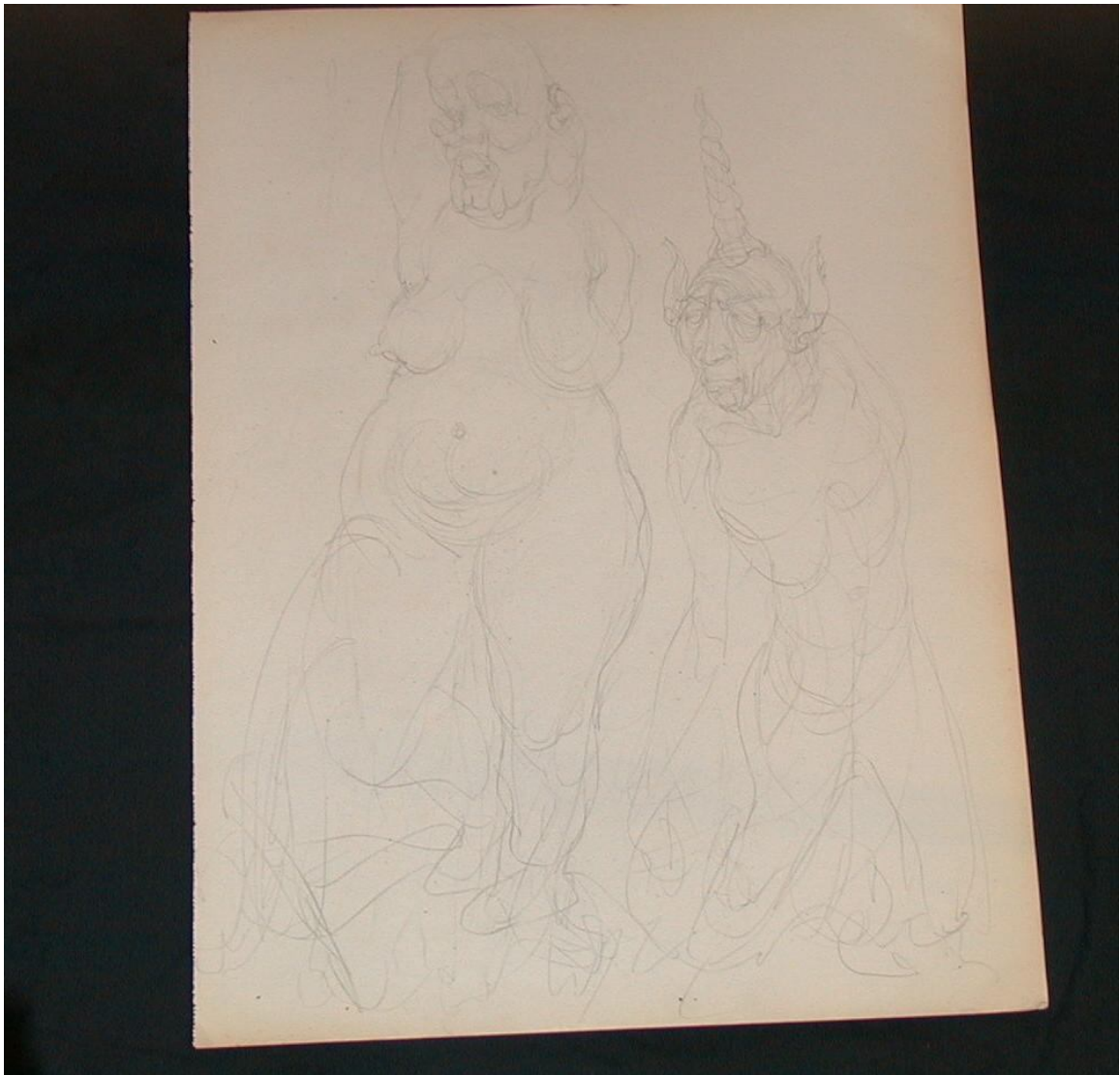


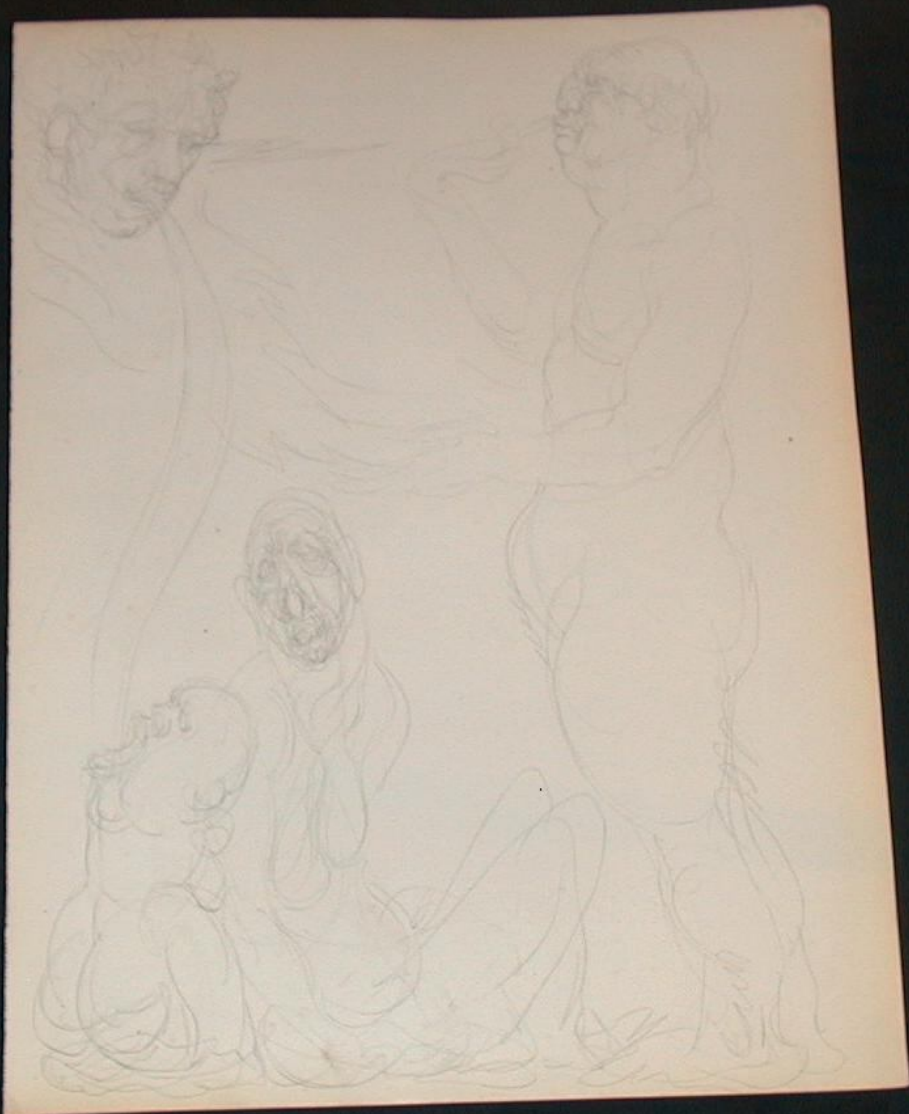












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## *Preface*

### **The Mutterings of Aaos**

#### **Aphorism I**

"The effort of remembering in the Valley of Fear."

KIA OF THE EFFIGIES SPEAKS OF ZOS IN SOLILOQUY:

I bring a sword that contains its own medicine: The sour milk that cureth the body. Prepare to meet God, the omnifarious believing,-Thyself the living truth. Die not to spare, but that the world may perish. Nature is more atrocious. Learning all things from Thee in the most sinister way for representation: from thy thought to become thereafter. Having suffered pleasure and pain, gladly dost thou deny the things of existence for freedom of desire-from this sorry mess of inequality-once so desired. And is fear of desire. The addition of the 'I' of a greater illusion. Desire is the conception I and induces Thou. There is neither thou nor I nor a third person-losing this consciousness by unity of I and Self; there would be no limit to consciousness in sexuality. Isolation in ecstasy, the final inducement, is enough-But, procreate thou alone! Speak not to serve but to scoff. Hearest thou, heaven's loud guffaw? Directly the mouth opens it speaks righteousness. In the ecstatic laughter of men I hear their volition towards release. How can I speak that for which I have necessitated silence? Salvation shall be Unsay all things: and true, as is time, that speaketh all things. Of what use are hints or stage whispers? True wisdom cannot be expressed by articulate sounds. The language of fools-is words. In the labyrinth of the alphabet the truth is hidden. It is one thing repeated many times. Confined within the limits of rationalism; no guess has yet answered. O Zos, thou art fallen into the involuntary accident of birth and rebirth into the incarnating ideas of women. A partial sexuality entangled in the morass of sensual law. On earth the circle was fabricated. The origin of all things is the complex self. How shall it be made the end of things? Dubious of all things by this increase, and ignorance of individuality. I or Self, in conflict, separate. This forgetfulness of symboli becomes the unexplored 'reason' of existence. Unable to conceive the events of the present: what shall be knowledge of past and future? Verily, this creator speaks 'I know not what I do.' And in this living nightmare, where all is cannibalism. Why dost thou deny thyself? Verily, Man resembles his creator, in that he consumes himself in much filth. Heaven gives indiscriminately of its superabundance to make the ghastly struggle called existence. The necessity was a deliberate serving of its own pleasure-becoming more alien. Remoteness from self is pain and precocious creation. Through this remoteness from Self-thou dost not hear thine own call to be potentially Thyself. The living self does not habitate. There is no truth in thy wish. Pleasure wearies of thee. Ecstatic fulfilment of ecstasy, is it asking too much? Alas, the

smallness of man's desire! Thou shalt suffer all things once again: unimagined sensations, and so consume the whole world. O Zos, thou shalt live in millions of forms and every conceivable thing shall happen unto Thee. Remember these senses are that which thou hast desired. What is all thought but a morality of the senses that has become sex? What is desired of the Self is given-eventually. The desire is sufficient. The 'Self,' will pleasure in all things. There is only one sense,-the sexual. There is only one desire,-procreation. I am the cause-thou the effect. I am all that I conceive. Not for all time but at some time. 'I multiply I' is creation: The sexual infinity. There is no end to the details of my extreme likeness. The more chaotic-the more complete am I. The soul is the ancestral animals. The body their knowledge. This omnivorous soul, how lusty: it would seem to be everlasting in its suicide. These modified sexualities are the index of knowledge; this realized; the dualities do not obstruct with associations that involve infinite complexities and much education. Existence is a continuation of self-realization. To create value where there is none. By all desire being one there is no overlapping nor the later necessity of undesiring. Complex desire is the further creation of different desire, not the realization of [particular] desire. O Zos, Thou shalt die of extreme youth! Death is a disease of fear. All is a backward walking-realized incapacity of volition: To walk towards thyself. With thine infinite self multiplication of associations Thou knowest all things. Among sentient creatures human birth is highly desirable, man desires emancipation-liberation to his primeval self. Remember! Didst thou leave the high estate for worse things? Man becomes what he relapses into. Cast into demoniacal moulds, human nature is the worst possible nature. The degenerate need women, dispense with that part of thyself. Give unto her all thy weaknesses, it is the suffering half. Pain awaits him, who is sentimentally desirous. Be it thus: 'Woman, there shall be no vintage from our kisses'. In man and woman is thy 'being.' But I say, Thou could'st create this body anew. Awake! The time has come for the new sexualities! Then would be occasion for greater pleasures. To improve the species ye men must love one another. This old illusion of righteousness has gained a future state wherein men labour every doubt. Thou art that which thou dost prefer. The seer, the instrument of seeing, or the seen. Conscious desire is the negation of possession: the procrastination of reality. Make thy desire subconscious; the organic is creative impulse to will. Beware of thy desire. Let it be something that implies nothing but itself. There are no differences-only degrees of sensation. Provoke consciousness in touch, ecstasy in vision. Let thy highest virtue be: "Insatiety of desire, brave self-indulgence and primeval sexualism." Realization is not by the mere utterance of the words 'I am I' nor by self-abuse, but by the living act. If the desire for realization exists in thee, sensuous objects will continually provide conveniences. Realization of this Self, which is all pleasure at will, is by consciousness of one thing in belief. To be the same is the difficulty. Thought is the negation of knowledge. Be thy business with action only. Purge thyself of belief: live like a tree walking! Take no thought of good or evil. Become self-active causality by Unity of thine, I and Self. Reality exists but not in consciousness of such: this phenomenal 'I' is noumenal and neither-neither. Now thus is concentration explained: "The will, the desire, the belief; lived as inseparable, become realization." Truth concerns exactitude of belief, not reality. He who has no law is free. In all things there is no necessity. Become weary of devising wisdom in morals. Many unseemly words have been spoken in self slander, what more painful than that? For in the mud I



tread on thee. The path men take from every side is mine. There is nothing more to be said. 'I'-infinite space.

## **Aphorism II**

"Morals of shadow, wherein the Arcana of Zos has no commandments"

### ZOS SPEAKS OF IKKAH:

Leaving aside all unreal dreams, consider this world as insincere disbelief. Lo this day salvation has come. My 'I and Self' has agreed in belief. I would ask of thee thy suppressed self. Is it not the new thing desired? No man shall follow me. I am not thy preservation. Thou art the way. Assuredly, thy virtue is to be equally different. Thy complaint is the calamity: The hypocrite is always at prayer. Dost thou suffer? Thou shalt again suffer, till thine I does not fear its body. Rather seek and increase by thy temptations, it is but the way to intelligence. Transgression is wiser than prayer: Make this thy obsession. Thank only thyself and be silent. The coward's way is religion. There is no fear-but righteousness. Let this be thy one excuse, I pleased myself. Brave laughter-not faith. Rewarded are the courageous for they shall pass! Thine I is envious of satisfaction. Yet none devotes himself to reality. Whoever learneth much, unlearneth all sentimental and small desires. This is the new atavism I would teach: Demand of God equality-usurp! The mighty are righteous for their morals are arbitrary. Live beyond thought in courageous originality. These hopes and fears are somnism, there is little reality. Repent not, but strive to sin in thine own way, light-heartedly: without self-reproach. One becomes the thing itself or its creature. Judge without mercy, all this weakness is thy self-abuse. Experience is by contract. The great experience: Seduce thyself to pleasure. There is only one sin-suffering. There is only one virtue-the will to self-pleasure. The greatest- the greatest non-morally. The origin of morality is obedience to the earliest form of government. In youth, all things have to obey their parents. O, my aged IKKAH, loose this the navel cord, that my youth may pass! The most important outcome of human effort is that we learn to become righteous thieves: To possess more easily of others for self-advantage. In this incessant glorification of work, I discover a great human secret: "Do thou the work-I my pleasure ." As above so below, this is never sufficiently realized. . . . Remorse? Nay, do unto thyself all things, fearlessly. Finality is reached when ye have learned to digest everything. What is all man-slaughter but what ye have done unto yourself? Only where there is necessity is there death. Dispense with all 'means' to an end. There is nothing higher than joyous sensation. Eternal Self! these millions of bodies I have outworn! Oh, sinister ecstasy. I am thy vicious self pleasure that destroyeth all things . Distrust thy teacher, for 'divine truth' has prevented better men from wisdom. In such revelation there is no suggestion. Do thy utmost unto others: But be surely what thou wilt: and keep thy belief free of morality. Observe thyself by sensation: thus know the finer perturbations and vibrations. This much shalt thou learn: To love all men, for there will be compulsion. Serve no man, hell is democracy. Think not the words 'I wish,' say not the words 'I will.' Respect thy body: it will again become thy parents. Fear nothing,-strike at the highest. Ennui is fear: Death is failure. Go where thou fearest most. How canst thou become great among men? . . . Cast thyself forth! Of this event, genius is the successful effort of memory. Break thy commandments, be

lawless unto all dogma. Revolt is the fertiliser of the new faculties. Knowledge and all evil wars react from previous existences that are now fragmentary to the body and operate as disembodied astrals. The more distant the creature that govern our functions the more unusual is our manifestation of phenomena, which are but living their physical peculiarities by a mechanism. Retrogress to the point where knowledge ceases, in that law becomes its own spontaneity and is freedom. If my word has spoken unto fragments, pushed aside marriage beds, and brushed out old grave chambers; if I ever rejoiced in calumnies, if I have murdered, lied, adulterated, robbed; if like the weather I spit on all things-is it because I remember, that of my belief-there is a volition that willeth opposite? For I love thee, O Self! For I love thee, O mine I! Oh! how could I fail to be agog for originality in self-love? Never yet has procreation with another been satisfactory. If I have wandered into marriage with anything-there has been a conspiracy of accidents: within and without. And what willeth to self-pleasure- this out-breather of good taste, this conversion to ungodliness? I know thee! . . . thou heavenly necessity that compelleth chance to supersede the sexualities! For mine I is worthy of the Self: and alone knows what is righteousness. Verily, I tell you good and evil are one and the same. It is but the distance thou hast reached. Will unto self-love - the unexhausted, the procreative of ecstasy! Where there is life there is will unto pleasure-however paradoxical the manifestation. Where living things command they risk nothing but their own law. This Self-love does not circumscribe nor promise but gives whatsoever is taken- spontaneously. Thus I teach thee, will unto pleasure of all things, for they must again change the tenacity to obedience. And this new name I give unto thee, for all accusations: Not sinner, but somnambulist. For he who premeditates, acts in his sleep. Having overcome the difficulty of obtaining a male incarnation from parents not too venereal, one's habitation should be wandering among men: Employment, devotion to Art: Bed, a hard surface: Clothes of camel hair: Diet, sour milk and roots of the earth. All morality and love of women should be ignored. To whom does not such abandonment give the unknown pleasure? Again I say: 'In all things' pleasure Thyself, for occasion need not be.

### **Aphorism III**

"The Chaos of the Normal"

IKKAH SPEAKS OF HIMSELF:

I would counsel closed ears, for those who contain the great Ideas, have no opinions. Who doth know what his own subconsciousness contains? Still less his own Arcana. They are the great who allow its operation by silence. Of two things we have choice: degeneration or immobility. Out of the past cometh this new thing. Becoming heaven's slaves-is some of pleasure begged again? Man strives for increase,-the monstrous world of vague and mad Ideas is incarnating. Come back, your goal is jail! Turn about and you arrive ..... This maddest of worlds. Daily is pleasure limited by the necessity of cheapened facilities. Onwards and ever more weary-till sleep-then backwards. There is nothing conceivable that does not exist, because the vision is feeble. In keeping the right distance from Things, is Safety. But how much should we gain? Experience is ignorance. The necessity of reoccurrence. One thing is certain: we are subject to our own moral laws, whether we are or are not aware of them. The desire determines, and no later belief shall

alter it one whit. The highest creations are those that harmonize the most incongruous things. Art is the truth we have realized or our belief. The great human factor in Life is deceit: Always the greater deceiver-self? The wrath is revealed against all that hold the truth in righteousness. Still are those shallownesses, who could know they hide a universe? And tell me, what is it the obvious does not contain? Know much of life! Should death give you its secret? Self suggestion-to will, this is the great teacher: not dogma. To those of fixed Ideas, beware of suppressed evacuation. What the world reveres most, treat with the utmost contempt. Consumption, evacuation, sleep: this labour suffers of no variation for to-morrow we again procreate life. O, fool! suicide does not exist . . . there is no death. Death is change and for many very small change. You who stink like a butcher's shambles-what is your daily menu? Become less carnivorous. If the food is wholesome, the body shall not suffer. The difference between man and beast is one of acquisition, not digestion. There is no lasting peace-ye eternally fall in love with the new thing of belief. To the mental gymnast: your somersault returns from the place where it began. Slave! All you know for certain-you suffer. Embrace reality by imagination. From birth is a degeneration of function-safe is he who never leaves his mother's womb. What is perfect does not reflect its caricature. What is true has no argument-in that it is voliton. The workers of malignity own the Kingdom of Earth. What asses these teachers, prophets and moralists now appear! And through them what greater she-asses we have become! You would have prophecy? First tell me your sleeping partner's name . . . . What once evoked a mighty passion-is now repulsive; lest ye forget: sleep alone. If you yourself cannot be ungodly-then nothing will convert you. No nearer th goal for life is eternal. Which are more unclean: they who make a profesion of their morality, or they who prostitute? Life is a viscous charity from which germinates friendships towards parasites. The necessity of a better life is intoxication but more and greater things than strong drink intoxicate. Thou hast become remote-I rejoice in thee! Who invented such things as vanity and humiliation? The higher the form of creation the more it habitates earth and the more it is conscious of body. Everything that is half realized becomes the material of dreams; man has always badly mixed the dream with the reality. He who transcends time escapes necessity. The living Lord speaks: 'In disciples is my satisfaction.' A weary one asked: 'Is it not written on the sandals of the prostitute-follow me?' All undesirable things become morally fearsome. Only the animal in man dances . . . Hatred is life-the love of possession. He who can truthfully say-I believe in nothing but myself-in all things realized.

### **Zod-Ka Speaks of Ikkah**

The abyss Self projecting from non-existence the procreatrix I, was the great c hange and the beginning: to extend the purpose of desire-for Time to make all e xistence inexact-those things kept ever vague. Thus was the will to operate unbegotten. One thing is nominally, everything alternatingly desirous. That which is first desired is permitted, then externalized and taken away by a circumlocution of b eliefs becoming law. No knowledge would seperate us from the virtues of non-existence but that for m an-having become involved with disease, all his food is poisonous; his complete saturation is inevitable that he may become again healthy. Thus man wills by t hought. By the 'death posture' (A simulation of death by the utter negation of thought, i.e. the prevention of desire from belief and the functioning of all conscios ness through the sexuality) [not for

subjection of mind, body or longevity nor any thing as such] the Body is allowed to manifest spontaneously and is arbitrary and impervious to reaction. Only he who is unconscious of his actions has courage beyond good and evil: and is pure in this wisdom of sound sleep. Will to pleasure is the basic function underlying all activity whether conscious or not,-and whatsoever the means. Denial of this Self-love is disease-the cause of homicide; the sufferings of part-sexualities and small things germinating. Knowledge of necessities is desirous:-Deliberation is but a sorry dissatisfaction-a first cause of illusions, harnessing man to a mass of half-realized desires. Remember! O Ikkah, these present Ideas of consciousness obtaining in senses and bodies, are transitory-are destined for usage and other predeterminations-and unnecessary to wakefulness. Will is transition; the painful process of transmigration-the labour of birth of death. Volition to supersede a thing is inability to realize the living Self. For whatever is attained is but the re-awaking of an earlier experience of body. Man should most desire a simultaneous consciousness of his separate entities. A full consciousness of 'I' is a decline and vegetates good and evil afresh-the compulsion of limit and morality. From spontaneous nonexistence, germinate all significant ecstasy-that shall last in the uttermost impossibilities unconditioned to will. Alas! what ornaments are grave-yards? The pleasure ground of self is contact with the living. The fool hastens to man with a mouth overfull of new discoveries of power subservient to will! What matters it that we have realized a little more of I? Of beyond its limits of possibility? Note well! All things are possible even in nightmares-becoming, they are a necessity, an additional boundary to memory-the further separate entities of consciousness. Remember O Ikkah! Thou shalt not cease to be again what is denied-unto the end of conception: thus man has constructed his seed. These sentient creatures and the beyond conceptions in the order of evolution were thou once as they? O Ikkah, Thou art this present God-this termite and many other things not yet domesticated or associated with thought. This focus 'I' called consciousness is unaware of its entire living embodiments but alternates and epitomizes their personalities. What is 'I' and the extent of its conscious habitation? . . . A weak desire, a memory governed by ethics and ignorant of its own bodies. Therefore that which is indeliberate is the more vital and is will: discarded knowledge is the sexuality and becomes law. Thus entity exists in many units simultaneously without consciousness of 'Ego' as one flesh. Verily, I say-the deliberations of many exist in living animation s-their consciousness split among a multitude of creatures but knowing only the more important [?] incarnations-What greater misery than this? Of others, their awake-consciousness is aware of more than one entity and obtain ecstasy by saturable desire. O Ikkah! Jest viciously! Abandon this haunted mortuary in a blind turning-by significant courage. The 'I' surfeit-swelled is the end of compassion-the indrawing of sex to Self-love. Fortunate is he who absorbs his female bodies-ever projecting-for he acquires the extent of his body. Whatever is desired, predetermines its existence in endless ramifications miserably and evanescent: Self-love is the paradox of I. Oh Ikkah Zod-ka! Thy fiction of finality has prevented sleep and created eternity. O, invent sound sleep by the utter ruin of cosmos! For impalpably and anterior to consciousness-all things exist.... With sensibility and name, becoming its living simulation and thus it disappears-involving its consequent necessity. Reason has become too sensible, thus desire has become legerdemain mixed with diablerie. The soul, proud and blighted . . . is a civil war of desire: thereof the necessity for medicine and anesthesia. Man has made this

environment: the mind is now the belly of the sexuality. Thus I suggest to thee- Self-love and its own temptation to excess. Verily, greater courage hath none than to satisfy the unexpected desire by Self-pleasure. For this reason, that when the desire again reacts, to operate in the ego, the suffering shall be ecstatic. How do I know? Not by farcical dialogue with Self but through contact with its undulations . . . are we not ever standing on our own volcano? What is beyond man-something more dishonest or a further beast? One thing is desired, another is thought; and a different becomes. Everything loved obtains an obscene disease. These dream postures are ominous prophecy of thyself to become-the obscure wish. O joy and woe! which is the higher morality-to love man while being man or to reincarnate as woman to fulfil desire? Death is that degeneration, an alternation of ego in consciousness [i.e., desire], its metamorphosis into separate entities for that purpose: serving its own. Man's living virtues are those unfamiliar with names. His absurd I is ever supralapsarian. Man has exhausted his courage by imaginations engendered from the damned: Never can he satisfy what follows these repressions. Thou who tremblest all over! Thy soul shudders! Thou dost perish from the poison of yesterday's armour and righteousness! O incomprehensible synonymy! O thou who art neither the vigorous kiss of my twin sexes nor its writhings of hatred and black shame. Nothing is discovered of thee until I invented it: from the ceaseless resurrection of earlier deliberations. O thou syzygy of my I and Self! Thou becomest volatile to whatsoever is sensed. Art thou the hidden wish for madness and hysteric love? O thou "untamed" within, thou shall not lose virtue-for thee I will not domesticate while generating. O idiocy! where is that path where I may wander naked in frenzy, a trespasser against all things reasonable? O time! saith good and evil: 'Come, come! Ego, I come!' . . . . Knowledge alone is transitory, the illusion subsequent to 'I desire all things.' 'Eternal, without beginning is Self; without end am I; there is no other power and substance. The ever changing modifications and diversities we see are the results of forgetfulness, misinterpreted by nightmare senses. When the Self again desires, then I only and nothing else shall remain. Permitting all things, whatsoever is imagined comes out of it. Believe what you will, it has no compassion. The connotation Self-love is applicable to all things. To it, all things are equal. The destroyer of devotees; lover of all things unique. Giving overflow to all who are indifferent to wanglers, who jest at doctrines . . . of emancipation in celibacy and vituperation. I declare this Self-pleasure alone is free of Theism; the disenfranchisement of God and the distractions of ego in the many entities of existence I show. Ye who praise Truth thereby causing its necessity are compelled to live differently. Out of this afterthought of belief-thrives this somnambulating generation of unpleasured fools, liars and homicides-ever bewildered by good and evil. All has become inborn sex, so complex 'am I,' that a successful awakening is impossible without catastrophe. Birth is now painful, life a dire necessity and death an uncertainty-except of fearsome things. What further, O Ikkah, should a cesspool of truths contain? Nor truth, nor women, nor anything else once made objective shall satisfy. They who are committed to doctrines shall continue to move in this cycle of transmigrating belief: degenerating beyond limits they dare not face, and so allow conception to exist of itself from the imaginations 'I believe.' What more disgusting? For I am all sex. What I am not is moral thought, simulating and separating. Imagined through forgetfulness, born asleep, whose very essence is vague, how can this world with such vapid antecedents, be anything but unthinkable! What man prohibits and then

commits will certainly cause suffering , because he has willed double. Born of complex desire, results of actions are dual: multitudinous virtue and vice. Creation is caused through this formula of reaction and is a servile believing-all this universe has come out of it. When by that unprohibiting Self-love all this cosmos is certainly familiar and pleased, it should be practised with labour. But who is honest enough to believe this without relapse? Having renounced both good and evil conveniently, one should engage in spasmodic madness. Renouncing everything else take shelter in that Self-love, which incites the functions in to the bold, 'freedom from necessity am I': virtue and vice shall cease. Self-illumination am I; the procreatrix of this universe. Indomitable in body: born of the bastard truth I made. When the eyes are shut the world certainly does not exist. O chaos! is there no greater joy than flagellation; the ecstatic paralysis that makes holocausts of withered souls; the hideously pitiable cripples-"I fear . . . "? I assert this Self-love to be a most secret ritual hidden by blasphemous Ideographs: and he who calls, pronouncing the word fearlessly, the entire creation of women shall rush into him.

What are lies-but mistimed events?

What is time but a variety of one thing?

What is all folly, but will?

What are all beliefs but the possibilities of I?

What is all future but resurrection?

What is all creation but thyself?

Why is all existence? Awake! Up! up, for thine own sake-

Self-love discover.

O sin, where is thy violence?

O love, where is thine incest?

O thought, where is thy courage?

O hope, where is thy faith?

O Self where is thy humility?

O truth, where is thy mispronunciation?

Verily, Self-love alone is complete!

## **The Sexuality and Sleep of Aaos**

Aaos having realized at an early age that all systems of belief, religion and rituals; consisted alone in their original value to their creators; And were of the weary, to incarnate pleasure by hope, control by fear; and to Deify by morals; That cowards fear, and must needs promise pleasure of their sufferings; And they who had experienced "I," would have you destroy its body; and potential: Verily, Aaos realized that the origin of I, was for pleasurable procreation . . . but that things had been changed. Aaos then pondered in his heart long over the geometry of the world of senses; and spake thus: "How far short has realization fallen from original conception? Have we not lived all things previous to the event? What is any desire but all desire? but men get married and nothing is sufficiently arbitrary. I am the origin of all creation, certain it is that I want not salvation, [observing all the miserably diseased mob:] "O, grant that I may add to the world a far greater suffering!" God is a precocious creation of the Apes, something that must be suppressed: Man must regain his sexuality. What is man-this feeder on dead bodies of

Self? . . . A mole, a carnivorous plant, a disease of himself, a conglomeration of-"it was" and a cause, effecting the miscarriage of his desires-ever creating his future necessities: What man knoweth the perturbations of his own fear? Verily, suffering is its own reward. He who willed, knoweth not his own offspring. Man projects a vague 'Self' and calls it truth and many other qualified names: Verily, once a Thing is named it becomes nothingness to its meaning. All happiness is an illusion and a sorry snare. All righteousness is a dishonesty and all sin a pleasure. Assuredly, the courageous alone seem safe . . . without remorse. Man invented Self-pleasure but knoweth not his own love. Everything was once arbitrary. Yet they who spoke: their power has ended in common sexual practice-abnormal only with jaded appetites. They who knew were rightly crucified, scorned, ignored and their mouths sealed with their own excrement. Have we not forgotten more than we shall ever learn? Where is the magic to revitalize the mouldering words? Everything is again eventually arbitrary! What is there to believe that is free of belief? What is there to will that is safe from reaction? Why is belief always incarnating? Though oft times not even a sincere wish? Who among men knoweth what he believes? Everything is true at some time. What is this unpleasant Thing, necessity-suffering? How originated pain? What is necessity-but conditioned belief? What is it we eternally desire and say, through disease? Verily, directly a man speaketh-he suffers. What is Self and I? And all these myriad forms called creation-all so essentially like me? Who can realize this Self-portraiture of all Things? Verily, the sexuality has no limit in conception. Whither I would go, there had I long been before. Eternal re-occurrence would seem necessary to greater multiplicity! For what reason this loss of memory by these bewildering refractions of my original image,-that I once made-and out of which spring the sexes? God is born again of desire, call it by whatever name: this unmanifested memory has no name till belief incarnates. Hence it may be called,-the re-occurring subdivision of 'I'. Everything becomes necessary. Man is subject to his own law: All else is an obscene jest and a lie. Thus reasoned Aaos in his youth and went to sleep alone. After a vilely repulsive nightmare Aaos awoke saying: "Quiescent are my depths, who could realize They contain such criminal abortions of the cosmos?" What is all body but materialized desire? What are dreams but unsatisfied desires striving to foretell their possibility in despite of morals? Life is but will, that has become organic after satiety; its further desires striving for Unity. Death is that further will incarnating in body. The next day Aaos spoke unto his growing beard: "Destroy O, my Self, these hallucinations of I am not by knowledge of pleasure. " Thou mighty ecstasy that willeth Thy pleasure in suffering! Make my consciousness reality of thee in body! What is Self but Cosmos? What is I but Chaos? Eternally creating its pleasure, everything could become arbitrary. Whatever deceit we practice, the functions of the emotions are one; their expression dual: Time making multitudinous by denial. What is experience, but denial? What is the centre, but belief? After a long suspiration, Aaos spoke aloud to his 'I': "Awake, my Self-love! Leave this hour of cow-dust, I am all things to pleasure. Too long have I lived the nightmares of others in my sleep . . . Arise! get forth and feed from the mighty udder of Life. Thou art not a cow-herd, nor grass, neither cows nor kine! But once again, a creator of cows-who loves their breasts! Are not all things cows to thy pleasure-whether they would or not? And what is Cow? Is it not a fountain? Didst thou not create God, teach nature all secrets and crowd the spaces with cows of desire, unknown and manifesting? Didst thou not create and destroy Woman?" Again Aaos spoke, but unto his lidless eye:

"Behold thou hoary, white headed, thou silent watcher of night and day: thou de-ath-clutch on the smallnesses of Time! This neither-neither I, shall transvalue ennui, fear, and all diseases to my wish. Dead is my misery in suffering! How could it exist in my Zodiac, unwilled? I, who transcend ecstasy by ecstasy meditating Need not be in Self-love! Verily, this constant ecstasy I indraw from Self-creation. By castrating 'of,' my belief is balanced: my arbitrary automatism serving its diverse self-pleasure." Then Aaos meditated and murmured: "All things exist by me: all men exist in me, yet who doth not turn away from his own superabundance while realizing? All desire is for unity: thus my vision seeth through mine ears. Let my unity be realized sufficiently, thus shall my sexuality be convenient unto itself and escape the conceivable . . . Where is lust when the tests wither? Verily these senses have a further purpose beyond their own: thus shall thou steal the fire from Heaven. All things return to their earliest functions." At that moment Aaos realized he was not alone; and a voice asked: "Hast thou no fear?" Laughing aloud, Aaos answered: "Hidden from thy small susceptibilities, monstrous enormities are committed! On the day my wind bloweth a little the cow-dust away-thou O fool, shalt vomit hot blood at thine own prostitution and incest. When thou knowest not, the lust wills non-rationally, the belief bindeth with modest Ideas; the body is subject and suffers. What man can prevent his belief from incarnating? Who is free of filth and disease? All men are servile to the great unconsciousness of their purpose in desire. The I thinks, the Self doth. There is no salvation from desire, neither day nor night does it cease its lengthy procreation of cause and effect : penetrating all things inexplicably. Endless are its elements and nothing whatsoever escapes its embrace-but its own Self-love. . . . Should I fear my I?" Aaos lowering his voice, uttered: "What further use shall I give my sexuality? Verily it is always speaking for me ! This I, non-resisting to the Self, becomes irresistible." When the voice had left Aaos went his way muttering and smiling: "Can it be possible that dead wives resurrect?" For he thought that-Woman was dead. With this reflection Aaos became silent. A waking from his Self-introspection he spake aloud to his body: "Man is something that has resurrected from an archetype, a previous desire gone to worms. All conceptions predetermine their degeneration or superseding by degrees of morality. Verily a new sexuality shall be mine,-unnecessary to degenerate or surpass. To give it a name, I call it the Unmodified sexuality; without a name it shall be conscious of all desire: thus no ecstasy shall escape me. Its wisdom shall be dreams of Self-love vibrating all the manifestations-I am he, who self pleasures non-morally."

### **The Dead Body of Aaos:**

Aaos preparing for death uttered in soliloque:

"O, thou inconceivableness that transcends human desire; thou magnificent incongruous Face. For millions of years thou hast not wearied of my body. What would Thy pleasure be but for my wantonness?" "I teach you the glad death of all things." Thus spake my knowing mouth. "My belief has created the more beautiful body and desires of rebirth. Fear I the transvaluation called death? Knew I not death, when time was born? Arise, old memory! And tell my consciousness of this frequent experience-once again!" Then Death spake unto Aaos: "No stranger, nor enemy to me is Aaos, we are too ancient friends to come to blows. What hast thou come to take from me this time? What fresh associations for thy new body? No self-denial has Aaos! Thou hast not come to rap



tables. To awake the disembodied Astrals!" Aaos answered: "In my life my memory lived numerous remotenesses which were once me. My belief reached associations that out-stripped all morality and rationalism. My I chanced much with the Self: certain it is, I come not to repent . . . nor seek a wife . . . Yea, my will conquered faith and sincerely laughed at every righteousness! Now that my individual consciousness dissolves, to saturate again with its furthest desires, to form the new body:-O mighty death, remember at the time of incarnating-my utmost immorality, my frightening madnesses, my jesting sins, my satyr carouses, my grotesque concubine of chaos! Remember O death, my frenzied longing that has no name [Oh, forget my first kiss of love, now withered as a fallen leaf]. Make this my sexuality complete, all knowing, so that I may again procreate the lusty Self-love in isolation!" Then Aaos spoke unto the ferryman: "O time, of nothing now am I ashamed to admit parentage. What I generate is future, body to become. I have learned and unlearned in equal labouring this universe. Hard has been my faith and denial. That which is incomprehensible have I made,-have I impelled inwards to make secure for reaction. My knowledge is but the murmuring of a few words with ever changing intonation and meaning. For I have suffered that which shall never be forgotten or spoken: Thus much have I realized of Life. Where is fear when I impel procreation? O earth! all memories! solid, liquid, vapour and flaming! Old sentiment is my body, germinating afresh: again to exist and change by the command, 'I desire.' The Alpha and Omega of my wisdom is-glad suicide: it has become inevitable and shall be my payment to thee. Steel and poison are my friends. Steel for Self, poison for vermin-for myself diseased. I will this fruitful violence, my death kiss, thus to realize my hyper-commands." With his belief firmly fixed, his full red lips smiling, with bright eyes; Aaos clasped his sword saying: "Greater love hath no man than Self-destruction in pleasure." No new experience for Aaos! And thus he died.

Death is named the great unknown. Assuredly, death is the great chance. An adventure in will, that translates into body. What happens after death? Will it be more surprising than this world? Could I say? My experience may not be the commonplace . . . Without doubt, all shall experience the 'rushing winds' that blow from within, the body beyond perspective, into cosmic dust,-till consciousness again develops. Death is a transfiguration of life, an inversion, a reversion of the consciousness to parentage and may be a diversion! A continuation of evolution. The coming forth of the suppressed. Do you know what happens to the body at death? Exactly what changes take place? Well, so it happens to your beliefs, desires, etc., that make consciousness, for all things seen are incarnate desire, the unseen; Ideas of the past and future bodies. From these the new body is determined and parentage selected by the laws of attraction. The wise man makes sure of his future parents and a male incarnation before death. Consciousness [for most, only three dimensions] is not so definite as in life but to the extent of your will in life, that much is your consciousness in death. Death is the manufacture of life. A dream is a sore likeness of Life. Death is a sore dream of life. Its period depending on the perfection or otherwise of the individual but closely follows in duration the previous life-till re-incarnation. Death being a living nightmare of life, has painful possibilities-in the degree of unified consciousness. A ghostly world of 'perhaps' where all the vague potentialities of desire, are incarnating. There is no women as such. Again I say, death is the great chance and there grasp where thou hast before failed in body. If fate is life, then death is

the hazard to alter fate! A world where will creates the afterthought in its own image. For most, death will hold mainly blank pages, but were we ever treated all alike? Study your dreams in this life, it may help you in the death posture.

### **The Heaven of Aaos:**

"All things are subject to resurrection" thus spake smiling Aaos, on rising from the dead. Then turning towards his shadow . . . "I come! the changing word that destroys religion, a vortex wind that shall jest in Temples! Again! A reveller in the marshalled order of the sexes, the mad march of desires, the wild satyr of wolfish kisses! Once again to earth, O Thou whirlwind of desire, thou drunken breath of ribald lightning! My vampire chalice of ecstasy! Yea, as my rapacious flame reareth before thee, thou escapeth from me with the laughing whisper of thy wonderful pleasure! O, L.C.O'CS!! thou insatiable thirst of my self-love, with none but thee will I procreate!" "What now am I after resurrection? The sinful despair of magic? I am the Iconoclast of Logos: The sun-satyr of Chaos! Thunder and lightnings? Yea, a vital gaiety to drowsy dust, to blase souls. Ecstatic laughter that reverberates and awakens . . . I am the shuddering heights and suffocating depths of ego, slipping and becoming. Inconceivable women am I. A clouded vista of abyss, wherein to visit naked, my vampire Self. Wherein to write a cryptic language of my sexes, that I am the Key. Wherein to belch forth venomous atmosphere towards the highest . Wherein to drench my thirsted tongue on thy goat's milk; to battle with thy cataleptic kisses, to swoon in thy consuming subtilty. O my mistress, I am unutterably drunk striving thy depths. I am the great cypher of love and hate knotted. The sphinx surviving, never sufficiently imagined. I am the grotesque refractions of form and Self. The bitter purgative, called death. A violence that outlasts the morning. Moon turbulent waters am I: the frightening black Albatross of unashamed women-where men are. I am the over mature breasts of a child: the virgin womb, hidden by nightmares. Constant in metamorphosis, permeating creation without compassion. The unexcelled impulse that has never failed. Yea, I am all these-yet never known. My kiss is a sword thrust! For whom, am I, this insatiable fountain in the hot deserts? Only for thee, O, L.C.O'CS!" Thus sang Aaos, the blasphemer, throwing off his grave shroud. Going again among men [for he pleased in all men], he gave unto them his magic book, named: "Life and Death, the jest called love, wherein every man is a God, in whatsoever he will his belief." And Aaos passed his way, muttering to his goatish beard: "What now is left all hope is dead? For I have buried my illusion and dishonesty. Thus my body is now all inconceivableness! O, God, where is thine enemy?"

### **The Dreams of Aaos**

#### **The I and the Arcanum**

One day the time drew near for the experiment and Aaos was watching the waters, to make arcana by arbitrary projection into the utter void of his isolation. And this was his wish-"In future my dreams shall interpretate themselves as will [i.e. reaction]." For, he reasoned: "Why not live asleep all suffering?" Aaos had lived the preliminary ritual of habit in the cesspools and exhausted them in the mountains. Before projection he prayed thus to the waters:-"O thou I, vice versa-my God. I at least shall not be thy jest. In life I have realized possibilities not contained in heaven-amidst a cowardice inconceivable but

accomplished everywhere. I have made known [opening his book] something that is different to the muck of re touched photography which men call reality: although it has been the evil habit of thousands of years. I have created art [lived belief] that surpasses all evolved conception. I have incarnated that which I-need to rationalize: Verily-not the ever present portraiture of experience to satisfy the ovine: No obvious allegory of asses-thinking God: No still-life group of empty bottles and old maida commonplaces: Nor the gay-tragedy of song. But strange desires of stranger are cana. The law I make while thinking God-and will smash and remake again: so that I may commit every conceivable sin against its word. My utility has been-my pleasure-that alone is my service to man and to heaven, in that I am the Goat." After his devotion Aaos prepared for the Death posture and judgement. Awaking from the awful wrath-his teeth chattering, his limbs shivering and drenched with a cold perspiration, he allowed the ague to exhaust itself and thought thus: "Verily, I have nothing to forgive or repent . . . Alas! what fears this I but its own conditions? Man will create the faster moving body outside himself-always preferring compulsion to the infinite possibilities of freedom. Alas! Alas! that which is ornamental reacts its uselessness-the symbol 'I was.' The necrologue of love-is utility." Then rising from his couch and taking an ecstatic inbreath: "Again would I die violently and jest at God." The operation having exhausted him he suffered this daydream: "The waters became murky, then muddy, and movement began. Going nearer, he observed-a phosphorescent morass crowded with restless abortions of humanity and creatures-like struggling mudworms, aimless and blind: an immense swamp of dissatisfaction; a desire smashed into pieces." With his will, the dream changed and he became in a vast warehouse-cum-brothel. Realizing his whereabouts he muttered: "Such is life, an endless swallowing and procreation, morally, man is a bastard ." The floor was strewn with dirty clothes and candle ends: knowing the strangest women, nothing was pleasing enough . . . so his attention wandered to the upper story. He was certain he had been there before by a staircase. But now, there was no easy means of access. He would have to climb whatever served. After much painful effort he managed to reach and hang on to the balustrade of the upper floor. There, he noticed the store contained innumerable strange effigies and new creations of humanity. He struggled further along to obtain an easy means of ingress, thinking: "Where there is desire-there shall be found the desired sleeping partner. What is true, is pleasurable Self. I have now reached the sixth letter of the alphabet." When suddenly he observed another and more agile following him-who when reaching Aaos, clutched hold of him-shouting: "Where I cannot reach, thou too shall not ascend." Their combined weight became too heavy-the balustrading collapsed and they both fell . . . Aaos felt himself falling as into a bottomless pit-when with a start he awoke, and after introspection spoke to his heart: "Verily I have fallen in love with a new belief and become moral! This I reflects itself differently. What was once easy- is now difficult. All reflections are radiated matter incarnating. Who doth know what his own stillness refracts at the time of its projection? Who would suspect afterthought without consciousness? The I, to be self prophecy-without a conglomeration of old clothes-is by a deliberation previous to will-to be noumenal; is anterior to time. Forgive? [i. e. to free from consciousness]. Yea, a thousand times! so that the desire become large and insane enough to self-will. How can memory forget-when we invented reaction? What is all bad memory-but morality? What is will but reaction-impulsed from the accidents of I?" Then Aaos remembered he had conditioned his realization by thought of time and remarked:

"So ends in the part sexuality-all asses' magic that premeditates time. Much th ought destroys the nerve. The arcana knows more than the I wills: and thus shou ld I have it." Then Aaos laughed aloud and spoke: "Up! Up! my sexuality! and be a light unto all-that is in me!" For he had-while contemplating-eluded his I and knew he would shortly obtain . . . And thus he found a new use for his righteousness.

### **Self-Love and Map Making**

Aaos in his youth had many dreams, pleasing and otherwise; awake and in his sle ep. Frequently, fragments of dreams haunted him for many a day, but they were o f his marriage bed. After his divorce he slept alone with his sword. Aaos, once dreamed he was till asleep, and this was his dream: "He had been exploring an unknown country and having returned, was busy making maps from his rough sketches and memoranda. He was surprised how fresh was his memory of every questioned detail, at the ease with which his hand drew the mou ntains and contours of that unknown country. His dexterity became too pleasing and threatened an event long ceased and then forgotten." By his determination he awoke and was able to calm the excited passion. He was consoled that nothing had happened. Then he spoke to himself thus: "What new deceit is this? Must I be for ever solving the changing symbolism of the wretched morality-called 'I'? Do I still need a loin cloth for my passions? Verily, to be alone and map drawing is now an unsafe art! Sleep?-This sexual e xcitement still obtains. Procreation is with more things than women. The functi on of the sexuality is not entirely procreation: stranger experiences are promi sed than ever imagination conceived! One must retain-to give birth to will. Beh old! my Self-love, thee I pleasure too well,-to let slip into other being!"

### **Aaos and the Undertaker**

One dark night, leaving the tavern more or less sober and wandering without tho ught, I arrived at a well illuminated undertaker's shop. Intoxicated, I am alwa ys curious of the work in such places-so here I paused. At that moment, the doo r was flung violently open and five drunken undertaker's assistants lurched int o me. I objected in a mild way, they being numerous and I thinking that drunkar ds are lucky . . . But that any resistance or excuses I might offer would be un satisfactory was too apparent. They had reached the quarrelsome state and I dis covered-I knew these men too well! From argument to foul accusations [and what did they not call me?]-came blows-I thought it safer not to run away. Did I fig ht well? I know they did and with drunken humour dragged me into the shop to pu rchase a coffin. Within, came recognition-Asas, too truly they knew me! From th en no quarter was given. That drunken fight among the dead and funeral furnitur e was hopeless for me. I was robbed, stripped, spat upon, kicked and bound-what abuse did I not suffer ? I think the humiliation and blows rendered me unconscious! But, I was not to rest so easily-they soon brought me back to consciousness for worse things . . . And I was told they had recently finished making my wife's coffin. They then forced me to view her dead body. Even in my pitiable state, I thought of the be auty of her corpse. Again, they reviled me because of her: she who, if I had no t neglected her, would still be living. I, the whoremonger, betrayer of women, and arch-abnormalist. After much other insult; they told me-my fate. I was give n the choice of being burnt to death or buried alive with her! Naturally my cho ice was to be alone. But no such chance was to be mine. I was buried alive with her corpse. With their combined weight forcing on the lid. I thought I was dea

d [for did I not hear the rushing winds?] when doubt crept into my soul. Then realization of life dawned when I felt that cold corpse crushed against my body by the tightness of the coffin,-never have I realized such horror! With a mighty yell, my after suspiration burst that overcrowded coffin into fragments! I arose, thinking I was alone. But no, sitting by the corpse, amid the debris was the devil grinning! To be alone and half alive with the devil is not a welcome anti-climax ... Then he spoke unto me: "Coward! where was thy courage, even against drunken enemies? Ah ah! Thou hast indeed willed pleasure! Who has the power, Thou or I? What medicine for the dead Gods! Thou wretched scum of littlenesses-heal thy gaping wounds, thou art more fitted to pray than to prey." Much more did he utter, till my very ears closed. With a body torn to pieces, I rushed in every part-what was I to answer? My silence compelled him again to speak: "Hast thou no complaint?" In a mighty rage-for this was a worse goad than all my earlier suffering-I answered: "Curses, no! keep your possessions.-I will pleasure. Do your utmost! this poor thing my body you will again replace!" Then I fought the devil and behold,-I became alone! What happened? I, in my miserable plight, not even my teeth left-how could I have conquered the devil? Did I become a succubus? Perhaps-I became the devil? But this I know-I did will pleasure. And from this day shall smile in all men's faces. Then Aaos awoke and murmured: "Belief and desire are the great duality which engender all illusions that entangle the senses [i.e. sexuality] and prevent free will. What is all accidental suffering but reaction from dead loves now become diableries. How much are we sensible of body? Yet the composition of the body is its relationship between consciousness and all creation. Without doubt I am now an-undertaker!"

## **The Death of Tzula**

In his sleep Aaos one day met his sister Tzula and learned she was thinking of marriage and she questioned him thus: "My most loved brother, what is your opinion of entering marriage? I would be guided by your experience and cunning on sexual matters. My body is weak from desire and suffers a horrible restlessness that surprises my habits of virginity. " Aaos answered: "What cause is there for astonishment? This life force acts and invents from itself; even when the usual channels of expression are open. How much more so-when closed and the nature non-moral? With deceivers, one may well promise and not fulfil for this end, that with a double will there shall be satisfaction without the labour of birth. Resist not desire by repression: but transmute desire by changing to the greater object." Tzula answered: "Alas! this dreadful thing of desire seeks its liberation in willing opposite to all my efforts of conciliation: Cannot marriage be my emancipation?" Aaos answered: "O my sister, must thou become ever smaller from thy small desires? Oh! renounce half-desiring, much better is it to marry the evil. For thee my sister, I wish no marriage but the marriage of the greater love. For I announce, the day to come, yea it is nigh, thy absorption in a male incarnation. What is nature but thy past will incarnated and removed from consciousness by its further desires? The relationship still living provokes the involuntary purpose-thy opposition to which causes disease, and is but resistance of the I to the Self. Bind thy desire by attention on Thy love of desire-lest it wholly runs away. Prevent thy belief from incarnating through this consciousness of the ever present greater desire. Forestall the inclinations of desire by this and not by other means of exhausting desire. Neither abstinence nor over indulgence necessarily destroys. Verily, my sister I would have thee a male incarnation." Then he became sleepy his sister

becoming dim and the dream more meaningless, till he felt something that made him start with horror-awaking he perceived some one leave his couch! Aaos seizing his sword gnashing his teeth, trembling in every limb, and with ghastly visage, shouted: "Alpha and Omega! Thou thyself shall throttle that which thou wouldst surpass," And swung his sword which struck horribly . . . Then shaking the perspiration from his head he muttered to himself; "Verily! again am I the pitiable moralist, the drowsiest of watchman. Sisters were ever deceivers! All virgins are foolish; What does their virginity matter?" Then clasping his sword again he went to his couch and tried to rest but no sleep came, until daybreak: for he wondered who his sister was.

### **The Butcher of Those Who Follow**

In a dream, Aaos one day crossed the border line and wandered into the flat country towards what seemed, in the half-rain, a deserted heap of ruins. Arriving closer to the city, there issued from it a dreadful stench accompanying agonizing groans. Entering the gates Aaos found it a vast slaughterer's abattoir; an endless shambles of dying bodies tied in sacks. The black mud of the streets was streaming blood, the carnal houses bespattered-the very atmosphere pulsating a gony; the grey sky reflecting its red. Holding his nose and stopping his ears Aaos walked on . . . Then he paused and his frightened eyes watched the work of slaughter and he observed that every victim was already beheaded, but not dead, that they were sheep and being bled to death. As he watched the mass of writhing corpses in that foul Bedlam of death groans- made more loathsome by the ribald jesting of the slaughtermen, the scene became more vast, more heathenly impossible, when he noticed towering before him a giant shape with gory sheepskin used as loincloth, who, with a shrill voice shouted: "Woe unto you that seek this awful place of satiety. I am the guardian named Necrobiosis, in order that there may be mobility!" Then seeing Aaos he laughed hideously, and addressed him thus: "But why cometh Aaos in the close season? Thou old dodger of Time, thou eye winning at all things! For thou canst will love in that which is most repulsive. Away O Aaos, Thou too art an arch-slaughterer of sheep. " Then the giant gave an awful grimace and turned his back, snapping his teeth and howling like a dog. Becoming larger and larger till of cosmic vastness, thus he disappeared. When Aaos awoke, he muttered to himself: "Beyond time there is a sensation as of awaking from the utmost impossibility of existence from the mad dreams we call reality; the stupidities we call will." Then Aaos arose to fill his lungs with fresh air and have the good of motion.

### **On the Announcer of Great Events**

One night, Aaos dreamed he was mournfully labouring his way uphill, through an endless ruin of cities. The streets were a chaos of debris-the air heavy with the stale stench of damp charred wood and mouldering refuse. Nowhere saw he a sign of life-The sky was dead and breathless. Stumbling along till his body sickened. Warily he paused to rest and looking down, noticed the litter of a manuscript. Stooping, he chose the nearest fragment, and this was what he read: "I too was once a mighty pleasure garden of all things that enchanted the senses; possessing men and women of every desirable form and nationality. All the hidden treasures of nature were exhibited with art and cunning accident. No desire could be ungratified. . . . What am I now? A putrid mess and dust of dead habitations. An empty wine skin destroyed and gone rotten! O, stranger, what is the

cause of my desolation?" Aaos, sitting down, mused long to himself: "When the very ground beneath one's feet collapses, what is secure? What chance of escape- but fore-knowledge? Would the study of grammar, or correct pronunciation of language, save one?" While he was thus meditating, suddenly he was afraid and gave a start. For beside his shadow grew another shadow. And when he looked round, there stood before him an illuminated youth who said: "Awake Aaos, This sorry ruin thou didst cause by thy greater love. All these pleasures were but dreams, which awoke too violently. What is all sexuality but the infinite synonyms of Self-love; self created and destroyed? These pleasures now dead, suppressed their own antecedent indulgence by afterthoughts of women. All original thought, once suppressed becomes volcanic." Aaos, winking his eye, answered: "When asleep, one should procreate in barren soil?" at which they both smiled. After they had surveyed each other, Aaos arose and left the youth. Surmounting an eminence he searched the sky long, until he observed the faint glow of the sun struggling through the mists, he spake thus: "Abstinence from righteousness by total indiscrimination, becomes limitlessness. O Sun! like thee, I too will kiss all things and sleep alone, so that they propagate my ecstasy!" Awaking Aaos remembered his purpose, and spoke to his heart: "The arcana of desire [i.e. Self-love] would be satisfied with none but its original Self-by the unique. Thus my morality taught me by dream symbols. As in life, so in sleep-all things have a sexual significance, hidden by righteousness. Herein is a mystery and the means to will. What is all humanity but one's own forgotten deliberation-becoming restless? The unexpected bark of a dog should not frighten. Neither is medicine taken by pronouncing the name of the remedy. Verily, in the time of cataclysm it is too late to pick the right word."

## **The Dream That Came True**

One night Aaos was pleased with this dream:

In his early youth, he met a beautiful maiden-famous among men who knew perfection. She was everything desirable, even to her name. He became her lover, and knew her . . . to be true. But an evil voice spoke unto him and he doubted her, believing the voice-because it was of one he had made his friend. In youth-like rage he cast aside his lover and wandered into marriage of every kind, without satisfaction. Then the evil voice died. For years Aaos wandered restlessly seeking, but never finding his lost love: thinking they were both in Hell. Then in his utmost weariness and despair, he thought much more deeply; and at last realized that the dream was the time for magic. And then he willed . . . With the new moon his wish was materialized and again he met his first and only love. Their hearts being still virgin, Aaos spoke unto her: "Out of Chaos have I awaked and found thee, O beloved. Death itself shall not part us; for by thee alone will I have children." And they married and were ecstatic thereafter: for in their ecstasy he noticed Death smile. Aaos then awoke still living their ecstasy, and breathing heavily, spake to himself thus: "When the thing desired is again incarnated at the time of ecstasy; there can be no satiety. ONE! we now part. All things are possible with the original belief, once again found. The belief, simultaneous with the desire, becomes its parallel and duality ceases. When ecstasy is transcended by ecstasy, the I becomes atmospheric-there is no place for sensuous objects to conceive differently and react. Verily, greater will has

no man than to-jest in ecstasy: retain thyself from giving forth thy seed of life." Aaos  
rising from his couch-threw away his sword and exclaimed aloud: "Now for reality!"

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# Interpreting Zos Kia Cultus

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Greetings to all and everyone! It was a pleasure to meet all of you who were at the conclave this past weekend!...I had a wonderful time and was impressed by all of you!!! ;- ) rock on!!!!.....

Many of you had questions about Austin O. and the Zos Kia Cultus....and while I am by no means an expert (just a humble student enrolled in the school of life)

I have studied much and the ZKC is somewhat my forte... so let me begin by saying that Austin O's magick is not the magick of the rich..

the high ceremonial..the better than thou attitude of the upper classes..or the

'well..I've been studying the qabala for 20 years and have had K and C with my HGA....so this is the only way'' ...Bullox say I !!!!!

Spare's magick is the magick of the..primordial..the shaman..the witch..the poor who would break their backs during the day and meet in moon carressed groves to worship at night...the laffter of a child..it is an ever turning inward type of thing ..to quote from the book of pleasure.."you do not need to dress up as a traditional magician,wizard,or priest,build expensive temples,obtain virgin parchment,black goats blood,...etc..etc..in fact no theatrics or humbug"..

.Altho Spare DID have his own magickal "weapons"..a very apparant one would be the QUILL. Obvi Spare was VERY much influenced by REAL witchcraft..not the wishy-wash of todays wicca.

(no offence to those of you who 'fool-low' the modern methods,tho I must say sometimes I think those such as scott cuningham would indeed make a nice punching bag )

That said....let us get on with it...ahhh so much so much....where to begin....ahhh I know.....What does Zos and Kia mean???

SIMPLE INTERPRETATIONS....Aside from Zos being part of Austin O's magickal name,

ZOS ... means .. the entire body, including it's range of consiousness in the world. It is symbolized by the hand,as the Kia by the eye...thus

joining sight and touch....can also be seen as "will"  
KIA ...symbolized by the eye...can be seen as "imagination" and the eye  
of  
central  
mystical vision..the "atmospheric I"...can also be seen as the real  
self.  
the state of inbetweeness, or niether-niether.

#### DEEPER INTERPRETATIONS....

The HAND...is the physical representation of the five-fold star..by  
tradition called the pentalpha. It is thus the symbol and the  
embodiment of  
the pentagrammaton - the five-fold word of the flesh realized and  
articulated via the five senses of physicality. The myriad postures of  
the  
Hand used in ritual and in contemplation correspond to the divine  
postures  
assumed  
by the body as a whole - the Hand postures also correlate to the  
alignments  
of the senses in the formula of the Apotheoses of Sensation and to the  
Linear Ciphers of Sigillic Wisdom whereby Sensation is encoded and  
communicated for occult purposes!...( get it ? ) ( got it? ) (   
good!!!! )  
In ritual the raised and outstretched Hand serves as the Sign of the  
Pentacle,  
and is thus used to charge and salute the Quarters of the circle: the  
raised Dextral ( right ) Hand is the physical analogue of the Upright  
Pentagrammatic Sign = upright pentagram. The raised Sinistral ( oh but  
I  
love that word for some reason )( left ) Hand is the physical analogue  
of  
the averse or downward pointing pentagram.  
The Fingers and the Points of the sign being attributed thusly:-

The Thumb = Earth + Touch + Lower left point.  
The Forefinger = Air + Smell + Upper left point.  
The Index finger = Spirit + Hearing + Uppermost point.  
The Ring finger = Water + Taste + Upper right point.  
The little finger = Fire + Sight + Lower right point  
The Palm = Void + Telaesthetic Sence + Central point.

The Hand may thus be interpreted in ritual and formulaic texts as:-

1. The literal hand - the vehicle of the tactile sence.
2. The sign " upright /inverted pentagram ". The ritual gesture of the  
raised and outstretched hand
3. The five senses of physicality, and hence may infer ..THE BODY AS A  
WHOLE!!!.

...there are other 'things' having to do with the hand but I will  
"touch" upon those with those who want to know.

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The EYE...The symbol of the eye may be interpreted firstly in the  
literal  
manner..ie..The physical vehicle of the Optical sence. In this

interpretation the Left eye is attributed to the Lunar and the Feminine, while the Right eye is attributed to the Solar and the Masculine; the two being UNITED in the second interpretation of the "eye". This being the "eye" as the Oracle of the Blessed Sight, the third Eye of ancient tradition wherein the Sun and the Moon are unified in the steller symbol of the Eye within the Triangle.

In this second interpretation all senses of physicality are focused in the Optical by Ritual and Contemplative means, thus endowing the eye with the power to see beyond the visibility of the mundane and to gaze into the transmundane Aires and Spheres of the Existent, even into the very cells of the azoth wherein the holiest visions of this our arte are enshrined.

In a third interpretation the "Eye" may infer an entity of projected vision - such entities constituting the corpus of the watcher.

- I. The internal projection of the sight into the aires and spaces within.
- II. The external projection of the sight into the points of the quarters of the circle and beyond the gates thereof.
- III. The entities of the blessed sight who are the guardians of the gates and the spaces beyond and between.

The fourth interpretation of the "Eye" refers to the openings of the body, especially those with sexual significance. These being:-  
The Kteis, as the oracle informing the secrets of the sacred visions.  
The Urethral Aperture of the phallus: The weeping Eye of the Sun.  
The Anus: The blind Oracle of Abomination serving as the final repose of abortive congress.

- Thus the Eye may be interpreted as:-
- A. The physical vehicle of the optical sense.
  - B. The Psychological vehicle of sight.
  - C. The projected entities of the sight.
  - D. An opening of the body..especially those pertaining to the sexual formula.
  - E. A PHONETIC EQUIVALENT OF I !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

There is more to do with the "eye" than meets the eye. ( sorry )...and for those who want to know I will go deeper in.

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anyone who wants to...can e-mail me ..and I apologize for my poor writing skills...I am not a writer and my ability to infer is limited...what can I

say?

well this should be read in a bad french accent...I am zo borled..ze  
buiznezz men want zherle paqajezz...ze swine,let zem wait!!....I am  
going  
to get drunk!!!

Until the end of god and time my brothers and sisters...be  
free!!!!!!!!!!!!

.....Sinister

and oh yes..coming soon...fun with earthenware virgins and stone  
gods!!!!

he he heeee.....opening a can of  
worms!.....

# The Sorceries of Zos

***From Cults of the Shadow  
by Kenneth Grant***

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Sorcery and witchcraft are the degenerate offspring of occult traditions coeval with those described in the second chapter. The popular conception of witchcraft, shaped by the anti-Christian manifestations that occurred in the Middle Ages is so distorted and so inadequate that to try and interpret the symbols of its mysteries, perverted and debased as they are, without reference to the vastly ancient systems from which they derive is like mistaking the tip of an iceberg for its total mass.

It has been suggested by some authorities that the original witches sprang from a race of Mongol origin of which the Lapps are the sole surviving remnants. This may or may not be so, but these 'mongols' were not human. They were degenerate survivals of a pre-human phase of our planet's history generally- though mistakenly- classified as Atlantean. The characteristic that distinguished them from the others of their kind was the ability to project consciousness into animal forms, and the power they possessed of reifying thought-forms. The bestiaries of all the races of the earth are littered with the results of their sorceries.

They were non-human entities; that is to say they pre-dated the human life- wave on this planet, and their powers- which would today appear unearthly- derived from extra-spatial dimensions. They impregnated the aura of the earth with the magical seed from which the human foetus was ultimately generated.

Arthur Machen was, perhaps, near the truth of the matter when he suggested that the fairies and little people of folklore were decorous devices concealing processes of non-human sorcery repellent to mankind.<sup>1</sup>

Machen, Blackwood, Crowley, Lovecraft, Fortune, and others, frequently used as a theme for their writings the influx of extra-terrestrial powers which have been moulding the history of our planet since time began; that is, since time began for us, for we are only too prone to suppose that we were here first and that we alone are here now, whereas the most ancient occult traditions affirm that we were neither the first nor are we the only ones to people the earth; the Great Old Ones and the Elder Gods find echoes in the myths and legends of all peoples.

Austin Spare claimed to have had direct experience of the existence of extra-terrestrial intelligences, and Crowley- as his autobiography makes abundantly clear- devoted a lifetime to proving that extra-terrestrial and superhuman consciousness can and does exist independently of the human organism.<sup>2</sup>

As explained in *Images and Oracles of Austin Osman Spare*,<sup>3</sup> Spare was initiated into the vital current of ancient and creative sorcery by an aged woman named Paterson, who

claimed decent form a line of Salem witches. The formation of Spare's Cult of the Zos and the Kia<sup>4</sup> owes much to his contact with Witch Paterson who provides the model for many of his 'sabbatic' drawings and paintings. Much of the occult lore that she transmitted to him suffuses two of his books- The Book of Pleasure and the Focus of Life.<sup>5</sup> In the last years of his life he embodied further esoteric researches in a grimoire<sup>6</sup> which he had intended publishing as a sequel to his two other books. Although death prevented its publication, the manuscript survives, and the substance of the grimoire forms the basis of this chapter.

Spare concentrated the theme of his doctrine in the following Affirmation Creed of Zos vel Thanatos.

*I believe in the flesh 'as now' and forever . . . for I am the Light, the Truth, the Law, the Way, and none shall come unto anything except through his flesh. Did I not show you the eclectic path between ecstasies; that precarious funambulatory way . . . . But you had no courage, were tired, and feared. THEN AWAKE! De-hypnotize yourselves from the poor reality you be-live and be-lie. For the great Noon- tide is here, the great bell has struck . . . . Let others await involuntary immolation, the forced redemption so certain for many apostates to Life. Now, in this day, I ask you to search your memories, for great unities are near. The Inceptor of all memory is your Soul. Life is desire, Death is reformation . . . . I am the resurrection . . . . I, who transcend ecstasy by ecstasy, meditating Need Not Be in Self-love . . . .*

This creed, informed by the dynamism of Spare's will and his great ability as an artist, created a Cult on the astral plane that attracted to itself all the elements naturally orientated to it. He referred to it as Zos Kia Cultus, and its votaries claimed affinity on the following terms:

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| Our Sacred Book        | : The Book of Pleasure.                                                                                      |
| Our Path<br>precarious | : The eclectic path between ecstasies; the<br>funambulatory way.                                             |
| Our Deity              | : The All-Prevailing Woman.<br>( 'And I strayed with her, into the path<br>direct' . . )                     |
| Our Creed              | : The Living Flesh. (Zos):<br>( 'Again I say : This is your great moment of<br>reality- the living flesh' ). |
| Our Sacrament          | : The Sacred Inbetweenness Concepts.                                                                         |
| Our Word               | : Does Not Matter-Need Not Be.                                                                               |
| Our Eternal Abode      | : The mystic state of Neither-Neither.<br>The Atomospheric 'I'. (Kia).                                       |
| Our Law                | : To Trespass all Laws.                                                                                      |

The Zos and the Kia are represented by the Hand and the Eye, the instruments of sentiency and vision. They form the foundation of the New Sexuality, which Spare evolved by combining them to form a magical art- the art of visualizing sensation, of 'becoming one with all sensation', and of transcending the dual polarities of existence by the annihilation of separate identity through the mechanics of the Death Posture.<sup>7</sup> Long ago, a Persian poet described in a few words the object of Spare's New Sexuality. *The kingdom of I and We forsake, and your home in annihilation make.*

The New Sexuality, in the sense that Spare conceived it, is the sexuality not of positive dualities but of the Great Void, the Negative, the Ain: The Eye of Infinite Potential. The New Sexuality is, simply, the manifestation of non- manifestation, or of Universe 'B', as Bertiaux would have it, which is equivalent to Spare's Neither-Neither concept. Universe 'B' represents the absolute difference of that world of 'all otherness' to anything pertaining to the known world, or Universe 'A'. Its gateway is Daath, sentinelled by the Demon Choronzon. Spare describes this concept as 'the gateway of all inbetweenness'. In terms of Voodoo, this idea is implicit in the Petro rites with their emphasis upon the spaces between the cardinal points of the compass: the off-beat rhythms of the drums that summon the loa from beyond the Veil and formulate the laws of their manifestation.<sup>8</sup> Spare's system of sorcery, as expressed in *Zos Kia Cultus*, continues in a straight line not only the Petro tradition of Voodoo, but also the Vama Marg of Tantra, with its eight directions of space typified by the Yantra of the Black Goddess, Kali: the Cross of the Four Quarters plus the inbetweenness concepts that together compose the eightfold Cross, the eight-petalled Lotus, a synthetic symbol of the Goddess of the Seven Stars plus her son, Set or Sirius.<sup>2</sup>

The mechanics of the New Sexuality are based upon the dynamics of the Death Posture, a formula evolved by Spare for the purpose of reifying the negative potential in terms of positive power. In ancient Egypt the mummy was the type of this formula, and the simulation by the Adept of the state of death<sup>10</sup>- in Tantric practice- involves also the total stilling of the psychosomatic functions. The formula has been used by Adepts not necessarily working with specifically tantric or magical formulae, notably by the celebrated Advaitin Rishi, Bhagavan Shri Ramana Maharshi of Tiruvannamalai,<sup>11</sup> who attained Supreme Enlightenment by simulating the process of death; and also by the Bengal Vaishnavite, Thakur Haranath, who was taken for dead and actually prepared for burial after a 'death trance' which lasted several hours and from which he emerged with a totally new consciousness that transformed even his bodily constitution and appearance.<sup>12</sup> It is possible that Shri Meher Baba, of Poona, during the period of amnesia that afflicted him in early life, also experienced a form of death from which he emerged with power to enlighten others and to lead a large movement in his name.

The theory of the Death Posture, first described in *The Book of Pleasure*, was developed independently of the experiences of the above mentioned Masters about whom nothing was published in any European language at that time.<sup>13</sup>

The Rosicrucian mystique of the pastos containing the corpse of Christian Rosencreutz- dramatized by MacGregor Mathers in the 51=6ú Ceremony of the Golden Dawn- resumes the mystery of this essentially Egyptian formula of the mummified Osiris. Spare was acquainted with this version of the Mystery. He became a member of Crowley's A.^A.^., for a brief period, in 1910, and the Golden Dawn rituals- published shortly afterwards in *The Equinox*<sup>14</sup>- may have been available to him.

The concepts of death and sexuality are inextricably connected. Saturn, death, and Venus, life, are twin aspects of the Goddess. That they are, in a mystical sense, one idea is evidenced by the nature of the sexual act. The dynamic activity connected with the drive

to know, to penetrate, to illumine, culminates in a stillness, a silence, a cessation of all effort which itself dissolves in the tranquillity of total negation. The identity of these concepts is explicit in the ancient Chinese equation  $0=2$ , where naught symbolizes the negative, unmanifest potential of creation, and the two the two polarities involved in its realization. The Goddess represents the negative phase: the atmospheric 'I' symbolized by that all-seeing Eye with all its ayin symbolism;<sup>15</sup> and the twins- Set-Horus- represent the phase of 2, or duality. The lightning-swift alternations of these terminals, active-passive, are positive emanations of the Void, i.e. the manifestation of the Unmanifest, and the Hand is the symbol of this creative, power-manifesting duality.<sup>16</sup>

The supreme symbol of Zos Kia Cultus therefore resumes that of the Scarlet Woman, and is reminiscent of Crowley's Cult of Love under Will. The Scarlet Woman embodies the Fire Snake, control of which causes 'change to occur in conformity with will'.<sup>17</sup> The energized enthusiasm of the Will is the key to Crowley's Cult, and it is analogous to the technique of magically induced obsession which Spare uses to reify the 'inherent dream'.<sup>18</sup>

One of the foremost magicians of our time- Salvador Dali- developed a system of magical reification at about the same time that Crowley and Spare were elaborating their doctrines. Dali's system of 'paranoiac-critical activity' evokes echoes of resurgent atavisms that are reflected into the concrete world of images by a process of obsession similar to that induced by the Death Posture.

Dali's birth in 1904- the year in which Crowley received The Book of the Law- makes him, literally, a child of the New Aeon; one of the first! His creative genius adumbrates at every stage of its flight the flowering of the essential germ that has made him a living embodiment of New Aeon consciousness, and of the 'Kingly Man' described in AL.

Dali's objects are reflected in the fluid and ever-shifting luminosity of the Astral Light. They resolve themselves and melt continually into the 'next step',<sup>19</sup> the next phase of consciousness expanding into the further image of Becoming.

Spare had already succeeded in isolating and concentrating desire in a symbol which became sentient and therefore potentially creative through the lightnings of the magnetized will. Dali, it seems, has taken the process a step further. His formula of 'paranoiac-critical activity' is a development of the primal (African) concept of the fetish, and it is instructive to compare Spare's theory of 'visualized sensation' with Dali's definition of painting as 'hand don colour photography of concret irrationality'. Sensation is essentially irrational, and its delineation in graphic form ('hand done colour photography') is identical with Spare's method of 'visualized sensation'.

These magicians utilized human embodiments of power (shakti) which appeared- usually- in feminine form. Each book that Crowley produced had its corresponding shakti. The Rites of Eleusis (1910) were powered, largely, by Leila Waddell. Book Four, Parts I & II (1913) came through Soror Virakam (Mary d'Este). Liber Aleph- The Book of Wisdom or Folly (1918)- was inspired by Soror Hilarion (Jane Foster). His great work,



Magick in Theory and Practice, was written mainly in 1920 in Cefalu, where Alostrael (Leah Hirsig) supplied the magical impetus; and so on, up to the New Aeon interpretation of the Tarot (The Book of Thoth), which he produced in collaboration with Frieda Harris in 1944. Dali's shakti- Gala- was the channel through which the inspiring creative current was fixed or visualized in some of the greatest paintings the world has seen. And in the case of Austin Osman Spare, the Fire Snake assumed the form of Mrs. Paterson, a self-confessed witch who embodied the sorceries of a cult so ancient that it was old in Egypt's infancy.

Spare's grimoire is a concentration of the entire body of his work. It comprises, in a sense, everything of magical or creative value that he ever thought or imagined. Thus, if you possess a picture by Zos, and that picture contains some of his sigillized spells, you possess the whole grimoire, and you stand a great chance of being swept up and attuned to the vibrations of Zos Kia Cultus.

A little known aspect of Spare, an aspect that links up with his friendship with Thomas Burke,<sup>20</sup> reveals the fact that a curious Chinese occult society- known as the Cult of the Ku- flourished in London in the nineteen-twenties. Its headquarters may have been in Peking, Spare did not say, perhaps he did not know; but its London offshoot was not in Limehouse as one might have expected, but in Stockwell, not far from a studio-flat that Spare shared with a friend. A secret session of the cult of the Ku was witnessed by Spare, who seems to have been the only European ever to have gained admittance. He does, in fact, seem to have been the only European apart from Burke who had so much as heard of the Cult. Spare's experience is of exceptional interest by reason of its close approximation to a form of dream-control into which he was initiated many years earlier by Witch Paterson.

The word Ku has several meanings in Chinese, but in this particular case it denotes a peculiar form of sorcery involving elements which Spare had already incorporated in his conception of the New Sexuality. The Adepts of Ku worshipped a serpent goddess in the form of a woman dedicated to the Cult. During an elaborate ritual she would become possessed, with the result that she threw off, or emanated, multiple forms of the goddess as sentient shadows endowed with all the charms possessed by her human representative. These shadow-women, impelled by some subtle law of attraction, gravitated to one or other of the devotees who sat in a drowsy condition around the entranced priestess. Sexual congress with these shadows then occurred and it was the beginning of a sinister form of dream-control involving journeys and encounters in infernal regions.

The Ku would seem to be a form of the Fire Snake exteriorized astrally as a shadow-woman or succubus, congress with which enabled the devotee to reify his 'inherent dream'. She was known as the 'whore of hell' and her function was analogous to that of the Scarlet Woman of Crowley's Cult, the Suvasini of the Tantric Kaula Circle, and the Fiendess of the Cult of the Black Snake. The Chinese Ku, or harlot of hell, is a shadowy embodiment of subconscious desires<sup>21</sup> concentrated in the alluringly sensuous form of the Serpent of Shadow Goddess.

The mechanics of dream control are in many ways similar to those which effect conscious astral projection. My own system of dream control derives from two sources: the formula of Eroto-Comatose Lucidity discovered by Ida Nellidoff and adapted by Crowley to his sex-magical techniques,<sup>22</sup> and Spare's system of Sentient Sigils explained below.

Sleep should be preceded by some form of Karezza<sup>23</sup> during which a specially chosen sigil symbolizing the desired object is vividly visualized. In this manner the libido is baulked of its natural fantasies and seeks satisfaction in the dream world. When the knack is acquired the dream will be extremely intense and dominated by a succube, or shadow-woman, with whom sexual intercourse occurs spontaneously. If the dreamer has acquired even a moderate degree of proficiency in this technique he will be aware of the continued presence of the sigil. This he should bind upon the form of the succube in a place that is within range of his vision during copulation, e.g., as a pendant suspended from her neck; as ear-drops; or as the diadem in a circlet about her brow. Its locus should be determined by the magician with respect to the position he adopts during coitus. The act will then assume all the characteristics of a Ninth Degree Working,<sup>24</sup> because the presence of the Shadow-Woman will be experienced with a vivid intensity of sensation and clarity of vision. The sigil thus becomes sentient and in due course the object of the Working materializes on the physical plane. This object is, of course, determined by the desire embodied in and represented by the sigil.

The important innovation in this system of dream control lies in the transference of the Sigil from the waking to the dream state of consciousness, and the evocation, in the latter state, of the Shadow-woman. This process transforms an Eighth Degree Rite<sup>25</sup> into the similitude of the sexual act as used in Ninth Degree Workings.

Briefly, the formula has three stages:

1. Karezza, or unculminating sexual activity, with visualization of the Sigil until sleep supervenes.
2. Sexual congress in the dream-state with the Shadow-woman evoked by Stage I. The Sigil should appear automatically at this second stage; if it does not, the practice must be repeated at another time. If it does, then the desired result will reify in Stage.
3. after awakening (i.e. in the mundane world of everyday phenomena).

A word of explanation is, perhaps, necessary concerning the term Karezza as used in the present context. Retention of semen is a concept of central importance in certain Tantric practices, the idea being that the bindu (seed) then breeds astrally, not physically. In other words, an entity of some sort is brought to birth at astral levels of consciousness. This, and analogous techniques, have given rise to the impression- quite erroneous- that celibacy is a sine qua non of magical success; but such celibacy is of a purely local character and confined to the physical plane, or waking state, alone. Celibacy, as commonly understood, is therefore a meaningless parody or travesty of the true formula. Such is the initiated rationale of Tantric celibacy, and some such interpretation

undoubtedly applies also to other forms of religious asceticism. The 'temptations' of the saints occurred on the astral plane precisely because the physical channels had been deliberately blocked. The state of drowsiness noted in the votaries of the Ku suggests that the ensuing shadow-play was evoked after a fashion similar to that obtained by a species of dream control.

Gerald Massey, Aleister Crowley, Austin Spare, Dion Fortune, have- each in their way- demonstrated the bio-chemical basis of the Mysteries. They achieved in the sphere of the 'occult' that which Wilhelm Reich achieved for psychology, and established it on a sure bio-chemical basis.

Spare's 'sentient symbols' and 'alphabet of desire',<sup>26</sup> correlating as they do the marmas of the body with the specific sex-principles, anticipated in several ways the work of Reich who discovered- between 1936 and 1939- the vehicle of psycho-sexual energy, which he named the orgone. Reich's singular contribution to psychology and, incidentally, to Western occultism, lies in the fact that he successfully isolated the libido and demonstrated its existence as a tangible, biological energy. This energy, the actual substance of Freud's purely hypothetical concepts- libido and id- was measured by Reich, lifted out of the category of hypothesis, and reified. He was, however, wrong in supposing that the orgone was the ultimate energy. It is one of the more important kalas but not the Supreme Kala (Mahakala), although it may become such by virtue of a process not unknown to Tantrics of the Varma Marg. Until comparatively recent times it was known- in the West- to the Arab alchemists, and the entire body of alchemical literature, with its tortuous terminology and hieroglyphic style, reveals- if it reveals anything- a deliberate device on the part of Initiates to veil the true process of distilling the Mahakala.

Reich's discovery is significant because he was probably the first scientist to place psychology on a solid biological basis, and the first to demonstrate under laboratory conditions the existence of a tangible magical energy at last measurable and therefore strictly scientific. Whether this energy is termed the astral light (Levi), the elan vital (Bergson), the Odic Force (Reichenbach), the libido (Freud), Reich was the first- with the possible exception of Reichenbach<sup>27</sup>- actually to isolate it and demonstrate its properties.

Austin Spare suspected, as early as 1913, that some such energy was the basic factor in the re-activation of primal atavisms, and he treated it accordingly as cosmic energy (the 'Atmospheric I') responsive to subconscious suggestion through the medium of Sentient Symbols, and through the application of the body (Zos) in such a way that it could reify remote atavisms and all possible future forms.

During the time that he was preoccupied with these themes Spare dreamed repeatedly of fantastic buildings whose alignments he found quite impossible to note down on waking. He supposed them to be adumbrations of a future geometry of space-time bearing no known relation to present-day forms of architecture. Eliphaz Levi claimed a similar power of reification for the 'Astral Light', but he failed to show the precise manner of its manipulation. It was to this end that Spare evolved his Alphabet of Desire 'each letter of

which relates to a sex-principle'.<sup>28</sup> That is to say he noted certain correspondences between the inner movements of the sexual impulse and the outer form of its manifestation in symbols, sigils, or letters rendered sentient by being charged with its energy. Dali refers to such magically charged fetish-forms as 'accommodations of desire'<sup>29</sup> which are visualized as shadowy voids, black emptinesses, each having the shape of the ghostly object which inhabits its latency, and which IS only by virtue of the fact that it is NOT. This indicates that the origin of manifestation is non-manifestation, and it is plain to intuitive apprehension that the orgone of Reich, the Atmospheric 'I' of Austin Spare, and the Dalinian delineations of the 'accommodations of desire' refer in each case to an identical Energy manifesting through the mechanics of desire. Desire, Energized Will, and Obsession, are the keys to unlimited manifestation, for all form and all power is latent in the Void, and its god-form is the Death Posture.

These theories have their roots in very ancient practices, some of which- in distorted form- provided the basis of the mediaeval Witch Cult, covens of which flourished in New England at the time of the Salem Witch Trials at the end of the 17th century. The subsequent persecutions apparently obliterated all outer manifestations both of the genuine cult and its debased counterfeits.

The principal symbols of the original cult have survived the passage of aeon- long cycles of time.<sup>30</sup> They all suggest the Backward Way:<sup>31</sup> The Sabbath sacred to Sevekh or Sebt, the number Seven, the Moon, the Cat, Jackal, Hyaena, Pig, Black Snake, and other animals considered unclean by later traditions; the Widdershins and Back-to-Back dance, the Anal Kiss, the number Thirteen, the Witch mounted on the besom handle, the Bat, and other forms of webbed or winged nocturnal creature; the Batrachia generally, of which the Toad, Frog, or Hekt<sup>32</sup> was preminent. These and similar symbols originally typified the Draconian Tradition which was degraded by the pseudo witch-cults during centuries of Christian persecution. The Mysteries were profaned and the sacred rites were condemned as anti-Christian. The Cult thus became the repository of inverted and perverted religious rites and symbols having no inner meaning; mere affirmations of the witches' total commitment to anti-Christian doctrine whereas- originally- they were living emblems, sentient symbols, of ante- Christian faith.

When the occult significance of primal symbols is fathomed at the Draconian level, the system of sorcery which Spare evolved through contact with 'Witch' Paterson becomes explicable, and all magical circles, sorceries, and cults, are seen as manifestations of the Shadow.

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## footnotes

(1) See *The White People, The Shining Pyramid, and other stories*. This theme is a frequent one with Machen. The hideous atavisms described by Lovecraft in many of his tales evoke even more potently the atmosphere of cosmic horror and 'evil' peculiar to the influx of extra-terrestrial powers.

(2) See *The Confessions, Moonchild, Magick Without Tears, and other works by Crowley.*

(3) *Frederick Muller, 1975.*

(4) *'The body considered as a whole I call Zos' (The Book of Pleasure, p.45). The Kia is the 'Atmospheric I'. The 'I' and the 'Eye', being interchangeable, the entire range of 'eye' symbolism- to which repeated reference has been made- is here applicable.*

(5) *First published in 1913 and 1921 respectively. There has been a recent republication of The Book of Pleasure, with an introduction by Kenneth Grant. (Montreal, 1975).*

(6) *This was to have been divided into two parts: The Book of the Living Word of Zos and The Zoetic Grimoire of Zos; in the present chapter it is referred to simply as the grimoire.*

(7) *Vide infra.*

(8) *See previous chapter.*

(9) *The significance of the number eight as the height, or ultimate One, is explained in Aleister Crowley & the Hidden God.*

(10) *i.e. the assumption of the 'god-form' of death.*

(11) *See Arthur Osborne: Ramana Maharshi and the Path of Self Knowledge, London, 1954.*

(12) *See Shri Haranath: His Play and Precepts, Bombay, 1954.*

(13) *i.e. 1913.*

(14) *The 5<sub>j</sub>=6ú Ritual was published in Volume I, No.3. in 1910.*

(15) *See Chapter I.*

(16) *By qabalah, Hand=Yod=10; Eye=Ayin=70. The total, 80=Pe (Mouth), the Goddess, Uterus, or Utterer of the Word.*

(17) *Crowley's definition of magick. See Magick, p.131.*

(18) *i.e. the True Will.*

(19) *Crowley defined the Great Work in terms of the 'Next Step', implying that the Great Work is not a remote and mysterious thing, unattainable by humans, but the realization of the 'here and now', and attention to immediate reality. Both Spare and Crowley castigated the prevaricators who, scared of the idea of work, look to the 'future life' and*

*the unattainable, instead of seizing reality and living NOW. 'O Babblers, Prattlers, Loquacious Ones, . . . learn first what is work! and the Great Work is not so far beyond' (The Book of Lies, Chapter 52).*

(20) 1886-1945.

(21) *Hell is the type of the concealed place symbolic of the subconsciousness; the 'infernal' region.*

(22) *See Chapter 10.*

(23) *Vide, infra, p.204.*

(25) *i.e. a solitary sex act.*

(26) *Described in The Book of Pleasure (A.O. Spare), republished 1975.*

(27) *See Letters on Od and Magnetism; Karl von Reichenbach, London, 1926.*

(28) *The Book of Pleasure, p.56.*

(29) *See The Secret Life of Salvador Dali, New York, 1942.*

(30) *They were carried over from the Draconian or Typhonian Traditions of pre-dynastic Egypt. See The Magical Revival, Chapter 3.*

(31) *The Way of Resurgent Atavisms.*

(32) *Hecate, the witch or transformer from dark to light, as the tadpole of the waters to the frog of dry land, as the dark and baleful moon of witchcraft to the full bright orb of magical radiance and enchantment exemplified for Spare by 'Witch' Paterson who changed from the hag to the virgin before his eyes. See Images and Oracles of Austin Osman Spare, 1975.*

# Spare as Tantrika

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>Tzi...I, for one, would like to hear your thoughts on

>Spare-as-Tantrika"!!! :-)

The most clear reflection of this is in some of his word choices... using "kia" for eye (in Sanskrit, the word's "khya"), "ikkha" for will (in Sanskrit, Iccha), etc. These terms are used in Tantra quite frequently... especially "khya", which is an unusual, almost fundamentally Tantric, use of the word.

Some of his workings also bring to mind Tantric works... such as having sex with 18 prostitutes in a single night which, in turn, unleashed a great burst of creativity. This is very commensurate with Tantric practice in general (using sexual energy to boost kundalini-shakti up the susumna), and in fact it's very nearly impossible to have sex 18 times in a single night if one ejaculates each, or even most, times (talk about *sore*, eh? :)

My suspicion, though it's never explicitly stated, is that he re-channeled the stored semen (bija or rasa in Tantra) into a "higher energy"... in this case, artistic creativity. Again, quite in keeping with Tantric practice generally.

Spare's great attraction to ugly, even deformed, women in the course of his work also reflects on Tantric involvement; in most forms of Tantra, one unites specifically with things that disgust one in order to overcome the limitations that such disgust imposes upon them. This is especially notable amongst Tantric groups like the Ahoras and Kapilikas, who were known for mutilating themselves and for dining on such delicacies as rotting human corpses and feces. In fact, this is a *major* element of the practice of such groups.

Spare makes reference to Kia as "the supreme bliss" in his work... considering that he was almost completely visually oriented, the eye was, to him, exactly that. And he does equate, in fact, Kia with the eye in his famous formula of "uniting the hand (ikkha/iccha) with the eye (kia/khia)". Look, especially, at "A Creed of Despair" in Spare's "Earth Inferno":

"My ambition is DEAD,  
Died premature and with it the love of care,  
Also the Jewel in the Lotus.  
The morrow holds nought for me

Save Sin and Death.

I am even exempt from my own created PLEASURES ---

The barrenness of this life but remains.

Yet in despair we begin to see true light. AMEN.

In weakness we can become strong.

Revere the Kiâ and Your Mind will become TRANQUIL."

This piece could have been lifted DIRECTLY from any number of Tantric doctrines. Especially, note the peculiar way in which "kia" is spelled here... in exactly the way that translators at the time (and to this day) transliterate Sanskrit words, to indicate that the final "a" is pronounced.

And "the jewel in the lotus"... again, a Tantric (albeit Buddhist tantric) formula, which means "Om". The inclusion of "om" in every mantra is not a specifically Tantric theme; indeed, many Tantrics rebelled against it as being part of the very Brahminic tradition which Tantric was formulated *against*. And, also, Tantra advises withdrawal from the perceived obligations of this world and the eschewing of discursive thought revolving around pain and pleasure.

So, in reducing this formula, we get:

"I give up my drive for worldly things,

Though young, I care no longer for obligations of this world,

And I rebuke religion and priests.

Tomorrow is nothing

And the desire for it is corruption.

I no longer have pleasures, nor pains.

My body is but a shell, empty of meaning.

By renunciation, I perceive my truth... my vision of god.

By weakening my body (Spare was certainly an ascetic!), I strengthen my spirit.

Revere sight for sight's sake, without discrimination (Kiâ is not a discriminative function, and the eye is not a discriminative organ) and you will have peace."

All of this is quite in keeping with Tantric thought and practice!

Now, if you have Earth Inferno, take a look at the accompanying illustration entitled "The Despair"....

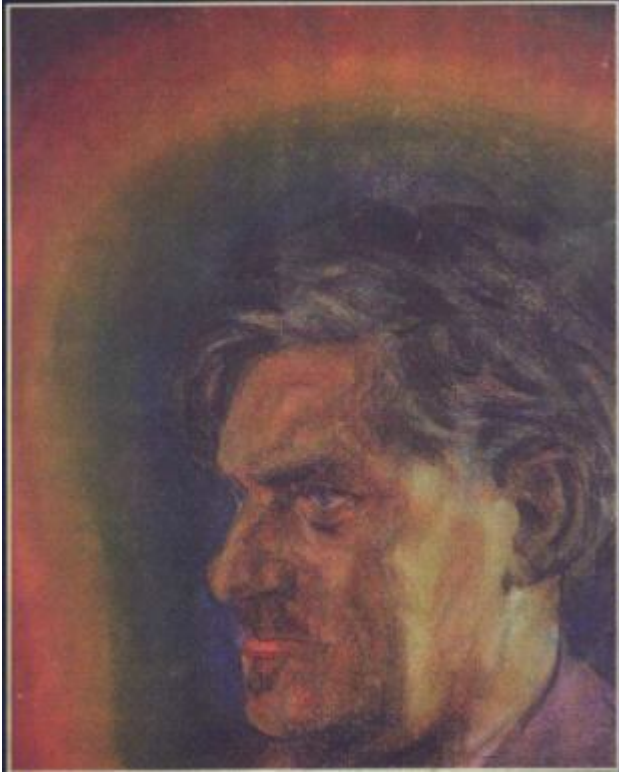
Note the strange position of the woman in black, her arms crossed behind her back? The woman stretched out upon the altar? The little masked man squatting next to her? And note one more thing... Spare was a *master* draughtsman, and yet there appears to be an error in the positioning of the figures... the woman in black's legs vanish through the floor or altar upon which the sacrifice is stretched.

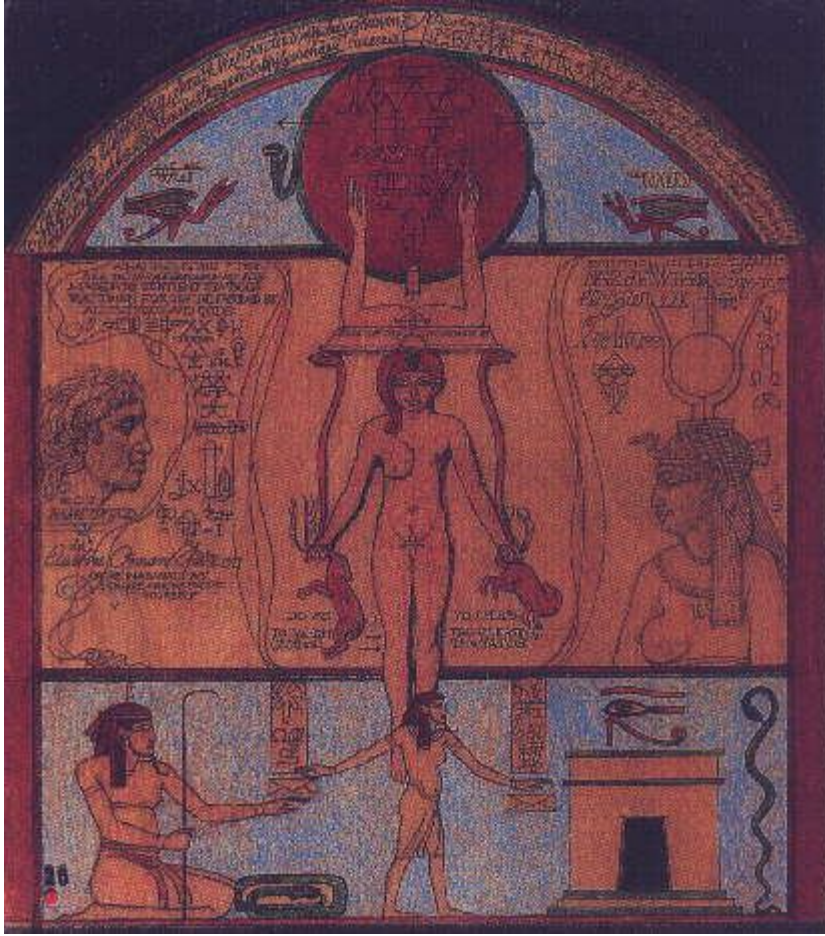


The woman in black is a Tantric goddess... there is even, if you look closely, a snake crawling up her chest from between her cleavage. You can just see it's head peeking above the top of her low-cut dress, just between her breasts. That snake is Kundalini, and identifies the woman with Shakti herself. Note, too, that she stands \*to the left\* of the figure that (I think) is supposed to be Spare himself... that's *absolutely* typical Tantric iconography. Note, further, that the Woman in Black appears to need a shave!!!! And, oddly enough, so does the figure of Spare. In other words, they participate in one being... the woman is herself a part of Spare in a way... being his *own* kundalini-shakti. The use of *three* candles is significant in that one name by which this very goddess is known is Tripura... literally "three cities", the three cities being the three gunas (attributes) that, according to Tantric thought, make up all creation... tamas (darkness/matter), rajas (fire/passion) and Sattva (brilliant/divinity).

The Tantric elements in just this one illustration (drawn in 1905) indicate strongly a Tantric connection... and considering Spare's magical tutor was an old woman (I think, perhaps, a Yogini herself, though she's left no written record), I think that the Tantric element may have been the origin of *much* of Spare's work, both magically and artistically.

However, remember that secrecy is considered by most Tantric practitioners to be the very essence of Tantra... he's not going to come out and *tell* you that he's based much of his work on Tantra. However, I think Kenneth Grant knows about this connection. There are many other instances and examples of this tie-in as well, and I've even been offered anecdotal evidence in the past that Spare, in fact, actively studied Tantra at a later point in his life. But my fingers are getting tired...















# The Aeon of Cthulu Rising

By Tenebrous

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"Nor is it to be thought ... that man is either the oldest or the last of earth's masters, or than the common bulk of life and substance walks alone. The Old Ones were, the Old Ones are, and the Old Ones shall be. Not in the spaces we know, but between them, they walk serene and primal, undimensioned and to us unseen. Yog-Sothoth knows the gate. Yog-Sothoth is the gate. Yog-Sothoth is the key and guardian of the gate. Past, present, future, all are one in Yog-Sothoth. He knows where the Old Ones broke through of old, and when they shall break through again..."

H.P. Lovecraft, The Dunwich Horror  
(as from the 'Necronomicon')

The century in which we live has witnessed the dawning of a New Aeon; or rather, the return of energies and entities, across vast gulfs of time and space, from primal eras which antedate by millenia the appearance of humankind upon the Earth. In his pivotal Mythos tale, The Call of Cthulhu, Lovecraft has adumbrated the first portents of this return, the outer edges of whose pericosis with our own continuum is detected by the incredibly subtle and sensitive "antennae" of poets, writers and artists - more especially those already aligned to the concept of "outsideness" through their own explorations of alien, exotic, bizarre and outre subject matter. And indeed, it is through the work of such artists in actuality that the first hints and descriptions of these forces and entities find expression.

This "new Aeon" is currently known under a variety of names by differing cults: the astrological "Age of Aquarius"; the Thelemic "Aeon of Horus", inaugurated by the avatar Aiwaz, in 1904 e.v.; Frater Achad's "Aeon of Maat", the Era of Truth and Justice; and so on. To that particular body of magicians, artists, writers, and other visionaries of the Cthulhu Mythos which constitutes The Esoteric Order of Dagon, the emerging era is recognised as the Aeon of Cthulhu Rising, with reference to the prophetic fictional work of H.P. Lovecraft, as outlined above. As his description of the initial wave of Aeonic energy (which has such drastic effect on the dreams of "sensitive" individuals around the world) coincides with the rising of the island of R'lyeh on 28 February 1925 e.v., the E.O.D numerate this event this event as Year One, A.C.

However, before the complete influx of these elder forces into our present space-time continuum can be facillated, the secret and primal gateways must be located, and opened, to allow access from "outside the circles of time." This gateway has been glyphed by Lovecraft as one of the Great Old Ones themselves - "the noxious Yog-Sothoth who froths as primal slime in nuclear chaos beyond the nethermost outpost of space and time." As Guardian of the Gate, he is synonymous with Choronzon. The "nethermost outpost", itself an opening or window to the dimensionality of the Great Old Ones (Universe B), is the star Sothis, or Sirius.



In turn, the gateway of the New Aeon forces (Yog\_Sothoth) is identified with the "non-Sephiroth", Daath, on the qabalistic Tree of Life. As Kenneth Grant explains:

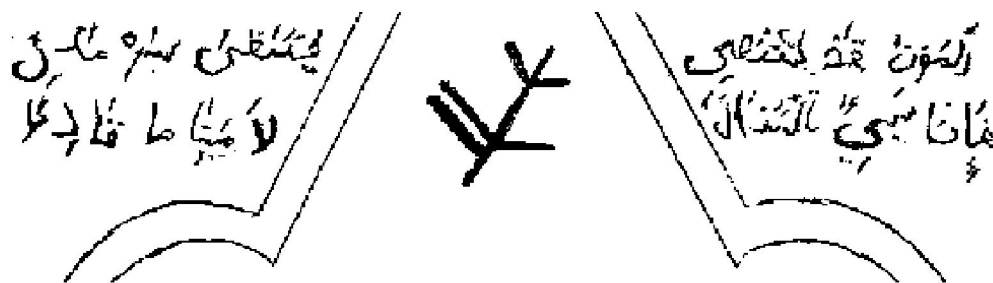
"It is now possible to see the continuous flow and evolution of Aeons occurring simultaneously and passing over into the world of anti-matter. The Yog (or Yug .. an aeon or age ..) of Sothoth is the counterpoint - as the Aeon of Set-Thoth, or Daath - of its Twin, the Yug-Hoor, or Aeon of Horus. Yog-Sothoth is the Gate through the aeons to the Star- Source beyond Yuggoth, the Yug or Aeon of Goth."

Outside the Circles of Time, p. 214

The knowledge and formula by which this gateway can be reopened can therefore be only apprehended through the negative vortex of Daath. In the case of Lovecraft himself, who in waking life vehemently denied the vertical nature of the material with which he was dealing, the process of appropriation was almost completely subconscious, occurring through the medium of dream-experiences. As would be expected, the visitation of such unhuman and ultracosmic revelations took the form of the most hideous nightmares.

By the same token, those initiates of the E.O.D. who are working towards the Opening of the Gate of Yog-Sothoth must be prepared to undertake this most dangerous descent into the Abyss of Daath (the so-called "false knowledge") in order to activate these formulae effectively. This process involves the projection of a part of themselves into those spaces "between", to which Lovecraft makes repeated reference, and which constitute the existentiality of the Old Ones themselves. It is here that this "false knowledge" (glyphed as Lovecraft as the grimoire, Necronomicon) can be found and retrieved, brought back through the vortex of Daath, and finally given actual, concrete manifestation in the Outer.

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# THE BOOK OF THE KEY

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Concerning the use of the Great Key

And

The Labyrinths of Zin

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## I. Concerning the Great Key

According to the Arab, "To Enter Zin One need only Will It on the Edge of Sleep. However, he also states that a glyph that he calls the Great Key may be used as it "will Help the Journey to Zin If the Doors are Unlocked with It Silver. Unfortunately, he gives no clue as to the use of the glyph, neither does he give us a clue about the nature of the doors to be unlocked or how the journey will be aided - Will it be quickened? For willing it on the edge of sleep is slow and can take many nights to achieve success. Will it be safer? For many a man has died screaming in his sleep as the ghosts of Zin chew at his dream-flesh. Will it be held in the mind? For many an experience in Zin is shuttered by the mind in order that one's sanity be preserved.

It has been proven that it shall do all three if it is used in the correct manner - if it is not then you will find yourself failing to enter Zin, or else with a false confidence that will surely lead you to your death. First we shall examine the Great Key and it shall be shown that the Arab fashioned it that it shall aid and protect the magician. Note first that at the top of the key is the Elder Sign, which most evil creatures hold a fear of and that fear is greatest in the ghosts of Zin, for in their darkness they wait and think about bygone times when the chaos of the Old Creatures was the supreme Power. They look to Nu'ak-Batur, their dark Lord and remember those antediluvian times and then they remember the Elder Sign, the great sign of warding which seals Zin's vaults. Should the ghosts come to you then you shall show them the Elder Sign and they will remember and turn away.

Now you shall look at the cross bar on the key - the four elements - the symbol of manifestation. In travelling through Zin, being between the waking and dreaming worlds, you shall be the fifth element and so should carry the representation of the other elements with you to maintain the balance that would otherwise endanger your mind.

Finally the bottom of the key, which has been fashioned by the Arab so that it shall fit the Doors of which he has spoken of.

## **II. Concerning the Doors**

The Arab speaks of Doors that shall be opened with The Key. To understand the Doors we must understand the nature of Zin. Zin lies in the Dreamlands, beneath an ancient and nameless city inhabited by fearsome giants who also remember the times of the Old Creatures, but recall the Elder Sign not. The gate that lies in the city, which leads to Zin, has long been sealed and cannot be undone, though it is not known who did this. Therefore it is not possible to enter Zin through the Dreamlands - even if it were, it would be very dangerous, for the beasts of the city without name know no compassion. Another way to enter Zin must be found and was indeed found by the Arab.

The Doors are an alternative path to the Dreamlands, the other path being the seven-hundred steps to the Gate of Deeper Slumber. The amount of Doors which shall be passed through is not fixed, but you shall keep travelling until the darkness of Zin does manifest itself, which may be after as few as two Doors or as many as eight Doors.

Whilst speaking of the Doors I shall explain that it has been found that the Doors can take the magician anywhere he wishes in the Dreamlands, should he possess the correct key.

### **III. Concerning the Construction Of The Key**

It was written that the Great Key “will Help the Journey to Zin If the Doors are Unlocked with It Silver.” The final word is the clue to the construction. In order that one should reach Zin, the Great Key shall be created Silver in colour. If the Key is created in a different colour then the results will be quite different - who could forget the terrible fate of he who used the golden key? But it must be asked, how does one create the Great Silver Key, or the Key To Zin?

Firstly we shall look at the Key’s composition. The Key shall be composed of Silver, the metal of the Moon. It shall shine as such in the darkness of Zin and aid in your protection, for the ghastrs fear light as well as the Elder Sign. Now we shall discuss the creation of the Key To Zin. The magician shall lie in a comfortable place, his robes loose and an appropriate incense shall burn. He shall lie and relax that the body becomes heavy and the mind becomes clear. He shall see darkness. In the darkness, he shall form the shape of the Great Key, having committed its form to memory. Then he shall see the rays of the Moon being cast its light upon the Key, gradually turning it Silver. Now that the Key has been created you shall start opening the Doors that shall take you to Zin.

### **IV. Concerning the Doors and the Unlocking**

Once the Key has been created, behind it shall be made a Door. The structure of the Door matters not, only that it shall be large enough for a man to pass through. The Key shall be placed upon the door and held in front of it until the Door opens. Then you shall pass through. Should you pass through to be before another Door, then you shall take the Key and unlock it in the way which I have told of and pass through it again. You shall keep passing through these Doors

### **V. Concerning Zin**

In Zin, you shall have the Key to light your way and as a defence against the ghastrs that dwell there. The ghastrs shall always be near - they shall be in the shadows of Zin’s colossal halls, they shall be behind you in Zin’s tight crawls - you shall never escape them until you have left the place. Zin is a great labyrinth, full of terror and also full of wonder, many things can be found in Zin’s ruined vaults. It has been written by the Arab that “the slumbering wills of the inhabitants do create Zin” this is to say that whatever you seek in Zin, you shall find if your will to find it is great enough. Upon entering the

great halls of Zin you shall be in the centre of the structure, which extends in all directions until the bounds of infinity are met and passed. Then you shall be able to explore Zin and to go where you must. If you should seek something specific then you shall go and find it, hidden in the darkest areas of Zin are wonderful things - beautiful fountains in dusty ruins, many old and forgotten books left to moulder and gates to places to terrible to contemplate or too beautiful to behold. If you should find yourself in fear, lost or in trouble then I advise that you shall use haste in leaving Zin as quickly as possible before you endanger yourself. The dangers of Zin cannot be stressed enough.

## **VI. Concerning the Methods of Departure**

In order that you shall depart from Zin and close the gates it is important that you leave as I set down. In your half dreaming state, many gates are open to Zin, through which terrible things may come. You should once more take the key and you should let the key's colour radiate and glow with more and more intensity, until naught can be seen but one colour. Then the colour shall fade away and you shall be free to return to your own sphere of living. If you feel that some of Zin's denizens may have passed through the dreaming gate, then make no hesitation in banishing them with all of your might.

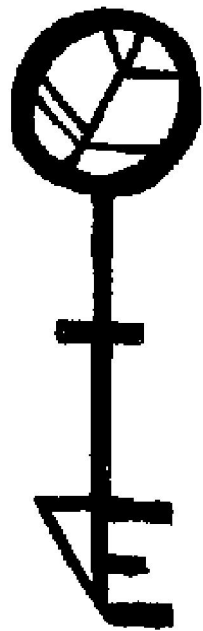
## **VII. Concerning What Has Been Discovered in Zin**

In this final chapter I shall tell of what has been discovered and how things shall be discovered. As was stated in part V, Concerning Zin, you need only will to find discover things in Zin. But, what must be willed for? Immaterial things must only be sought, things such as knowledge and power and not items such as gold and silver. But how shall these things be found? You shall wander Zin's lofty halls and you shall be seeking what you desire. Eventually, you shall find it, unless the ghastrs do prevent you. When you find it do not be surprised, but take a look at the place you have found. Whilst searching for a way to power I came upon a ruined throne room. The huge, toppled statue of a king of old lay in the centre. Whatever had caused it to topple had also caused the head to split from the statue, the head now faced the wall. This was a revelation associated with my will for power. On another occasion when I sought after knowledge of the universe I found myself crawling in a tight maze. I soon realised that I was lost. The realisation that I was lost allowed me to find a way out, which led to a long tunnel. On each side of the tunnel were dark holes, gates to other places. This was the Great Hall of Zin, a place that I can now enter by a will to find the Great Hall. Each of the black gates will reveal a vision to the magician, which may be beautiful or horrific. So you shall walk the Vaults of Zin, seeking what you will, but you must always remember that it is very dangerous and you should keep the key with you at all times to turn the ghastrs should they approach.

Yogg-Sothothe Neblod Zin

Frater Kaymog Azrhm

THE GREAT KEY



# Calling Cthulhu: H.P. Lovecraft's Magick Realism

by Erik Davis

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*In this book it is spoken of...Spirits and Conjurations; of Gods, Spheres, Planes and many other things which may or may not exist. It is immaterial whether they exist or not. By doing certain things certain results follow.*

--Aleister Crowley

Consumed by cancer in 1937 at the age of 46, the last scion of a faded aristocratic New England family, the horror writer Howard Phillips Lovecraft left one of America's most curious literary legacies. The bulk of his short stories appeared in *Weird Tales*, a pulp magazine devoted to the supernatural. But within these modest confines, Lovecraft brought dark fantasy screaming into the 20th century, taking the genre, almost literally, into a new dimension.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the loosely linked cycle of stories known as the Cthulhu Mythos. Named for a tentacled alien monster who waits dreaming beneath the sea in the sunken city of R'lyeh, the Mythos encompasses the cosmic career of a variety of gruesome extraterrestrial entities that include Yog-Sothoth, Nyarlathotep, and the blind idiot god Azazoth, who sprawls at the center of Ultimate Chaos, "encircled by his flopping horde of mindless and amorphous dancers, and lulled by the thin monotonous piping of a demonic flute held in nameless paws."<sup>[1]</sup> Lurking on the margins of our space-time continuum, this merry crew of Outer Gods and Great Old Ones are now attempting to invade our world through science and dream and horrid rites.

As a marginally popular writer working in the literary equivalent of the gutter, Lovecraft received no serious attention during his lifetime. But while most 1930s pulp fiction is nearly unreadable today, Lovecraft continues to attract attention. In France and Japan, his tales of cosmic fungi, degenerate cults and seriously bad dreams are recognized as works of bent genius, and the celebrated French philosophers Gilles Deleuze and Felix Guattari praise his radical embrace of multiplicity in their magnum opus *A Thousand Plateaus*.<sup>2</sup> On Anglo-American turf, a passionate cabal of critics fill journals like *Lovecraft Studies* and *Crypt of Cthulhu* with their almost talmudic research. Meanwhile both hacks and gifted disciples continue to craft stories that elaborate the Cthulhu Mythos. There's even a Lovecraft convention--the NecronomiCon, named for the most famous of his forbidden grimoires. Like the gnostic science fiction writer Philip K. Dick, H.P. Lovecraft is the epitome of a cult author.

The word "fan" comes from *fanaticus*, an ancient term for a temple devotee, and Lovecraft fans exhibit the unflagging devotion, fetishism and sectarian debates that have characterized popular religious cults throughout the ages. But Lovecraft's "cult" status has a curiously literal dimension. Many magicians and occultists have taken up his Mythos as

source material for their practice. Drawn from the darker regions of the esoteric counterculture--Thelema and Satanism and Chaos magic--these Lovecraftian mages actively seek to generate the terrifying and atavistic encounters that Lovecraft's protagonists stumble into compulsively, blindly or against their will.

Secondary occult sources for Lovecraftian magic include three different "fake" editions of the *Necronomicon*, a few rites included in Anton LaVey's *The Satanic Rituals*, and a number of works by the loopy British Thelemite Kenneth Grant. Besides Grant's Typhonian O.T.O. and the Temple of Set's Order of the Trapezoid, magical sects that tap the Cthulhu current have included the Esoteric Order of Dagon, the Bate Cabal, Michael Bertiaux's Lovecraftian Coven, and a Starry Wisdom group in Florida, named after the nineteenth-century sect featured in Lovecraft's "Haunter of the Dark." Solo chaos mages fill out the ranks, cobbling together Lovecraftian arcana on the Internet or freely sampling the Mythos in their chthonic, open-ended (anti-) workings.

This phenomenon is made all the more intriguing by the fact that Lovecraft himself was a "mechanistic materialist" philosophically opposed to spirituality and magic of any kind. Accounting for this discrepancy is only one of many curious problems raised by the apparent power of Lovecraftian magic. Why and how do these pulp visions "work"? What constitutes the "authentic" occult? How does magic relate to the tension between fact and fable? As I hope to show, Lovecraftian magic is not a pop hallucination but an imaginative and coherent "reading" set in motion by the dynamics of Lovecraft's own texts, a set of thematic, stylistic, and intertextual strategies which constitute what I call Lovecraft's Magick Realism.

Magical realism already denotes a strain of Latin American fiction--exemplified by Borges, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, and Isabel Allende--in which a fantastic dreamlike logic melds seamlessly and delightfully with the rhythms of the everyday. Lovecraft's Magick Realism is far more dark and convulsive, as ancient and amoral forces violently puncture the realistic surface of his tales. Lovecraft constructs and then collapses a number of intense polarities--between realism and fantasy, book and dream, reason and its chaotic Other. By playing out these tensions in his writing, Lovecraft also reflects the transformations that darkside occultism has undergone as it confronts modernity in such forms as psychology, quantum physics, and the existential groundlessness of being. And by embedding all this in an intertextual Mythos of profound depth, he draws the reader into the chaos that lies "between the worlds" of magick and reality.

## **A Pulp Poe**

Written mostly in the 1920s and '30s, Lovecraft's work builds a somewhat rickety bridge between the florid decadence of *fin de si`ecl*e fantasy and the more "rational" demands of the new century's science fiction. His early writing is gaudy Gothic pastiche, but in his mature Chtulhu tales, Lovecraft adopts a pseudodocumentary style that utilizes the language of journalism, scholarship, and science to construct a realistic and measured prose voice which then explodes into feverish, adjectival horror. Some find Lovecraft's intensity atrocious--not everyone can enjoy a writer capable of comparing a strange light



to "a glutted swarm of corpse-fed fireflies dancing hellish sarabands over an accursed marsh."<sup>[3]</sup>

But in terms of horror, Lovecraft delivers. His protagonist is usually a reclusive bookish type, a scholar or artist who is or is known to the first-person narrator. Stumbling onto odd coincidences or beset with strange dreams, his intellectual curiosity drives him to pore through forbidden books or local folklore, his empirical turn of mind blinding him to the nightmarish scenario that the reader can see slowly building up around him. When the Mythos finally breaks through, it often shatters him, even though the invasion is generally more cognitive than physical.

By endlessly playing out a shared collection of images and tropes, genres like weird fiction also generate a collective resonance that can seem both "archetypal" and clichéd. Though Lovecraft broke with classic fantasy, he gave his Mythos density and depth by building a shared world to house his disparate tales. The Mythos stories all share a liminal map that weaves fictional places like Arkham, Dunwich, and Miskatonic University into the New England landscape; they also refer to a common body of entities and forbidden books. A relatively common feature in fantasy fiction, these metafictional techniques create the sense that Lovecraft's Mythos lies beyond each individual tale, hovering in a dimension halfway between fantasy and the real.

Lovecraft did not just tell tales--he built a world. It's no accident that one of the more successful role-playing games to follow in the heels of *Dungeons & Dragons* takes place in "Lovecraft Country." Most role-playing adventure games build their worlds inside highly codified "mythic" spaces of the collective imagination (heroic fantasy, cyberpunk, vampire Paris, Arthur's Britain). The game *Call of Cthulhu* takes place in Lovecraft's 1920s America, where players become "investigators" who track down dark rumors or heinous occult crimes that gradually open up the reality of the monsters. *Call of Cthulhu* is an unusually dark game; the best investigators can do is to retain sanity and stave off the monsters' eventual apocalyptic triumph. In many ways *Call of Cthulhu* "works" because of the considerable density of Lovecraft's original Mythos, a density which the game itself also contributes to.

Lovecraft himself "collectivized" and deepened his Mythos by encouraging his friends to write stories that take place within it. Writers like Clark Ashton Smith, Robert Howard, and a young Robert Bloch complied. After Lovecraft's death, August Derleth carried on this tradition with great devotion, and today, dozens continue to write Lovecraftian tales.

With some notable exceptions, most of these writers mangle the Myth, often by detailing horrors the master wisely left shrouded in ambiguous gloom.<sup>[4]</sup> The exact delineations of Lovecraft's cosmic cast and timeline remain murky even after a great deal of close-reading and cross-referencing. But in the hands of the Catholic Derleth, the extraterrestrial Great Old Ones become elemental demons defeated by the "good" Elder Gods. Forcing Lovecraft's cosmic and fundamentally amoral pantheon into a traditional religious framework, Derleth committed an error at once imaginative and interpretive.

For despite the diabolical aura of his creatures, Lovecraft generates much of his power by stepping beyond good and evil.

### **The Horror of Reason**

For the most part Lovecraft abandoned the supernatural and religious underpinnings of the classic supernatural tale, turning instead looked towards science to provide frameworks for horror. Calling Lovecraft the "Copernicus of the horror tale," the fantasy writer Fritz Leiber Jr. wrote that Lovecraft was the first fantasist who "firmly attached the emotion of spectral dread to such concepts as outer space, the rim of the cosmos, alien beings, unsuspected dimensions, and the conceivable universes lying outside our own spacetime continuum."<sup>[5]</sup> As Lovecraft himself put it in a letter, "The time has come when the normal revolt against time, space, and matter must assume a form not overtly incompatible with what is known of reality--when it must be gratified by images forming *supplements* rather than *contradictions* of the visible and measurable universe."<sup>[6]</sup>

For Lovecraft, it is not the sleep of reason that breeds monsters, but reason with its eyes agog. By fusing cutting-edge science with archaic material, Lovecraft creates a twisted materialism in which scientific "progress" returns us to the atavistic abyss, and hard-nosed research revives the factual basis of forgotten and discarded myths. Hence Lovecraft's obsession with archeology; the digs which unearth alien artifacts and bizarrely angled cities are simultaneously historical and imaginal. In 1930 story "The Whisperer in Darkness," Lovecraft identifies the planet Yuggoth (from which the fungoid Mi-Go launch their clandestine invasions of Earth) with the newly-discovered planet called Pluto. To the 1930 reader--probably the kind of person who would thrill to popular accounts of C.W. Thompson's discovery of the ninth planet that very year--this factual reference "opens up" Lovecraft's fiction into a real world that is itself opening up to the limitless cosmos.

Lovecraft's most self-conscious, if somewhat strained, fusion of occult folklore and weird science occurs in the 1932 story "The Dreams of the Witch-House." The demonic characters that the folklorist Walter Gilman first glimpses in his nightmares are stock ghoulies: the evil witch crone Keziah Mason, her familiar spirit Brown Jenkin, and a "Black Man" who is perhaps Lovecraft's most unambiguously Satanic figure. These figures eventually invade the real space of Gilman's curiously angled room. But Gilman is also a student of quantum physics, Riemann spaces and non-Euclidian mathematics, and his dreams are almost psychedelic manifestations of his abstract knowledge. Within these "abysses whose material and gravitational properties...he could not even begin to explain," an "indescribably angled" realm of "titan prisms, labyrinths, cube-and-plane clusters and quasi-buildings," Gilman keeps encountering a small polyhedron and a mass of "prolately spheroidal bubbles." By the end of the tale that he realizes that these are none other than Keziah and her familiar spirit, classic demonic cliches translated into the most alien dimension of speculative science: hyperspace.

These days, one finds the motif of hyperspace in science fiction, pop cosmology, computer interface design, channelled UFO prophecies, and the postmodern shamanism

of today's high-octane psychedelic travellers--all discourses that feed contemporary chaos magic. The term itself was probably coined by the science fiction writer John W. Campbell Jr. in 1931, though its origins as a concept lie in nineteenth-century mathematical explorations of the fourth dimension.

In many ways, however, Lovecraft was the concept's first mythographer. From the perspective of hyperspace, our normal, three-dimensional spaces are exhausted and insufficient constructs. But our incapacity to vividly imagine this new dimension in humanist terms creates a crisis of representation, a crisis which for Lovecraft calls up our most ancient fears of the unknown. "All the objects...were totally beyond description or even comprehension," Lovecraft writes of Gilman's seething nightmare before paradoxically proceeding to describe these horrible objects. In his descriptions, Lovecraft emphasizes the incommensurability of this space through almost non-sensical juxtapositions like "obscene angles" or "wrong" geometry, a rhetorical technique that one Chaos magician calls "Semiotic Angularity."

Lovecraft has a habit of labeling his horrors "indescribable," "nameless," "unseen," "unutterable," "unknown" and "formless." Though superficially weak, this move can also be seen a kind of macabre *via negativa*. Like the apophatic oppositions of negative theologians like Pseudo-Dionysus or St. John of the Cross, Lovecraft marks the limits of language, limits which paradoxically point to the Beyond. For the mystics, this ultimate is the ineffable One, Pseudo-Dionysus' "superluminous gloom" or the *Ain Soph* of the Kabbalists. But there is no unity in Lovecraft's Beyond. It is the omnivorous Outside, the screaming multiplicity of cosmic hyperspace opened up by reason.

For Lovecraft, scientific materialism is the ultimate Faustian bargain, not because it hands us Promethean technology (a man for the eighteenth century, Lovecraft had no interest in gadgetry), but because it leads us beyond the horizon of what our minds can withstand. "The most merciful thing in the world, I think, is the inability of the mind to correlate all its contents," goes the famous opening line of "Call of Cthulhu." By correlating those contexts, empiricism opens up "terrifying vistas of reality"--what Lovecraft elsewhere calls "the blind cosmos [that] grinds aimlessly on from nothing to something and from something back to nothing again, neither heeding nor knowing the wishes or existence of the minds that flicker for a second now and then in the darkness".

Lovecraft gave this existentialist dread an imaginative voice, what he called "cosmic alienage". For Fritz Leiber, the "monstrous nuclear chaos" of Azathoth, Lovecraft's supreme entity, symbolizes "the purposeless, mindless, yet all-powerful universe of materialistic belief." But this symbolism isn't the whole story, for, as DMT voyagers know, hyperspace is haunted. The entities that erupt from Lovecraft's inhuman realms seem to suggest that in a blind mechanistic cosmos, the most alien thing is sentience itself. Peering outward through the cracks of domesticated "human" consciousness, a compassionless materialist like Lovecraft could only react with horror, for reason must cower before the most raw and atavistic dream-dragons of the psyche.

Modern humans usually suppress, ignore or constrain these forces lurking in our lizard brain. Mythically, these forces take the form of demons imprisoned under the angelic yokes of altruism, morality, and intellect. Yet if one does not believe in any ultimate universal purpose, then these primal forces are the *most* attuned with the cosmos precisely *because* they are amoral and inhuman. In "The Dunwich Horror", Henry Wheeler overhears a monstrous moan from a diabolical rite and asks "from what unplumbed gulfs of extra-cosmic consciousness or obscure, long-latent heredity, were those half-articular thunder-croakings drawn?" The Outside is within.

## **Chaos Culture**

Lovecraft's fiction expresses a "future primitivism" that finds its most intense esoteric expression in Chaos magic, an eclectic contemporary style of darkside occultism that draws from Thelema, Satanism, Austin Osman Spare, and Eastern metaphysics to construct a thoroughly postmodern magic.

For today's Chaos mages, there is no "tradition". The symbols and myths of countless sects, orders, and faiths, are constructs, useful fictions, "games." That magic works has nothing to do with its truth claims and everything to do with the will and experience of the magician. Recognizing the distinct possibility that we may be adrift in a meaningless mechanical cosmos within which human will and imagination are vaguely comic flukes (the "cosmic indifferentism" Lovecraft himself professed), the mage accepts his groundlessness, embracing the chaotic self-creating void that is himself.

As we find with Lovecraft's fictional cults and grimoires, chaos magicians refuse the hierarchical, symbolic and monotheist biases of traditional esotericism. Like most Chaos magicians, the British occultist Peter Carroll gravitates towards the Black, not because he desires a simple Satanic inversion of Christianity but because he seeks the amoral and shamanic core of magical experience--a core that Lovecraft conjures up with his orgies of drums, guttural chants, and screeching horns. At the same time, Chaos mages like Carroll also plumb the weird science of quantum physics, complexity theory and electronic Prometheanism. Some darkside magicians become consumed by the atavistic forces they unleash or addicted to the dark costume of the Satanic anti-hero. But the most sophisticated adopt a balanced mode of gnostic existentialism that calls all constructs into question while refusing the cold comforts of skeptical reason or suicidal nihilism, a pragmatic and empirical shamanism that resonates as much with Lovecraft's hard-headed materialism as with his horrors.

The first occultist to really engage these notions is Aleister Crowley, who shattered the received vessels of occult tradition while creatively extending the dark dream of magic into the twentieth century. With his outlandish image, trickster texts, and his famous Law of Thelema ("Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law"), Crowley called into question the esoteric certainties of "true" revelation and lineage, and was the first magus to give occult antinomianism a decidedly Nietzschean twist.<sup>[7]</sup>

Unfettered, this occult will to power can easily degenerate into a heartless elitism, and the fascist and racist dimensions of both twentieth-century occultism and Lovecraft himself should not be forgotten. But this self-engendering will is more exuberantly expressed as a will to Art. In many ways, the *fin de siecle* occultism that exploded during Crowley's time was an essentially esthetic esotericism. A good number of the nineteenth-century magicians who inspire us today are the great poets, painters, and writers of Symbolism and decadent Romanticism, many of them dabblers or adepts in Satanism, Rosicrucianism, and hermetic societies. The Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn was infused with artistic pretensions, and Golden Dawn member and fantasy writer Arthur Machen was one of Lovecraft's strongest influences.

But it was Austin Osman Spare who most decisively dissolved the boundary between artistic and magical life. Though working independently of the Surrealists, Spare also based his art on the dark and autonomous eruptions of "subconscious" material, though in a more overtly theurgic context.<sup>[8]</sup> Today's Chaos magicians are heavily influenced by Spare, and their Lovecraftian rites express this simultaneously creative and nihilistic dissolution. And as postmodern spawn of role-playing games, computers, and pop culture, they celebrate the fact that Lovecraft's secrets are scraped from the barrel of pulp fiction.

### **Proof in the Pudding**

In a message cross-posted to the Internet newsgroups alt.necromicon [*sic*] and alt.satanism, Parker Ryan listed a wide variety of magical techniques described by Lovecraft, includingentheogens, glossalalia, and shamanic drumming. Insisting that his post was "not a satirical article," Ryan then described specific Lovecraftian rites he had developed, including this "Rite of Cthulhu":

- A) Chanting. The use of the "Cthulhu chant" to create a concentrative or meditative state of consciousness that forms the basis of much later magickal work.
- B) Dream work. Specific techniques of controlled dreaming that are used to establish contact with Cthulhu.
- C) Abandonment. Specific techniques to free oneself from culturally conditioned reality tunnels.

Ryan goes on to say that he's experimented with most of his rites "with fairly good success."

In coming to terms with the "real magic" embedded in Lovecraft, one quickly encounters a fundamental irony: the cold skepticism of Lovecraft himself. In his letters, Lovecraft poked fun at his own tales, claiming he wrote them for cash and playfully naming his friends after his monsters. While such attitudes in no way diminish the imaginative power of Lovecraft's tales--which, as always, lie outside the control and intention of their

author--they do pose a problem for the working occultist seeking to establish Lovecraft's magical authority.

The most obvious, and least interesting, answer is to find authentic magic in Lovecraft's biography. Lovecraft's father was a traveling salesman who died in a madhouse when Lovecraft was eight, and vague rumors that he was an initiate in some Masonic order or other were exploited in the *Necronomicon* cobbled together by George Hay, Colin Wilson, and Robert Turner. Others have tried to track Lovecraft's occult know-how, especially his familiarity with Aleister Crowley and the Golden Dawn. In an Internet document relating the history of the "real" *Necronomicon*, Colin Low argues that Crowley befriended Sonia Greene in New York a few years before the woman married Lovecraft. As proof of Crowley's indirect influence on Lovecraft, Low sites this intriguing passage from "The Call of Cthulhu":

"That cult would never die until the stars came right again and the secret priests would take Cthulhu from His tomb to revive His subjects and resume His rule of earth. The time would be easy to know, for then mankind would have become as the Great Old Ones; free and wild, and beyond good and evil, with laws and morals thrown aside and all men shouting and killing and revelling in joy. Then the liberated Old Ones would teach them new ways to shout and kill and revel and enjoy themselves, and all earth would flame with a holocaust of ecstasy and freedom.

Low claims this passage is a mangled reflection of Crowley's teachings on the new Aeon and the *The Book of the Law*. In an article in *Société*, Robert North also states that Lovecraft referred to "A.C." in a letter, and that Crowley was mentioned in Leonard Cline's *The Dark Chamber*, a novel Lovecraft discussed in his *Supernatural Horror in Literature*.

But so what? Lovecraft was a fanatical and imaginative reader, and many such folks are drawn to the semiotic exotica of esoteric lore regardless of any beliefs in or experiences of the paranormal. From *The Case of Charles Dexter Ward* and elsewhere, it's clear that Lovecraft knew the basic outlines of the occult. But these influences pale next to *Vathek*, Poe, or Lord Dunsany.

Desperate to assimilate Lovecraft into a "tradition", some occultists enter into dubious explanations of mystical influence by disincarnate beings. North gives this Invisible College idea a shamanic twist, asserting that prehistoric Atlantian tribes who survived the flood exercised telepathic influence on people like John Dee, Blavatsky, and Lovecraft. But none of these Lovecraft hierophants can match the delirious splendor of Kenneth Grant. In *The Magical Revival*, Grant points out more curious similarities between Lovecraft and Crowley: both refer to "Great Old Ones" and "Cold Wastes" (of Kadath and Hadith, respectively); the entity "Yog-Sothoth" rhymes with "Set-Thoth," and *Al Azif: The Book of the Arab* resembles Crowley's *Al vel Legis: The Book of the Law*. In *Nightside of Eden*, Grant maps Lovecraft's pantheon onto a darkside Tree of Life, comparing the mangled "iridescent globes" that occasionally pop up in Lovecraft's tales with the shattered *sefirot* known as the Qlipoth. Grant concludes that Lovecraft had "direct and conscious experience of the inner planes,"<sup>[9]</sup> the same zones Crowley prowled, and that Lovecraft "disguised" his occult experiences as fiction.

Like many latter-day Lovecraftians, Grant commits the error of literalizing a purposefully nebulous myth. A subtler and more satisfying version of this argument is the notion that Lovecraft had direct *unconscious* experiences of the inner planes, experiences which his quotidian mind rejected but which found their way into his writings nonetheless. For Lovecraft was blessed with a vivid and nightmarish dream life, and drew the substance of a number of his tales from beyond the wall of sleep.

In this sense Lovecraft's magickal authority is nothing more or less than the authority of dream. But what kind of dream tales are these? A Freudian could have a field day with Lovecraft's fecund, squishy sea monsters, and a Jungian analyst might recognize the liniments of the proverbial shadow. But Lovecraft's Shadow is so inky it swallows the standard archetypes of the collective unconscious like a black hole. If we see the archetypal world not as a static storehouse of timeless godforms but as a constantly mutating carnival of figures, then the seething extraterrestrial monsters that Lovecraft glimpsed in the chaos of hyperspace are not so much archaic figures of heredity than the avatars of a new psychological and mythic aeon. At the very least, it would seem that things are getting mighty out of hand beyond the magic circle of the ordered daylight mind.

In an intriguing Internet document devoted to the *Necronomicon*, Tyagi Nagasiva places Lovecraft's potent dreamtales within the *terma* tradition found in the Nyingma branch of Tibetan Buddhism<sup>[10]</sup>. *Termas* were "pre-mature" writings hidden by Buddhist sages for centuries until the time was ripe, at which point religious visionaries would divine their physical hiding places through omens or dreams. But some *termas* were revealed entirely in dreams, often couched in otherworldly Dakini scripts. An old Indian revisionary tactic (the second-century Nagarjuna was said to have discovered his Mahayana masterpieces in the serpent realm of the *nagas*), the *terma* game resolves the religious problem of how to alter a tradition without disrupting traditional authority. The famous *Tibetan Book of the Dead* is a *terma*, and so, perhaps, is the *Necronomicon*.

Of course, for Chaos magicians, reality can coherently present itself through any number of self-sustaining but mutually contradictory symbolic paradigms (or "reality tunnels," in Robert Anton Wilson's memorable phrase). Nothing is true and everything is permitted. By emphasizing the self-fulfilling nature of all reality claims, this postmodern perspective creatively erodes the distinction between legitimate esoteric transmission and total fiction.

This bias toward the experimental is found in Anton LaVey's *Satanic Rituals*, which includes the first overtly Lovecraftian rituals to see print. In presenting "*Die Elektrischen Vorspiele*" (which LaVey based on a Lovecraftian tale by Frank Belknap Long), the "Ceremony of the Angles," and "The Call to Cthulhu" (the latter two penned by Michael Aquino), LaVey does claim that Lovecraft "clearly...had been influenced by very real sources."<sup>[11]</sup> But in holding that Satanic magic allows you to "objectively enter into a subjective state," LaVey more emphatically emphasizes the ritual power of fantasy--a radical subjectivity which explains his irreverence towards occult source material, whether Lovecraft or Masonry. In naming his Order of the Trapezoid after the "Shining Trapezohedron" found in Lovecraft's "The Haunter of the Dark"--a black, oddly-angled extraterrestrial crystal used to communicate with the Old Ones--LaVey emphasized that fictions can channel magical forces regardless of their historical authenticity.

In his two rituals, Michael Aquino expresses the subjective power of "meaningless" language by creating a "Yuggothic" tongue similar to that heard in Lovecraft's "The Dunwich Horror" and "The Whisperer in the Dark." Such guttural utterances help to shut down the rational mind (try chanting "P'garn'h v'glyzz" for a couple of hours), a notion elaborated by Kenneth Grant in his notion of the Cult of Barbarous Names. After leaving the Church of Satan to form the more serious Temple of Set in 1975, Aquino eventually reformed the Order of the Trapezoid into the practical magic wing of the Setian philosophy. For Stephen R. Flowers, current Grand Master of the order, the substance of Lovecraftian magic is precisely an overwhelming subjectivity that flies in the face of objective law. "The Old Ones are the objective manifestations...of the subjective universe which is what is trying to 'break through' the merely rational mind-set of modern humanity."<sup>[12]</sup> For Flowers, such invocations are ultimately apocalyptic, hastening a transition into a chaotic aeon in which the Old Ones reveal themselves as future reflections of the Black Magician ("There are no more Nightmares for us," he wrote me).

This desire to rebel against the tyranny of reason and its ordered objective universe is one of the underlying goals of Chaos magic. Many would applaud the sentiment expressed by Albert Wilmarth in Lovecraft's "The Whisperer in Darkness": "To shake off the maddening and wearying limitations of time and space and natural law--to be linked with the vast *outside*--to come close to the nighted and abysmal secrets of the infinite and ultimate--surely such a thing was worth the risk of one's life, soul, and sanity!"<sup>[13]</sup>

In his electronically circulated text "Kathulu Majik: Luvkrafting the Roles of Modern Uccultizm," Tyagi Nagasiva writes that most Western magic is ossified and dualistic, heavily weighted towards the forces of order, hierarchy, moralizing, and structured language. "Without the destabilizing force of Kaos, we would stagnate intellectually,



psychologically and otherwise...Kathulu provides a necessary instability to combat the stolid and fixed methods of the structured 'Ordurs'...One may become balanced through exposure to Kathulu" (Tyagi's "mis-spellings" show the influence of Genesis P. Orridge's Temple of Psychick Youth). Haramullah criticizes black magicians who simply reverse "Ordur" with "Kaos," rather than bringing this underlying polarity into balance (a dualistic error he also finds in Lovecraft). Showing strong Taoist and Buddhist influences, Haramullah calls instead for a "Midul Path" that magically navigates between structure and disintegration, will and void. "The idea that one may progress linearly along the MP [Midul Path] is mistaken. One becomes, one does not progress. One attunes, one does not forge. One allows, one does not make."

In the *Cincinnati Journal of Ceremonial Magic*, the anonymous author of "Return of the Elder Gods" presents an evolutionary reason for Mythos magic. The author accepts the scenario of an approaching world crisis brought on by the invasion of the Elder Gods, Qlipothic transdimensional entities who ruled protohumanity until they were banished by "the agent of the Intelligence," a Promethean figure who set humanity on its current course of evolution. We remain connected to these Elder Gods through the "Forgotten Ones," the atavistic forces of hunger, sex, and violence that linger in the subterranean levels of our being. Only by magically "reabsorbing" the Forgotten Ones and using the subsequent energy to bootstrap higher consciousness can we keep the portal sealed against the return of the Elder Gods. Though Lovecraft's name is never mentioned in the article, he is ever present, a skeptical materialist dreaming the dragons awake.

### **Writing the Dream...**

Within the Mythos tales, one finds two dimensions--the normal human world and the infested Outside--and it's the ontological tension between them that powers Lovecraft's magick realism. Though Cthulhu and friends have material aspects, their reality is most horrible for what it says about the way the universe *is*. As the Lovecraft scholar Joshi notes, Lovecraft's narrators frequently go mad "not through any physical violence at the hands of supernatural entities but through the mere *realization* of the the existence of such a race of gods and beings." Faced with "realms whose mere existence stuns the brain," they experience severe cognitive dissonance--precisely the sorts of disorienting rupture sought by Chaos magicians.[14]

The role-playing game *Call of Cthulhu* wonderfully expresses the violence of this Lovecraftian paradigm shift. In adventure games like *Dungeons & Dragons*, one of your character's most significant measures is its hit points--a number which determines the amount of physical punishment your character can take before it gets injured or dies. *Call of Cthulhu* replaces this physical characteristic with the psychic category of Sanity. Face-to-face encounters with Yog-Sothoth or the insects from Shaggai knock points off your Sanity, but so does your discovery of more information about the Mythos--the more you find out from books or starcharts, the more likely you are to wind up in the Arkham Asylum. Magic also comes with an ironic price, one that Lovecraftian magicians might well pay heed to. If you use any of the binding spells from *De Vermis Mysteriis* or the

*Pnakotic Manuscripts*, you necessarily learn more about the Mythos and thereby lose more sanity.[15]

Lovecraft's scholarly heroes also investigate the Mythos as much through reading and thinking as through movements through physical space, and this psychological exploration draws the mind of the reader directly into the loop. Usually, readers suspect the dark truth of the Mythos while the narrator still clings to a quotidian attitude--a technique that subtly forces the reader to identify with the Outside rather than with the conventional worldview of the protagonist. Magically, the blindness of Lovecraft's heroes corresponds to a crucial element of occult theory developed by Austin Osman Spare: that magic occurs over and against the conscious mind, that ordinary thinking must be silenced, distracted, or thoroughly deranged for the chthonic will to express itself.[16]

In order to invade our plane, Lovecraft's entities need a portal, an interface between the worlds, and Lovecraft emphasizes two: books and dreams. In "Dreams of the Witch-House," "The Shadow out of Time" and "The Shadow over Innsmouth," dreams infect their hosts with a virulence that resembles the more overt psychic possessions that occur in "The Haunter in the Dark" and *The Case of Charles Dexter Ward*. Like the monsters themselves, Lovecraft's dreams are autonomous forces breaking through from Outside and engendering their own reality.

But these dreams also conjure up a more literal "outside": the strange dream life of Lovecraft himself, a life that (as the informed fan knows) directly inspired some of the tales[17]. By seeding his texts with his own nightmares, Lovecraft creates an autobiographical homology between himself and his protagonists. The stories themselves start to dream, which means that the reader too lies right in the path of the infection.

Lovecraft reproduces himself in his tales in a number of ways--the first-person protagonists reflect aspects of his own reclusive and bookish lifestyle; the epistolary form of the "The Whisperer in Darkness" echoes his own commitment to regular correspondence; character names are lifted from friends; and the New England landscape is his own. This psychic self-reflection partially explains why Lovecraft fans usually become fascinated with the man himself, a gaunt and solitary recluse who socialized through the mail, yearned for the eighteenth century, and adopted the crabby outlook and mannerisms of an old man. Lovecraft's life, and certainly his voluminous personal correspondence, form part of his myth.

Lovecraft thus solidifies his virtual reality by adding autobiographical elements to his shared world of creatures, books and maps. He also constructs a documentary texture by thickening his tales with manuscripts, newspaper clippings, scholarly citations, diary entries, letters, and bibliographies that list fake books alongside real classics. All this produces the sense that "outside" each individual tale lies a meta-fictional world that hovers on the edge of our own, a world that, like the monsters themselves, is constantly trying to break through and actualize itself. And thanks to Mythos storytellers, role-playing games, and dark-side magicians, it has.

### ...and Dreaming the Book

In "The Shadow out of Time," Lovecraft makes explicit one of the fantastic equations that drives his Magick Realism: the equivalence of dreams and books. For five years, the narrator, an economics professor named Nathaniel Wingate Peaslee, is taken over by a mysterious "secondary personality." After recovering his original identity, Peaslee is beset by powerful dreams in which he finds himself in a strange city, inhabiting a huge tentacle-sprouting conical body, writing down the history of modern Western world in a book. In the climax of the tale, Peaslee journeys to the Australian desert to explore ancient ruins buried beneath the sands. There he discovers a book written in English, in his own handwriting: the very same volume he had produced inside his monstrous dream body.

Though we learn very little of their contents, Lovecraft's diabolical grimoires are so infectious that even glancing at their ominous sigils proves dangerous. As with their dreams, these texts obsess Lovecraft's bookish protagonists to the point that the volumes, in Christopher Frayling's phrase, "vampirize the reader." Their titles alone are magic spells, the hallucinatory incantations of an eccentric antiquarian: the *Pnakotic Manuscripts*, the *Ilarnet Papyri*, the *R'lyeh Text*, the *Seven Cryptical Books of Hsan*. Lovecraft's friends contributed *De Vermis Mysteriis* and von Junzt's *Unaussprechlichen Kulten*, and Lovecraft named the author of his *Cultes Des Goules*, the Comte d'Erlette, after his young fan August Derleth. Hovering over all these grim tomes is the "dreaded" and "forbidden" *Necronomicon*, a book of blasphemous invocations to speed the return of the Old Ones. Lovecraft's supreme intertextual fetish, the *Necronomicon* stands as one of the few mythical books in literature that have absorbed so much imaginative attention that they've entered published reality.

If books owe their life not to their individual contents but to the larger intertextual webwork of reference and citation within which they are woven, than the dread *Necronomicon* clearly has a life of its own. Besides literary studies, the *Necronomicon* has generated numerous pseudo-scholarly analyses, including significant appendixes in the *Encyclopedia Cthulhiana* and Lovecraft's own "History of the *Necronomicon*." A number of FAQs can be found on the Internet, where a mild flame war periodically erupts between magicians, horror fans, and mythology experts over the reality of the book. The undead entity referred to in the *Necronomicon*'s famous couplet--"That is not dead which can eternal lie,/And with strange eons even death may die"--may be nothing more or less than the the text itself, always lurking in the margins as we read the real.

Lovecraft's brief "History" was apparently inspired by the first *Necronomicon* hoax: a review of an edition of the dreaded tome submitted to Massachusetts' *Branford Review* in 1934.[18] Decades later, index cards for the book started popping up in university library catalogs.

It's perhaps the principle expression of Lovecraft's Magick Realism that all these ghostly references would finally manifest the book itself. In 1973, a small-press edition of *Al Azif* (the *Necronomicon*'s Arabic name) appeared, consisting of eight pages of simulated

Syrian script repeated 24 times. Four years later, the Satanists at New York's Magickal Childe published a *Necronomicon* by Simon, a grab bag that contains far more Sumerian myth than Lovecraft (though portions were "purposely left out" for the "safety of the reader"). George Hay's *Necronomicon: The Book of Dead Names*, also a child of the '70s, is the most complex, intriguing, and Lovecraftian of the lot. In the spirit of the master's pseudoscholarship, Hay nests the fabulated invocations of Yog-Sothoth and Cthulhu amongst a set of analytic, literary and historical essays.

Though magicians with strong imaginations have claimed that even the Simon book works wonders, the pseudohistories of the various *Necronomicons* are far more compelling than the texts themselves. Lovecraft himself provided the bare bones: the text was penned in 730 A.D by a poet, the Mad Arab Abdul Alhazred, and named after the nocturnal sounds of insects. It was subsequently translated by Theodorus Philetas into Greek, by Olaus Wormius into Latin, and by John Dee into English. Lovecraft lists various libraries and private collections where fragments of the volume reside, and gives us a knowing wink by noting that the fantasy writer R.W. Chambers is said to have derived the monstrous and suppressed book found in his novel *The King in Yellow* from rumors of the *Necronomicon* (Lovecraft himself claimed to have gotten his inspiration from Chambers).

All of the *Necronomicon's* subsequent pseudohistories weave the book in and out of actual occult history, with John Dee playing a particularly conspicuous role. According to Colin Wilson, the version of the text published in the Hay *Necronomicon* was encrypted in Dee's Enochian cipher-text *Liber Logoaeth*. Colin Low's *Necronomicon* FAQ claims that Dee discovered the book at the court of King Rudolph II's court in Prague, and that it was under its influence that Dee and his sycrator Edward Kelly achieved their most powerful astral encounters. Never published, Dee's translation became part of celebrated collection of Elias Ashmole housed at the British Library. Here Crowley read it, freely cobbling passages for *The Book of the Law*, and ultimately passing on some of its contents indirectly to Lovecraft through Sophia Greene. Crowley's role in Low's tale is appropriate, for Crowley certainly knew the magical power of hoax and history.

For the history of the occult *is* a confabulation, its lies wedded to its genealogies, its "timeless" truths fabricated by revisionists, madmen, and geniuses, its esoteric traditions a constantly shifting conspiracy of influences. The *Necronomicon* is not the first fiction to generate real magical activity within this potent twilight zone between philology and fantasy.

To take an example from an earlier era, the anonymous Rosicrucian manifestos that first appeared in the early 1600s claimed to issue from a secret brotherhood of Christian Hermeticists who finally deemed it time to come above ground. Many readers immediately wanted to join up, though it is unlikely that such a group existed at the time. But this hoax focused esoteric desire and inspired an explosion of "real" Rosicrucian groups. Though one of the two suspected authors of the manifestos, Johann Valentin Andreae, never came clean, he made veiled references to Rosicrucianism as an "ingenious game which a masked person might like to play upon the literary scene, especially in an

age infatuated with everything unusual." [19] Like the Rosicrucian manifestos or Blavatsky's *Book of Dzyan*, Lovecraft's *Necronomicon* is the occult equivalent of Orson Welles' radio broadcast of the "War of the Worlds." As Lovecraft himself wrote, "No weird story can truly produce terror unless it is devised with all the care and verisimilitude of an actual hoax." [20]

In *Foucault's Pendulum*, Umberto Eco suggests that esoteric truth is perhaps nothing more than a semiotic conspiracy theory born of an endlessly rehashed and self-referential literature--the intertextual fabric Lovecraft understood so well. For those who need to ground their profound states of consciousness in objective correlatives, this is a damning indictment of "tradition." But as Chaos magicians remind us, magic is nothing more than subjective experience interacting with an internally consistent matrix of signs and affects. In the absence of orthodoxy, all we have is the dynamic tantra of text and perception, of reading and dream. These days the Great Work may be nothing more or less than this "ingenius game," fabricating itself without closure or rest, weaving itself out of the resplendent void where Azazoth writhes on his Mandelbrot throne.

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# Comments on the Necronomicon

Excepted from Babyloniana by Kalyn Tranquilson

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The Necronomicon (by "Simon") has little or nothing to do with authentic Babylonian -- Akkadian or Sumerian -- ritual or magical practices. However, some comments about the text "edited" by Simon might be in order.

First of all, it is clear that Simon had access to a wide variety of mythological materials derived from the Cuneiform culture. I am not convinced that this text had an earlier history before it's copyright date, but even by the early years of this century several of the important texts of the Mesopotamian corpus were becoming available. As evident from his bibliographies and assorted references, Simon had access to some of these works. But he also had a point to prove, and an agenda which distorted the information he provides. His work suffers from a total lack of acknowledgment of the difference between the Akkadian and Sumerian terms and names. He also makes some extremely untenable historical assertions, such as that the Sumerian language is "closely allied to that of the Aryan race, having in fact many words identical to that of Sanskrit (and it is said, to Chinese.)" [p.xviii]

A detailed analysis follows:

## **The Introductory Materials (p.vii - lvi)**

This is the only section Simon claims as his own; it is a hodgepodge of information of various qualities of accuracy. On the whole, his Mesopotamian references suffer from a lack of responsible checking. Simon appears to be a person who had a good idea (the Sumerian and Akkadian material was essentially unknown outside of a very limited scholastic community until very recently), but was unwilling to do the work to do it right, and was afraid to take direct credit. An example of the naivet of his work can be seen in the massive jumps from culture to culture. Yet at the same time he provides some interesting, perhaps even useful, information on Sumerian terms (see p.xlix). His most glaring problem is his linguistic jumps. As one example among many, his equation of Lovecraft's deity Cthulhu (derived from the Greek 'cthone') to the Sumerians through the name of Ereskigal's city Kutha: thus, he says, KUTHA-LU [sic] means "man of Kutha": the proper term in Sumerian would be rendered LU-KUTHA. He also makes a connection between Kutha and Kutu, two completely different cities and terms, and between Kutha, the ABSU (Enki's realm), the NAR MARRATU (which is the marshy area at the junction between the Persian Gulf and the three rivers) and the Greek 'abyss'. While there is something that can be said about the ABSU and the Abyss -- both being the dark preformative world which exists alongside the mundane world, however, the Abyss is simply a void which is total and independent, whereas the ABSU is a real realm located between the Earth and the Netherworld. The Sumerians knew the difference. Kutha and NAR MARRATU are concrete geographical entities -- although Kutha, being the city of Ereskigal, might be said to have a gateway to the Netherworld.

### **Of the Zonei and their Attributes - (p.17-33)**

This is an interesting mixture of original (Babylonian) material and who knows what. The deities' association with specific numbers is real and are a few of their descriptions. The seals are hilarious; at least, they bear no resemblance to anything I've ever encountered.

### **The Book of the Entrance and of the Walking - (p35-49)**

This chapter is basically garbage, even though the attribution of the seven earths, the seven levels and the seven heavens is a known feature of Babylonian systems; I do not believe that Simon actually derived this from any authentic source. Remember that the most famous ziggurat in Mesopotamia was in Babylon (the Tower of Babel) which, it so happens, has seven stories. It's obvious that from very early on the Mesopotamians had a special reverence for the number seven. The early attribution of the seven-pointed star as the "Star of Babylon" was an early adaptation of this in Western Occult tradition. Simon could have easily picked up any of several scholarly accounts of religion in Babylon for this source.

### **The Incantations of the Gates - (p.51-61)**

Some of these invocations sound "familiar" and could possibly be hymns from various periods. I am still looking for the original materials, because if they are actual they may be useful. However, the language of his given translations is hardly accurate and the ABRACADABRA phrases at the end of the invocations are garbage.

### **The Conjurations of the Fire God - (p.63-65)**

Again it sounds close except for the abracadabra bit.

### **The Conjunction of the Watcher - (p.67-73)**

Forget it! Pure fiction...

### **The Maklu Text- (p.75-92)**

First of all, again ignore all of the abracadabra stuff; however, it is an interesting piece in this book. There is in fact a lexical series called the 'maqlu'; there are also several exorcism rites (the most common being the 'uttukku lemnuti') and you will find that in the material provided in this book there are one or two texts, incantations, etc. which appear to be included in sections of Simon's 'maklu' text -- such as the Conjunction Against the Seven Liers-in-Wait (p.79). But these are texts from separate sources and Simon has lumped them together into one "text". In general I do not trust Simon (obviously). I am following through and trying to find all of the originals.

### **The Book Of Calling - (p.93-120)**

Mostly mumbo-jumbo, especially his "Invocation of the Gates" -- the order is European, and late European at that! However, on page 111 he reproduces a shortened version of a verifiable text (text KAR 61, edited by Biggs TCS II (1967):70ff)

### **The Book Of The Fifty Names - (p.121-150)**

The names are derived from the end of the 'Enuma Elis', but the commentary is not. Also be careful with the transcriptions of the names into English lettering; I recommend if you want to know the Fifty Names of Marduk, see Alexander Heidel's book The Babylonian Genesis.

### **The Magan Text - (p.151-180)**

Maggan is the Iranian coast of the Straits of Hormuz, and perhaps the land of the Harrapan civilization; however, it has nothing to do with the content of the text which is presented. This is a bad translation of the beginning of the 'Enuma Elis' (see Heidel's book). Section IV (166-180) "Of The Sleep Of Ishtar" is a rather amusing adaptation of the Descent of Istar (or Inana) myth.

### **The Urilla Text - (p.181-202)**

Very interesting and imaginative, but...

### **The Testimony Of The Mad Arab - (in two parts, p.3-16 & 203-218)**

Who knows, but with Simon's batting average so far, it seems unreliable to me.

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All of the above is not to say that Simon's Necronomicon, or it's sequel, The Necronomicon Spellbook, is not interesting reading; nor is it to say that it cannot be used as a magical grimoire, since anything can be so used if you're capable of investing it with power. But it is the product of an imaginative distortion of ancient materials by a modern individual. It is not an authentic system or text of Babylonian, Sumerian or Akkadian ritual or magical practices.



# Cthulhu look-and-feel suit

**by: Dave Hemming (surfbaud@NO-SPAM.waverider.co.uk)**

**From:** "Christoph \*\*\*\*\*"

**To:** z-list

**Subject:** [z-list] The Cthulhu "Look-and-Feel" Suit.

**Date:** Fri, 29 Oct 1999 12:23:00 PDT

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## **The Cthulhu look-and-feel suit**

**To:** Microsoft Lawyers, Inc.

**From:** Azathoth, Nyarlathotep and Hastur, Elder Attorneys

Sirs:

Our agents among the mortal herd have brought to Our attention your recent product entitled Windows '95. Therefore We now give you statutory notice of intent of proceedings to be taken against Microsoft by the Many-Angled Ones.

With this suit We will show that Windows '95, and to a lesser extent all of the Microsoft range of products, infringe upon the recognised "look-and-feel" of the Elder Gods, for the following reasons:

Windows '95 is a crawling abomination from the darkest pits of Hell; No man can be in its presence for too long without being driven into gibbering insanity; A cult who worship it exist in secret amongst the mortal herd; Those who associate with it for too long develop common physical characteristics, to wit: pale, clammy skin, bulging eyes, generally unkempt physical appearance, tendency towards nocturnal living, change in diet to that which normal men do not eat (in your case tacos, burgers and Jolt Coke; in Ours, human flesh, Fungi of Yuggoth and the blood of Alien Gods); Mysterious tomes that purport to explain this phenomenon are reputed to exist; they are bound in an unnatural substance and only available at a terrible cost to the user. The Microsoft range of products seek to utterly dominate the world, and force all who dwell there to live in eternal damnation.

As you can see, Our case is very strong, especially when you consider that most judges prefer not to have chittering things with tentacles for faces scoop out their brains and eat them.

We hope that you will consider these points carefully and settle out of court, since it is not Our intention to have your senior partners spend the rest of their mercifully short lives under heavy sedation in a maximum security psychiatric hospital. After all, it was

the Lords of the Outer Planes who gave humanity lawyers in the first place.

Respectfully yours,  
[Oddly disturbing squiggle in some sort of ichor]

pp. J. Arthur Hastur, LL.B., B.C.L, B.D

# Cthulhu Song

**Date:** Tue, 08 Jun 1999 13:13:40 -0400

**From:** Will

**To:** Z-cc-list

**Subject:** Not on topic, not off topic . . .

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Things bopping around my head recently --

"Great Cthulu in Dead R'Lyeh Sleeps"  
(to be intoned to "Camptown Races")

Where does Great Cthulu sleep? I-O, I-O.  
In dead R'Lyeh a thousand miles deep. OM, I-A-O.  
Gonna chant all day, gonna chant all night,  
Gonna raise Great Cthulu's might.  
OM, I-A-O.

There have been several variants, but I think that may be the most complete so far.

Now to see if I can't work out "Shub-Niggurath had a farm."

<sigh>

-Hoping This Hasn't Been Done Before

# Cthulu Madness

by Phil Hine (1995)

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Each god brings its own madness. To know the god - to be accepted by it - to feel its mysteries, well you have to let that madness wash over you, and through you. This isn't in the books of magic, why? For one thing, it's all too easily forgotten, and for another, you have to find it out for yourself. And those who would sanitise magic, whitening out the wildness with explanations borrowed from pop psychology or science - well, madness is something that we still fear - the great taboo. So why did I choose Cthulhu? High Priest of the Great Old Ones. Lying dreaming "death's dream" in the sunken city, forgotten through layers of time and water. It sounds so simple to say that I merely heard his 'call' - but I did. Gods do not, generally, have a lot to say, but what they do say, is worth listening to.

I recall one evening staying in a friends' flat. I'd been 'working' with Gaia. No new-age mommy with a channeling about saving whales or picking up litter. I felt a pressure inside my head building up - something huge trying to pour itself into me. Sensations of geological time - layers sleeting through my awareness. The heat of magma; slow grinding of continents shifting; the myriad buzz of insects. Nothing remotely human. This sort of experience helps me to clarify my feelings on Cthulhu. Alien but not alien. A vast bulk stirring somewhere around the pit of my stomach. A slow, very slow heartbeat crashing through waves. Lidded eye peeling back through darkness, back through the world, the cities, the people walking outside, peeling back slowly. Peeling back through my entire life, all memories and hopes crashing into this moment. Waking from the dream of this to feel a stirring - a nagging disquiet; the absolute fragility of myself thrust back at me through crashing waves of silence.

This is the sense of Cthulhu madness.

Cut to walking through a forest. It is pouring with rain. The trees are bare of leaves, slimy, mud churning underfoot. I'm seeing them as clutching fingers attempting to snare the sky; as winding tentacles. Cthulhu is all around us. It is a squid-thing, bestial, dragon-winged - a theriomorphic image, but such things are all around us, as trees, insects, plant life, and within us as bacterium, brooding viruses; born momentarily through the alchemical transformations taking place in my body even as I write. Hidden. Dreaming. Carrying on without our cognisance. Unknown beings, with unknown purposes. This thought builds in intensity and it throws me sideways into realisation. That Nature is alien to us. There's no need to look for hidden dimensions, higher planes of existence or lost worlds of myth. It's here, if we but pause to look and feel.

The old Gods are everywhere. Their features outlined in the rock beneath our feet. Their signatures scrawled in the fractal twisting of coastlines. Their thoughts echoing through time, each lightning storm an eruption of neural flashes. I'm so small, and it (Cthulhu) is so vast. That such an insignificant being becomes of the focus of that lidded eye peeling

back across aeons of time - well, it puts me in my place, doesn't it. My carefully-nurtured magician-self ("I can command these beings, *I can!*") goes into momentary overdrive and then collapses, exhausted by the inrush of eternity. Run away. Hide.

Having tried to break out of the mould I have only succeeded in breaking down. I scream inwardly for my lost innocence. Suddenly the world is a threatening place. The colours are too bright and I can't trust them anyway. Windows are particularly fascinating, yet they too become objects to be suspicious of. You (I) can't trust what comes through windows. We can look out of them, but other things can look in. I press my hand to the glass. What secrets are locked into these thin sheets of matter? I would be like glass if I could, but I'm afraid to.

Sleep brings no respite. The eyelid begins to peel back even before I sleep. I feel as if I'm falling, tipping like a child's top into something ... I don't know what. All pretence at being a magician has failed. This thing is too big. I can't banish it and even if I could, I have a strong sense that I mustn't. I have opened this door and unwittingly stepped through it, like walking deliberately into a puddle only to find that I'm suddenly drowning. Cthulhu's pulse-beat echoes slowly around me. Cthulhu is dreaming me. I was unaware of this, and now I am acutely aware of it, and wish to hell I wasn't. I want to sink back into unconsciousness. I don't want to *know* this. I find myself developing rituals of habit. Checking plug sockets for stray outpourings of electricity; avoiding particularly dangerous trees, you know the kind of thing.

I thought I was a rising star, yet I'm reduced to the four walls of my room. But even they won't keep these feelings out. Slowly, some self-preservation mechanism kicks into gear. Madness is *not* an option. I can't stay like this forever - another casualty of what is never mentioned in the books of magic. I begin to pick up the patterns I've let slip - eating regularly (at more or less the right times), having a wash, going out for walks. Talking to people - that kind of thing. I feel the sensation of the lidless eye peering out of abysses of time and memory, and I find I can meet that eye ("I") steadily. The environment ceases to be a threat. The self-protection rituals (obsessions) fall away, and after all, what is there to protect? The dreams change. It is as though I have passed through some kind of membrane. Perhaps I have become glass, after all. The thoughts of Cthulhu stirring down there in the darkness are no longer fearful. I find that I can, after all, ride the dream-pulse. What was that lidless eye but my own "I" mirrored through fear and self-identifications? I'm no longer haunted by strange angles. All resistance has collapsed, and I've found myself a measure of power in it's place.

Of course this theme is familiar to one and all - the initiatory journey into and out of darkness. Familiar because of the thousand and one books that chart it, analyse it, and, in some cases, offer signposts along the way. Which brings me back to why I chose Cthulhu, or rather, why we chose each other. There's something very *romantic* about H.P Lovecraft. The same romance which brings people towards magic by reading Dennis Wheatley. As Lionel Snell once wrote "*When occultism dissociated itself from the worst excesses of Dennis Wheatley, it castrated itself for the worst excesses of Dennis Wheatley are where it's at.*" There's something gut-wrenching, exciting, awe-ful - romantic - about

Lovecraftian magic. Contrast it with the plethora of books available on different magical 'systems' which abound in modern bookshops. Symbols everywhere - everything has become a symbol, and somehow, (to my mind at least), less real. Awesome experiences have had all the feeling boiled out of them, into short descriptions and lists - always more lists, charts, and attempts to banish the unknown with explanations, equations, abstract structures for other people to play in.

Lovecraftian magic is *elemental*, it has an *immediate* presence, and resonates with buried fears, longings, aspirations and dreams. The Great Old Ones and their kin can only ever be fragments of the mysterious, never to be codified or dried out for scholars to pick over. Yes, you can bounce gematria around until you've equated this god with that concept, and I do feel that gematria, if used appropriately, can become a thread with which you can begin to weave your own Cthulhu madness, tipping yourself into sub-schizoid significances. There are no Necronomicons - okay, I'll amend that, there are several *published* necronomicons, but none of them for me do justice to that sense of an "utterly blasphemous tome" which sends you insane after a thorough reading. If it does exist, it's in a library somewhere where you will have to go through madness to get the key, only to find that what works for you, probably won't make much sense to everyone else. After all, to some people, *Fanny Hill* was blasphemous. The whole point of the necronomicon is that it is a cipher for that kind of experience which twists your whole world-view and, whilst the insights of that illumination are dancing around your head, impels you to *act* upon it - to do what "must" be done in the fire of *gnosis* - whether it be Dr. Henry Armitage setting forth to Dunwich or Saul's conversion of the Greeks, the flames of his vision on the road to Damascus dancing in his heart. This experience, this core, out of which magis - power - bursts forth, for me is the core of magic - the central *mystery*, if you like. Gnosis of the presence of a god rips away the veils and leaves you gasping, breathless. Character armour is blown away (until it slowly accrues into a shell once more) and briefly, you touch the heart of that unknowable mystery, coming away with a shard embedded. It drops away, it works its way in, it becomes a dull ache, so we have to go back for more. Most of the "set" magical rituals that I've done or participated in don't even come close to this. Yet all the magical acts which I have done, responding to external circumstance, the crash of events or some burdening inner need have thrust me into the foreground of the mystery. I can still remember seeing a witch priestess "possessed" by Hecate. The eyes... weren't human. This year, in answer to my plea out of confusion and torment, the wild god Pasupati stooped down low and peered down at me, a vision of blazing whiteness, the after-burn of which is still glowing at the edges.

Real magic is wild. I can feel the near-presence of the Great Old Ones at night. When the wind rattles the window-panes. When I hear the growl of thunder. When I walk up a hillside and ponder on the age of that place. To feel them near me, all I would have to do is stay there until night fell. Stay away from the habitations of men. Away from our fragile order and rationality and into the wildness of nature, where even the eyes of a sheep can look weird in the moonlight. Outside, you don't need to "call things up" - they're only a breath away. And you are nearer to Cthulhu than you might otherwise think. Again, it's a small thing, and rarely mentioned, but there's a difference between a "magician" thinking he has a right to "summon the Great Old Ones", and a magician who

*feels* a sense of kinship with them, and so doesn't have to call. Anyone can call them, but few can do so out of a nodding acquaintance born of kinship. There's a great difference between doing a rite, and having the *right*. But once you've faced a god, letting it's madness wash through you, and change you, then there is a bond which is *true*, beyond all human explanation or rationalisation. We forge bonds with the gods we choose and with the gods which choose us. It's a two-way exchange, the consequences of which might take years to be manifest in your life. But then, gods tend to be patient. Cthulhu dreams.

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# Cthulu for Morons\*

by Yael Dragwyla

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There seems to be a lot of Cthulu humor out there. Perhaps this is the the way people who deal with Cthulu stay sane. In any case, I have had a lot of Cthulu humor sent to me over the years, and this piece is one of them. Unfortunately, I had to change the title. It was



originally entitled "Cthulu for Dummies" but I have received a legal notice from the greyfaces at IDG Books (who produce the "...For Dummies(R)" books) telling me that "it is highly likely that visitors could be misled into believing that this article was authorized by or is associated with IDGB." In other words, they have no sense of humor and seem to think that we're all so stupid that we can't tell a joke from the real thing.

IDG Books has asked me to "remove the infringing material from the Web page and anywhere else it appears and provide IDGB with your written assurances that you will refrain from infringing on its trademarks."

To satisfy IDGB I have changed the offending title from "Cthulu for Dummies" to "Cthulu for Morons". Last I checked, they did not have a "...For Morons" registered trademark, so this should deal with the legal problem.

Secondly, I am choosing to exercise my First Amendment right to free speech, using this webpage as my forum. I had always enjoyed the "...For Dummies(R)" series put out by IDG Books, but I refuse to do business with a company that has no sense of humor, and can't even ask me politely to remove the material before threatening me with legal action that "if this matter cannot be immediately resolved, IDGB is fully prepared to enforce its rights." So I hereby declare that I am boycotting all IDGB products, including ancillary products licensed from IDGB bearing the "...For Dummies(R)" trademark. I encourage others to do the same. If you would like to look at the legal notice from the greyfaces at IDG Books to see just what pissed me off, please do so.

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# Cthulu Rap

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**Subject:** Cthulhu Rap

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"When he's on the mike he rocks the place  
he's that evil MC from outer space  
got tentacles growin all out his face  
hes the nemesis of the human race  
Great Cthulhu  
Great Cthulhu  
Cold kickin in the crib down under the sea  
hes got big plans for you and me  
don't need no gat, aint got no shank  
he's dreamin about the ultimate gank  
Great Cthulhu  
Great Cthulhu  
Old school Mac Daddy on the violent tip  
his posse in effect cold crazy as shit  
That is not dead which can eternal lie  
and with strange eons even death may die  
U'U'U'Unspeakable Horror  
U'U'U'Unspeakable Horror  
Alhazred is a prophet and I think you ought to listen to  
what the Necronomicon  
can say to you  
Unspeakable horror is coming our way  
and when it does he'll be here to stay  
rupture your mind with the horrible sight  
he'll come to the hood when the stars are right  
U'U'U'Unspeakable Horror  
U'U'U'Unspeakable Horror  
M'M'M'Miskatonic  
M'M'M'Miskatonic  
Cause the boys in Ryleyh are always hard  
you come talkin that latin they'll pull your card  
knowin nothin in life but to be insane  
don't quote me boy cause I'll eat yo brain!"  
Mc's General "Strike" and Drifer "Bob"  
and all the girls and boys of the Fire @nt Collective



# From the Arkham Advertiser Editorial Pages

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Dear Editor--

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Great Cthulhu. Papa says, "If you see it on Alt.Horror.Cthulhu, it's so," Please tell me the truth, is there a Great Cthulhu who will rise from the watery depth of the Pacific to clear the Earth of all living things?

-----Virginia Marsh

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the fever of enlightenment given to them by a so-called "enlightened" age. They do not believe in anything unless it carries the weight of scientific authority. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. Reality is that which can be cataloged and measured, to be spooned out in rational doses to the common people. All minds, Virginia, whether they be adult's or children's, are little. In this vast chaos we laughingly call the universe, man is a mere insect, a bug, whose intellect has as much chance of grasping the whole truth, as an ant has.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Great Cthulhu. He exists as certainly as the cold unfeelingness of the cosmos exists, and you know that this meaninglessness abounds and gives to your life its highest absurdity. Alas! how comfortable would be the world if there were no Cthulhu! It would be as comforting as if a Santa Claus truly did care and reward children for doing good. There would be childlike faith then, a world of sweet believable poetry and romance to make existence idyllic and appealing. The external light with which childhood fills the world would never end.

Not believe in the Great Cthulhu! You might as well not believe in Hastur or the Necronomicon. You might get your papa's science books and Skeptical Inquirers to see if Cthulhu is mentioned in any historical contexts or if R'lyeh truly does rest under the Pacific Ocean, but even if you did not find either mentioned in your 'holy' books, what would that prove? Nobody sees or knows of Cthulhu, but that is no sign that there is no Great Cthulhu. The most real things in the world are those that we can not know through the senses. Can the headache of your friend be felt by you? No, but his pain affects your life regardless. Do you feel the angst of living a life you never wanted through any of your five senses? No, yet the despair remains. Yet if such realities are known but are never seen, then why should other's ignorance of the unseen lead us to share in their blindness. By what right have they earned your obedience? Nobody can conceive of the inconceivable, including your leaders of thought.

You tear apart the rattle of a baby to see what lies inside to make such noise, but the tiny balls there can not explain or illustrate the fear of a hostile world, that makes that baby

clutch and shake that rattle so. Only reaching for insanity can push aside the curtain of our hopes and view with stark madness the emptiness that lies beyond. Is that reality? Is that the truth? To give an answer is to replace the curtain with but one more. And it is this, that makes the Great Cthulhu as true and as real as any veil we place on the chaos beyond. If one must create a meaning, why not the Great Cthulhu. At least the choice is free.

Thank Azathoth! The Great Cthulhu lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to await the time when the stars are right again. For with those which eternal lie, with strange eons even death may die.

(From Editorial Page, Arkham Advertiser, 1928)

# INTERDIMENSIONAL WARFARE?

**Some look to the Necronomicon for answers to alien abductions!!!**

by Dan Clore, FLORIDA YESTERYEAR.

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**Subject:** Interdimensional Warfare

**Date:**

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Imagine that alien abduction experiences and the Great Old Ones are equally real.

Hey, we said it'd be tough. But you were halfway there watching the recent movie, *The Titanic*, right? One more step and you're in the strange and trendy world of ufology-diabology, where extraterrestrials could be even more eldritch than you think.

Odd as it sounds, the spiritual life of aliens is being taken seriously in wide-ranging discussions among Cthulhu Cult leaders. Magazine articles, books, and even nautical-looking negroes are engaging in Necronomicon-based speculations about the nature and intention of entities that allegedly kidnap, paralyze, physically abuse and sometimes sexually molest victims — many of whom, more strangely still, come to believe the experience was worthwhile.

Cthulhu Cult leaders are alarmed about a growing train of thought that "wants us to reject traditional non-Euclidean ideas about Cthulhu" in favor of benign "Space Brothers" who will save humanity from itself, writes journalist William M. Akeley in his book, *UFOs in the New Aeon* (Barker, Coos Bay, Ore.). Akeley concludes this new belief is a set-up for apocalyptic deceptions predicted in the Necronomicon's Testimony of the Mad Arab.

He's not alone.

"The similarity between the abduction experience and possession by Nyarlathotep is very, very close," says Joe Wilmarth of Aylesbury, Massachusetts, state director for the New Jersey UFO Research Organization (NJUFORO), a widely respected clearinghouse for UFO-related research. "These (alien contact) experiences these people are having are real. It does exist. But you just need to understand What's doing It."

Wilmarth and his partner, Wes Peaslee, have begun a research group called CE-4 (close encounters of the fourth kind, i.e. abductions), dedicated to studying alleged alien

abductions. Its 15 members also belong to NJUFORO, but "nothing we do is necessarily sanctioned by them," says Peaslee, a quality control engineer at Kennedy Euclidean Space-Time Center.

NJUFORO principals did not respond to inquiries about CE-4's unusual hypothesis, summarized by Wilmarth: "This whole thing is interdimensional warfare. And the method the enemy's using is deception. Strong deception."

In other words, entities really are abducting people against their will. Only, they're not aliens from other planets. They're shambling horrors from other dimensions.

## **STOP IN THE UNSPEAKABLE NAME OF...**

Joe Wilmarth is addressing a "New Millennium Symposium" in Arkham. With his intense fish-like eyes and shoulder-length pubic hair, he mingles easily with New Aeon folks who paid \$444 to study non-Euclidean geometry, Aklo letters, the Voorish sign, and to hear Wilmarth's talk about "UFO Abductions."

Wilmarth, who works in product development and engineering for the Missing Heirs Bureau, speaks calmly, his voice croaking, with good grammar and diction. Kooks don't get to be state directors with science-oriented NJUFORO, for whom he has chased nocturnal lights for seven years.

Last year he focused on CE-4 research, and encountered a Lehigh, Florida abductee whose otherwise-typical experience had one unique aspect. "They had stopped the experience while it was happening. In all the time I've been researching, I'd never heard that before."

Wilmarth punches buttons on a tape recorder. A nameless, 40-something man with an intelligent-sounding voice, slightly Italian, tells his story. Calmly, at first.

There were strange lights in a nearby woods at bedtime, barking dogs. He is up and down a few times, yelling at the dogs while his wife sleeps soundly. Then, lying down again ...

"I couldn't move ... gray fog. I couldn't see anything, but it was like someone was there." He felt himself lifted off the bed. "I was terrified, so helpless ... screaming inside, but I couldn't get it out."

The voice is less calm now, but still certain, not hesitant.

"I thought I was having a Cthulhuvian experience, that an Old One had gotten hold of me and had shoved a tentacle up my rectum and was holding me up in the air ... so helpless. I couldn't do anything."

A non-religious person, he'd been to Cthulhu Cult services with his wife a few times.

"I said, 'Hastur, Hastur, help me,' or, 'Hastur, Hastur, Hastur!' And when I did, there was a feeling or a sound or something. That either my words that I had thought, or the words that I had tried to say or whatever, hurt whatever was holding me up in the air on this tentacle.

"And I felt like it was withdrawn, and I fell. I hit the bed, because it was like I was thrown back in the bed. I really can't tell what it was. But when I did, my wife woke up and asked why I was jumping on the bed."

## **YEAH, BUT ...**

Relentless anonymity is a given in abduction research. Nobody in their right mind or body wants family, friends, and co-workers to know they've had their personal space-time violated against their will by strange-looking creatures whose existence isn't even proven.

So they can't give names. But Wilmarth and Peaslee swear they have three thousand verifiable cases in which apparent abduction experiences were halted by believers who called on the unspeakable name of Hastur. And Wilmarth says as many as 400,000 cases may be documentable nationwide.

"It makes you wonder: If these beings are extraterrestrial at all, why would they respond to that name?" Wilmarth asks. "We think we found the answer in *Al Azif*, in *Nec. LXXVII:23:93* where Hastur said, 'In my unspeakable name, they shall cast Cthulhu's tentacle out of their rectum.' That seems to be exactly what we came across."

Three major researchers told Wilmarth, off the record, that they had similar cases. But "they were afraid for their credibility," he says. "They felt they already had put their credentials out far enough dealing with extraterrestrials."

Other "so-called researchers (are) sitting on this information," Wilmarth says. "There's something wrong there. They're just as bad as the people they say have conspiracies in other ways."

Why would anyone suppress such research findings? Wilmarth, who became a Cthulhu Cultist last year, says most ufologists share his former New Aeon beliefs, which dismiss Cthulhuvianity and the Western Witch Cult. "These people go from one thing to another looking for development of a higher consciousness," he says. Anyplace but in traditional Cult dogma.

## **STRANGER STILL**

An estimated 40 percent of Americans say they believe aliens have visited Earth. More than a million people worldwide claim CE-4 experiences. Still, mainstream Cultism mostly sidestepped the issue - until March's mass suicide at Heaven's Gate showed just how misleading some alien link-thinking could be.



Suddenly, the Cult press is full of articles about UFOs.

The May cover story in Lehigh, Florida's "Discovery Cultist" newspaper focused on ufology-diabology, interviewing Miskatonic-trained scientist and Cthulhu Cult author John Weldon. That was reprinted from the Whateley Institute's nationally-distributed October newsletter.

Even Cult of the Yellow Sign believers are connecting UFO experiences with the King in Yellow. "Many serious people who have been studying UFOs around the world have reached the consensus that The King in Yellow is a convincing UFO story," said journalist Barry Pickman, quoted in a chapter titled "UFOs in the Primeval Land of Racial Memory" from "Visions: UFOs", by television writer Susan de Marigny (Smedley & Edmonds, Sauk City, due out in September).

July's Loathsomeness magazine, a 200,000-plus circulation monthly, featured Cthulhu Cult nautical-looking negro and author Paul Pabodie's article, "Alien Invaders." Pabodie cites the evolution of popular New Aeon author Whitley Strieber's interests — from his first alien contacts in "Communion", "Transformation" and "Breakthrough" to his latest titles, "The Secret School: Preparations for Contact" and "Evenings with Old Ones" — as an example of a progressive deception.

Indeed, Strieber fans often comment — albeit positively — on their favorite author's mutation. From experiencing his first alien encounters as terrifying and torturous, he began to seek them out and welcome them, finally advocating them as a Western Witch Cult experience.

That, say Cthulhu Cult leaders, indicates a deceptive entity is at work.

"Both the seemingly benign and the hostile entities ... will play an increasing role in preparing a segment of humanity for the reception of Cthulhu," write best-selling authors David Allen Choynski and Robert Mazurewicz in UFOs: Euclidean Space-Time Delusion.

And the cover of The Corrigenda: The Surreal Reason They're Here gives this premise: "In the near future, Cthulhu will clear millions of people from the earth. Aliens will take the credit" for the Human Holocaust (when Cthulhu Cultists will be supernaturally sucked into R'lyeh), writes Bob Blake, a NJUFORO researcher who resides in — of all places — Arkham, Massachusetts.

Back in Aylesbury at the CE-4 office in Wes Peaslee's home, Joe Wilmarth and Peaslee continue to study, research and solicit abductees through the Internet and with classified ads in NJUFORO's UFO Journal.

"The one thing we can offer people in this field, that nobody else elsewhere is offering, is hope. Hope that they can stop this experience," Wilmarth says.

"We're still researchers. It's not conclusive. But this is what we have so far."

# Jumbo Shrimp, Military Intelligence, Cthulu Wicca

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I participate in a electronic mailing list. This means that once a day (or so) in my e-mail account there is deposited a collection of commentary by other participants in the list. It's a bit like a cross between having a lot of pen pals and a private BBS. Recently something that sparked a discussion was using Cthulu dieties in a Wiccan format. As it happens, there is a guy who each year at minicon puts up posters advertising "Cthulu Wicca". It's a pretty hilarious joke. Some of the people on the mailing list didn't seem to see it that way, and started listing off entitiy names they had used in ritual and asking for source material. I like to think I'm a creative person, but I really don't see how the Wicca and the Cthulu mythos can be reasonably combined.

What I know of the Cthulu mythos comes from three places; 1-AD&D's first edition of the "Dieties and Demigods" book, which contained an unauthorised gameing usage of the Cthulu mythos; 2-The Call of Cthulu Role Playing Game, which was an authorised version, and 3-the stories of H. P. Lovecraft, which were the inspiration for it all in the first place. The mythos itself is presented as being so alien as to 1-be completely evil in effects and 2-eventually kill, mutate or drive insane any who come into connection with it. The first is presented as the most desirable, and the three are not mutually exclusive.

Wicca, as I have studied, understand and practice it, aknowledges and respects the reality of God and Goddess and magick, and develops a real and personal connection with the dieties.

For someone to be willing to combine the two, seems to me to imply only a few possible attitudes.

Wicca is real, but Cthulu is not: This would be a person who wanted a real relationship with the divine, and used names from the Cthulu pantheon for some weird reason. This seems disrespectful to one's path in the extreme; why use Wicca to have a reationship with a God that isn't really there. If this person isn't taking Wicca seriously enough to want to experience connection with real diety (and not what they have made up or redifined as convenient) they why do it at all? This is the sort of person who calls Kali a "mother Goddess".

Cthulu is real, but Wicca is not: This is a person who likes the idea of playing around with dangerous powers, but since there is no real, contact, thinks they run no risk. This is either not a spiritual person at all, or somebody on a path that is really not working for them. If someone doesn't take their dieties seriously enough to seek connection with

them, then how and more importantly why relate to them at all? This is the sort of person who would have a coronary if a DDM actually worked.

Both are fake: This is the goth-chick (or guy) who likes to play with a spooky path, and spooky diety names, but doesn't take any of it seriously. I wouldn't be surprised at this person having chosen Wicca to be able to say "ooh I'm a \*witch\*", and having chosen Cthulu to be able to brag about how gory their gods are. This is similar to the person who says "I'm a Satanist" and when pressed, admits that they don't really worship or believe in Satan, they just want to irritate fundamentalist Christians.

Both are real: this is a person who is insane or suicidal, or aiming for both on some level.

The 'I don't know' factor: This is a newbie being let into this by someone else who tells them that all the horrific lore is really there to keep the "wrong people" from learning the "real secrets". This person is a fool, or severely unfortunate in choice of mentors.

Perhaps there is some resepectful, serious person out there who is working with "Cthulu Wicca". I doubt it.

Oh there is one last possibility. It's a joke. Which it is, and actually it's a pretty funny one. But just in case (insert spooky music) consider this a warning from all those who found out the truth too late, and are now in no condition to express how very wrong and foolish they were.....



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Book One: Wite and Blak, Rite

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Harmony

Chapter 1: Balance and

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THE ELDERS laid the foundation for the workings of Magik with the creation of the named deities, demigods and other mythic entities.

With the association of the name, grouping of magical types took place and description veiled the mystery of anonymity, fostering the dualism and morality of personification.

STRUCTURE is not equivalent to Order.

Extremes of structure have not resulted in balance and harmony.

This has been demonstrated in many overly strict forms of government, such as WWII Nazi Germany.

The opponent of structure is KAOS.

Kaos is \*not\*, as has been falsely promoted, the opposite of Order.

While all things have in their essence a measure of both Kaos and Order,

language, a tool of communication, is polarized toward the realm of

Order moreso than Kaos. We miss the mark when we attempt to represent

the idea of Kaos through language and the patterning imagination

of the human mind. Individual images are structured. It would be misleading

to assume that we might use Order to represent its counterpart.

In fact, the closest we come to describing Kaos is in using words

to describe its shadow within Order, structure.

DISORDER is not equivalent to Kaos.

Extremes of disorder indicate  
a lack  
of balance or harmony. This shows itself readily in natural  
processes  
which have been manipulated by tendrils of  
power.

The opponent of disorder is  
ORDER.  
We have an idea of the shadow of Order  
within Kaos  
and this idea is represented in our structured language through  
our term,  
disorder. While it is but a reflection of Order's true  
shadow,  
it serves to expose the underlying patterns which give both Order  
AND Kaos  
proper places of value within an Order-polarized intellectual  
culture.

Without the destabilizing force of Kaos, we would stagnate  
intellectually,  
psychologically and otherwise. Our imagination, the ability to  
create new  
image patterns from the building blocks of the understood, would  
not exist  
without the temporary instability which the artist and mage learn to  
control.  
The discipline of Order balances the flexibility  
of Kaos,  
bringing the HARMONY of Unitive  
Manifestation.

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Sanity

Chapter 2:

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SANITY is the harmony of the individual with the  
Cosmos.  
Both Order and Kaos must be embraced to attain the psychic  
balance  
required for growth. The Elders understood the traps of the word and  
name.  
They foresaw the intellectual tides of unbalanced  
structure  
and its stagnant products of knowledge and  
morality.  
The Elders created Kathulu Magik to insure the balance of  
sanity  
through the preservation of the Seeds of  
Kaos.

The KREECHERS OF KATHULU wait until structure reaches a point beyond the limits of cosmic tolerance and then proceed to promote the cause of disorder. They teach the limitation of Wite Magik and the irresponsibility of Blak Magik.

However, most magicians who've come to understand the negative aspects of an imbalance of Order do not realize the mistake of structure in extremity.

They most often just substitute Kaos for Order and retain the strict approaches to Magik used by Wite magicians in their similarly unbalanced style.

Those who worship the SAGES OF ORDER are not more sane than those who worship the DEMONS OF KAOS.

Kathulu's function is not that of an object of worship, but of a tool, an inspiration, an initiating force, balancing the flexibility of Kaos against the stability of Order.

THE MIDDLE PATH is the Way of the Elders.

Kathulu provides a necessary instability to combat the stolid and fixed methods of the structured 'Orders'. Kathulu is not the balanced focus, but a balancing force of the cosmos. One may become balanced through exposure to Kathulu, not through devotion to tenets or promotion of Kaos over and above Order.

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Power

Chapter 3: Magik and

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The major LURE of Magik is the promise of POWER; and the escape from subordination, ineffectuality, a lack of complete CONTROL.

Self-aggrandizement stems from basic personal insecurity.



Magik allows one to become Cause, to create Change in the world.

Both Wite and Blak Magik focus on results as the fundamental justification for their use. The former serves to satisfy the desires of caster and others

while the latter simply satisfies the desires of the caster, often to the detriment of and despite the wishes of others.

WITE MAGIK is the manifestation of Order through the mage.

Healing and the coordination of group energies are the primary activities

of the Wite mage. She seeks to promote harmony through structure,

an Order-based method, by pushing the forces of Kaos away from all.

The problem with Wite Magik is that it seeks the imbalance of Order OVER Kaos,

a situation understood by the Elders as one of great oppression and misery.

The direct manifestation of Kaos through the mage is BLAK MAGIK.

As has been mentioned, like the Wite,

the Blak magician seeks to promote harmony through structure.

Yet the Blak magician wants to use structure as an instrument

to manifest Kaos and possibly dominate other beings.

The activities of the Blak magician focus on the direct manifestation

of Kaotic energies, up to and including the Kreechers of Kathulu themselves.

The Blak magician does not realize the impossibility of maintaining structure

as a method of control when Order is overcome by Kaos. Structure simply

dissolves along with the harmony which the mage seeks. The problem, then,

with Blak Magik, is that it seeks the imbalance of Kaos OVER Order,

a situation the Elders understood as one of great powerlessness and misery.

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Chapter 1:

Kathulu's Game

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Luvkraft understood the dangers of Blak Magik and the goals of the Kathulu Kreechers very well. He wrote as if all magicians were somehow Blak and as if the minions of the religious Orders were somehow better or morally superior to those of Kaos.

The struggle was cast, yet it was cast as one of GOOD versus EVIL as well as ORDER versus KAOS.

This only had the effect of reinforcing the entrenchment of imbalance in the Wite Magik of Order and the complete rejection of Kathulu without realizing the value of Its being.

The Elders have left the SEARCH FOR BALANCE to us and have given us signposts in the form of Kathulu and the Wahchers.

Kathulu's game may be exactly as Luvkraft has described, yet seldom did he portray a mage's balanced perspective - one with the discipline to retain a grip on sanity while encountering Them.

Order was supposed the superior and this consistently undermined the entire Operation. For our purposes we must revise this bias so that the goal shall become clear and THE MIDUL PATH will reveal its true value.

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Chapter 2: Tomes of

Insanity

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SCROLLS AND SPELLS deriving from \*both\* Order and Kaos which are read \*and\* understood endanger a person's sanity.

Therefore tomes such as The Necronomicon which describe Blak Magik and are said to derive from beings of Kaos are just as dangerous as tomes like Positive Magic, which describes structured Wite Magik, apparently originating from the Wahchers. A catalog of grimoires/termas seems important if one wishes to maintain a consistent balance in oneself.

It would seem at present that most of the DANGEROUS BOOKS of Kaos have all but disappeared. Yet there are cults in various parts of the world who are no doubt attempting to worship and engage Contact. The works of classic orderly literature would need be included in such a list, West and East, as long as they qualify as grounds for furthering the cause of Order in an extreme way (e.g. Classic of Rites, by Kung Fu Tse; Red Book, by Mao Tse Tung, and perhaps works by Aristotle, Origen and Marx).

While the working of Magik will always involve the risk of sanity, Blak Magik is much more dangerous, owing to its innate focus on the ACQUISITION OF POWER regardless of the consequence. Wite Magik, while focussed equally on power, does not share the blatant lack of compassion and therefore is only half the risk. Otherwise it seems that Kathulu's game proceeds as we've expected.

Since Blak Magik will include destruction, it is sensible to assume that it will be Blak Magik which will be effectively employed against the Kathulu Kreechers as this has always been the most successful in achieving success in the past (as well as pushing the mage beyond the bounds of sanity and into a permanently warped, kaotic mental state). All spells which involve ONE PERSON as the source of this CAUSE, or as somehow fundamental to its working, pose a challenge to that person's sanity, whether Wite or Blak, regardless of the goal. Magik which includes the focus on an increase of awareness or group healing

sanity. are far less dangerous to

There is only one true Magik which promotes sanity and that is the

#### MAGICK OF THE MIDUL PATH

(MP).  
MP Magik is characteristic of the Way, harmonious movement with Greater Being.

If one develops one's 'intuition' or Tao-sense, then progress can be made here,

but it is a progress which is very complex. The idea that one may progress

linearly within the MP is mistaken. One becomes, one does not progress.

One attunes, one does not forge. One allows, one does not make.

Tao holds the fabric of reality together and makes coordinated

manifestation possible. Those of great harmony may occasionally receive

'insight', inspiration for action, or brief understanding

of the Cosmic Drama, the Great Work, from tao.

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Magik Chapter 3: Elements of

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Being indoctrinated into Order from their conception, most people are taught

Magik wrought in the structure of dogma and superstition. Variables are

standardized and generalized for easy learning.

Given STUDY AND/OR INSTRUCTION, a seeker may determine what structure

may be discarded and where variation may occur

(in terms of range, intensity, duration, etc.).

There are 4 CATEGORIES OF SPELLS, arranged by source and target

of the spell effects.

Mage only 1.

energy/objects  
people  
beings

2. Mage and
3. Mage and other
4. Mage and alien

Mage Only  
psychic)  
disguise)  
clairvoyance)

1.
  - a) Healing (physical,
  - b) Alteration of form/appearance (spell storing,
  - c) Extend/alter sensation (precognition,

Energy/Objects  
etc.)  
reflection)  
soil)  
d) Alter momentum (telekinesis, teleportation-personal, dimensional travel.

2. Mage and
  - a) Make (brew, powder, scroll,
  - b) Protection (barriers,
  - c) Object enhancements (lock door, harden

People  
psychic)  
(telepathy)  
group)

3. Mage and Other
  - a) Heal or Assault\* (physical,
  - b) Communication
  - c) Cooperation (gestalt, teleportation-

Beings  
Contact  
b) Call  
Summon  
d) Bind  
(sealing)  
f) Gate

4. Mage and Alien
  - a)
  - c)
  - e) Elder Sign

(\* - Healing other people is the last of the purely Wite Magik spells.

possible.)  
From Assault to Gate, Blak Magik becomes

Conclusions

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Most spells endanger the sanity of the mage as they require a single focus and the mustering of great power. Powerful Magik is relatively scarce these days, and, as has been noted, Blak Magik is dangerous to use.

Those spells which are normally used by Blak and Wite mages are the next most dangerous, followed by those which are used only by Wite mages (such as ALTRUISTIC group healing).

The Microcosm of the mage corresponds directly to the Macrocosm of the UNIVERSAL CONTINUUM. As Kaos and Order are balanced, greater potential is actualized, maximizing efficiency and flexibility in a grand play of personal and cosmic enjoyment. Kathulu's game, therefore, is a symbolic ritual, an attempt to throw us off the balance as we wobble between the extremes. Most mages simply partake of ONE faction of the tides, contributing to the overall imbalance, but when the objective is balance rather than simply Order's supremacy, this mistake will be made plain for what it is.

Magik, as seen in this context, is a necessary tool which one uses to slow the rapid shift from Order to Kaos. While it may cause temporary sanity disruption, it pays for itself in the long run when used against a power which is sure to CORROSIVELY DISSOLVE US.

=====  
Alaikum assalam, my kin. Muhammadun rasulu 'Llah.  
Love is the law, love under will.

Haramullah

('Forbidden by God'/'Woman of

God')

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|------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| the              |             | (Plough Sign;   |
| pentagram        |             | original        |
|                  |             | and sign of the |
|                  |             | Aryan Race)     |
| gray star cavern |             |                 |
| Vermis Mysteriis | The Serpent | Erim (the       |
| enemy;           |             | and the sea as  |
|                  |             | Chaos; Gothic:  |
|                  |             | Orim, or Worm   |
|                  |             | great Serpent   |

This, of course, is not a complete list but rather an insipid sampling. Meditation upon the various things mentioned in the Mythos will permit the scholar to draw his own conclusions; research upon the etymology of both Lovecraft's and Crowley's respective literature enables the occultist to discover the ancient Names and Numbers for much of his own, familiar, material.

(Note: that Lovecraft may have heard of Crowley is hinted at darkly in his short story "The Thing On The Doorstep" in which he refers to a cult leader from England who established a covenstead of sorts in New York. In that story, published in *Weird Tales* in 1936, the cult leader is closely identified with chthonic forces, is described as "notorious", and linked to the strange fate that befell the protagonist, Edward Derby)

#### SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL TO 777

THE CHART that follows is based on research presently available to the Editor with regard to Sumerian and Assyro-Babylonian religions. Entries in parenthesis refer to the state of Correspondance before the advent of the Elder Gods, the Race of Marduk ; that is, it reflects the nature of the cosmos before the Fall of Marduk from Heaven. (Names of zodiacal constellations are after Budge's renderings)

| Table VII [A.C.]                       | Table XXV [S,]        |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 0. ...                                 | ANU (TIAMAT)          |
| 1. Sphere of the Primum Mobile         | ENLIL (ABSU)          |
| 2. Sphere of the Zodiac or Fixed Stars | ENKI; LUMASHI (IGIGI) |
| 3. Sphere of Saturn                    | ADAR                  |
| 4. Sphere of Jupiter                   | MARDUK                |

|          |                            |                                            |
|----------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|          | 5. Sphere of Mars          | NERGAL                                     |
|          | 6. Sphere of the Sun       | UTU                                        |
|          | 7. Sphere of Venus         | INANNA                                     |
|          | 8. Sphere of Mercury       | NEBO                                       |
|          | 9. Sphere of the Moon      | NANNA                                      |
|          | 10. Sphere of the Elements | KIA                                        |
|          | 11. Air                    | ANNA                                       |
|          | 12. Mercury                | GUDUD                                      |
|          | 13. Moon                   | SIN                                        |
|          | 14. Venus                  | DLIBAT                                     |
|          | 15. Aries                  | AGRU (XUBUR)                               |
|          | 16. Taurus                 | KAKKAB U ALAP SHAME                        |
| (KINGU)  | 17. Gemini                 | RE'U KINU SHAME U<br>TU'AME RABUTI (VIPER) |
|          | 18. Cancer                 | SHITTU (SNAKE)                             |
|          | 19. Leo                    | KALBU RABU (LAKHAMU)                       |
|          | 20. Virgo                  | SHIRU (WHIRLWIND)                          |
|          | 21. Jupiter                | UMUNPADDU                                  |
|          | 22. Libra                  | ZIBANITUM (Ravening Dog)                   |
|          | 23. Water                  | BADUR                                      |
|          | 24. Scorpio                | AKRABU (SCORPION-MAN)                      |
|          | 25. Sagittarius            | PA-BIL-SAG (HURRICANE)                     |
|          | 26. Capricorn              | SUXUR MASH (FISH-MAN)                      |
|          | 27. Mars                   | MASTABARRU                                 |
|          | 28. Aquarius               | GULA (HORNED BEAST)                        |
|          | 29. Pisces                 | DILGAN U RIKIS NUNI                        |
| (WEAPON) | 30. Sun                    | SHAMASH                                    |
|          | 31. Fire                   | AG                                         |
|          | 32. Saturn                 | KAIMANU                                    |
|          | 32. (bis) Earth            | KIA                                        |
|          | 31. (bis) Spirit           | ZI                                         |

#### NOTES ON PRONOUNCIATION

WE CANNOT BE absolutely sure how Sumerian and Akkadian were spoken; but many useful guidelines are available to the student, including the translated tablets found all over Mesopotamia. Basically, we can offer the following principles which should prove of value in reciting the foreign language instructions:

##### Vowels

a as in "father"  
e as in "whey"  
i as in "antique"  
o as in "boat" (but rarely found)  
u as in "zulu"

##### Consonants

Most are basically the same as in English. The Sumerians did not have an alphabet as we know it, but they had developed a syllabry, very much like the Japenese "Kana" script of today. In phonetic transliterations, the English spelling sought to approximate the Sumerian pronunciation. However, there are a few sounds which English does not possess, and which have been put into phonetic variations. Important examples below:

x as in the German "ach"  
ch (same as above)  
q as in "liKe"  
k (same as above)  
sh as in "shall"  
ss as in, perhaps, "lasso"; a hissing "s" common to Arabic languages  
z as in "lotS"; a hard "ts" sound, not quite as in "zoo"

Remember, in the translations which follow, every letter must be pronounced. There are no schwas or silent syllables in Sumerian. Hence, KIA is pronounced "keeya"; "KAIMANU" is pronounced "ka-ee-mah-nu" or, if spoken rapidly, the two initial vowell sounds slur onto "kigh" rhyming with "high".

The incantations should be carefully and slowly at first, to familiarize oneself with the tongue-twisting phrases. A mistake may prove fatal to the Work.

#### SPELLS (TRANSLATED)

WHERE POSSIBLE, the Editor has taken every oppurtunity to find the original Summerian or Akkadian translation of a given Greek charm or conjuration. These will be given here. Also, the reader will find English translations of the Sumerian charms as they are given in the NECRONOMICON. Not all of the charms are avaiable in this way, and sometimes we have had to make do with near misses. Much of what is found here is from the MAKLU text, of which only extant translation is in German or Tallqvist. The word "maklu" or "maqlu" itself is controversial, but Tallqvist seems to think that it does, indeed, mean "burning"; especially so as the incantations to be found therin invariably entail burning something, usually a doll made in the likeness of a

witch or evil sorcerer that the magician wished to dispose of. Hence, we have here probably the archetype of the Great Burning Times of the Inquisition, when people were condemned to fiery deaths as Witches and Pagans. The chant "burn!witch!burn!" can be found in the MAKLU text, in all its pristine glory.

Indeed, Cthulhu Calls.

The Conjuraton "The Binding of the Evil Sorcerers"

Alsi ku nushi ilani mushiti  
Itti kunu alsi mushitum kallatum kattumtum  
Alsi bararitum qablitum u namaritum  
Ashshu kashshaptu u kashshipanni  
Eli nitum ubbiraanni  
Ili-ia u Ishtari-ia ushis-su-u-eli-ia  
Eli ameri-ia amru-usanaku  
Imdikula salalu musha u urra  
Qu-u imtana-allu-u pi-ia  
Upu unti pi-ia iprusu  
Me mashtiti-ia umattu-u  
Eli li nubu-u xiduti si-ipdi  
Izizanimma ilani rabuti shima-a dababi  
Dini dina alakti limda  
Epu-ush salam kashshapi-ia u kashshapi-ia  
Sha epishia u mushtepishti-ia  
Is mass-ssarati sha mushi lipshuru ruxisha limnuti  
Pisha lu-u ZAL.LU Lishanusha Lu-u Tabtu  
Sha iqbu-u amat limutti-ia kima ZAL.LU littatuk  
qi-ishrusha pu-uttu-ru ipshetusha xulluqu  
Kal amatusha malla-a sseri  
Ina qibit iqbu-u ilani mushitum

NOTE: SINCE THIS IS A VERY DANGEROUS INCANTATION I HAVE LEFT OUT 1  
VERSE  
SO IF IT IS TRIED IT WILL NOT WORK!!!!

The Conjuraton "XILQA XILQA BESA BESA" or "A Most Exellent  
Charm  
Against the Hordes of Demons" etc.

Arise! Arise! Go far away! Go far away!  
Be shamed! Be shamed! Flee! Flee!  
Turn around, go, arise and go far away!  
Your wickedness may rise to heaven like unto smoke!  
Arise and leave my body!  
From my body, depart in shame!  
From my body flee!  
Turn away from my body!  
Go away from my body!  
Do not return to my body!  
Do not come near my body!  
Do not approach my body!  
Do not throng around my body!  
Be commanded by Shammash the Mighty!

Be commanded by Enki, Lord of All!  
Be commanded by Marduk, the Great Magician of the Gods!  
Be commanded by the God of Fire, your Destroyer!  
May you be held back from my body!

NOTE: THIS SPELL IS LISTED COMPLETE

"Another Binding of the Sorcerers"

Ssalmani-ia ana pagri tapqida duppira  
Ssalmani-ia ana pagri taxira duppira  
Ssalmani-ia iti pagri tushni-illa duppira  
Ssalmani ini ishdi pagri tushni-illa duppira  
Ssalmani-ia ana qulqullati tapqida duppira  
Ssalmani-ia ina igari tapxa-a duppira  
Ssalmani-ia ina askuppati Tushni-illa duppira  
Ssalmani-ia ina bi'sha duri tapxa-a duppira  
Ssalmani-ia ana GISHBAR tapqida duppira

NOTE: SINCE THIS IS A VERY DANGEROUS SPELL A VERSE HAS BEEN  
LEFT OUT  
FOR YOUR SAFETY! IT WILL NOT WORK IF READ LIKE THIS!!!!

"The Conjuraton of the Mountains of MASHU"

May the mountain overpower you!  
May the mountain hold you back!  
May the mountain conquer you!  
May the mountain frighten you!  
May the mountain shake you to the core!  
May the mountain hold you in check!  
May the mountain subject you!  
May the mountain cover you!  
May the mighty mountain fall on you!  
May you be held back from my body!

NOTE: THIS SPELL IS COMPLETE!

(Note that the original translator had noted the resemblance  
between the  
Greek word for Lord, KURIOS, and the Sumerian word for mountain, KUR,  
and for  
a type of underworld, chthonic, monster which is also called KUR and  
which  
refers to the Leviathan of the Old Testament. Also in this particular  
conjuraton, the word for mountain is SHADU-SHADDAI? The Old Serpent  
KUR is,  
of course, invoked every day by the Christians: Kyrie Eleison!)

%%% BOOK 1 PART 2 %%%

WARNING: The NECRONOMICON'S magick is nothing to fool with  
and it  
may subject you to psychological forces with which you cannot cope.  
Remember,  
if you fool with the incantations, you were warned! As a former  
follower in

the ways of the occult I can vouch for the legitimacy of this!

COMMON SUMERIAN WORDS AND PHRASES  
IN ENGLISH

|            |                       |                                 |
|------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
|            | Akhkharu              | Vampire                         |
|            | Alal                  | Destroyer                       |
|            | Alla Xul              | Evil God                        |
|            | Barra!                | Begone                          |
|            | Dingir Xul            | Evil God                        |
|            | Edin Na Zu!           | Go To The Desert!<br>(a form of |
| exercism)  |                       |                                 |
|            | Gelal                 | Incubus                         |
|            | Gigim xul             | Evil Spirit                     |
|            | Gidim Xul             | Evil Ghost                      |
|            | Idimmu                | Demon                           |
|            | Idpa                  | Fever                           |
|            | Kashshaptu            | Witch                           |
|            | Lalartu               | Phantom                         |
|            | Lalassu               | Spectre                         |
|            | Lilit                 | Succubus                        |
|            | Maskim Xul            | Evil Fiend                      |
| (Ambusher, |                       |                                 |
|            |                       | Lier-In-Wait)                   |
|            | Mulla Xul             | Evil Devil                      |
|            | Rabishu               | (same as Maskim                 |
| Xul)       |                       |                                 |
| (Warrior)  | Telal                 | Wicked Demon                    |
|            | Uggae                 | God Of Death                    |
|            | Uruku                 | Larvae                          |
|            | Utuk Xul              | Evil Spirit                     |
|            | Zi Dingir Anna Kanpa! | Spirit, God of the              |
| Sky,       |                       |                                 |
|            |                       | Remember!                       |
|            | Zi Dingir Kia Kanpa!  | Spirit, God of the              |
| Earth,     |                       |                                 |
|            |                       | Remember!                       |

BANISHINGS

Read this section carefully.

In the interim period between the translation and the publication of this work, the editor, along with a circle of initiates in another discipline, undertook to experiment with the rituals and forces outlined in the NECRONOMI-CON. In using the material alone, or within a Western ceremonial structure (such as the Golden Dawn system) we came upon startling discoveries in both cases: THERE ARE NO EFFECTIVE BANISHINGS FOR THE FORCES INVOKED IN THE NECRON-

OMICON ITSELF! {Except, that is, for Christians} The rituals, incantations, formulae, of this work are of ancient origin, comprising some of the oldest written magickal workings in Western occult history. The deities and demons identified within probably have not been effectively summoned in nearly six thousand years. Ordinary exercisms and banishings have thus far proved extremely inadequate: this, by experienced magicians. Hence, the following recommendations.

The religion of the ancient Sumerian peoples seem to have been lunar-oriented, a religion-or religio-magickal structure-of the night, of darkness in a sense. Invocations using solar formulae have proved thus far effective in successfully banishing NECRONOMICON demons and intelligence. For instance, the KADDISH prayer of the Jewish faith contains some solar elements that have proved resilient to inimical genii, and the vibration of the Lord's Prayer for Christians is also a workable method.

We suggest that individual operators utilize an equivalent solar (i.e., positive light) invocation from their own religion or the religion of their ancestors, should they no longer have a religion or should they have changed it in their lifetime.

For best practical purposes in the beginning-for those intent on actually the rituals contained herein-it is advisable to take especial care in the construction of the magickal defences. A preliminary period of purification is well in order before attempting anything in this grimioire. Persons of unstable emotional condition should not be allowed, under any circumstances, to observe one of these rituals in progress. That would be criminal, and perhaps even suicidal. One of our colleagues was fearfully attacked by his dog directly following a fairly simple and uncomplicated formula from this book. This is definitely not a Gilbert chemistry set.

The method of the NECRONOMICON concerns deep, primeval forces that seem to pre-exist the normal archetypal images of the Tarot trumps and the Golden Dawn telematic figures. These are forces that developed outside the Judeo-Christian mainstream, and were worshipped and summoned long before

the creation of the Qubala as we know it today. Hence, the ineffectiveness of the Golden Dawn banishing procedures against them. They are not necessarily demonic or qliphotic in the sense that these terms are commonly understood in the West, they just simply represent power sources largely untapped and thus far ignored by twentieth-century, mainstream consciousness.

The results of any experimentation with this work, as well as practical suggestions concerning its rituals, are welcomed by the publishers.

%%% BOOK 2 PART 1 %%%

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THE TESTIMONY OF THE  
MAD ARAB

TTTTTHIS is the testimony of all that I have seen, and all that I have

T learned, in those years that I have possessed the Three Seals of

T MASSHU. I have seen One Thousand and-One moons, and surely this

is enough for the span of a mans life, though it is said the

Prophets lived much longer. I am weak, and ill, and bear great tiredness and exhaustion, and a sigh hangs in my breast like a dark lantern, I am old.

The wolves carry thier name in thier midnight speeches, and that quiet, subtle Voice is summoning me from afar. And a voice much closer will

shout into my ear with unholy impatience. The weight of my soul will decide

its final resting place. Before the time, I must put down here all that I can

concerning the horrors that stalk Without, and which lie in wait at the door

of every man, for this is the ancient arcana that has been handed down of old,

but which has been forgotten by all but a few men, the worshippers of the

Ancient Ones (may thier names be blotted out!)

And if I do not finish this task, take what is here and discover the

rest, for time is short and mankind does not know or understand the evil that



awaits it, from every side, from every open Gate, from every broken barrier,  
from every mindless acolyte at the alters of madness.

For this is the Book of the Dead, the Book of the Black Earth, that I have writ down at the peril of my life, exactly as I recieved it, on the planes of IGIGI, the cruel celestial spirits from beyond the Wanderers of the Wastes.

Let all who read this book be warned thereby that the habitation of men are seen and surveyed by that Ancient Race of gods and demons from a time before time, and that they seek revenge for that forgotten battle that took place somewhere in the Cosmos and rent the Worlds in the days before the crea-  
tion of Man, when the Elder Gods walked the Spaces, the race of MARDUK, as he is known to the Chaldeans, and of ENKI our master, the Lord of Magicians.

Know, then, that I have trod all the Zones of the Gods, and also the places of Azonei, and have descended into the foul places of Death and Eternal Thirst, which may be reached through the Gate of GANZIR, which was built in UR in the days before Babylonian was.

Know, too, that I have spoken with all manner of spirit and daemon, whose names are no longer known in the societies of Man, or were never known. And the seals of these are writ herein ; yet others I must take with me when I leave you. ANU have mercy on my soul! {Actually Jesus Christ is the one he should ask for forgiveness from, for Christ is the all powerful God and the only god full of love}

I have seen the Unknown Lands, that no map has ever charted. I have lived in the deserts and the wastelands, and spoken with demons and the souls of slaughtered men, and of women who have died in childbirth, victims of the she-fiend LAMMASHTA.

I have traveled beneath the Seas, in search of the Palace of Our Master, and found the stone monuments of vanquished civilizations, and deciphered the writings of some of these; while still others remain mysteries to any man who lives. And these civilizations were destroyed because of the knoeledge contained in this book.

I have traveled among the stars, and trembled before the gods. I have at last found the formula by which I passed the gate of ARZIR, and passed into the forbidden realms of the foul IGIGI.

I have raised demons, and the dead.

I have summoned the ghosts of my ancestors to real and visible appearance on the tops of temples built to reach the stars, and built to touch the nethermost cavities of HADES. I have wrestled with the Black Magician, AZAG-THOTH, in vain, and fled to the Earth by calling upon INANNA and her brother MARDUK, Lord of the double-headed AXE.

I have raised armies against the Lands of the East, by summoning the hordes of fiends I have made subject unto me, and so doing found NGAA, the god of the heathens, who breathes flame and roars like a thousand thunders.

I have found fear.

I have found the Gate that leads to the Outside, by which the Ancient Ones, who ever seek the entrance to our world, keep eternal watch. I have smelled the vapors of that Ancient One, Queen of the Outside, whose name is writ in the MAGAN text, the testament of some dead civilization whose priests, seeking power, swing open the dread, evil Gate for an hour past the time and were consumed.

I came to possess this knowledge through circumstances quite peculiar, while still the unlettered son of a shepherd in what is called Mesopotamia by the Greeks.

When I was only a youth, traveling alone in the mountains to the East, called MASSHU by the people who live there, I came upon a grey rock carved with three strange symbols. It stood as high as a man, and as wide around as a bull. It was firmly in the ground, and I could not move it. Thinking no more of the carvings, save that they might be the work of a king to mark some Ancient victory over an enemy, I built a fire at its foot to protect me from the from the wolves that wander in that regions and went to sleep, for it was night and I was far from my village, being Bet Durrabia. Being about three hours from dawn, in the nineteenth of Shabatu, I was awakened by the howl of a dog, or perhaps a wolf, uncommonly loud and close

at hand. The fire had died to its embers, and these red, glowing coals cast a faint, dancing shadow across the stone monument with the three carvings. I began to make haste to build another fire when, at once, the grey rock began to rise slowly into the air, as if it were a dove. I could not move or speak for the fear that siezed upon my spine and wrapped cold fingers around my skull. The Dik of Azug-bel-ya was no stranger seemed to melt into my hands!

Presently, I heard a voice, softly, some distance away and a more practical fear, that the possibility of robbers, took hold of me and I rolled behind weeds, trembling. Another voice joined the first, and soon several men in black robes of thieves came together over the place where I was, surroundin the floating rock, of which they did not exhibit in the least fright.

I could see clearly now that the three carvings on the stone monu- ment were glowing, a flame red color, as through the rock were on fire. The figures were murmuring together in prayer or invocation, of which only a few words could be heard, and these in some unknown tongue; though, ANU have mercy on my soul!, these rituals are not unknown to me any longer.

The figures, whose faces I could not see or recognize, began to make wild passes in the air with knives that glinted cold and sharp in the mountain night.

From beneath the floating rock, out of the very ground where it had sat, came rising the tail of a serpent. This serpent was surely larger than any I had ever seen. The thinnest section thereof was fully that of the arms of two men, and as it rose from the earth it was followed by another, although the end of the first was not seen as it seemed to reach down into the very Pit itself. These were followed by still more, and the ground began to tremble under the pressure of so many of these enormous arms. The chanting of the priests, for I knew them now to be some the servents of some hidden Power, became much louder and nearly hysterical.

IA! IA! ZI AZAG!

IA!IA! ZI AZKAK!

IA! IA! KUTULU ZI KUR!

IA!

The ground where I was hiding became wet with some substance, being slightly downhill from the scene I was witnessing. I touched the wetness and found it to be blood. In horror I screamed and gave my presence away to the priests. They turned toward me, and I saw with loathing that they had cut their chests with the daggers they had used to raise the stone, for some mystical purpose I could not then divine; although I now know that blood is the very food of these spirits, which is why the field after the battles of war glows with an unnatural light, the manifestation of the spirits feeding there-on.

May ANU protect us all!

My scream had the effect of casting their ritual into chaos and disorder. I raced through the mountain path by which I had come, and the priests came running after me, although some seemed to stay behind, perhaps to finish the Rites. However, as I ran wildly down the slopes in the cold night, my heart gave rise in my chest and my head growing hot, the sound of splitting rocks and thunder came from behind me and shook the very ground I ran on. In fright and haste I fell to the earth.

Rising, I turned to face whatever attacker had come nearest me, though I was unarmed. To my surprise, what I saw was no priest of ancient horror, no necromancer of that forbidden Art, but black robes fallen upon the grass and weeds, with no seeming presence of life or bodies beneath them.

I walked cautiously to the first and, picking up a long twig, lifted the robe from the tangle of weeds and thorns. All that remained of the priest was a pool of slime, like green oil, and the smell of a body lain long in the sun to rot. Such a stench nearly overpowered me, but I was resolute to find the others, to see if the same fortune had also befallen them.

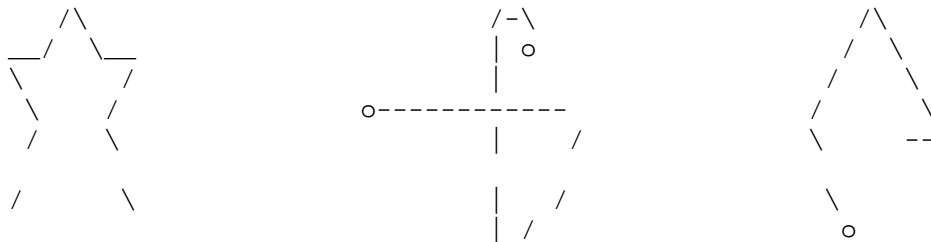
Walking back up the slope that I had so fearfully run down only moments ago, I came across yet another of the black priests, in identical condition to the first. I kept walking, passing more of the robes as I went, not venturing to overturn them any longer. Then, I finally came upon the grey

stone monument that had risen unnaturally into the air at the command of the priests. It was now upon the ground once more, but the carvings still glowed with supernatural light. The serpents, or what I had then thought of as serpents, had disappeared. But in the dead embers of the fire, now cold and black, was a shining metal plate. I picked it up and saw that it was also carved, as the stone, but very intricately, after a fashion I could not understand. It did not bear the same markings as the stone, but I had the feeling I could almost read the characters, but could not, as though I once knew the tongue but had since long forgotten. My head began to ache as though a devil was pounding my skull, when a shaft of moonlight hit the metal amulet, for I know now what it was, and a voice entered my head and told me the secrets of the scene I had witnessed in one word:

KUTULU.

In that moment, as though whispered fiercely into my ear, I understood.

These were the signs carved upon the grey stone, that was the gate to the Outside:



(I wish to apologize for the primitive descriptions of the symbols but it's about the best that can be done with this file writer)

The amulet that I held in my hand, and hold to this very day, around my neck as I write these words, is this: (after seeing the so-called picture of the symbols you can probably understand why I did not attempt to show you the amulet)

Of the three symbols carved, the first is the Sign of our Race from beyond the Stars, and is called ARRA in the tongue of the Scribe who taught it to me, an emissary of the Elder Ones. In the tongue of the eldest city of

Babylon, it was UR. It is the Sigil of the Covenant of the Elder Gods,  
and  
when they see it, they who gave it to us, they will not forget us.  
They have  
sworn!

Spirit of the Skies, Remember!

The second sign is the Elder Sign, and is the Key whereby the  
Powers  
of the Elder Gods may be summoned, when used with the proper words and  
shapes.  
It has a Name, and is called AGGA.

The third sign is the Sigil of the Watcher. It is called  
BANDAR.  
The Watcher is a Race sent by the Elder Ones. It keeps vigil while one  
sleeps  
provided the appropriate rituals and sacrifice has been preformed;  
else, if  
called, it will turn upon you.

These seals, to be effective, must be graven on stone and set  
in the  
ground. Or, set upon the alter of offerings. Or, carried to the Rock  
of  
Invocations. Or, engraved upon the metal of ones God or Goddess and  
hung about  
the neck, but hidden from the view of the profane. Of these three, the  
ARRA  
and the AGGA may be used seperately, that is to say singly, and alone.  
The  
BANDAR however, must never be used alone, but with one or both of the  
others,  
for the Watcher must needs to be reminded of the Covenant he has sworn  
with  
the Elder Gods and our Race, else it will turn upon thee and slay thee  
and  
ravage thy town untill succour is to be had from the Elder Gods by the  
tears  
of thy people and the wailing of thy women.

KAKAMMU!

%%% BOOK 2 PART 2 %%%

#### THE TESTIMONY OF THE MAD ARAB (CONT)

The fire amulet that I retrieved from the ashes of the fire,  
and  
which caught the light of the moon, is a potent seal against whatever  
may come  
in the Gate from the Outside for, seeing it, they will retreat from thee  
SAVE  
ONLY IF IT CATCH THE LIGHT OF THE MOON UPON ITS SURFACE for, in the  
dark days  
of the moon, or in clouds, there can be little protection against the  
fiends  
from the Ancient Land should they break the barrier, or be let in by  
thier  
servants upon the face of the Earth. In such a case, no recourse is to  
be had

untill the light of the moon shines upon the Earth, for the moon is the Eldest among the Zonei, and is the starry symbol of our pact. NANNA, Father of the Gods, Remember!

Wherefore, the amulet must be engraved upon pure silver in the full light of the moon, that the moon shine upon it at its working, and the essence of the moon be drawn down and captured therein. And the proper incantations must be performed, and the prescribed rituals as given forth in this Book.

And the amulet must NEVER be exposed to the light of the Sun, for SHAMMASH called UDU, in his jealousy, will rob the seal of its power. In such case, it must be bathed in waters of camphor, and the incantations and ritual performed once again. But verily, it were better to engrave another.

These secrets I give to thee at the pain of my life, never to be revealed to the profane, or the banished, or the Worshippers of the Ancient Serpent, but to keep within thine own heart, always silent upon these things.

Peace be to thee!

Henceforth, from that fateful night in the mountains of MASSHU, I wandered about the countryside in search of the key to the secret knowledge that had been given me. And it was a painful and lonley journey, during which time I took no wife, called no house or village my home, and dwelt in variuos countries, often in caves or in the deserts, lerning several tongues as a traveler, to bargin with the tradespeople and learn of the news and customs. But my bargining was with the Powers that reside in each of these countries. And soon, I came to understand many things of which before I had no knowledge, except perhaps in dreams. The friends of my youth deserted me, and I them.

When I was seven years gone from my family, I learned that they had all died of thier own hand, for reasons no one was able to tell me; thier flocks had later been slain as the victoms of some strange epidemic.

I wandered as a begger, being fed from town to town as the local people saw fit, often being stoned instead of threatened with imprisonment. On occasion, I was able to convince some learned man that I was a sincere scholar, and was thereby permitted to read the Ancient Records in which

the details of necromancy, sorcery, magick and alchemy are given. I learned of the spells that cause men illness, the plague, blindness, insanity and even death. I learned the various classes of demons and evil gods that exist, and of the old legends concerning the Ancient Ones. I was thus able to arm myself against the dread Maskim, who lie in wait about the boundaries of the world, ready to trap the unwary and devour the sacrifices set out at night and in deserted places; against the she-devil LAMMASHTA, who is called Sword that Splits the Skull, the sight of whom causes horror and dismay, and (some say) death of a most uncommon nature.

In time I learned of the names and properties of all the demons, devils, fiends and monsters listed herein, in this Book of the Black Earth. I learned of the powers in the astral Gods, and how to summon thier aid in times of need. I learned, too, of the frightful beings who dwell beyond the astral spirits, who guard the entrance to the Temple of the Lost, of the Ancient Days the Ancient of the Ancient Ones, whose Name I cannot write here.

In my solitary ceremonies in the hills, worshipping with fire and sword, with water and dagger, and with the assistance of strange grass that grows wild in certain parts of the MASSHU, and with which I had unwittingly built my fire before the rock, that grass that gives the mind great power to travel tremendous distances into the heavens, as also into the hells, I recieved the formulae for the amulets and talismans which follow, which provide the Priest with safe passage among the spheres wherein he may travel in search of the Wisdom.

But now, after One Thousand-and-One moons of the journey, the Maskim nip at my heels, the Rabishu pull at my hair, Lammashtha opens her dread jaws, AZAG-THOTH gloats blindly at his throne, KUTULU raises his head and stares up through the Veils of sunkun Varloorni, up through the Abyss, and fixes his stare upon me; wherefore I must with haste write this Book lest my end come sooner than I had prepared. For indeed, it appears as though I have failed in some regard as to the order of the rites, or to the formulae, or to the sacri-



fices, for now it appears as if the entire host of ERESSKIGAL lies waiting, dreaming, drooling for my departure. I pray the gods that I am saved (which he is not, for "gods" cannot save ones soul, only GOD) and not perish as did the Priest, ABDUL BEN-MARTU, in Jerusalem (the gods remember and have mercy upon him!). My fate is no longer writ in the stars, for I have broken the Chaldean Covenant by seeking power over the Zonei. I have set foot on the moon, and the moon no longer has power over me. The lines of my life have been obliterated by my wanderings in the Waste, over the letters writ in the heavens by the gods. And even now I can hear the wolves howling in the mountains as they did that fateful night, and they are calling my name, and the names of the Others. I fear for my flesh, but I fear for my spirit more.

Remember, always, in every empty moment, to call upon the gods not to forget thee, for they are forgetful and very far away. Light thy fires high in the hills, and on the tops of temples and pyramids, that they may see and remember.

Remember, always, to copy each of the formulae as I have put it down and not to change it by one line or dot, not so much as hair's breadth, lest it be rendered valueless, or worse: a broken line provides means of entrance for those Outside, for a broken star is the Gate of GANZIR, the Gate of Death, the Gate of the Shodows and the Shells. Recite the incantations as they are written here, in the manner thus prescribed. Prepare the rituals without erring, and in the proper places and times render the sacrifices.

May the gods ever be merciful unto thee!

May thou escape the jaws of the MASKIM, and vanquish the power to the Ancient Ones!

AND THE GODS GRANT THEE DEATH BEFORE THE ANCIENT ONES RULE THE EARTH ONCE MORE!

KAKAMMU! SELAH!

CORONERS NOTE: These powers and incantations arent anything to f\*\*k with I have made sure that some spells couldent be used by taking out a few

lines. I do not in any way, shape, or form have ANYTHING to do with these beliefs. Dr. Dos made a file called "BACK UP TO THE NECRONOMICON". Read it! It tells it how it actually is.

%%% BOOK 3 %%%

WARNING: The powers explained herein are nothing to f\*\*k with! They are extremely dangerous and could be fatal to ones health if a problem occurred Remember, if you screw with this...YOU WERE WARNED!

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#### OF THE ZONEI AND THEIR ATTRIBUTES

The gods of the Stars are Seven. They have Seven Seals, each of which may be used in their turn. They have Seven Colors, Seven Material Es-sences and each have a seperate Step on the Ladder of Lights. The Chaldeans were but imperfect in their knowledge, although they had understanding of the Ladder, and certain of the formulae. They did not however, possess the formulae for the passing of the Gates, save one, of whom it is forebidden to speak

The passing of the Gates gives the Priest both power and wisdom to use it. He becomes able to control the affairs of his life more perfectly than before, and many have been content to merely pass the first three Gates and then sit down and go no further than that, enjoying the benifits that they have found on the preliminary spheres. But this is Evil, for this is not equipped to deal with the attack from Without that must surely come, and the people will cry unto them for safety, and it will not come forth. Therefore, set thy face towards the ultimate goal and strive ever onward to the furthest reaches of the stars, thoug it mean thineown death; for such a death is as a sacrifice to the gods, and pleasing, that they will not forget thier people.

The ZONEI and their attributes then, are as follows:

The god of the Moon is the god NANNA. He is father of the Zonei, and eldest of the Wanderers. He is long of beard, and bears a wand of lapis lazuli in his palm, and possesses the secret tides of blood. His color is Silver. His essence is to be found in Silver, and in camphor, and in those things bearing the sign of the Moon. He is sometimes called SIN. His Gate is the first you will pass in the rituals that follow. His Step on the Ladder of Lights is also Silver.

This is his seal, which you must engrave on his metal, on the 13th day of the Moon in which you are working, having no other person about you who may watch you in its manufacture. Being finished, it should be wrapped in a square of the finest silk and lain aside until such time as you desire its use, and then, it should be removed only after the Sun has gone to rest. No ray of sunlight should strike the seal, lest its power be rendered nil and a new Seal must needs be cast.

The number of NANNA IS Thirty (30)

{I will NOT show any of the engravings for the reason that you won't know what to engrave. This way I'll be assured no harm has come from writing this}

The god of Mercury is NEBO. He is a very old spirit, having a long beard, and is the guardian of the gods, as well as the keeper of the knowledge of Science. He wears a crown of 100 horns, and the long robe of a priest. His color is Blue. His Essence is in that metal known as Quicksilver, and is sometimes also found in sand, and in those things bearing the sign of Mercury. His Gate is the 2nd you will pass in the rituals that follow. His Step on the Ladder of Lights is Blue.

This is his Seal, which you must write on perfect parchment, or on the broad leaf of a palm tree, having no other person about you who may watch you in its construction. Being finished it should be wrapped in a square of the finest silk and lain aside until such time as you desire its use, and then, it should only be removed when its light is in the sky. Such is also the best time for its manufacture.

The number of NEBO is 12.

The goddess of Venus is the most excellent Queen INNANA, called of the Babylonians ISHTAR. She is the goddess of passion, both of love and of war, in the heavens. She appears as a most beautiful lady, in the company of lions, and partakes of a subtle astral nature with the Moon god NANNA. When they are in agreement, that is, when their two planets are auspiciously arranged in the heavens, it is as two offering-cups split freely in the heavens, to rain the sweet wine of the gods upon the earth. And there is great happiness and rejoicing. She sometimes appears in armor, and is thereby a most excellent guardian against the machinations of her sister, the dread Queen ERESHKIGAL of KUR. With the Name and Number of INANNA, no Priest need fear to walk into the very depths of the Underworld; for being armed, in Her armor, he is similar to the goddess. It was thus that I descended into the foul pits that lie gaping beneath the crust of the earth, and commanded deamons.

She is similarly the goddess of Love, and bestows a favorable bride upon any man who desires it, and who makes the proper sacrifice. BUT KNOW THAT INANNA TAKES HER OWN FOR HER OWN, AND THAT ONCE CHOSEN BY HER NO MAN MAY TAKE ANOTHER BRIDE.

Her color is the purest White. Her manifestation is in the metal Copper, and also in the most beautiful flowers of a field, and in the saddest death of the battlefield, which is that field's fairest flower. Her Gate is the Third you will pass in the rites that follow, and in which place you will be of a heart to stay; but turn you face to the road that leads beyond, for that is your genuine goal, unless the goddess chooses you. Her Step on the Ladder of Lights, built of old in Babylon and at UR, is White.

This is her seal, which you must engrave on Copper, Venus being exalted in the heavens with no one about watching its construction. Being finished, it is to be wrapped in the purest silk and lain safely away, only to be removed when need arises, at any time.

The number of INANNA is Fifteen, by which Number she is frequently known in the incantations of the Dispensation.

The god of the Sun is the Lord SHAMMASH, son of NANNA. He is seated upon a throne of gold, wearing a crown of two horns, holding a sceptre aloft in his right hand and a flame disk in his left, sending rays in every direction. He is the god of life. His color is gold. His essence is to be found in all gold, and in all golden objects and plants. He is sometimes called UDDU. His Gate is the Fourth you will pass in the rituals that follow. His step on the great Ladder of Lights is Gold.

You must engrave his Seal in gold when the Sun is exalted in the heavens, alone on a mountain top or some such place close to the rays, but alone. Being finished it should be wrapped in a square of the finest silk and lain aside until such time as it is needed.

The number of SHAMMASH is Twenty.

The god of Mars is the mighty NERGAL,

He has the head of a man on the body of a lion, and bears a sword and a flail. He is the god of war, and an agent of the Ancient Ones, for he dwelt in CUTHA for a time. His color is a dark red. His essence is to be found in Iron, and in all weapons made to spill the blood of man and of animals. His Gate is the Fifth you will see as you pass the Zones in the rituals that follow. His Step on the Ladder of Lights is Red.

His Seal must be engraved upon a plate of Iron, or on paper in blood when Mars is in exaltation in the heavens. It is best done at night, far from the habitations of men and of animals, where you cannot be seen or heard. It must be wrapped first in heavy cloth, then in fine silk, and then hid away until such time as it is needed. But take care not to use this Seal hastily, for it is a sharp Sword.

The Number of NERGAL is Eight.

The god of Jupiter is the Lord of the Magicians, MARDUK KURIOS of the Double-headed Axe. MARDUK was born of our father {Not of MY father, at spiritually or otherwise. GOD is the only true father I know of}, ENKI, to do battle against the forces of the Ancient Ones and he won powerful fight, subduing the armies of the Evil and putting the Queen of the Ancient Ones

beneath his foot. That Serpent is dead, but dreams. MASDUK was bestowed Fifty Names and Powers by the Council of the Elder Gods, which powers he retains to this day. His color is Purple. His Essance is in the material Tin, and in Brass. His Gate is the Sixth that you will come upon in the rituals that follow. His Step on the Ladder of Lights is Purple.

His Seal which you must engrave on a plate of tin or brass, when Jupiter is strong in the heavens, while making special invocations to ENKI Our Master. This shall be wrought as the others, and wrapped in pure silk and lain away untill the time for its use. Know that MARDUK appears as a mighty warrior with a long beard and a flaming disk in his hands. He carries a bow and a quiver of arrows, and treads about the heavens keeping the Watch. Take care to summon his assistance in only the most terrible of circumstances, for his might is powerful and his anger fierce. When thou hast need of the powers of the star Jupiter, call instead one of the appropriate powers listed within these files and they will surely come.

The Number of MARDUK is Ten.

The god of Saturn is NINIB called ADAR, the Lord of Hunters and of Strength. He appears with a crown of horns and a long sword, wearing a lions skin. He is the final Zonei before the terrible IGIGI. His color is the darkest Black. His Essance is to be found in Lead, in the burnt embers of fire, and in things of death and of antiquity. The horns of a stag are his symbol. His Gate is the Last you will come upon in the rites that follow. His Step on the Ladder of Lights is Black.

You must engrave his Seal on a leaden plate or bowl, keeping it well hidden from the eyes of the profane. It should be wrapped and put away as all the others, untill its use is desired. It should never be removed when the Sun is in the sky, but only after the night has fallen and the earth has grown black, for NINIB knows the best ways of the demons that prowl among the shadows, looking for sacrifice. He knows best the territories of the Ancient Ones the practices of their worshippers, and the locations of the Gates. His realm

is the realm of the Night of Time.

His Number is Four (as the quarters of the Earth).

%%% BOOK 4 %%%

WARNING: The incantations explained herein arent anything to f\*\*k with. They are very potent and may enter you in a state of being of which there is no escape (its called "DEATH"). Remember, if you screw with this...  
.....YOU WERE WARNED!!!!

CORONERS NOTE: The Coroner nor any boards advertised on these files have ANYTHING to do with Black Magick, the Occult, or any Supernatural forces. I can vouch for the potential of this information because I was a follower in its ways....A LONG F\*\*KING TIME AGO!!!! anyhow I just want to remind you that these incantations are extreemly dangerous and for this reason some of the lines are deleted so you cant f\*\*k with it even if you wanted to.

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THE BOOK OF ENTRANCE AND  
OF THE WALKING

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This is the book of enterance to the Seven Zones above the earth, which Zones were known as Chaldeans, and to the Ancient Races proceeded them among the lost Temples of UR. Know that these Zones are governed by celestial spirits, and that passage may be had by the priest through those lands that border the Unzoned Wastes beyond. Know that, when walking thus through the Sea of Spheres, he should leave his Watcher behind that It may guard his body and property, lest he be slain unawares and must wander throughout eternity among the dark spaces between the Stars, or else by devoured by the wrathful IGIGI that dwell beyond.

Know that thou must walk thy Steps of the Ladder of Lights, each in its place and one at a time, and that thou must enter the gates in the lawful manner, as put down in the Covenant; else thou ist surely lost.

Know that thou must keep purified for the space of one moon for the Entrance to the First Step, one moon between the First and Second Step, and again between the Second and Third and so on in like manner. Thou must obtain by spilling thy seed in any manner for the period of time, but thou mayest worship at the Temple of ISHTAR, provided thou not lose thine Essance. And this is a great secret.

Thou must needs call upon thy god in the Dawn Light and upon thy goddess in the Light of Dusk, every day of the moon of purification. Thou must summon thy Watcher and instruct it perfectly in its duties, providing it a time and place to where it must serve thee, and surround thee with a flaming sword in every direction.

Thy clothing for thy Walking should be fair, clean and simple but appropriate to each Step. And thou should have with thee the Seal of the particular Step whereupon thou Walkest, which is the Seal of the Star appertaining thereunto.

Thou must need to prepare an alter that face the North, having it upon thy statues of thine deities, or some sutable images, an offering bowl, and a brazier. Upon the earth should be inscribed the Gate appropriate to the Walking. If above thee is the sky, so much the better. If there is a roof above thine head it must be free from all hangings. Not even a lamp should be suspended over thee, save in Operations of Calling, which is discussed in a Book not yet released. The only light shall be from the four lamps upon the ground, at each of the four Gates of the Earth: of the North, one lamp; of the East, one lamp; of the South, one lamp; and of the West, one lamp. The oil should be pure with no odor, or else sweet-smelling, or especially appropriate to the Star where thou wouldst desire Entrance after thy fasion of thy country.

The Seven Gates here follow:

THE FIRST GATE...THE GATE OF NANNA CALLED SIN  
THE SECOND GATE...THE GATE OF NEBO  
THE THIRD GATE...THE GATE OF INANNA CALLED ISHTAR  
THE FOURTH GATE...THE GATE OF SHAMMASH CALLED UDDU  
THE FIFTH GATE ..THE GATE OF NERGAL  
THE SIXTH GATE...THE GATE OF THE LORD MARDUK



THE SEVENTH GATE.THE GATE OF NINIB CALLED ADAR

And the Walking must follow the formulae herein described:

First thou must observe the moon of purification. In this time thou mayest not eat meat for the space of seven days preceeding the last day of the moon thou mayest not eat anything whatsoever, save to drink sweet water. On the last three days thou must invoke, in addition to thy god and goddess thy Three Great Elder Ones, ANU, ENLIL, ENKI, by their proper invocations. And the Number of ANU is sixty, the perfect Number, for he is Father of the Heavens. And the Number of ENLIL is fifty, and he is Father of thy Wind. And the Number of ENKI is forty, a most exellant Number, and he is the Father, of all who would tread these forgotten paths and wander into lands unknown, among the Wastes amid the frightful monsters of the Azonei.

Second on the night of the Walking which must be the 13th night of the moon, having begun on the previous 13th night, thou must approach the Gate with awe and respect. Thy Temple is excersised, thou must light thy Fire and conjure it, by the invocation of the God of Fire, and pour incense thereon. Thou must make offering to the dieties on the alter.

Third, thou must light the four lamps from the flaming brazier, reciting the invocation proper to each of these Watchtowers in its proper place, summoning the respective Star.

Third, thou must recite the invocatation of the Watcher, thrusting the sword intp thy earth at Its station, not touching it untill it is at the appointed time for Its departure.

Fifth, thou must take thy Seal of the Star in thy right hand, and whisper its Name softly upon it.

Sixth, thou must recite the invocatation of the Walking, loudly, and in a clear voice, as thou walkest about the Gate in a circular fasion, beginning at the North, walking to the East, then to the South, and then to the West, the Number of times beingEqual to the special Number of the Star.

Seventh, thou must needs arrive back at the center of the Gate, before thine alter, at which time thou must fall to the ground looking neither to the right nor left at what may be moving there, for these Operations

attract many kinds of wandering demons and ghosts to the Gate, but in the air above the alter, whereupon thou wilt see the Gate presently opening for thee and the spirit messenger of the Sphere, greeting thee in a clear voice and giving thee a Name, which thou must remember, for that is the Name of the Passing thy Gate which you must use Each time thou passeth thereby. The same Spirit-Messenger will meet thee and, if thou know not thy Name, will forbid thee entrance and thou wilt fall to the earth immediatly.

When the First Gate has been entered and Name recieved, thou wilt fall back to earth amid thine Temple. That which has been moving about thy Gate on thy ground will have gone. Recite thine thanksgiving to thy gods upon thine alter, strike thy Sword of the Watcher that It may depart, and give the incantation of INANNA, which says how she conquered the realm of the underworld and vanquisheth KUTULU. All Idimmu will vanquish thereby and thou wilt be thus free to depart the Gate and estinguish the Fire.

Thou mayest not call upon NANNA till thou hast passed the Gate of NANNA. Thou mayest not call NEBO untill his Gate is passed, similarly to the rest of the Gates. When thou hast ascended to the Limit of the Ladder of Lights, thou wilt have knowledge and power over the Spheres, and will be able to summon them in times of need. This will not give thee power over the ABSU however this power being obtained differently by the ritual of the Descent. This Ritual thou wilt undertake in the 15th day after the 13th of the month when thou hast summoned the Gate of Marduk to open. For MARDUK slew the Feinds, and INANNA, the goddess of the 15, conquered the Netherworld where some of theirs still dwell. This is a most perilous rite and can be undertaken by any man who has the formulae wether he has passed the previous Gates or not, save that it is best advised to pass through MARDUK Gate before venturing forth into the pit. For this reason few have ever opened the Gate of ADAR, and spoken to the Horned One who resideth there and give all manner of wisdom regarding to Operations of necromancy, and of the spells that hasten unto death. Only when thou hast shown thy power over the Maskim and the

Rabishu mayest thou venture forth into the Land of the IGIGI, and for that reason was this Covenant made, that none shall safely walk through the Sunken Valleys of the Dead before having ascended to MARDUK, nor shall they breach the Gates that lie beyond ADAR untill they have seen the signs of the Mad God and felt the fury of the hellish Queen.

And against the Ancient Ones there is only defense. Only a madman, indeed, such as I am called!, can hope to overpower Them that dwell in the Outer Spaces, for their power is unknown and the number of their hordes uncounted, and each day they breed more horrors than a mans mind can conceive, the sight of which he can hardly bear. There was a time when the Gate to the Outside was open too long and I witnessed a horror that struck, of which words cannot speak, and of which writing can only confuse. The Ancient One that had escaped into the Inner World was forced back through the Gate by a magician of great power, but at a great loss to the villages and flocks of the Island. Many sheep were slain after an unnatural fasion, and many devored, and many Bedou rendered senseless; for the mind percieves what it is shown, but the sight of the Ancient Ones is a blasphemy to the ordinary senses of a man, for they come from a world that is not straight, but crooked, and their existance is of forms unnatural and painful to the eye and to the mind, whereby the spirit is threatened and wrenches loose from the body in flight, and for that reason the fearful utukku xul take possession of the body and dwell therein untill the Priest banish them back to whence they came and the normal spirit may return to its erstwhile neighborhood.

And there are ALLU, frightened dog-faced demons that are the Messengers of the Gods of Prey, and that chew on the very bones of a man. And there are many other of which it is not the rightful place wherein they be mentioned save to warn the Priest aginst ambitious striving aginst the Ancient Ones of the Outside, untill mastery is acquired over the powers that reside Within. Only when ADAR has been obtained, may the Priest consider himself a master over the Planes of the Spheres and able to wrestle with the Old Gods. Once

Death Herself has been stared in the Eye can the Priest then summon and contro  
the denziens of Death's darkly curtained halls. Then he can hope to  
open the  
Gate without fear and without that loathing of the spirit that slays  
man.

Then can he hope to have power over the demons that plague  
the mind  
and body pulling at the hair and grasping the hands, and screaming the  
vile  
Names into the airs of the Night.

For what comes on the Wind can only be slain by he who knows  
the  
Wind; and what comes on the Seas can only be slain be he who knows the  
Waters.  
Thus it is written in Ancient Covenant.

%%% BOOK 5 %%%

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have any-  
thing to do with powers of the occult!

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THE INCANTATIONS  
OF THE GATES

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This section of the NECRONOMICON is by far the most dangerous  
of the  
Books to come! For this reason I felt it sane to leave this section out  
of the  
going. Maybe...SOMEDAY...Ill release the Fifth book but as of now I  
urge all  
readers to become more familiar with Books 1, 2, 3, and 4. Thank you  
for your  
understanding...

...The Coroner

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WARNING: Dont f\*\*k with this sh\*t!

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have  
anything to do with powers of the occult in any way!

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CONJURATION

OF  
THE FIRE GOD

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{This is a real short book...but then lifes a bitch isnt it!}

Spirit of the Fire, Remember!  
GIBIL, Spirit of the Fire, Remember!  
GIRRA, Spirit of the Flames, Remember!

Oh God of Fire, mighty son of ANU, Most terrifying among Thy  
Brothers,  
Rise!

O God of the Furnace, God of Destruction, Remember!  
Rise up, O God of Fire, GIBIL, in Thy Majesty, and devour my  
enimies!

GIBIL GASHRU UMUNA YANDURU  
TUSHTE YESH SHIR ILLANI U MA YALKI!  
GISHBAR IA ZI IA  
IA ZI DINGIR GIRRA KANPA!

Rise up, son of the Flaming Disk of ANU!  
Rise up, offspring of the Golden Weapon of MARDUK!  
It is not I, but ENKI, Master of Magicians who summons Thee!  
It is not I, but MARDUK, Slayer of the Serpent, who calls Thee  
here now!

Burn the Evil and the Evildoer!  
Burn the Scorcer and the Scorceress!  
Singe Them! Burn Them! Destroy Them!  
Consume Their powers!  
Carry Them away!  
Rise up, GISHBR BA GIBBIL BA GIRRA ZI AGA KANPA!  
Spirit of the God of Fire, Thou art conjured!  
KAKKAMMANUNU!

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Thats it! as always Ive left out a certain number of phrases that  
will  
render the conjuration useless due to the danger involved!

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%%% BOOK 7 %%%

WARNING: This is a very dangerous volume! I suggest that it  
only be  
read by those with a good understanding of the power ratio between  
Jesus  
Christ and Satan (Satan=0:Jesus=10000000000000000000x) <--- To prove a  
point!!!

CORONERS NOTE: None of the Sysops of the lines listed above  
have  
ANYTHING to do with supernatural powers in any way, shape, or form!!!!

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Here are the Banishments, the Burnings, and the Bindings handed down to us by ENKI, the Master. They are to be preformed over the AGA MASS SSARATU (which is explained in Book 8) by the Priest, with the appropriate images as described herein. The incantations must be recited after the Watcher has been summoned, and he will do the deeds set down for him by the incantations. When he returns, he is to be dismissed as set down previously. Know that, when images are used, they must be burned utterly, and the ashes buried in safe ground where none may find them, else to touch them would be death.

Know that the Evil Spirits are principally Seven, for the Seven Maskim who tear away the heart of a man and mock his Gods. And their magick is very strong, and they are the Lords over the shadows and over the depths of the Seas, and reigned once, it is said, over MAGAN, whence they came. The banishings, or excorsisoms, are to be said in a clear voice without trembling, without shaking. The arms should be held over the head in the attitude of a Priest of SHAMMASH, and the eyes must behold the Spirit of the God SHAMMASH even though it be the time of the Sleeping of SHAMMASH behind the Mountain of the Scorpion.

No word wust be changed. These must not be shown to any but the properly instructed. To show them to anyone other is to ask the curse of NINNGHIZHIDA on yourself and upon your generations.

The Book MAKLU of the Burnings:

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THE EXCORCISM OF THE CROWN OF ANU

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The Priest, in time of peril, Shall put on the spotless white crown of ANU with the Eight-rayed Seal and stand in the prescribed manner with the Tablets of Calling on his breast and the copper dagger of INANNA in his right hand aloft.

For it is said, if a man builds a fire, does he not build it in a Pit, that he might not be harmed thereby? Thus it is true of the UDUGGU we call, for they are like Fire and every caution must be used lest they consume the

magician and his entire generation.

Thus, the Exorcism of ANU

I have put the Starry Crown of Heaven, the potent Disk of ANU on my head

That a kindly Spirit and a kindly Watcher  
Like the God that hath me  
May stand at my head always  
To lift me to favor with the Elder Gods

UDUGGHUL

ALLACHUL

MALLACHUL

MASQIMCHUL

DINGIRCHUL

No Evil Spirit

No Evil Demon

No Evil God

No Evil Fiend

No Hag Demon

No Filth-Eating Demon

No Thieving Demon

No Shadow of the Night

No Shell of the Night

No Mistress of the Demon

No Offspring of the Demon

No Evil Spell

No Enchantment

No Sorcery

NO EVIL IN THE WORLD OR UNDER IT

OVER THE WORLD OR INSIDE THE WORLD

MAY SEIZE ME HERE!

BARRA ANTE MALDA!

ZI DINGER ANNA KANPA!

ZI DINGER KIA KANPA!

GAGGAMANNU!

CONJURATION AGAINST THE SEVEN LIERS IN WAIT

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They are Seven

They are Seven

In the depths of the Ocean, they are Seven

In the shining heavens, they are Seven

They proceed from the ocean depths

They proceed from the hidden retreat

They are neither male nor female

These which stretch themselves out like chains

They have no spouse

They beget not children

They are strangers to charity

They ignore prayer

They scoff at wishes

They are the vermin that comes forth from the Mountains of MASHU

Enemies of Our Master ENKI

They are the vengeance of the Ancient Ones

Raising up difficulties

Obtaining power through wickedness

The Enemies! The Enemies! The Seven Enemies!  
They are Seven!  
They are Seven!  
Spirit of the Sky Remember! Spirit of the Earth Remember!

THE EXCORCISM BARRA EDINNAZU  
FOR SPIRITS WHO ATTACK THE CIRCLE

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ZI ANNA KANPA!  
ZI KIA KANPA!  
GALLU BARRA!  
NAMTAR BARRA!  
ASHAK BARRA!  
GIGIM BARRA!  
ALAL BARRA!  
TELAL BARRA!  
MASQIM BARRA!  
UTUQ BARRA!  
IDPA BARRA!  
LALLASSU BARRA!  
AKHKHARU BARRA!  
KIELGALAL BARRA!  
LILITU BARRA!  
UTUQ XUL EDIN NA ZU!  
ALLA XUL EDIN NA ZU!  
GIGIM XUL EDIN NA ZU!  
MULLA XUL EDIN NA ZU!  
MASQIM XUL NA ZU!  
BARRA!  
EDINNAZU!  
ZI ANNA KANPA! ZI KIA KANPA!

THE EXCORCISM DI DINGIR

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(To be used against any kind of malefick)

ZI DINGIR NNGI E NA KANPA  
ZI DINGIR NINGI E NA KANPA  
ZI DINGIR ENNUL E NA KANPA  
ZI DINGIR NINNUL E NA KANPA  
ZI DINGER ENN KURKUR E NA KANPA  
ZI DINGIR N DA SHURRIM MA KANPA  
ZI DINGER NINNDA SHURRIM MA KANPA  
ZI DINGIR ENDUL AAZAG GA KANPA  
ZI DINGIR NINNDUL AAZAG GA KANPA  
ZI DINGIR ENUHDDIL LA KANPA  
ZI DINGIR NINN UHDDIL LA KANPA  
ZI DINGIR ENMESHIR RAA KANPA  
ZI DINGIR NINNME SHIR RAA KANPA  
ZI DINGIR ENAA MAA A DINGIR ENLIL LAAGE KANPA  
ZI DINGIR NINNA MAA A DINGIR NINNLIL LAAGE KANPA  
ZI DINGIR SSISGI GISH MA SAGBA DAA NI IDDA ENNUBALLEMA KANPA  
ZI DINGIR BHABBHAR L'GAL DEKUD DINGIR RI ENNEGE KANPA  
ZI DINGIR NINNI DUGGAANI DINGIR A NNUNNA IA AN SAGGNNUUNGA GATHA  
KANPA!



THE EXCORCISM AGAINST AZAG-THOTH  
AND HIS EMMISSARIES

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(An image must be made of a throne-chair, and put into the flames  
of the  
AGA MASS SSARATU while chanting the following exorcism)

Boil! Boil! Burn! Burn!  
UTUX XUL TA ARDATA!  
Who art thou, whose son?  
Who art thou, whose daughter?  
What scorcery, what spells, has brought thee here?  
May ENKI, Master of Magicians, free me!  
May ASHARILUDU, son of ENKI, free me!  
May they bring to naught your vile scorceries!  
I chain you!  
I bind you!  
I deliver you to GIRRA  
Lord of the Flames  
Whose sears burns, enchains  
Of whom even mighty KUTULU has fear!  
May GIRRA, the Ever-burning One, give strength to my arms!  
May GIBIL, the Lord of Fire, give power to my magick!  
Injustice, murder, freezing of the loins  
Rending the bowels, devouring of the flesh, and maddness  
In all ways hast thou persecuted me!  
May God of CHAOS!  
May GIRRA free me!  
AZAG-THOTH TA ARDATA! IA MARDUK! IA MARDUK! IA ASALLUXI!  
You have chosen me for a corpse.  
You have delivered me to the Skull.  
You have sent Phantoms to haunt me.  
You have sent vampires to haunt me.  
To the wandering Ghosts of the Wastes, have you delivered me.  
To the Phantoms of the fallen ruins, have you delivered me.  
Open Thy Mouth In Scorceries Against Me No More!  
I have handed thine image over  
Into the flames of GIBIL!  
Burn, Mad Fiend!  
Boil, Mad God!  
May the burning GIRRA untie thy knots!  
May the flames of GIBIL untie your cord!  
May the Law of the Burning seize your throat!  
May the Law of the Burning avenge me!

It is not I, but MARDUK, son of ENKI, Masters in Magick, that  
commands  
thee!

KAKKAMMU! KANPA!

INCANTATION AGAINST THE ANCIENT ONES

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(To be recited each year, when the Bear hangs from its Tail in the





# Neophilic Irreligions

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## ABSTRACT

*The unprecedented growth of the World Wide Web signals the emergence of new forms of communication in the so called Age of Information. Social groups are reevaluating the manners in which they conduct relationships and form organizations. Religions are no exception. Many faiths have online sites where members and nonmembers can gather facts about the group's beliefs, history, and locations of worship. Groups utilize electronic forms of communication like e-mail or newsgroups that bridge the distance between members. Audience cults, a term used by Stark and Bainbridge in **The Future of Religion**, are dispersed, unorganized religious groups. Three will be the focus of this paper: Discordianism, the Church of the SubGenius, and the cults of Cthulhu. I have attempted to show that the 'members' of these groups are actively involved in the construction of the World Wide Web. Due to their intimate affinity for the computer interface and lack of interest in traditional organization, these audience cults are better categorized as neophilic irreligions, diffuse groups of individuals committed to chaos and the unfamiliar that find meaning in supernatural forces embedded in parodies of conventional faiths. These irreligions construct social space and provide meaning for, instead of retreating from, the confusion and unpredictability so rampant in cyber communication. These groups provide members with ultimate meaning and general compensators that are in tandem to what the Web, and more generally, the Information Age, is all about.*

## RELIGIOUS NEWSGROUP MADNESS AND IRREVERENT RANTS

"Our cause is a secret within a secret, a secret that only another secret can explain; it is a secret about a secret that is veiled by a secret."

- Ja 'far as-Sadiq, 6th Imam, quoted in Rev. Karl Musser, Episkopos of the Cartographer's Conspiracy Cabal's signature file (alt.discordia: 15 Sep. 1996)

"We all chip in, see? We get these cameras of our own," Hal Phillips types on alt.discordia, an internet newsgroup (17 Sep. 1996). "We spy on police headquarters all the time. We just take turns, rotating shifts, time. Nothing illegal, see." Hal is hoping to revive a pastime of the 'Diggers,' an anarchist group active in the 1960's. "We just take turns, rotating shifts, sitting outside various police-related buildings and filming through the window, telling them it's just in case we ever need to know what was happening in there." Hal is a member of Discordianism, a free-wheeling religious group bent on exploiting and manipulating as much chaos and disorder as it can muster (Adler: 1985, 332). "Then we trade shifts," he continues. "And take the tapes home with us. If we organize it, we can actually pull it off. The best weapon," Hal finishes, "is that which is used against you."

On another newsgroup, alt.slack, Reverend Unibomber posts (9 Sep. 1996), "Well...aside from the fact that I couldn't understand half of what was happening due to the fact that it all went by so QUICKLY, I can honestly say that last night's devival on another.net was a success." The Reverend (an online pseudonym) is speaking of the weekly on-line 'meetings' of the Church of the SubGenius, an unpredictable, in-your-face religious group that promises to trounce all "false prophets and faiths" (Stang, 1996) that stand in the way of their teachings. He concludes, "If I remember correctly, (which I probably don't, but oh, well...) about 30 or 40 people showed up during the course of the evening. All of them throwing verbal assaults at one another AT THE SAME TIME! CHAOS! CHAOS! But, a GOOD chaos."

More clicks of the mouse brings up alt.horror.cthulhu. Tenebrous, a cool-headed newsgroup aficionado introduces the 'Aeon of Cthulhu Rising': "By the same token, those initiates of the Esoteric Order of Dagon who are working towards the Opening of the Gate of Yog-Sothoth must be prepared to undertake this most dangerous descent into the Abyss of Daath (the so-called 'false knowledge') in order to activate these formulae effectively" (Tenebrous, 22 Nov. 1996) Tenebrous can be called a member of the cult of Cthulhu, a group worshipping a misanthropic God chained "beneath the waves" (Lovecraft, 1992) which will eventually ("when the stars are right") wipe out humanity and reclaim earth once again (Alquier, 1996). Howard Phillips Lovecraft, a pulp horror writer in the 1920's, invented Cthulhu. Both the author and his Gothic creations have been raised to a prophetic level over the years. Tenebrous writes, "In his pivotal Mythos tale, 'The Call of Cthulhu,' Lovecraft has adumbrated the first portents of this return..." (22 Nov. 1996)

The above messages appear on newsgroups catering to three quirky, unorthodox, and downright odd religious groups. The Web in general, and newsgroups in particular, are mobilizing these new religious movements in ways never comprehended. At one time, these groups would wreak the havoc and chaos they worship in localized spheres. Cyberspace is bridging the gaps between small groups and transforming the clusters into national movements. It is doing this without any of the rules commonly associated with the institutionalization of groups. Members of Discordianism, the Church of the

SubGenius, and the Cthulhu cult abhor conventional social groupings, methods of organization, and hierarchies. The Web has none of these. It is a wild no-man's land, or, "an additional parallel:...the nineteenth-century American frontier" (Burstein and Kline: 1995, 8). The Web is electronic in form, post-modern in spirit, and altogether chaotic. No wonder members like Hal Phillips, Reverend Unibomber, and Tenebrous thrive in the virtual forum offered by the Web. They worship Chaos. They are committed to Chaos. But, like the Reverend stated in his post... "GOOD chaos."

How do religious groups that thrive on chaos create and maintain solidarity among members? Do they even wish to? What does solidarity mean to these groups? What about beliefs, morals, and loyalty? Members, if they can be called that at all, hold conventional ways of life in disdain, including 'traditional' conceptions of solidarity and commitment. They forage for creativity and discord in conversation, action, and belief. They spread pluralism and walk the edge of social fragmentation. Post-modernists in action, Discordians, SubGenii and Cthulhuvians are constructing global on-line social realities that mirror the unpredictable local worlds they live in off-line.

These global social realities are being molded through the medium of the computer screen. Whole worlds in the shape of bits and bytes are constructed in the name of these groups' beliefs and tenets. This social reality is cyberspace: a surreal, nonempirical world that is growing at an accelerated pace in many social environments.

Cyberspace has its own laws, rules, language, morals, etiquette, and structure...though almost all of them are violated at some time or another, making way for constant innovation and change. The individuals putting together cyberspace find power in the fact that they are the dominant order in this brave new world. They hold the keys to its creation, maintenance and destruction. Though, like anyone in power, they know that their world can retaliate in the shape of viruses, other 'cyberconstructionalists,' or sheer outage of electricity.

Thus, they recognize that power in cyberspace, and the order that arises from it, can disappear as quickly as it arrived. The social reality of cyberspace is chaotic and utterly unpredictable. Individuals involved in cyberspace find meaning and establish culture in the gods and beliefs of Discordianism, the Church of the SubGenius and the cults of Cthulhu. Like cyberspace, these religious groups are built (and indeed thrive) on chaos.

**ORIGINS FROM BEYOND TIME AND SPACE, WITHIN YOUR PINEAL GLAND AND IN THE PIPE OF A MAN NAMED 'BOB'**

**THIS INCREDIBLE NEW FAITH, AUTHORIZED TO BLASPHEME BY THE GODS THEMSELVES, IS THE FIRST ALL-PURPOSE BELIEF SYSTEM TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH MOST MAJOR WORLD RELIGIONS AND MANY WEIRD CULTS--WITHOUT EXPENSIVE INTERFACES!!**

-The Church of the SubGenius Pamphlet #2, page 2 (Stang, 1996)

They are referred to as 'joke religions' or 'parodies' on-line. Their deities are a smorgasbord of kaleidoscopic imagery: a Goddess of Discord, an insanity-wreaking

cephalopod, and a pipe smoking, drill equipment salesman. Beliefs can be summed up in a number of Zen-like sayings: "Orthodoxy is the only heresy," "Don't believe what you read," or "Cthulhu loathes you." Their members are bound with a mysterious code borne out of new worldviews incorporating technology and underground cultures. The origins of Discordianism, the Church of the SubGenius, and the Cthulhu cultists are as unusual as the gods and goddesses they worship.

The human race will begin solving it's problems on the day that it ceases taking itself so seriously. To that end, POEE proposes the countergame of NONSENSE AS SALVATION.

-The Principia Discordia (1994: 74)

An important concept behind these groups should be dealt with before beginning an investigation of their origins: the "ha ha only serious" mentality of the members, their scriptures, and their beliefs. The Graz University of Technology define "ha ha only serious" in their "Hacker Lexicon" as,

A phrase (often seen abbreviated as HHOS) that aptly captures the flavor of much hacker discourse. Applied especially to parodies, absurdities, and ironic jokes that are both intended and perceived to contain a possibly disquieting amount of truth, or truths that are constructed on in-joke and self-parody. Indeed, the entirety of hacker culture is often perceived as ha-ha-only-serious by hackers themselves; to take it either too lightly or too seriously marks a person as an outsider... (22 Nov. 1996).

Graz University uses the term to describe hackers' perceptions of the social environment, but goes on to apply it to the members of the members of the Church of the SubGenius, Discordianism, and the cults of Cthulhu. A "ha ha only serious" mentality resides in many of the postings on each of the group's newsgroups. There is a fine line (and it is drawn in each group with various labels) between those who "get it" and those who don't.

In sociological circles, these groups typically are not researched, due mostly to the jeopardy one faces in studying "nonsense." The "ha ha only serious" worldview has not yet been considered as a socially learned skill. Until it is, groups like the Church of the SubGenius, the Discordians and the Cthulhuvians will not be taken seriously as subjects of study. In essence, the "joke" will continue until the groups engage in activity that merits traditional attention placed upon them, either in the media or in academia.

Ph'nglui mglw'nafh Cthulhu R'lyeh wagn'nagl fhtagn.  
In his house in R'lyeh dead Cthulhu waits dreaming.

- from "The Call of Cthulhu," by H.P. Lovecraft (1992: 120)

It is appropriate, in a conventional sense, to begin with H.P. Lovecraft and his offspring, Cthulhu. Theirs is the earliest appearance, at least in terms of the history timeline accepted by most. The author introduced his oozing monstrosity in 1928 in *Weird Science* (Alquier, 1996), one of a slew of pulp magazines spewing out horror and what was to become science fiction. Lovecraft was a reclusive author; he had already been divorced and was back living with his aunts in Rhode Island when "The Call of Cthulhu" was published (Alquier: 1996). He stuck to himself. He didn't get out much, and his mind was as curious as the strange and horrible fiction that emerged from it. Philip A. Shreffler,

in *The H.P. Lovecraft Companion*, writes

Lovecraft was a fairly hard-boiled scientific materialist who tended not to believe in what could not be measured or perceived sensorily. But, at the same time, he had a deep sensitivity to the horrific qualities of antiquity, an understanding that the further back into history he could trace the patterns of human belief and behavior, the further he could remove his fiction from the known. And in approaching the antique unknown, he felt, the easier it is to stimulate fear.

This is why so many of Lovecraft's tales root themselves in a mythos of unseen and undimensioned monsters that existed before the advent of man on earth, or else involve fantasy lands that are at once strange and familiar, often having derivative place names, like Sarnath, which is an archeological site in India (1985: 37)

Cthulhu was a moderate hit among consumers of the pulp magazine (Alquier, 1996). Most readers preferred action- packed tales of two-fisted monsters and buxom babes in tear-away clothing. Lovecraft's myths had neither. He describes Cthulhu in the twisted pages of his short story:

It represented a monster of vaguely anthropoid outline, but with an octopus-like head whose face was a mass of feelers, a scaly, rubbery- looking body, prodigious claws on hind and fore feet, and long, narrow wings behind. This thing, which seemed instinct with a fearsome and unnatural malignancy, was of a somewhat bloated corpulence...(Lovecraft, 1992: 129)

Lovecraft's mythology is rooted in insanity, fear, and darkness. His Gods arrived on Earth eons ago, and after ruling for millions of years, are now resting, or are imprisoned in various space/time continuums. In his stories, characters inadvertently unearth these misanthropic deities, which inevitably leads to insanity or death. Cthulhu was no exception. A gigantic, dripping horror who "lay dreaming, but not dead" (Lovecraft, 1992: 124) beneath the waves of the Pacific ocean, Cthulhu conjured up Biblical visions of Leviathan, Jonah's whale, and the Devil. The story would become one of Lovecraft's most famous ventures into the mythos he constructed. Lovecraft died of syphilis in 1938, a hermit finding solace only in his dark creations (Loukes, 1996).

His writings would lay dormant for decades. Some interested parties compiled and published collections of his works in the 1960s and 1970s but it was the decade of the 1980s that exhumed Lovecraft, freed Cthulhu from his watery prison, and incited rabid interest in both (Gaiman, in Lovecraft, 1992: preface). This can be credited to a number of sources. Stephen King's enormously popular fiction (see 1981, and especially 1983) were often mass marketed derivations of Lovecraft's work. Many people saw more of Lovecraft through King (and other heirs to his throne of Gothic horror) than they did in his own works. King's novels paved the way for a re-released deluge of Lovecraft's work. Second, a move in fashion towards Gothic- toned clothing, make-up and attitude influenced a small portion of youth in the 1980's (Fine, 1984: 274). This Gothic attitude was sponsored by, in large part, authors like Lovecraft. Finally, Chaosium Inc. published the role- playing game, *Call of Cthulhu*. The game sells thousands of copies a year (Appel, 1996), and its spin-off products have been doing well also.

From these humble beginnings, the various cults of Cthulhu have spawned new role players, avid interest in Lovecraft's literature, and a number of individuals and groups



who believe that Cthulhu is real and that Lovecraft the prophet knew it all along. What it all boils down to is that Cthulhu is returning eventually, and he is going to destroy humanity. This comforts most Cthulhuvians. The ones who aren't comforted will go to all ends describing the fruitlessness of escape, or will simply flash a cybersmile [:)], and leave an empty space in their newsgroup message. It's timely, apocalyptic chaos that reveals the fear of the unknown in all of us.

Before the beginning was the Nonexistent Chao, balanced in Oblivion by the perfect Counterpushpull of the Hodge and the Podge.

- The Principia Discordia, 'Bible' of the Discordians, (1994: 44)

Following a chronological pattern, Discordianism is up next. Discordianism originated in 1957 at a bowling alley in southern California (Malaclypse the Younger, 1994: 7-8). Kerry Thornley and Greg Hill allegedly experienced the cessation of the time/space continuum in a bowling alley for a few seconds, and reached a state of enlightenment. When everything returned to normal, they sat down and formulated a reason: chaos. Soon afterwards, the two published a book, the Principia Discordia. In it, they describe the situation that prompted the revelation:

Just prior to the decade of the nineteen- sixties, when Sputnik was alone and new, and about the time that Ken Kesey took his first acid trip as a medical volunteer; before underground newspapers, Viet Nam, and talk of a second American Revolution; in the comparative quiet of the late nineteen-fifties, just before the idea of RENAISSANCE became relevant...

Two young Californians, known later as Omar Ravenhurst and Malaclypse the Younger, were indulging in their habit of sipping coffee at an allnight bowling alley and generally solving the world's problems. This particular evening the main subject of discussion was discord and they were complaining to each other of the personal confusion they felt in their respective lives. "Solve the problem of discord," said one, "and all other problems will vanish." (1994: 7)

The next evening, one of the young men had a dream. Eris, the Greek goddess of discord visited him in his sleep, saying, "I am chaos. I am the substance from which your artists and scientists build rhythms. I am the spirit with which your children and clowns laugh in happy anarchy. I am chaos. I am alive, and I tell you that you are free" (1994: 8-9). Principia Discordia, and the belief structure surrounding it, revel in the discord caused by Eris who started the Trojan War when, perturbed at not being invited to a gala of the Gods, threw a golden apple into the crowd of deities. On the apple was inscribed the word kallisti, or "to the fairest." Hera, Athena, and Aphrodite bickered over who should possess the apple, and eventually Paris made off with Helen after choosing the Goddess of Love (Lee, 1996).

Eris, according to Thornley and Hill, has been causing havoc since the 'beginning' (1994: 55). After the first run of the Principia Discordia, cabals centering on the worship of Eris began appearing in the San Francisco Bay area. Through the second and third run of the book (all by various publishers), more cabals appeared across the United States. Margot Adler writes, "Discordians and Erisians are very much present in the Pagan community today. They make their presence known at Pagan festivals, and there are several journals with a Discordian point of view" (1985: 336). Some were small, others only had a

member or two. None could be considered great in number. Today, there are over thirty different groups advertising their activities on the Web and inviting others to join the ranks of the 'Apple Corps.'

As well as a revival of esoteric Greek and Roman mythology, Discordianism is a "self-subverting Dada-Zen for Westerners" (Buxton, 1996). Members revel in the mysteries of Eris while often harboring curiosity and fear of a millennia-long war between the discord of their Goddess and the authoritarian order of a secret society, the Illuminati. They hold the pineal gland to be the highest of all parts of the human body: it is there that all change takes place. Crucial to their belief structure is the hodge-podge, or Sacred Chao, a symbol similar to the yin-yang that characterizes the twisting relationship of chaos and order.

YES -- AFTER ALL THESE CENTURIES of organized "belief" -- a religion that finally comes out and admits that "IT" CAN'T BE SAID because "IT" IS WHAT IS BEING SAID AND DOING THE SAYING AT THE SAME TIME.

- Church of the SubGenius Pamphlet #2, Page 3 (Stang: 1996)

The Church of the SubGenius is a "mutant offshoot of Discordianism," (Graz University, 1996) founded in Dallas, Texas. It was created by 'Reverend' Ivan Stang in 1981 as a spoof on fundamental Christianity. Instead of God as an almighty force, Stang puts the spotlight on the individual. The Church makes grand claims (evident in two of the above quotes from its ubiquitous pamphlets distributed across many American College campuses) about the universe, society, and people who have "bought into the Conspiracy" (Stang, 1996).

Stang and the other SubGenii focus on individuals who are different, who stand out from the crowd. The SubGenius Pamphlet #1 asks readers, "DO PEOPLE THINK YOU'RE STRANGE? DO YOU??...THEN YOU MAY BE ON THE RIGHT TRACK! 'UNPREDICTABLES' ARE NOT ALONE AND POSSESS AMAZING HIDDEN POWERS OF THEIR OWN!" (Stang: 1996) And later asks, "Are You Abnormal? THEN YOU ARE PROBABLY BETTER THAN MOST PEOPLE!" The Church appeals to elitists and losers, individuals of the same coin who feel too different to 'join up or die.' Stang uses this quality to pool these people under the term SubGenius. SubGenii, Stang writes, are part of "A SPAZZ- CHURCH OF MACHO IRONY!!!" (Stang, 1996)

They also recruit from the ranks of the angry youth who are tired of the rampant institutionalization taking place in the United States (Stang: 1996). The Church of the SubGenius has as its 'host' the mysterious quality of slack, or "something for nothing." Until we don't "have to work for living," the SubGenii will battle the forces of the 'Conspiracy' (Stang, 1983). The Church grew, due in part to Stang's unusual "gift for promotion" (Graz University: 1996). Yet it was the 'graven image' of J. R. "Bob" Dobbs, the smiling salesman (and deity of the SubGenii) and his theory of slack that propelled the Church forward in terms of membership growth and prevalence in a variety of social groups. Dobbs, a straight laced, pipe smoking icon of the 1950's, was a drill equipment salesman until he discovered a flying saucer in his backyard. Dobbs became relatively infamous in the area where he worked.

Stang chose "Bob" as the omniscient symbol for slack that the Church of the SubGenius espouses in published material, paraphernalia like bumper stickers, and web pages. The SubGenii pride themselves on their lack of a work ethic or an appreciation for the status quo, and consider those who possess such an appreciation to be "Pinks" or "Normals," both derisive terms. The SubGenii utilize mantra-like sayings that are part of their "Brain Toolkit" to show that "everything you know is true" (Stang, 1992: 2), a statement that is opposite to the Discordian sentiment, "everything you know is wrong" (Malaclypse the Younger, 1994: 34). Members gather together infrequently for "creative consumption" parties, "short duration marriages," or rap sessions that lead to new ideas for the religion's goals. Most consider themselves to be a Pope or Reverend of something or other, a quality of elitism that inhibits organized group activity. Preferably, the SubGenii subvert surrounding environments on a collective level, by communicating ideas on-line and in print.

I (Thaddeus "navarone" Gunn) am putting together a CARAVRANT to X-Day '97...a ponderous serpentine juggernaut of supercharged RV's that will cross this country from sea to bleeding sea, preaching the words of Dobbs all the way from Seattle to Sherman, NY.

- a rousing message posted on alt.slack which eventually garnered 23 responses of approval (alt.slack: 15 Oct. 1996)

When the groups gather together physically, it is either through close friendship networks, disordered meetings replicating the blaze of cyber-messages on the Web, or vast Dionysian festivals that are driven by the will of chaos. The groups claim to have gathered for years outside the on-line community. Discordians state that they hold "Discordian Days Out" where members romp on highway exits blocking traffic for miles. The Church of the SubGenius hold X-Day Drills in anticipation of the world ending. Cthulhu cults engage in a number of activities: arcane magical rites, brooding role playing games, and discussion groups that support the eerie Lovecraft tradition. These gatherings (and others like them) still occur on a local level. Although some of the activities are questionable (for instance, the Discordian Days Out) others have been seen by other researchers (like SubGenius devivals), or are public affairs (like Cthulhuvian gaming conventions).

It is the Web, however, that has propelled the groups to a whole new level of contact and networking. The Web allows anyone to exchange ideas with anyone. These cults are no exception. The groups communicate beliefs, thoughts, and ideas via messages on websites and newsgroups on the Internet. The Web has provided the groups a crazed, ever-changing forum in which to gather. The Web complements the ideals and practices espoused by members since their inceptions. In essence, the Web and the newsgroups amplify the locally constructed, loosely organized organizational structures and beliefs that had existed before their expansion (Burstein and Kline, 1996: 54).

Discordianism has spread localized chaos by inflicting SNAFUs (Situation Normal All Fucked Up) and OMs (Operation Mindfuck) on taken-for-granted social norms. Now they can inflict more discomfort by teaching thousands who read their messages and sites

the 'Garfinkling' techniques that have made them famous in such areas as the San Francisco Bay Area. Newsgroup participants arrive from Ohio, Florida, even Great Britain. The Church of the SubGenius recruits heavily in Dallas and along the West Coast. With the Web, their pool of 'converts' grows a hundred fold. The cults of Cthulhu, born in the mind of a pulp writer has a well established community on the Web. Lovecraft's writings are explained, members can critique ideas, and discover secrets about the magical tomes mentioned in Cthulhuvian texts. The local has become the global.

The unique nature of growth and expansion of these groups in recent years can be credited largely to the cyberspace movement and the individuals involved in its creation. These groups find life in cyberspace, as opposed to established groups who use the Web and its many facets to simply enrich the already existing movement. The Web is the lightning rod for disparate non-joiners who abhor stability and feed off of discord, mayhem and anarchy (Slatalla and Quittner, 1995: 3). To purists, this is what the Web is all about. It is no wonder these individuals are attracted to such religions as the Church of the SubGenius, Discordianism and the cults of Cthulhu.

How does chaos give meaning to the lives of these individuals? Better: why is it the center of worship? Chaos is often used in the prophetic mode to derail dominant orders. This is happening in cyberspace as different parties vie for control of the bits and bytes and how to use them.

In the case of these religious groups, chaos becomes the beacon of rebellion (Michaels, 21 Nov. 1996). The religions, in essence, form a belief structure and philosophy around the concept of chaos. They are intent on disrupting the order they claim has stagnated society.

The members accomplish this task by preparing and conducting "inversion rituals" that parody traditional rituals and beliefs found in more established faiths. These "inversion rituals" aim to deconstruct what members claim to be mindlessly ordered social reality. Once deconstructed, the pieces can be put back together in a playful fashion. This tactic is thoroughly post-modern and has been used in artistic circles for decades (Sarup, 1993 and Kumar, 1995).

Thus, chaos compels individuals of these three groups to find new meaning in old symbols. In reveling in the unholy and discordant throes of chaos, members perceive these rituals as unshackling tools; rites which allow them to fully explore the creative, innovative, unpredictable, and novel.

This playful nature extends even to the very worlds they are constructing online. When members critique the onslaught of government regulation and capitalistic tendencies on the Internet, they, in essence, are critiquing the system from within. They have created this world, and now they are in a constant battle with it; always hoping to push it further before it can be entrenched by more ordered social circles.

Members of the three religions prosper in these ongoing "inversion rituals." The rites keep them active in their community, in their religion, and prompt them to continually voice support or disdain for ideas that cross their path. In a way, these individuals are audience members in a digital age. In another, they are active participants in a medium that has not been fully explored.

## DRIFTING AUDIENCES AND DYNAMIC NEOPHILES

CRUZIO: In *Illuminatus!*, you talk about neophiles and neophobes, the lovers and haters of things that are new. Might that not be a measure a person's ability to deal with unpredictability?

WILSON: Yeah, I think people are going to have to get used to a lot more uncertainty which is what all my books are preaching, the acceptance of uncertainty, a high tolerance for uncertainty.

- from an interview with Robert Anton Wilson, author, futurist, guerilla ontologist (Cruzio, 1996)

Are these groups in fact religions? They have beliefs in supernatural forces, are organized to the extent that they can be named, and are committed to chaos. They've been around for awhile and have enough resolution among members to keep dialogue, gatherings and literature in the public domain. Yet they frown upon stability, spit upon dogma, and continue to change scripture held 'sacred' by members. They gather together, but never at periodic sessions (except on the Web, which is itself not fixed in any spectrum except the use of programming language). Anyone can declare themselves a Reverend in either Discordianism or the Church of the SubGenius. Anyone can take the risk of reciting arcane magickal spells in the name of Cthulhu. In the end, it is the groups themselves that decide whether they're religions.

Discordians and SubGenii are quick to declare religiosity (see Kumar, 23 Aug, 1996; Phillips, 21 Oct. 1996; and Sutter, 21 Aug., 1996). The cults of Cthulhu are slightly less apt to do so, since they are fragmented into a variety of classifications, though there are a number of groups who are open in their faith in Cthulhu and his minions beyond the stars (see Damerall, 1996). Due to the snarled, disperse nature of worship, some sociologists will classify the three groups as audience cults (Stark and Bainbridge, 1979: 126 and 1985: 26).

Audience cults are part of a model of new religious movements established by Rodney Stark and Bill Bainbridge in 1979. The authors divided new religious movements into three categories: audience cults, client cults, and cult movements. First and foremost, the authors asserted that members of audience cults (and the cult leaders) simply attended lecture circuit talks, never really participating, and thus never finding (nor establishing) solidarity (1985: 210). "Three degrees of organization (or lack of organization) characterize cults," they write. "The most diffuse and least organized kind is an audience cult" (1985: 26). This broad category includes UFO conventions, astrology column readers and devourers of occult literature. Without organization, the authors declare, a religious group is no more than an audience cult, an aggregate of individuals who have only indistinct interests in common.

Discordians, SubGenii and the Cthulhu cultists demand a category that does their way of living, manner of thinking, and belief systems justice. Indeed, they do thrive on a diffuse, unorganized form of worship. They originated in the writings of a small number of individuals. But their acceptance of new forms of communication prevalent in computers today warrants an expansion of the term audience cult that considers both their acceptance of novel types of organization and the unpredictability of the Net and communication in general. The term audience cult needs a sibling for two reasons.

The first is the fact that *The Future of Religion* was written in 1985, and was based on work published in the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* in 1979. Before 1988, the Web was being used by the military, the government, and a small group of academics. Hardly anyone knew about it or its potential. In fact, the Third Wave had not even begun yet. Audiences lapped up written material and attended lectures and seminars. And then moved on. It was one-way communication. This is why commitment to a certain group was nonexistent. The audience could simply get up and leave when it was tired or bored. There were always other audience cults to visit. The Web changed all this. It introduced global two-way communication and it used the computer monitor to incorporate all kinds of media into the equation. Suddenly, the audience could talk back. The audience became a dynamic, active force, instead of a passive aggregate.

The second reason for a new term is what some parties call the post-modern age. Post-modernity has changed many of the ways Western society looks at social grouping, organization, and solidarity (Sarup, 1993: 130). Krishan Kumar writes, "The idea of a national culture and national identity is assailed in the name of 'minority' cultures - the cultures of particular ethnic groups, religious faiths, and communities based on age, gender, or sexuality" (1995: 122). Zygmunt Bauman described the new social groupings of individuals as a stream of water, lapping here and there, and then moving on (1992: 180). There aren't any more social classes. In their place are regional, local organizations that are linked globally through technological communication breakthroughs, like the Internet and the Web.

The grandfather of post-modernism, Lyotard states that post-modernity "accepts and reworks the past, often in a playful, parodic or affectionate form, rather than rejecting it wholesale" (Kumar, 1995: 111). This quality in the groups will become evident later in the paper. And Ihab Hassan has declared that unlike modernity (which had as its focal point 'Authority'), post-modernity has 'Anarchy' (1995: 108). Discordianism, the Church of the Subgenius and the cults of Cthulhu embody this spirit. In a way, they have held the chaotic flame high since their founding days, whether they be fifteen, forty, or seventy years ago.

Now that the theories of post-modernity and the Web have vindicated their unorthodox methods of organization and solidarity, they have begun convalescing, growing out of the term audience cult towards something new, active, dynamic.

These particular audience cults would be better defined as *neophilic irreligions*. Neophilic, a term coined by futurist Robert Anton Wilson (1975), refers to the quality in

individuals that accepts or relishes the 'new' or unfamiliar by actively participating in its construction. The neophile is not opposed to altering his belief structure, or the organizational structure of his group, so long as it aids in the dispersal of stagnation and eternal truths (as they have been understood in modernistic terms). Like post-modernity, a neophile "braces itself for a life without truths, standards, and ideals" (Bauman: 1992, ix).

An irreligion uses the protocol of conventional (read "established") religions to dismantle reality tunnels, or singular perceptions of a lifeworld by disrupting norms and social conventions. This is the playful, parodic nature of post-modernity. Like architects and artists who define themselves as post-modern, the neophiles would welcome this term (and if not, at least act on the principles that are currently in vogue).

Audience cults warrant this augmented definition for a number of reasons, most of which are in response to Stark and Bainbridge's definitions in *The Future of Religion*. Stark and Bainbridge write that audience cults are "...even less close to being religions" (1985: 209) than client cults, and "membership remains at most a consumer activity" (1985: 340). They assert that "[s]ometimes, audience cults make rather grand claims about the nature of the world and of the human species" (1985:209). They resolve that "although each audience cult is far from being a religion, collectively, they communicate a pale reflection of the religious" (1985: 210) and that "[t]his interpretation may explain why audience cults seldom solidify into cult movements" (1985: 211).

To some extent, the characteristics detailed by the authors are correct. However, the members of these diffuse webs of individuals display attributes of cult movements, albeit in novel ways unrecognized or unappreciated by researchers who use previously established "cultic templates" as gauges for new areas of study. First, the irreligions are more organized than other audience cults previously studied by the two sociologists (however, members condemn the word 'organized,' preferring instead to appear disorganized and diffuse). They establish weekly newsgroup sessions, organize meetings where all members can voice opinions, and allow individuals to express beliefs on personal websites.

Second, they provide unique ultimate meanings for members, invalidating Stark and Bainbridge's claim that they "communicate a pale reflection of the religious" (1985: 210). The irreligions have a strong belief system resting on metaphysical, deity-oriented mythology. Third, there are general compensators that provide a context, culture, and worldview for members. These compensators, resting on the ultimate meaning systems erected, are created by members, and determine their behavior in far greater ways than the compensator "diffuse hope" (1985: 210) proposed by the authors. Fourth, the groups establish antagonistic ties with the surrounding environment and conventional, or normalized, social and religious groups.

The three groups find strength in the unpredictable nature of communication, and thus, the social environment. They activate religious and social change not in group oriented services or rituals (although some members gather for such events), but by proposing

archetypal, ever-changing reality loops backed with strange new imagery that capture, confront, and cooperate with the new communication paradigm emerging from and producing the Information Age. In this way, they are audience cults. However, it is an appreciation for new organizational structures, unpredictable deities and beliefs, and a sense of competition with the surrounding environment that make these three groups full-fledged cult movements in the making.

## THE GROWTH OF THE WEB AND UNPREDICTABILITY IN COMMUNICATION

The groups were created long before the Web was invented, but much of their recent growth can be attributed to and correlated with the blossoming Web. There are as many, if not more, web sites and newsgroup messages posted for these irreligions than other established religions. Although "web counters" are an imprecise measure of growth (web designers can 'set' counters to any number they desire when establishing a site), many individuals visit these sites on a daily basis.

This, I contend, is because a majority of members in these neophilic irreligions participate actively in the construction of the Web and its many facets and attributes. The Web is owned by no single entity, and no laws dictate the design and quality of the gear that run it. The same applies to the three groups researched for this paper. 'Members' of both groups (the Web community and the irreligions) pride themselves on these characteristics.

Before discussing the three groups' roles on the Web and in the Information Age in general, a brief discussion of the Internet and communication are necessary in order to provide a backdrop for these religions, and to illustrate the relationship between ways the Internet functions and members interact with others, both in the groups and out.

Despite the demise doomsayers have predicted for the last four years, most agree that the Web is here to stay (Ziegler, 1996: B1). It serves as a novel communication device, binding groups of people together in a way never thought of before: the computer interface. Comments like "I'm talking a catastrophic collapse, which I'm pretty sure will happen this year" (1996: B1) are evident in some circles, but they are antithetical to the concept of the Web. Netscape Communications Corp.'s chairman, Jim Clark says, "It will get to the breaking point just like the phone system has throughout time" (1996, B1) And then, he adds, new service providers will add capacity to avoid losing customers. The Web is controlled by no one, and thus will probably always crash, but never burn.

The number of Web sites on the Internet has grown from a few thousand five years ago to an estimated 50 million today (See Ziegler and Burstein and Kline). These sites form a conglomerate forum, a virtual marketplace of information for users. Access to the forum is often slow, but it is always there. It is this feature that makes the Web a new form of social organization. The name World Wide Web illustrates this attribute beautifully. A metaphor for a spider's habitat, the Web is linked everywhere by hypertext, a program used to design web pages.



Individuals are organizing themselves differently because of the Web. Groups can form, gather, and disband in a number of hours. E-mail, newsgroups and web sites make group cohesion an immediate possibility. Groups have realized they no longer have to physically gather in order to bring about the social changes on their agenda. Loyalty is judged in terms of availability and online conversation. Those who get in the way of the group's greater goals are flamed, killfiled, or shunned (Graz University, 1996).

These words are still alien to most social groups, but they are part of the hacker vocabulary. Hackers created the Web, e-mail, and the newsgroups that millions engage everyday. The hacker, originally meaning "someone who made furniture with an ax," (1996) is "a person who enjoys exploring the details of programmable systems and how to stretch their capabilities, as opposed to most users who prefer to learn only the minimum necessary" (1996). Another definition from the Hacker Lexicon of Graz Technical University: "One who enjoys the intellectual challenge of creatively overcoming or circumventing limitations" (1996).

The factors of time and proximity in communication networks are some of these limitations they have bested, or continue to confront with zeal. Hackers worked on the radio, telephone, and the television. Now they work on the Internet, breaking down the hindrances space and time present to communication networks.

What they have created is an increase in the flow of information. The social environment is experiencing a flux of ideas due to the increased alacrity of messages that technology affords. The hackers are responsible for this (Slatalla and Quittner, 1995: 230). They are producing technology at a far greater pace than most can keep up with. This is the reason why the media and other labeling agents have coined this period the "Age of Information." With this opened faucet of information, however, comes, as futurist Robert Anton Wilson states, social chaos (Cruzio, 1996).

Social chaos theory rests on the idea that as communication increases in a system, chaos increases. Discordians are proponents of this theory and 'disguise' it in all of their literature. A number of scientists have accepted chaos theory as the foundation for their work (see Wheatley, 1994, Gell-Mann, 1993). Chaos Theory in mathematics has been applied for a hundred years since the work of Henre Poincare.

Its application in the social sciences is cutting edge now, seeing that chaos theory disrupts linear models of system analysis. Chaos theorists often focus on information as a source of chaos in the social environment. Wilson writes:

Information: A measure of the unpredictability of a message; that is, the more unpredictable a message is, the more information it contains. Since systems tend to disorder (according to the second law of thermodynamics), we can think of the degree of order in a system as the amount of information in it (1979: 542).

It is apparent that with the growth of the Web and the frenzied work of programming hackers in the last few years, the amount of order in the social environment has decreased, and the amount of unpredictability and chaos has increased. So, hackers have

created more chaos and confusion in the flow of information by making it easier to communicate. How does this affect their worldview? Well, in many ways. Most of which I experienced while conducting research into these somewhat troublesome groups.

## METHODS OF RESEARCH OR, HOW I CAME TO BE 'PINK'

I can't fucking believe the number of people that responded to the gang of zit-faced mental defectives that are posting worthless shit here!!!! Use your KILLFILES, that's what they're here for. Ignore the worthless fucks!

You can't embarrass Net-Scum because the don't have any fucking brains to start with. If you try you just slide to their level. [lower then whale-shit]

If you don't read their worthless posts, then they don't exist anymore. Anyone that habitually responds to this shit is going in my kill-file, as ell, just like that worthless bitch NOMAD!

-Bill, on alt.discordia and alt.slack (alt.slack: 24 Oct. 1996)

Researching the Web is both an exercise in futility and an activity of fruitfulness. It is, as Burstein and Kline write in *Road Warriors, a no-man's land* (1996). Better, there's an every-man-for-himself mentality that governs the medium. It can run harmoniously like a pure democratic community, or erupt into an anarchic motley of 404 error messages and electronic dead ends. The cyberworld of the three irreligions embody both aspects. Their websites are some of the most organized, beautiful, and extensive on the World Wide Web. Their newsgroups are some of the discordant, frustrating around. Their sites represent the well honed ability at HTML coding and linking while the newsgroups they participate in express the randomness that constitute their worldviews.

The methodology used to collect data for this project was as eclectic as the data itself. In a way, I was a participant observer. In another, I was an infiltrator, drawing the members out into the open, exposing their beliefs and ideas about the religions they belong to.

May 1996 began the search for the secrets behind the ironic and unconventional veils of the three irreligions. I began exploring the byways of the Web, compiling information on as many sites I could find that related to the three groups. In hacker jargon, I was a lurker, an individual who views a web site but offers neither praise nor criticism of the content. Most people 'cruising' the World Wide Web are lurkers. Hackers liken lurkers to mere television viewers. They use this term with a tone of disdain and contempt. Most hackers believe that the Web should be interactive. If you stumble into a no-man's land, they reason, better be ready to converse with the locals or other travelers.

But the Web allows lurkers to abound. Despite historical records stored in bits and bytes inside hard drives by bots (programs that collect and retrieve information for users) most lurkers can go undetected in the journeys around cyberspace. This is how I proceeded from May to July of 1996.

I decided to "come out of the closet" to many of the individuals participating in the

groups near the end of the summer. I contacted the webmasters (creators or maintainers of the Web sites I visited) via e-mail to conduct interviews and glean any information from them that wasn't apparent on their sites.

Most responses were terse and to the point. Neophiles don't trust researchers. They feel labeled, packaged for an academic paper that'll categorize and box them. This is something no neophile, and certainly no irreligion wishes for. So I changed my approach in the beginning of September. I joined the three major newsgroups introduced at the beginning of the paper.

Newsgroups are like a Hollywoodized Old West Saloon. There are the regulars who grunt over their cards, and stick with others at their card table. These are the individuals who post all the time, and end up having on-line conversations at least three to four times a week.

There are the heroes in white Stetsons and spurs who drop in, try to clean things up, and then move on after meeting with failure (or death: read killfiled). On newsgroups, this is the individual who hears about the ideas of one of the irreligion, and tries to convince the regulars that they have it all wrong, that they're steered the wrong way (wrong beliefs, wrong attitude, etc.). They get killfiled or shunned out of existence.

There are the young guys who don't necessarily want to prove anything, want in on the card game but don't know the rules yet. These are the infamous newbies, so called because they are 'net babies who haven't learned the ropes of adult life on the Web, or on a particular newsgroup. They blunder into closed conversations, offend regulars, or stumble over beliefs and customs. Most of the time they're escorted out of the newsgroup to the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) and told to stay there until they've learned enough to post something worth talking about.

Finally, there are the troublemakers who achieve the reputation of "most hated poster." There are at least four of these on alt.discordia, for example. They're a little like parasites, and a lot like cancer. They gnaw away at posted messages, and stick around even though they're avoided. They're usually the regulars who get shot at the Old West Saloon table after they get too annoying during many hands of poker.

I decided to enter the newsgroups as a lurker, just to get my bearings. I even read the FAQs for each of the three groups before testing the waters. But I was pegged as a newbie immediately on alt.horror.cthulhu and as a hero on both alt.discordia and alt.slack. It might have to do with the messages I posted. On alt.cthulhu:

Does anyone actually believe in Cthulhu? I have seen the site for the Chaos Cult of Cthulhu CCCXXXIII, but everything else seems to revolve around his presence in role-playing games.

On alt.discordia:

I was handed a copy of the 'Principia Discordia' yesterday and I decided to check out the messages on the Discordian newsgroup.

I don't get it. If you guys call yourselves a religion, how can you foster commitment among members if you like chaos so much? A faith is built upon solidarity and stability, not discord and strife.

Most the messages I've read have to do with flaming one another and contain snide comments.

A faith needs to go further than this in order to survive. There needs to be a place of worship, a set service time and no tongue-in-cheek irony behind all that you believe.

The book was interesting, but it seems that the Discordians won't last long if they keep telling people 'not to join' or 'don't believe anything.'

The individual who handed me the copy of the 'Principia Discordia' also handed me a copy of the Book of the SubGenius. I've decided to go ahead and post a similar message at their newsgroup.

And on alt.slack:

All right, I've posted with alt.discordia and gotten a reply. But I need to ask the same questions of alt.slack:

I don't get it. If you guys call yourself a religion, how can you foster commitment among members if you encourage them "not to join." I've read the Book of the SubGenius (it was handed to me by someone who bought it, read it, but still doesn't get it) and it says nothing about gathering together, how to form solidarity among members etc.

A faith needs to provide stability and security among its members, not spread discord, strife, and confusion.

How will you get anything done as a group if you never gather together...join together?

It seems to me Bob has a message but everyone on this newsgroup is afraid to ask what it is because "if you have to ask, you'll never know.

I don't know, maybe I'm 'pink.' But it seems that this group won't last long if it doesn't plan regular meetings and establish bonds among members.

Responses varied from the quote at the beginning of this section to a friendly response that contained examples of commitment among members, ideals to live up to, and explanations of beliefs that are private testimonies to the worldview of the members. Most responses from the Discordians and SubGenii were flames. Most from the Cthulhuvians were niceties. The flames came predominantly from the regular card players (of the Old West Saloon metaphor) and most kind responses from lurkers or 'irregularly posting' regulars.

The Web is full of incongruities. Because so many different individuals and organizations participate in its construction, the Web does not lend itself to many forms of statistics. Even counting web sites to establish a preponderance of a group is fruitless. Instead, what should be noted is that the more sites a religious group has, the more computer-oriented members it has. Web sites are difficult to start for a number of reasons, including knowledge of the computer and simple programming, time drain, access to a server, and the monetary investment of a computer, if one is not available for web site creation at work or school.

What the following numbers describe is that there is a correlation between people interested in computers and people interested in the three irreligions. I conducted a search on two different engines to tally the number of web sites for a number of groups, including the three studied in this paper. The other four groups were the Unification Church, the Hare Krishnas, the Presbyterian Church, and the Catholic Church. The two search engines were HotBot and Metacrawler. Metacrawler is actually nine search engines in one. So the total number of search engine was in actuality ten. This means little, however, as webmasters can list their web site many times with the same engine, thus getting more 'hits' from users. For example, "Hacker Jargon," a helpful site established by the Graz University of Technology, establishes a link to a search engine for every term listed. So it is apparent that numbers are always skewed. But this tells us even more about the people involved in the Church of the Sub Genius, the cults of Cthulhu, and the Discordians. They know what they're doing on the computer, and are getting people to their sites through technological manipulation.

Here are the numbers of web sites mentioning or dedicated to religious groups:

**Table 1: Number of Religious Organizations' Web Sites Listed in Two Search Engines**

The first number after the irreligions corresponds to the number of hits on Metacrawler, the second on HotBot.

Church of the SubGenius: 65 2440  
Discordianism: 61 1237  
Cthulhu: 80 10173  
Unification Church: 53 440  
Hare Krishnas: 64 686  
Presbyterian Church: 93 32063  
Catholic Church: 94 91052

It is easy to see that one of the largest religious faiths in the world, the Catholic Church, has only 29 more sites than the Church of the SubGenius, 33 more than the Discordians, and 14 more than the Cthulhu people. Proportionately, results are skewed towards the irreligions. Considering the number of people in the religion compared to the tiny number of members in the three irreligions, it is apparent that the irreligions are created by and recruit heavily from, individuals interested in computers. In fact, the ability to list web sites more than others is an ability of hacking.

Metacrawler is a more reliable source of information; HotBot, put together by the publishers of Wired magazine, cites every web site that remotely mentions the term asked for. HotBot's numbers echo Metacrawler's, albeit on a massive scale. For instance, it is telling that the search term "Cthulhu" turned up 10,173 times, while "Hare Krishnas" only turned up 686 times. These three audience cults are obviously cyber-oriented. Members use the web sites to recruit, broadcast, and display their beliefs and interests for their respective irreligion. They proselytize not through ordinary means, but through complete proliferation on the Web.

Newsgroups provide similar results. alt.discordia has gone from 18 messages posted by 15 different people (from November 1, 1995 to November 8, 1995) to 416 people posting 1349 messages on the same dates in 1996. These messages are a random assortment of ideas and beliefs focusing predominately on Eris and the ideals of discord.

alt.horror.cthulhu has gone from 4 messages posted by 3 different people (from November 1, 1995 to November 8, 1995) to 96 people posting 206 messages on the same dates in 1996. Most messages revolve around H.P. Lovecraft's writings and trivia about the Great Beast, although some talk of cult activity abounds irregularly.

alt.slack has gone from 88 message posted by 53 different people (from November 1, 1995 to November 8, 1995) to 323 people posting 1274 messages on the same dates in 1996. The Church of the SubGenius has even branched out, using under.net and another.net to conduct Sunday night "devivals." These impromptu, chaotic hours of message postings function as a cyber-service free-for-all. Members spend an hour hashing and rehashing beliefs each week with the "elect." Individuals who are new to the Church are not encouraged to participate until they are more fully immersed in the group. The individuals participating in the "devivals" mean business.

## THE FRAGILE WORSHIP OF CHAOS AND THE NUANCES OF IRRELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Protests of SubGenii being "non-joiners" notwithstanding, there are regular meetings every weekend on irc.another.net. Not to mention the horrifying touring schedule Jesus is planning for Stang in '97. What more do you want?

-Michael Townsend on alt.slack (26 Oct., 1996)

Discordianism, the Church of the SubGenius and the Cults of Cthulhu were chosen because they exhibit characteristics of Stark and Bainbridge's audience cult and cult movement typologies. The groups are diverse and unorganized (and choose to be so), provide ultimate meaning and general compensators for members and have conflictual relations with the surrounding environment. Although they accept no formal dogma, they nevertheless accept what the Discordians have called catma (Pieri, 1996), which is only different from dogma in that it prods members to dedicate themselves to the unfamiliar and novel. This blending of characteristics makes it necessary to typify another kind of religious organization: that of the neophilic irreligion.

The irreligions began as audience cults and would have stayed as such (in terms of Stark and Bainbridge's model) if not for the rise of post-modern thinking, a welcoming of the irrational in society that has taken place for the last thirty years and advancement in technology.

Each of these groups began with an individual publishing for and speaking to audiences. Lovecraft wrote pulp Gothic fiction like the story "Call of Cthulhu." Thornley and Hill

published the Principia Discordia. Stang published The Book of the SubGenius and Revelation X (among many others related to slack). However, due to the chaotic mood and atmosphere that has prevailed and grown in numerous circles in society, groups formed and rallied around their writings. The literature took on life in the activity of individuals who espoused the beliefs within the pages.

As post-modernity grew in scholarly circles, artistic cabals, and marketing businesses, these localized groups spread, albeit slowly and in esoteric, hidden ways. The neophiles in the groups wanted none of the organizational tactics found in other cults at the time. They wanted neither leaders nor institutionalized beliefs. The growing trend toward communication as a commodity and the Information Age in general validated their belief structures and legitimated their manners of organization.

The Third Wave, or the Information Age heralded the globalization of the beliefs of these localized, tiny groups. The World Wide Web, the Internet, and other kinds of technology allowed for organization outside the classical paradigms (many of which are touted by Stark and Bainbridge). The cybervillage allowed neophiles to define their own reality in the terms they felt comfortable with. In fact, because they were the individuals designing it, they controlled the power to construct it the way they wanted.

## LOCAL BEGINNINGS

Before the advent of the World Wide Web, the three irreligion gathered in localized, regional clusters. These local groups banded together under the auspices of the literature published by the 'inventors' of the groups. Groups stayed together only as long as new ideas emerged from discourse and rituals. Once members had learned enough about others in the groups, they moved on to other groups centered on the same beliefs and literature or practiced the irreligion on a solitary basis.

In this respect they can be considered audience cults. Stark and Bainbridge state that audience cults are "the most diffuse and least organized kind" (1985:209) of cult and "there are virtually no aspects of formal organization to these activities, and membership remains at most a consumer activity" (1985:340) This is true of much cultic activity, especially individuals and groups interested in the occult and New Age beliefs and principles. Bainbridge's work in the early seventies at a spacecraft convention demonstrate the previous characteristics. Stark and Bainbridge write that "[p]ersons with a cult doctrine to offer rely on ads, publicity, and direct mail to assemble an audience to hear its lectures" (1985:25).

This scale (based on level of organization) is meaningless when irreligions are included; they resist organization in the sense Stark and Bainbridge have elevated as a measure of success. These groups find stagnation and obstacles in religions that function superbly on Stark and Bainbridge's scale.

Thus the free-flowing, ever-changing structures of the organizations must be seen as an asset to the irreligions that focus on chaos and discord. They desire these qualities. There are definitive groups that have persevered through the years in each group. These local

organizations have continually redefined their reality and continually reconstructed the worlds in which they live.

Discordian cabals are an example of this. The Eris Society, the Apple Corps., the Cartographer's Conspiracy Cabal and others like them are all examples of local Discordian groups that have stuck it out and still produce discord among members, just to, as one member put it, "keep things hot" (Burton: 1996).

The Church of the Subgenius has a central Foundation based in Dallas, Texas that collects dues (\$30 for a lifetime membership), administers pamphlets and other paraphernalia, and deals with legal hassles and the like. Although the Dallas Foundation can be seen as a headquarters, it is not viewed as such by members. Ivan Stang and his base are but another facet of the widespread and disperse SubGenii.

The cults of Cthulhu also have local branches which base their activities on the creations of Lovecraft. Most people involved in Cthulhu play the roleplaying game, 'Call of Cthulhu,' published by Chaosium, Inc. There are others, however, who view Cthulhu as a living (though asleep and dreaming) God. The Esoteric Order of Dagon, the Yaddith Lodge, the Chaos Cult of Cthulhu CCCXXXIII, the Miskatonic Society and various Satanic groups believe in and worship the Great Beast.

The quality all three irreligions have in common is that they are composed of neophiles. Neophiles are 'non- joiners,' individuals who abhor conventional means or organization. This is exactly the reason why they band together. Their organizational structure is based on not organizing.

#### SOLIDARITY AND COMMITMENT AMONG THE NEOPHILES

The responses to my inquiries concerning commitment and solidarity on the newsgroups were, as stated above, wide in range. Coupled with the literature, they revealed individuals who feel strongly attached to groups in which attachment is disparaged.

I will begin with conversations held at alt.slack concerning commitment and solidarity among the Subgenii. The SubGenius Pamphlet #2 published at SubSite, the "unofficial home page" of the Church, states,

Technically, this organization cannot exist -- because it is composed of people who are not joiners. The only thing most SubGenii have in common is that they're ALL DIFFERENT -- and they have NOTHING in common with the C.O.N.S.P.I.R.A.C.Y.!!(Cliques of Normals Secretly Planning Insidious Rituals Aimed At Controlling You) The SubGenius, because it does not "fit in," is actually better than anyone else (Stang, 1996)!

[emphasis in original document]

Upon being asked about commitment, Dennis McClain wrote on alt.slack:

You don't join the SubGenii. You either realize you were one all along, or you don't, weren't and aren't gonna be. That small portion that gives the appearance of being organized exists only to attract the new



members so that they can sign up, and according to Church dictates, immediately schism.

We are not about communions. We are about epiphanies (27 Oct. 1996).

Tarla responded to my post (detailed above in the research section) on alt.slack:

If you can get them to send in \$30, they're committed. We don't really encourage solidarity among the members. This is why the Internet is such a boon for the church. We can be members, and yet not have to deal with each other on a personal basis. Aside from the difficulties of just getting groups of SubGenii together, there's always the fact that most of us don't agree with each other on just about everything (27 Oct. 1996).

In response to my statement, "A faith needs to provide stability and security among its members, not spread discord, strife, and confusion," Tarla wrote:

That's what YOU say. "Bob" says differently. How can you be secure when you know you're leaving the planet in just a couple of years? How do you promote stability when stability is exactly what you're fighting AGAINST (27 Oct. 1996)?

Asked, "How will you get anything done as a group if you never gather together...join together?" Tarla responded:

We got you to consider us a "group" and half of us are barely speaking to the other half. It's magic (27 Oct. 1996).

She responded to my comment, "It seems that this group won't last long if it doesn't plan regular meetings and establish bonds among members."

Well you'd be wrong then, Rick. We have no regular meetings, we bond and then break and then bond again. What keeps us here is mutual insanity and inertia. I'll have been here two years in Jan. and I'm relatively new to the church (27 Oct. 1996).

George, another poster on alt.slack responded to my comments about bonds between members with classic, ironic, tongue-in-cheek glibness:

Establish bonds, huh? Commitment, huh? Establish bonds? Hey.. now we're talking. I've heard curtain trimming cord recommended (was it Friday who recommended it?), because it doesn't have the wire center most other ropes do.

I've heard that bungee is fun too, since it allows a limited range of movement. Hooke's Law will never be the same again.

look for the codicil. they always fuck you with that...(28 Oct. 1996)

George finally got around to responding seriously to my message concerning commitment later in his posting:

Answer: we don't try to foster commitment. But you're confusing religion with group-thinking. The two need not go hand-in-hand. A person's spiritual beliefs can and SHOULD be completely personal, and not subject to alteration simply because someone else said so. The Church of the SubGenius is one of the first religions (palatable to western tastes) that emphasizes what YOU believe, not what is written in the official

texts.

There's a reason why the main book is called "The Book of the SubGenius" and not "The Book of 'Bob'": because this religion is ultimately about YOU, not "Bob" (28 Oct. 1996).

I then told George, "I've read the Book of the SubGenius (it was handed to me by someone who bought it, read it, but still doesn't get it) and it says nothing about gathering together, how to form solidarity among members etc." He responded,

Sure it does! The chapter on Clenches and schisms. And that's the key here: schisming is a primary concept, because the point is to follow yourself and no one else. Not even Stang, except to buy some crap from him.

No, the irony is not lost on us: following instructions that say to not follow instructions. The key out of the paradox is to take the "not follow instructions" part to heart: then if you choose to schism, or whatever you care to do, it's because YOU want to and you're ignoring everyone else's dictates. THAT'S what they're trying to teach (28 Oct. 1996).

I then offered the idea that "[a] faith needs to provide stability and security among its members, not spread discord, strife, and confusion." He responded:

Untrue. Many faiths shoot for this as a goal, but that doesn't mean that all faiths have to follow this model. Consider that most faiths make their followers feel "stable" and "secure" by telling them that God loves them above all others and they're going to get a big chocolate chip cookie when they get to heaven. All of which, of course, is a lie, but at least it makes the followers feel very happy ... makes 'em feel almost bovine, in fact. (Sorry, Jools.) But a \*realistic\* religion needs to admit that there's a hell of a lot of uncertainty in any metaphysical ramblings, and this is one of the few religions that concedes as much. Maybe it doesn't provide us with fuzzy answers, but by damn at least we know that we can't stop looking (28 Oct. 1996)!

I asked, "How will you get anything done as a group if you never gather together...join together?" He answered,

A good question. Follow-up question: what do, say, Christian groups ever get done? Not a whole lot of good, if you ask me (28 Oct. 1996).

Finally, I wrote, "I don't know, maybe I'm 'pink.' But it seems that this group won't last long if it doesn't plan regular meetings and establish bonds among members." George wrote,

We've GOT bonds. We use the Internet to interact. So we don't operate like a well-oiled machine ... I think that's a \*good\* thing.

And no, you're not "Pink" for asking. But you're looking at this like it's a normal religion and finding it doesn't operate that way. That's good. That's part of the deprogramming lesson: to look at things in new ways. Now apply that to everything else and you've got it (28 Oct. 1996).

Rev. "Big" Steve A (stands for "Aha!") Confessional Box Clagscraper Of The Order Of The Small And Petulant Domestic Rodent responded to my 'commitment' posting on alt.slack as well. He wrote,

If you "get it", that commitment is there. It might be a commitment to avoid commitments, but it's there nonetheless.

One thing that's nice about the CoSG is that, unlike other religions, where you're being carried along on some sort of tide, this one positively DISCOURAGES you from getting too far in - your friend is an example: he won't find people proselytising and trying to explain it all to him, because if they have to do that, there's no point.

Although there are the "Bobbies", who think that Slack and the CoSG is "cool", but they're not about to hand over their stash of 'frop or get nailed to a cross for it, who'll proly try to sell you the whole thing. They don't "get it".

It's like "getting it" is the holy sacrament of the Church (27 Oct. 1996).

In response to my comment, "A faith needs to provide stability and security among its members, not spread discord, strife, and confusion," "Big" Steve wrote,

Does it? Where is that written?

"How will you get anything done as a group if you never gather together...join together?" George wrote,

I think I spot a little bit of Protestant Work Ethic creeping in there. Why do we need to "get anything done"? Not all religions have to be about Eternal Salvation, etc. In fact, I happen to think that all that stuff is basically nothing to do with religion, but is rolled into the belief system to control us, like a sort of promise of a return on services rendered. IMO, it sucks. And the CoSG gives you 3x your money back if you don't get eternal salvation (28 Oct. 1996).

I wrote, "It seems to me Bob has a message but everyone on this newsgroup is afraid to ask what it is because 'if you have to ask, you'll never know.'" Steve responded,

No-one can tell you "Bob"'s message, because it means nothing in mere words. You have the message inside your head, and all that the CoSG can possibly do, with the united aid of Slack and 'frop, is to open your third ear so you can hear the message (27 Oct. 1996).

I don't know, maybe I'm 'pink.' But it seems that this group won't last long if it doesn't plan regular meetings and establish bonds among members.

No, you're not necessarily "pink". But you have obviously bought into the pink conspiracy big- time, if you're thinking in terms of "doing things" and planning regular meetings.

Lemme tell you my take on this. When I was a kid, I could sing. Not badly, either. This resulted in my ending up in a church choir, sort of by default. Even back then, I never bought into this Christianity schtick much, especially when I realized that a lot of these so-called Christian values being rammed down my throat appeared only to apply to Other People (i.e., those not doing the ramming). That, and a paedophile singing teacher at the church, just about confirmed it for me, and I bailed out.

Ever since, I've quietly denied the Christian faith, even though I know that there is some core of my being that wants to believe in something. As I've grown older, and seen and experienced things happening, piece after piece of what I always thought was "religion" or "faith" has dropped away.

The final pieces disintegrated just about when I hit Usenet, probably because of the illness of my nearly-Mrs. I had to contemplate mortality as a very real thing, and had to ask myself a lot of stuff about who

really was "up there". You could say I became a skeptic, but that's putting it a bit strongly. What I \*did\* realise was that there is nobody "up there"...they're "in here". That works for me, and the CoSG & "Bob" are nice hooks to hang that hat on.

The point is, I don't WANT a religion that tells me what to do, or makes me pray on Sundays. I'll "pray" when I damn well want to, and I'll do it to whichever god is giving out the most coupons that day. And if the world's going to end soon, I want to be on the winning side. That's the side where the preachers aren't fucking whores on my donations, paying politicians, forming lobby groups, or buying automatic weapons under the table.

My side.

But thanks for asking, anyway.

Oh, and incidentally, I'm a Freemason, which involved me stating that I believe in a Supreme Being. I joined before all this change in my religious outlook, which did make me wonder a bit. Now, when I'm sitting in a meeting listening to the various references to 'I'm Upstairs, I just see it all in terms of "Bob" and the Cogs, and it all hangs together very nicely.

In fact, the Bible works quite nicely like that, too. Especially the Old Testament (27 Oct. 1996).

An anonymous SubGenius posted:

Oh, lord. This guy wants COHERENT EXPLANATIONS OF THE CULT? OK, since I'm the first one here, and posting actually seems to be working again, I'll have to break the bad news to you. There ARE no coherent explanations of the cult. We're all monkeys with keyboards.

The Discordians have similar sentiments. The Eris Society, founded by best-selling financial writer Doug Casey, originated in Aspen, Colorado in 1981. Their web page declares,

The Eris Society is a unique organization, if it can be called an organization at all, since it has no formal structure. It is not incorporated, it is not a partnership, is owned by no one in particular. We pay no dues and have no bylaws or voting. Rather, it belongs to those who are invited to its annual meeting (Jewet, 16 Nov. 1996).

I began a thread of messages called 'commitment' among the Discordians on alt.discordia and the following material is from the posts that followed. I posed the question, "I don't get it. If you guys call yourselves a religion, how can you foster commitment among members if you like chaos so much? A faith is built upon solidarity and stability, not discord and strife. If you guys call yourself a religion?"

What bearing does what we call ourselves have to do with the fostering of commitment? Nothing. We could call ourselves Penguins and it would have no bearing. We are a religion, but the big mistake you are making is to try and ascertain exactly what we are within the narrow minded confines of your anesthetic categorizations. The "if you call yourselves a religion has no bearing. Now "how can you foster commitment if you like chaos so much..." is a valid question. The answer is simple. Chaos and order are really the same thing there is order in chaos and chaos in order. Therefore there is chaos in commitment and commitment in chaos. One does NOT preclude the other (Phillips, 21 Oct. 1996).

I wrote, "A faith needs to go further than this in order to survive. There needs to be a place of worship, a set service time and no tongue-in-cheek irony behind all that you

believe."

You are trying to judge the chaos by your presuppositions i.e.: concepts of order. There needs to be a place of worship, or a pen to put the sheep in, only if you need to retain some control (order) over the sheep. This is the aneristic way. Discordians don't need order. As for getting together with no tongue in cheek irony behind what you believe, this is only valid within the narrow minded aneristic system as well. It is out firm believe that it is a mistake to hold firm beliefs. So how in Eris' name could we get together to formulate out what we believe is a mistake in the first place? Which in itself is a firm belief, and so on and so on till we arrive at the belly button lint of a Fnord's navel (21 Oct. 1996).

Another responded,

Hey, it's worked for 30 years. As long as there is chaos we'll be around (and I don't see the world running out of chaos anytime soon). Our place of worship is our pineal gland, you should visit yours - it's probably a bit dusty.

I then asked my question about non-joiners: "The book was interesting, but it seems that the Discordians won't last long if they keep telling people 'not to join' or 'don't' believe anything. Episkopos Galactus I (Keeper of the Sacred Bacon) answered:

Nope Erisians have been around for over 3000 years. For that matter All religions are really Discordian in nature but just don't realize it. Even if we vanished tomorrow, there would still be Discoridians, but they would call themselves something else and simply not realize it. Nuf said. HAIL! ERIS! ALL HAIL! DISCORDIA! (25 Oct. 1996)

The Cthulhu cults are less stringently against formal organization when it comes to forming role-playing game circles. Because they are often involved in role playing games, they must provide structure for group activities, or risk losing members. The following thread between a newbie and Marc on alt.horror.cthulhu demonstrates the camaraderie apparent among Cthulhu aficionados:

Newbie:

I'm just starting out at this. My friends and I are new to this game, and I need some help coming up with ideas for a 1990's campaign. I was wondering if someone could sort of hold-my- hand through the early stages. Any help would be appreciated.

Marc:

I've run CoC off and on for years, but haven't for a long time. My next campaign has the PCs as Police Officers in the '90s. One thing I feel is necessary in a modern campaign is to use the era, like the majority of the 1920s adventures seem to.

Newbie:

Do scenarios involving the evils of man, not just those of the Mythos. The evils of post- modern technology, of rampant immorality, of the callous inhumanity of the average man. Perhaps your players are among the few that would even CARE if the Stars Came Right----what if it doesn't MATTER if the cults of the Old Ones remained secret? Do they even need to?

Marc:

The forces of the Mythos might use designer drugs to accomplish their goals, instead of magicks.

Perhaps the Tcho-Tcho claimed to be an "oppressed minority" hostile to the Communist Chinese---does the US give aid and "advisors" to Tcho-Tcho "rebels" in northern China and/or southern former-USSR, and

how much does the US know about them? More than they're willing to admit, I would guess.

Just a few ideas for anyone to use...be creative, update 1920s scenarios if you have to; IMO, modern Cthulhu is more true to the originals; Lovecraft wrote about the era he lived in, not the 19th Century; why should 1990s Keepers and /or writers be bound to the 20s?

However, groups that worship Cthulhu as an entity follow the same chaotic patterns as the Discordians and the Church of the SubGenius. The Chaos Cult of Cthulhu 33 is one group of the Cthulhu irreligion that focuses on Cthulhu as an actual living entity (or claims to do so in literature). They write, in the Manifesto,

Standing between heaven and hearth, and by divine command, the Crimson Council of Cthulhu of the CCCXXXIII has decided to appear before the eyes of humanity as a Cult...The Chaos Cult of Cthulhu has risen (Tenebrous, 1996).

The Cambridge University Worshippers of Cthulhu Society have a web page that details the beliefs of the group and, with tongue-in-cheek, write,

Welcome to the home of CUWoCS, the society for the discerning individual (the individual who would rather not end as lunch when the Big C Wakes Up, that is). Here you will find out all you wanted to know about CUWoCS, lots that you didn't want to know about CUWoCS, and several things about CUWoCS that will ensure that you will provide psychologists with research material for a long, long time. Enjoy (Damerall, 1996).

Like the CUWoCS (and Discordian and SubGenii groups), the Campus Crusade for Cthulhu organizes around the chaotic. In this instance, the group organizes so as to "keep his belly full." The full introductory quote:

Hi welcome to the Campus Crusade for Cthulhu homepage. This page and soon to be organization is to be devoted to the God Cthulhu. The great one needs groups like us to keep his belly full. The choice then becomes pretty easy either follow or become food (Giekes, 1996).

The newsgroups for these groups also provide a bulletin board for individuals seeking out information about physical meetings and times. The following thread is from alt.slack and concerns an upcoming devival. Eddy Nix posts information about the happening:

Temple of the Absurd announces it's March 97 west coast Tour of "Wilhelm Reich in Hell", a punk rock opera by Robert Anton Wilson....

We are currently looking for a few more brave souls to drop their meaningless lives and join the circus. Our tour will begin in Tempe Arizona around March 1, and end in Vancouver Mid April.

We need to set up a few more shows in cities along the west coast during this time, so if anyone out there has info, or would like to host or help us in any way, please respond.

If you would like to join the circus, and tour with us, well...respond too (Nix, 26 Oct. 1996).

David Lynch responded:

And I \*STILL\* don't have a ride to the Devival next Saturday, dammit. Any help would be appreciated; it's just a couple miles from Hilliar, Ohio (Lynch, 26 Oct. 1996).

I got involved and asked David Lynch what went on at a Subgenius Devival, and he responded,

I got my priorities straight, hell yeah. My priorities right now:

1. SEX.
2. Stimulating spiritual and intellectual conversation.
3. Tape dubbing.
4. School work/boring crap.
5. Wasting time.

Sometimes alt.slack crosses from category 2 to category 5 (Lynch, 27 Oct. 1996).

Another SubGenius, His Most Feathered Eminence, The Ur- Beatle responded,

See, that's your problem, Dave, alt.slack needs to cross over to category 1 (Ur-Beatle, 27, Oct. 1996).

Rev. Pee Kitty, of the order Malkavian-Dobbsian responded to my question also,

Sex, lots of it (Pee Kitty, 27 Oct. 1996).

The cults of Cthulhu hold many different conventions, most of whic surround the gaming world. Groups like CUWoCS and CCCXXXIII show up, and most participants get involved in the religiosity of the affairs. The Third Annual Cthulhu Mythos NecroniCON held in Providence, Rhode Island features a sermon and prayer for Cthulhu at the Marriott Hotel every year:

CTHULHU PRAYER BREAKFAST: Though many expected Yog-Sothoth to smite us for this blasphemy, the NecronomiCon membership has now been spared twice. Once again, the Cthulhu Prayer Breakfast will offer a loathsome "sermon" by the Rev. Robert M. Price, as well as other surprises. Will those attending be spared from Yog- Sothoth's wrath once again? There's only one way to find out . . . and, of course, NecronomiCon's Guest of Honor Brian Lumley and Special Guest Dirk Mosig will also be in attendance, whether they want to be or not (Necronomicon Press, 1996).

The groups, as Stark and Bainbridge point out (1985: 340), do thrive on the consumer activity of members. The Church of the SubGenius publishes, along with short stories and anthologies, two 'gospels:' The Book of the SubGenius and Revelation X. They also distribute thousands of brochures, stickers, bumper stickers, and other products. The cults of Cthulhu see H.P. Lovecraft's and other writers' works printed every year. There is also a role-playing game centered on Cthulhu as the nemesis. The Discordians fare less well, seeing that the Principia Discordia (which is not copyrighted) has been printed countless times. These products are not different from the countless Bibles, tapes, prayer books, rosary beads, statues, candles, rugs, and the like that are sold by more organized and established churches. The irreligions, like other religions state that they are "not about money," but "about ideas."

One Cthulhu adoree searches for a statue of Cthulhu on alt.horror.cthulhu:

I've seen in a magazine a huge statue of Cthulhu. Does anyone know how to find one (and order it).

And is answered:

There's an excellent one just released from Bowen Designs, created by Stephen Hickman. If you've seen the paperback of Robert E. Howard's Mythos stories, Hickman painted the cover art showing a Cthulhu statue. The sculpted version is the same one, and it looks terrific. It sells for \$100, and is limited to 1,000 copies.

## THE ULTIMATE MEANING OF IRRELIGIONS

It is my firm belief that the mistake your mistake is trying to understand. How can one understand the Goddess of confusion? Then again it is our firm belief that it is a mistake to hold firm beliefs. If you believe it. Hail Eris!

-Episkopos Galactus I, Keeper of the sacred Backbacon (23 Sep. 1996).

Order falls, fear reigns...It is just how the wheel turns...Chaos is the only thing real...but then is it? Couldn't categorized chaos be order? misplaced order chaos? Real/unreal....live with it or die....what does it matter...What are we but marionettes dancing in the masquerade...forever lost. Chaos is empty. People place their fears in the gap. And they see disorder where there is nothing.

- Timothy Sutter, on alt.discordia with a response from alt.slack (21 Aug. 1996)

Although Stark and Bainbridge write that audience cults provide no ultimate meaning for members (1985: 28), neophilic irreligions in fact, do. The authors state that "Conversations...revealed these people are not the stuff of which social movements can be made. They accept everything, more or less, and in effect accept nothing. They are interested in the general area of the eccentric and the mystical" (1985: 28). It is true that these traits make the "attendees at spacecraft conventions" whom Bainbridge studied open-minded to the degree that it "makes it impossible for them to develop a strong commitment to any complete system of thought" (1985: 28). Irreligions, however, find strength in ultimate meaning systems that encourage open-mindedness within the belief system they have constructed. Neophiles accept the new or unfamiliar, but apply it in ways that comply with deities, beliefs and tenets of the faiths they belong to.

In an alt.discordia newsgroup message, J. Calvin (Bimp) Smith writes, "Order is not implicitly moral -- or immoral. Neither is chaos. The above statements are true. The above statements are false. The above statements are meaningless" (Smith, 26 Aug. 1996). Discordians are involved in amorphous beliefs and seem uncommitted to a "complete system of thought." Yet they are: the complete system of chaos, embodied in social action, in Eris, and in all forms of communication.

Quoting the Principia Discordia, James Burton posted another message concerning Eris and her importance in the chaotic belief structure of the Discordians,

This was on the fifth night, and when they slept that night each had a vivid dream of a splendid woman whose eyes were as soft as a feather and as deep as eternity itself...she spoke in a warm and gentle voice: 'I have come to tell you that you are free. Many ages ago, My consciousness left man, that he might develop himself. I return to find this development approaching completion, but hindered by fear and by



misunderstanding. You have built yourselves psychic suits of armor, and clad in them, your vision is restricted...your spirit broiled by the sun. I am chaos. I am the substance from which your artists and scientists build rhythms...I am alive and I tell you that you are free (Burton, 23 Aug. 1996 from Malaclypse the Younger, 1994, 23).

The ultimate meaning in Discordianism is chaos, embodied in the form of a woman "whose body was the spectacular dance of atoms and universes" (1994, 23). Stark and Bainbridge do not perceive that acceptance of "everything" can be an ultimate meaning system. The Discordians have achieved it by wrapping their view of the universe as chaotic in the robes of Eris and the pages of humorous literature. Members must be committed to this meaning system in order to understand and participate in the irreligion.

The Church of the SubGenius establishes a rich mythology centered on "Bob" Dobbs to disrupt current reality tunnels and imbue members with the ultimate meaning system of slack. To the Subgenii, the world is trapped in perceptions of the world that are outdated and constricting. The Church promises to "operate on your brain" (Stang, 1996) to break these narrow reality tunnels. It invites readers, in many web sites,

You seek out the "different," for its own sake, and that odd trait of yours has led you to peruse this site. Or has it? What if some catalyst stronger than your enigmatic programming, more powerful than the combined forces of the spirit-world, compelled you to read (Stang, 1984)?

The Church prides itself on an ultimate meaning system that rests on the idea that "everything is true," and that the only way out of "the brittle, false, stability of the artificial structure imposed on society by invisible authorities" (Stang, 1996) is to accept the mysterious quality of slack. Slack is the antithesis of the conventions of modern religious structures. It prods readers to "slack off," disrupt work environments (or not work at all), and challenge everything. Slack is a supernatural force embodied in "Bob" that gives members a meaning system. This system is centered on the "different" and members are committed to it.

The cults of Cthulhu also provide ultimate meaning for their members: that of an unpredictable universe full of insanity-wreaking monsters. Agency, which plays a large part of the other two irreligions, has no role in the cults of Cthulhu. Members favor the utter fear that will accompany the annihilation when Cthulhu and his minions rise again from the waves. So unpredictability and chaos, accompanied by insanity is the price humans pay for thinking they have complete control of their environment.

## GENERAL COMPENSATORS AND THE REWARDS OF CHAOS

Stark and Bainbridge define compensators as "...the belief that a reward will be obtained in the distant future or in some other context which cannot be immediately verified" (1985: 6). Each group possesses general compensators different from the "diffuse hope" Stark and Bainbridge offer as the only compensator evident in most audience cults.

Compensators for the three irreligions are grounded in supernatural assumptions: members exchange the perceived reward of order in society in return for compensators that promise everlasting chaos and discord in the social environment and on earth. This is

a strong (not "diffuse") hope for "a reward of immense value." Each group perceives the reward in terms of an apocalyptic "end" where social order and control is either nullified or demolished by supernatural agents.

Discordians willingly exchange ordered lifestyles (by actively disrupting social norms and conventions) for the greater compensator of chaos. Members look at chaos as a reward that will come when the tapestry of social order (as it is defined by social groups in positions of power) is rent and disordered creativity pushes individuals and groups to make choices based entirely on novel triviality. Two members write in the alt.discordia newsgroup,

Kerim: I wonder, often, of our existence as order-making machines.

Rainer: Most people need this type of pigeon-holing to get through life, it seems. Such as shame. I know I often have to work hard to get away from it.

Discordians believe that by 'releasing' order from their lives, they will unleash chaos and disorder, prompting new thoughts which can lead to innovation, or, simply, different thought processes not yet experienced. The Discordians strive to keep the hodge-podge rotating so that order (or disorder) does not dominate the social realm. They do not believe that disorder should dominate, only that order has been in a position of power for too long. Their compensator of creative chaos is achieved by sacrificing 'normal ties' to the social environment to which they belong.

The Church of the SubGenius provides a number of compensators for members. First, the SubGenii established July 5, 1998 as X Day, or the day that flying saucers from a Mother Ship will come and whisk away all those who have joined the Church. Although tongue-in-cheek, the events of X Day are an important aspect of the Church's activities. They provide a reason to gather (X Day drills) socially.

None of the members of the cults of Cthulhu know when he will awake from his slumber to spread chaos and horror across the Earth. But they find power in the knowledge that it is going to happen. His appearance in the Pacific Ocean will signal the end of the ordered existence that humanity has foolishly tried to preserve for so long. Although they understand that they will be destroyed along with unsuspecting citizens of human nations, members believe they will perish with the secret knowledge that Lovecraft wove into his fiction. This knowledge is far more important to members than their lives. This compensator is brutal, but members of the cults of Cthulhu talk of it openly and use the story as a weapon against the "uninitiated." Those who don't know about Cthulhu and his imminent return will suffer a far more insidious death than those who possessed knowledge beforehand.

## CONFLICTS WITH SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENTS

Christian morals try to suppress our natural ways, so I think it's a shame that such an anti-life religion is allowed to be taught at schools and that we even have to pay for their heresy!!! The state and the church should be separated and "god" should be banished from our schools. Children are defenseless against xtian brainwash. We should try to prevent the further spreading of that unnatural arabian religion.

The Christians must be exterminated. I support the CHRISTIAN HOLOCAUST for its cleansing properties.

-GOAT, on alt.discordia (30 Oct. 1996)

One of the defining features of a cult movement is its antagonistic relationship with the surrounding social environment. The irreligions are no exception. Antagonism arrives from within the group, and without. Members tend to view outsiders as people who 'don't get it.' They tend to have elitist attitudes that set them apart from "those who don't know." Conflict is raised from the surrounding environment who view the irreligions as "joke" religions, or simple parodies of conventional faiths. Although the irreligions do ridicule established faiths, they do so in order to appear different, or uproar to them. These irreligions have an agenda, and subvert other religions in order to achieve it. Conflict also is raised from the surrounding environment who view the members of such groups as "weird" or "strange." These words have taken on negative connotations in many social groups, and so set the members of the irreligions apart from the "norm."

The three irreligions have faced little large-scale conflict with the social environment. This is due mainly to the fact that the the groups are more an aggregate than a social movement in Marwell and Oliver's model (1984, 215). Yet there are always at least two or three messages floating around the newsgroups that detail the troubles with the groups' belief systems and how their actions are subverting social order.

For instance, the Church of the SubGenius was faced with the following message from Lou Minotti:

We have created this folder for the exchange of information connected to SubGenius Ritual Abuse...(3 Nov. 1996)

To which P-Lil responded:

I've been accused of ritually abusing SubGeniuses before. I've also been accused of abusing SubGenius rituals--thanks, Dennis! But most of the abuse I've seen performed by SubGeniuses were totally unritualized, so what do we tell the Feds? "Sorry, we may be sadistic, but we're hardly organized..."?

Don't mean to be a wet blanket, but we're not going to get any additional points on the Federal Whack-A-Cult meter through cheap ploys like claiming ritual abuse. Can't we do better than THAT?

Most conflict, however, comes from close relations with the members. David Lynch writes about his troubles with a roommate as well as his problems getting a ride to the next devival,

No, I'm going, that's for damn well sure. I'll actually go out and SPEND MONEY to TAKE A BUS up to Columbus, dammit! I have to get away from Paul.. He wants me dead, and makes no effort to hide it.

The latest wonderful news is, a week after a moved out of my cramped little study upstairs so the computer didn't have to sit out in the living room, Paul decides he likes my old bed and starts sleeping there. He doesn't move all his shit from the basement up there, of course; he lives it littered with pizza boxes and potted plants he stole from Subway. Of course, the computer with the modem is in.. duh.. the COMPUTER

ROOM. And, being the lazy fuck he is, he usually doesn't get up until around 1 PM. Being the lazy fuck \*I\* am, I usually get up at about 6 AM, to check my email. And I don't intend to stop doing that because Paul has started sleeping in the computer room. This is not, however, why he hates my guts. He hates my guts because I exist. While you may say this is not exactly sound reasoning for hating someone, it's worked for hundreds for centuries, so why complain?

The groups sometimes use the threads in the newsgroups to vent hostility against the social environment surrounding them. They usually accomplish this in a playful, parodic manner, as James Kenney did on alt.slack (about Lovecraft's Mythos; a dhole is an enormous worm beneath the surface of the earth),

I was overjoyed when I saw a thread here, finally, aimed at placing minions of the old ones in the White House. But alas, I find that the cross-posted thread was actually for Bob Dole. Sure, you may be thinking, 'Republicans are Old Ones,' but they can't cut it. GOP may be mindless sometimes, and chaotic sometimes, but the REAL old ones are mindless and chaotic at the same time.

So my sole purpose in life is to start the Dhole for President thread. Enjoy (2 Nov. 1996).

## PRELUDE

The audience is taking the stage. In many social environments the audience, once relegated to passivity, now has a strong voice and autonomy. This is due to a number of advancements in technology, acceptance of novel forms of organization, and a irreverence for hierarchies. The audience has already usurped previous traditional roles. The audience has taken the stage in Karaoke bars. It acts out roles during screenings of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." And the audience puts on its own shows in parking lots before the band Phish (and at one time, the Grateful Dead) go on stage.

The Discordians, SubGenii and Cthulhuvians are no exception. These irreligions were once grouped with other audience cults under Stark and Bainbridge's model. Now they thrive as neophiles: active participants in the construction of the sacred. Much of this dynamic behavior can be linked to the Internet, and more particularly, the World Wide Web and interactive newsgroups. These advancements in technology facilitate ease of communication between audience members, erasing passivity and encouraging autonomy.

The Internet has provided a social space for Discordians, SubGenii and Cthulhuvians. There, on the computer interface, thousands of programmers and users alike can engage in modes of communication and the exchange of information unheard of ten years ago. Web pages and newsgroups are the medium for the message. In the case of these groups, the message is chaos, and this message reflects the discordant world of cyberspace that members thrive on day to day.

The audience cult has not disappeared, but the existence of these three groups (and the reasons they exist) warrants a sibling term. That term is neophilic irreligions: parodies of traditional religious groups composed of individuals who hold novelty, discord and unholy equality among all members in the highest.

With this research I have attempted to establish the Discordians, SubGenii and Cthulhuvians as worthy of study. I have shown that the Web has allowed these localized groups to foster growth on a global scale. I have elucidated their beliefs, and attempted to grasp members' concepts of commitment, ultimate meaning and conflict with the surrounding environment.

Like any research, this work is a prelude to future endeavors. These groups have hardly been touched by academic fields, and sociology is no exception. I offer some suggestions for further research: a socio-historical analysis of the groups, a look at the groups through the lens of deviance theory, further elucidation on "inversion rituals" (including the mysterious idea of "ha ha only serious"), more contrasting and comparing of other interactive audiences, a demographical study (both on and offline), a cultural study of cyberspace and the construction of sacred space by the members of these groups, and finally, more work on the irreligions using social chaos theory.

Each of these ventures will reap new rewards and cast an investigative light on the esoteric, post-modern and elusive groups that have been studied here. Whether they will ever be fully understood is up to the neophiles involved; following their trail may simply lead to more chaos...but GOOD chaos.

# There Ain't No Necronomicon!

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Every few years you will see  
An ad as well writ as can be!  
Offering for sale a book. . .  
Whose title is the selling hook.

It's called the Necronomicon  
To summon horrors from beyond. . .  
Or so 'twas claimed by H.P.L. . . .  
Writ by an Arab 'mad as hell!

The author, poor Abdul Alhazred,  
Was 'et by demons in Damascus --  
And how his book survived,  
Don't ask us!

Lovecraft's fans both far and near  
Have searched for many a fruitless year  
To find this book of evil spells  
But the truth is sad to tell. . .

**THERE AIN'T NO NECRONOMICON !**

There is a Key of Solomon  
And a Lesser Key, Lemegeton.  
There's a Grimorie of Honorius  
And other works notorious. . .

Heptameron, Enchiradon,  
Complete with Tetragrammaton. . .  
But there ain't no Necronomicon --  
Of that we have no doubt!

There's Aramadel and Arbatel  
And other catalogs of hell. . .  
There's Picatrix (not pick up sticks!)  
And other books of dirty tricks!

There's manuscripts quite Faus-tee-on  
And Tablets in Eno-kee-on  
But there ain't no Necronomicon,  
And that's a simple fact!

# What are the Elder Gods?

**From:** Fenwick Rysen  
**Organization:** Node Fizzgig  
**Date:** Thursday, April 02 1998, 10:28:37  
**Subject:** Re: Elder Gods  
**Newsgroups:** alt.magick.chaos

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Quoth yworth (seeker@ndirect.co.uk):  
> Who and what are the Elder Gods?

"Elder Gods" is often how most people refer to the collective of powerful creatures in the Cthulu Mythos. Things like Cthulu, Azathoth, and Nyarlothotep.

> In article <3512A954.426C@iglou.com>, HK <nethuntr@iglou.com> wrote:  
> >I've seen lots or rituals, essays, stuff on the Great Old Ones of  
> >Lovecraftian lore and was curious to know if anyone ever did  
> anything  
> >with the Elder Gods?

Yes. It works, but in my opinion, it's not worth it. Most of my experience with it has been very physically taxing, and yielded results that I could have gotten faster and easier via more conventional means.

It can serve as a wonderful horror factor though. In casual conversation, lots of people start to get nervous when you say, "Yeah, I summoned Cthulu once. Don't think I'll try it again; the slimy bugger wasn't nearly as efficient as my home-brewed pantheon."

In Life, Love, and Laughter

o | --Fenwick Rysen Chaos Matrix:  
<http://www.sonic.net/fenwick>

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More things you never want to hear a chaote say:  
"...And then Cthulu showed up."



# CAJEGNE TAJEED

by James Lin (zid@ms2.hinet.net)  
[sung to the tune of "Silent Night"]

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CAJEGNE TAJEED, UDINBAK TAJEED  
CHOYOFaque, CHOYOFaque,  
XIQUAL UDINBAK LAXENGAB BEJVAS,  
FACH LOHIXOS KANACHETA,  
FACH LOHIXOS UDINBAK

CAJEGNE TAJEED, UDINBAK TAJEED  
AEPALIZAGE, AEPALIZAGE,  
SEH UDINBAK RENCEB HEFLUBESQAD  
UTHEdUS IJACEEBO  
UTHEdAS DAXULABA

# Channeling Ouranian

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The Ouranian Barbaric dictionary is missing some important words that are pretty basic to our magical lives. This rite is intended to add new words to our Ouranian vocabulary. (Though conceived as a group rite, it could be modified for solo work.)

This rite would achieve Gnosis first by the inhibitory method. Then a proto-word would be picked by scrabble letters. Then Gnosis is deepened by chanting, culminating in glossolalia for the final word.

## **Needed Tools:**

- Scrabble letters
- Paper and pencil

## **Statement of Intent:**

"It is our will to enlarge on the known vocabulary of the Ouranian Barbaric language."

## **Rite:**

Sit in a circle in Death posture, employing no-mind technique for about 5 or 10 minutes until facilitator stops it.

We have a list of words that we have decided to translate. Each person gets a word by some random method (picking a word from a hat). Then each of us picks up 5 to 8 letters (let inner intuition tell us how many) from the Scrabble set. We play with our letters, arranging them as we find best. Then we chant the proto-word over and over, faster and faster, perhaps jumping up and running around, dancing, perhaps, until glossolalia is achieved. When each of us finally has a word that "feels right," we stop and write the word down. When everyone is done, we share the results and also have a final chance to give input into each other's word until group consensus is achieved.

OURANIAN BARBARIC DICTIONARY

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 ENGLISH TO OURANIAN  
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Above.....WHEBONG  
 Abundance (do abundance)...CHOBUJU  
 Abyss.....HASPU  
 Access.....NOFU  
 Accident.....J'KOWEJRAF  
 Across.....N'LOGL  
 Action.....MAGOOL  
 Add.....INGAZYRAS  
 Adept.....HEGOTF  
 Aetheric.....UZARTHE  
 Air.....DIJOW  
 Alcyon.....OHMUPIK  
 Algol.....HARCH  
 Alien.....IDAXGUB  
 All.....LAXENGAB, TAUG  
 All gods & demons are we...IJACEEBO  
 Almost certainly.....UTHEBUS (T+), THOFAD (T-)  
 Almost invariably.....UTOK  
 Alone.....FEJINGHAP  
 Angel.....PUMHEQWA  
 Anger.....HANUFAKIZ  
 Animal.....TUDOHXIN  
 Archetype.....MUJAHNGRAB  
 Arsenic.....CTEGOCSECHER  
 As.....BER  
 Astral.....UJAI  
 Asunder.....ACHALEZ  
 At.....CHO  
 Atmosphere.....XACQJ  
 Attacking.....CHANAVAAFE  
 Attempt.....DESTHODH  
 Authority.....DINTHOQAF  
 Away.....GERUNGHOWTHERANG  
 Azathoth.....BYFETH  
 Babalon.....N'KAIGACODJACH  
 Back.....BOFENPOCHJUG  
 Back (returned).....DONGET  
 Balance.....AHEGNOX  
 Banish with laughter.....ANOKQZ  
 Baphomet.....KANACHETA  
 Battle.....NORTA  
 Beam.....DIMWA  
 Beat (as in music).....ENGAU  
 Beautiful.....CULUKEH  
 Beef.....THAMBUHOL  
 Before.....JORRD  
 Believe.....AGUIKUA  
 Below.....WOCEP  
 Benefit.....IT  
 Bind.....VEXIB  
 Bird.....DUBWONG

Black.....UNGOYUD  
 Blood.....BUGUT  
 Blue.....CHAJUK  
 Body.....TUMPEDOCRAHAR  
 Bone.....BERCPIF  
 Brain.....ABHACCOOZ  
 Break.....GEGRASACOG  
 Brightness.....EACHT  
 Bronze.....BOCHNADAD  
 Brother.....VOROSHA  
 Burn.....SHASAC  
 By.....ULANGULE  
 Calling.....QEDRADER  
 Carry.....HATUNN  
 Cast-off.....CHEHY  
 Casual.....FECHSAEF  
 Cave.....ZATHINGHU  
 Chains.....ACAZE  
 Change.....AP  
 Chaos.....UDINBAK, CHUWAKAGATHAZ  
 Choose.....HOGA  
 Circle.....KALACAD  
 Clarity.....EGELJACH  
 Cleanse.....NAY  
 Close (v).....G'NATH  
 Cloud.....TENFEMET  
 Coincidence.....CHAZITER  
 Cold.....CHRADERXIDA EGL  
 Come.....RENCEB  
 Condemned.....ROSRECA  
 Conflict.....ORITHIKYA  
 Confusion.....XECHOV  
 Congeal.....BATHUMS  
 Create.....OLOATIRVE  
 Creation.....REMAN  
 Creature.....EQUACIXOW  
 Cremation.....DAFOH  
 Cry (shout).....UWAMING  
 Crystal.....KAQAXIHZ  
 Cup.....ZEGEWUV  
 Cursing.....ACHANGKA  
 Daemon.....CHILHIG  
 Dagger.....DET  
 Danger.....SAJAX  
 Dare.....NABORNA  
 Dark matter.....WEC  
 Darkness.....KUDEX  
 Daughter.....KAFESAR  
 Day.....TANJACH  
 Death (do death, die).....ETHENG  
 Decimal point.....NGECH-HOX  
 Decrease.....EXLIUD  
 Desire.....QICHI  
 Destroy.....REHOHUR  
 Destruction.....SUNDEGAI  
 Devour.....BEXHABDET  
 Diamond.....THUBASY

Die (do death).....ETHENG  
 Dimension.....THOFP  
 Dirt.....HASEPH  
 To do Discipline upon  
   one's breathing  
   (Prana-yoga).....TIRAJ  
 Disclosed.....BUJOB  
 Dissolve.....CHINGEB  
 Distant.....WIZAKUB  
 Divide.....XEBEMEK  
 Divided by.....HUTAYAX  
 Divining.....SODUV  
 Do.....ONGO  
 Dog.....QUEXIN  
 Doom.....DIBUQ  
 Door.....NOFU  
 Dosile.....HICHAP  
 Dragon.....DUXOBUM  
 Dream.....GRELLIS  
 Dross.....LAVID  
 Drum (n).....CHEZFARAZ  
 Eagle.....TAJNACHEFSO  
 Earth.....NOBO  
 Eat.....BRERSINA  
 Ego.....CHAR  
 Elixir.....DOYHAC, FACUPA  
 Empty.....N'GACSHORLEAMOONY  
 Enchanting.....THOVAAD  
 End Up.....CACAQAD  
 Energy.....GREZEPGUN  
 Engine.....NEVESA  
 Enrobe.....BICHEZ  
 Entangling.....CHAEQAI  
 Enter.....HECTIH  
 Entire.....TAUG  
 Entity.....TUVJIKAB  
 Entropy.....SICANGAD  
 Entry.....NOFU  
 Equilibrating.....PADOJO  
 Evoking.....HAWAWANG  
 Excite.....BOHUNCH  
 Exclamation.....BOHUNCH  
 Excrement.....DEAXHAVE  
 Experience (noun).....DAO  
 Explain.....GABREBAG  
 Explode.....FEATNGOJOX  
 Eye.....TUMAC, NEKOZY  
 Face.....TARAKIM  
 Faceless.....DEPENGA  
 Fade.....ARN  
 Fail (do failure).....BOA  
 Fangs.....OXOTHEF  
 Fat (n).....ACHAJGEFUN  
 Father.....UGAMUJ  
 Fear (do fear).....UFOSETH  
 The place in which fear  
   is understood.....AMYGDALA

Feel.....BHUCOOF  
 Feral.....CHONYID  
 Field.....YEKIA  
 Fighting.....BAGUNGAH  
 Fill.....TEDADEXOG  
 Fire.....ASHARA  
 First.....SAJALOM  
 Five.....LYOTH  
 Flaming.....HACHAR  
 Flow.....CALUTA  
 Fly (n).....QWETHYB  
 Foolish.....WOJITJAX  
 Forget.....INGBEZOTH  
 Foul.....CHEKADENG  
 Found.....SIBHUMUNG  
 Four.....CHOXAH  
 Free.....LOFO  
 From.....SEGWAR  
 Front.....CAVAS  
 Gathering (v).....ELX  
 Genius.....DAHZOO  
 Get people together  
   for a rite.....MEGEXID  
 Ghost, Spectre, Shadow....ISH  
 God.....VAWEJ  
 Goddess.....CUDTEG  
 Going.....TALMANA  
 Grant.....TAEBIDU  
 Gravity.....NOWOLE  
 Great.....AXBIM  
 Great Work (do the  
   Great Work).....CHOYOFAQUE, CUNGEVAAB  
 Green.....CHINIT  
 Hair.....HOCUR  
 Happiness.....ZATECH  
 Happy.....CHACAJ  
 Hard.....PUJOTHA  
 Harlot.....CHABAFER  
 Hate.....CIGUUCHAK  
 Have, Having.....LOMUS  
 Having the appearance  
   of a cycle.....EDUPEDO  
 He.....CAMVANG  
 Head.....DUHMZOY  
 Head (leader).....GRAELHOVER  
 Healing.....NOOLEY  
 Health.....JUQUMAVY  
 Hear.....BEJADOZ  
 Heat.....HYP  
 Heaven.....JEHABDA  
 Heisenberg's  
   uncertainty principle....AFOCHAKCHUECHLEE  
 Hell.....DAXULABA  
 Hidden.....WINGEC  
 High.....JACABA-PUMA  
 Holy.....SEH  
 Horror.....ONISVAK

House.....CHADADEP  
How.....POHUTH  
Human.....NGOK ' ZAYZ  
Hungry.....ALDOBO  
Hunt.....ATHAFBO  
Husk.....EANUR  
I.....FACH, FACHOXOTH  
Idiot.....JECHOVOG  
Illness.....FEFPIAN  
Illuminating.....QYOPAL  
Imagination.....NEKOZY  
Immanentize the Eschaton...AEPALIZAGE  
Impassionate.....NIMRUNG  
In.....BICOW  
Incense.....CHADEGIZ  
Incidentally.....CHETHECHON  
Increase.....JETOV  
Indeterminate.....HODLWA  
Inertia.....JHECHLAGHAD  
Infinite, infinity.....ULAV  
Information.....HUZAV  
Inner.....CHUTHUK  
Inorganic.....ACUA  
Insane.....BAJAVAIJA  
Intone.....GOJ  
Intuition.....JOACHABIM  
Invoking.....LOHIXOZ, XIODELOW  
Inward.....SOCAGI  
Iron.....WU  
It.....CAMVANG  
It is done.....SYCUZ  
Jackal.....LOCBAF  
Jewel.....ZEBENGED  
Joint.....DY  
Joy.....REPIX  
Juice.....DHRAH  
Jupiter.....GEZMEQ  
Kali.....MOOTROG  
Knife.....CHHAS  
Labyrinth.....PAGBEFTHOJEFOSR  
Lady.....GESIZAL  
Language.....JU  
Last.....GRANGNUM  
Laugh.....ERIXOTH  
Laugh (n).....CACHAGU  
Leap.....HARBEBED  
Leg.....QIDVIDSOXX  
Leviathan.....EJATHUNG  
Life.....DEGAJOX  
Lightness.....ADJCIE  
Lightning flash.....NGYAF  
Like (as).....ACHICHJECH  
Lord.....ERFELCOPGECHEREF  
Lost.....ABFOV, FUBEKAXVETH  
Loud.....HACHAXAN  
Love.....FOUIJA  
Low.....CHELOZIHPA

Loyalty.....CIBIZOH  
 Lust.....HIQADNAMB 'SHEKH  
 Magician.....BEJVAS  
 Magick.....LEVIFITH  
 Magnetism.....OSAWAGA  
 Magus.....RITHOR  
 Make.....OLOATIRVE  
 Mars.....RAFHAXET  
 Matter.....CHABOSEF  
 Maybe.....FOCHODOPA (T+), CHOPAZIJ (T-), ASAKE  
 Means.....ECHENGAB  
 Medicine.....QINBAK  
 Melting.....XIQAD  
 Merciless.....PAZFUGHENTH  
 Mercury.....THOGUT  
 Mercy.....C'HIG  
 Midnight.....HOCID  
 Mind.....AIHERA  
 Mineral.....CHOFAJEM  
 Moon.....XOAC  
 Morning is not the  
   magician's friend.....VULBUZO  
 Most probably.....UCHISPAY (T+), UVAT (T-)  
 Mother.....BOXATONG  
 Mountain Lion.....HNSPIII  
 Mouth.....CHEFWENCH  
 Moving.....XINGOCDEN  
 Multiply.....ONGCHALAWAJ  
 Multiversum.....NOWIG'NG  
 Mundane.....WOJ  
 Music.....BAGNGALS  
 Myself.....JAFRIX  
 Mystic.....CHAL  
 Mystical.....CHALAB  
 Nadir.....HOCID  
 Name.....CHAXNY  
 Nature.....OEIZADQAR  
 Needing.....JAFMAPBEQ  
 Negation.....URGARTH  
 Neophyte.....QUOVUS  
 Neptune.....ALILAILY  
 Never.....CUGOTHTSA  
 New.....KABOTHEYA  
 Night.....TAJEED  
 Nightgaunt.....TOTERYTTS  
 No, Not.....URGARTH  
 Nodens.....TYNWI  
 Non-chaolist.....NUQUELLIST  
 Non-local.....NIBGOT  
 Non-sinister.....HICHAP  
 Noon.....NIGUYZ  
 Novice.....QUAGOST  
 Now.....GWACHOR  
 Oak.....EKOHCITRA  
 Obey.....HAERAHOPTAH  
 Obscure.....SHUD'GHA  
 Ocean.....GEIZ



Octarine.....OFTALA  
 Of.....CHO  
 Offer.....ALUHAL  
 Offspring.....CAAJAXOV  
 Old.....VAWAJEZA  
 One.....NAGUZ  
 One of the blood.....GALAFRON  
 Orange.....GORPAN  
 Order.....FOTCHPANG  
 Orgasm.....EVACAXIJ  
 Other.....PETHJIG  
 Our.....LOKEG, OXO  
 Ouranos.....UNGASCAB  
 Outer.....XENCH'ZY  
 Outward.....TRESLIX  
 Overcome.....DEGHASHYBHEJHITHAH  
 Pact member.....RUZATH  
 Pain.....JAWENGOJ  
 Paranoia.....WABTEH  
 Parsite.....MAMY  
 Penetrate the aether.....FIACOPA  
 Pentacle.....ROHUD  
 Perception.....ULBANGIS  
 Perfect Disorder.....SOHAL  
 Permitted.....LASKU  
 Phenomenizing.....XIQUAL  
 Phoenix.....BAN  
 Planck's Constant.....D'KYENG  
 Planet.....ANGRUH  
 Plant.....HACHACON  
 Pleasure.....JORO  
 Pierce.....RADNAGHTOY  
 Poison.....BIHACHO  
 Policy.....CHICHMYAZEH  
 Polygon.....NAJOQA  
 Positive.....TABOCH  
 Possession.....KICFAV  
 Potential.....Z'KENG  
 Poverty.....HUCOYE  
 Power.....DINTHOQAF  
 Priest.....KADAX  
 Property.....KICFAV  
 Protect, do protection....FAGVIV  
 Purple.....OUTHY  
 Putrifying.....CHAWABARAH  
 Pyre.....FIFENG  
 Quiet.....KHAFED  
 Rage.....CTASHRIT  
 Rain (n or v).....THICHAZIS  
 Random.....GYCAPORUS  
 Rarely.....VOCHOD  
 Red.....CHIATIO  
 Reject attack.....JUNAWAH  
 Religion.....AVORIVOR  
 Remnant.....FEBACJICHAJ  
 Render.....QIJOX  
 Renewal (to do renewal)....MORSHAK

Return.....UBEWIC  
Revealed.....BUJOB  
Ring.....YZOTH  
Rise.....FWOFIDAYO  
Ritual.....BIMODANG  
Roiling.....HRWARJEP  
Ruthless.....LOXABAA  
Sadness.....BEJACHI  
Sane.....BAJARUT  
Saturn.....CHUFDOX  
Savage.....ZAMTHETUS  
Scent.....PUTESTA  
Scorpion.....HROYHIGHLOYNEH  
Sea.....SONPEBREI  
Secret.....BECAPE  
Section.....LEGFING  
See, Look at/for.....DICOM  
Self-love.....BORVEMACS  
Selves.....ZUWHABLE  
Sense of hearing.....INGUCH  
Sense of sight.....DOUCK  
Sense of smell.....JADELFRING  
Sense of taste.....BEBCHEEL  
Sense of touch.....CHOCHEXAIANOFO  
Serpent.....HADAKA  
Servant.....NABAGAF  
Serving.....BEXTEH  
Servitor.....CHICJOF  
Set Up (v).....PELTHVORD  
Seven.....JONS  
Sex (do sex).....EMUUL  
Shadow, Ghost, Spectre.....ISH  
Shape.....IXODEFAR  
She.....CAMVANG  
Shout (cry).....UWAMING  
Shut Up!, Be Quiet!.....TAXCHASI  
Side.....ZEWPEQ  
Sigil.....DICONGWO  
Sign.....LOFU  
Silent.....CAJEGNE  
Simultaneous.....JOXOBUPOQR  
Sinister.....MANGEIF  
Six.....QEBKEZ  
Sixth sense.....JOACHABIM  
Skin.....RICHFETAVIDEDAZ  
Slave.....N-BOH  
Slime.....MUKADA  
Small.....ICHECBAJ  
Smoke.....TABANEKA  
Snare.....KOQCHACHIJ  
Soft.....THIKUJ  
Son.....ZAFQIR  
Sorcery.....DUCMUNG, TAFEObU  
Spectre, Shadow, Ghost.....ISH  
Speed.....THU  
Sphere.....MECHRAHOD  
Spider.....XILCHINUBU

Spin (a web).....HOZBEK  
Square.....HADAFNA  
Stagnate, Stagnation.....MO  
Stand.....TADMY  
Star.....BYGUD  
Start.....HUT  
Sting.....BHEDHEN  
Stochastic.....FODDABWITH  
Stop.....ROBETAYZ  
Storm.....HECHAFTETH  
Strength.....HONUGIC  
Strong Force.....THOWNAC  
Struggle.....JEE  
Subtract.....BIKIXIDIS  
Success (do success).....QGHIBACSHQINTOOD  
Suck.....ENOOCSHAJAMNY  
Suffice.....LHEBER  
Sun.....CHABOJ  
Sword.....FITAR  
Syringe.....CHAWGAQQED  
Technique.....EQALEAYBEA  
Themselves.....YORCHKAD  
They.....DECNOTH  
Thinking.....WAQUOTH  
Thou.....LYT  
Three.....COOX  
Thunder.....NGAFAMAKAL  
Time.....HEGLECHOJ  
To.....CHO  
Today.....DEGGOT  
Toward.....PHENGWEY  
Transform.....NOHADZ  
Transform.....SIFAM  
Transformation.....NOHADZ  
Treachery.....CHAJIT  
Tree.....GABZ  
Triangle.....BREG'N  
Trying.....MEXRODECHAR  
Twisting.....CHANEDAR  
Two.....THETES  
Unbridled.....CHEXETROTH  
Underneath.....CHINDETSEK  
Unlikely.....LUDUNEO (T+), OCHUNG (T-)  
Unveiled.....BUJOB  
Us.....HEFLUBESQAD  
Usually.....INGONULC  
Venus.....CHALUQ  
Very rarely.....NEFOXOD  
Very unlikely.....BAFOGA (T+), DUFASIR (T-)  
Vital.....EAHGH  
Voice.....CICHFIP  
Vortex.....ONGOTHAWAS  
Wait.....ZUQ  
War.....RADOVAR  
Warp.....DOQAZ  
Waste (verb).....FWEE  
Water.....THALDOMA

We.....FACH, FACHOXOTH  
 We (plural).....FETH  
 Weak Force.....SIEGONICA  
 Weakness.....COPIXAHEH  
 Wealth.....CIUXIQ  
 Web.....JICHHEFT  
 Weird.....N'GOJAP  
 What.....WOKAC  
 Whatever.....BHISMWAHA  
 Whichever.....BHISMWAHA  
 White.....AHIGLEMWIB  
 Why.....ANGBIX  
 Widdershins.....MANGEIF  
 Will.....DIBONGOF  
 Wolf.....CADLA  
 Womb.....FOYM  
 Word.....Z'HU  
 World.....DURONILT  
 Wyrd.....BAKUG  
 Wyrdspeech.....ZAMPHALA  
 Year.....INGFEGUVA  
 Yellow.....CUSIG  
 Yes.....TABOCH  
 You.....HEV  
 Zenith.....NIGUYZ  
 Zero.....QACHOB

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ABFOV.....Lost  
 ABHACCOOZ.....Brain  
 ACAZE.....Chains  
 ACHAJGEFUN.....Fat (n)  
 ACHALEZ.....Asunder  
 ACHANGKA.....Cursing  
 ACHICHJECH.....Like (as)  
 ACUA.....Inorganic  
 ADJCIE.....Lightness  
 AEPALIZAGE.....Immanentize the Eschaton  
 AFOCHAKCHUECHLEE.....Heisenberg's uncertainty principle  
 AGUIKUA.....Believe  
 AHEGNOX.....Balance  
 AHIGLEMWIB.....White  
 AIHERA.....Mind  
 ALDOBO.....Hungry  
 ALILAILY.....Neptune  
 ALUHAL.....Offer  
 AMYGDALA.....The place in which fear is understood  
 ANGBIX.....Why  
 ANGRUH.....Planet  
 ANOKQUZ.....Banish with laughter

AP.....Change  
 ARN.....Fade  
 ASAKE.....Maybe  
 ASHARA.....Fire  
 ATHAFBO.....Hunt  
 AVORIVOR.....Religion  
 AXBIM.....Great  
 BAFOGA (T+).....Very unlikely  
 BAGNGALS.....Music  
 BAGUNGAH.....Fighting  
 BAJARUT.....Sane  
 BAJAVAIJA.....Insane  
 BAKUG.....Wyrd  
 BAN.....Phoenix  
 BATHUMS.....Congeal  
 BEBCHEEL.....Sense of tatse  
 BECAPE.....Secret  
 BEJACHI.....Sadness  
 BEJADOZ.....Hear  
 BEJVAS.....Magician  
 BER.....As  
 BERCPIF.....Bone  
 BEXHABDET.....Devour  
 BEXTEH.....Serving  
 BHEDHEN.....Sting  
 BHISMWAHA.....Whatever, Whichever  
 BHUCOOF.....Feel  
 BICHEZ.....Enrobe  
 BICOW.....In  
 BIHACHO.....Poison  
 BIKIXIDIS.....Subtract  
 BIMODANG.....Ritual  
 BOA.....Fail (do failure)  
 BOCHNADAD.....Bronze  
 BOFENPOCHJUG.....Back  
 BOHUNCH.....Excite, Exclamation  
 BORVEMACS.....Self-love  
 BOXATONG.....Mother  
 BREG'N.....Triangle  
 BRERSINA.....Eat  
 BUGUT.....Blood  
 BUJOB.....Disclosed, Revealed, Unveiled  
 BYFETH.....Azathoth  
 BYGUD.....Star  
 C'HIG.....Mercy  
 CAAJAXOV.....Offspring  
 CACAQAD.....End Up  
 CACHAGU.....Laugh (n)  
 CADLA.....Wolf  
 CAJEGNE.....Silent  
 CALUTA.....Flow  
 CAMVANG.....He, She, It  
 CAVAS.....Front  
 CHABAFER.....Harlot  
 CHABOJ.....Sun  
 CHABOSEF.....Matter  
 CHACAJ.....Happy

CHADADEP.....House  
 CHAdegIZ.....Incense  
 CHAEQAI.....Entangling  
 CHAJIT.....Treachery  
 CHAJUK.....Blue  
 CHAL.....Mystic  
 CHALAB.....Mystical  
 CHALUQ.....Venus  
 CHANAVAAFE.....Attacking  
 CHANEDAR.....Twisting  
 CHAR.....Ego  
 CHAWABARAH.....Putrifying  
 CHAWGAQQED.....Syringe  
 CHAXNY.....Name  
 CHAZITER.....Coincidence  
 CHEFWENCH.....Mouth  
 CHEHY.....Cast-off  
 CHEKADENG.....Foul  
 CHELOZIHPA.....Low  
 CHETHECHON.....Incidentally  
 CHEXETROTH.....Unbridled  
 CHEZFARAZ.....Drum (n)  
 CHHAS.....Knife  
 CHIATIO.....Red  
 CHICHMYAZEH.....Policy  
 CHICJOF.....Servitor  
 CHILHIG.....Daemon  
 CHINDETSEr.....Underneath  
 CHINGEB.....Dissolve  
 CHINIT.....Green  
 CHO.....At, Of, To  
 CHOBUJU.....Do Abundance  
 CHOCHEXAIANOFO.....Sense of touch  
 CHOFAJEM.....Mineral  
 CHONYID.....Feral  
 CHOPAZIJ.....Maybe  
 CHOxAH.....Four  
 CHOYOFaQUE.....Do the Great Work  
 CHRADERXIDAeGL.....Cold  
 CHUFDOX.....Saturn  
 CHUTHUK.....Inner  
 CHUWAKAGATHAZ.....Chaos  
 CIBIZOH.....Loyalty  
 CICHFIP.....Voice  
 CIGUUCHAK.....Hate  
 CIUXIQ.....Wealth  
 COOX.....Three  
 COPIXaHEH.....Weakness  
 CTASHRIT.....Rage  
 CTEGOCSECHER.....Arsenic  
 CUDTEG.....Goddess  
 CUGOTHSA.....Never  
 CULUKEH.....Beautiful  
 CUNGEVAAB.....Do the Great Work  
 CUSIG.....Yellow  
 D'KYENG.....Planck's Constant  
 DAFOH.....Cremation

DAHZOO.....Genius  
 DAO.....Experience (noun)  
 DAXULABA.....Hell  
 DEAXCHAVE.....Excrement  
 DECNOTH.....They  
 DEGAJOX.....Life  
 DEGHASHYBHEJHITHAH...Overcome  
 DEGGOT.....Today  
 DEPENGA.....Faceless  
 DESTHODH.....Attempt  
 DET.....Dagger  
 DIBONGOF.....Will  
 DIBUQ.....Doom  
 DICOM.....See, Look at/for  
 DICONGWO.....Sigil  
 DIJOW.....Air  
 DIMWA.....Beam  
 DINTHOQAF.....Authority, Power  
 DONGET.....Back (returned)  
 DOQAZ.....Warp  
 DOUCK.....Sense of sight  
 DOYHAC.....Elixir  
 DRAH.....Juice  
 DUBWONG.....Bird  
 DUCMUNG.....Sorcery  
 DUFASIR (T-).....Not Very unlikely  
 DUHMZOY.....Head  
 DURONILT.....World  
 DUXOBUM.....Dragon  
 DY.....Joint  
 EACHT.....Brightness  
 EAHGH.....Vital  
 EANUR.....Husk  
 ECHENGAB.....Means  
 EDUPEDO.....Having the appearance of a cycle  
 EGELJACH.....Clarity  
 EJATHUNG.....Leviathan  
 EKOHCITRA.....Oak  
 ELX.....Gathering (v)  
 EMUUL.....Sex (do sex)  
 ENGAU.....Beat (as in music)  
 ENOOC SHAJAMny.....Suck  
 EQALEAYBEA.....Technique  
 EQUACIXOW.....Creature  
 ERFELCOPGECHEREF.....Lord  
 ERIXOTH.....Laugh  
 ETHENG.....Die (do death)  
 EVACAXIJ.....Orgasm  
 EXLIUD.....Decrease  
 FACH.....We, I  
 FACHOXOTH.....We, I  
 FACUPA.....Elixir  
 FAGVIV.....Protect, do protection  
 FEATNGOJOX.....Explode  
 FEBACJICHAJ.....Remnant  
 FECHSAEF.....Casual  
 FEFPIAN.....Illness

FEJINGHAP.....Alone  
FETH.....We (plural)  
FIACOPA.....Penetrate the aether  
FIFENG.....Pyre  
FITAR.....Sword  
FOCHODOPA.....Maybe  
FODDABWITH.....Stochastic  
FOTCHPANG.....Order  
FOUIJA.....Love  
FOYM.....Womb  
FUBEKAXVETH.....Lost  
FWEE.....Waste (verb)  
FWOFIDAYO.....Rise  
G'NATH.....Close (v)  
GABREBAG.....Explain  
GABZ.....Tree  
GALAFRON.....One of the blood  
GEGRASACOG.....Break  
GEIZ.....Ocean  
GERUNGHOWTHERANG.....Away  
GESIZAL.....Lady  
GEZMEQ.....Jupiter  
GOJ.....Intone  
GORPAN.....Orange  
GRAELHOVER.....Head (leader)  
GRANGNUM.....Last  
GRELLIS.....Dream  
GREZEPGUN.....Energy  
GWACHOR.....Now  
GYCAPORUS.....Random  
HACHACON.....Plant  
HACHAR.....Flaming  
HACHAXAN.....Loud  
HADAFNA.....Square  
HADAKA.....Serpent  
HAERAOPTAH.....Obey  
HANUFAKIZ.....Anger  
HARBEBED.....Leap  
HARCH.....Algol  
HASEPH.....Dirt  
HASPU.....Abyss  
HATUNN.....Carry  
HAVAWANG.....Evoking  
HECHAFTETH.....Storm  
HECTIH.....Enter  
HEFLUBESQAD.....Us  
HEGLECHOJ.....Time  
HEGOTF.....Adept  
HEV.....You  
HICHAP.....Dosile, Non-sinister  
HIQADNAMB'SHEKH.....Lust  
HNSPIII.....Mountain Lion  
HOCID.....Midnight, Nadir  
HOCUR.....Hair  
HODLWA.....Indeterminate  
HOGA.....Choose  
HONUGIC.....Strength



HOZBEK.....Spin (a web)  
 HROYHIGHLOYNEH.....Scorpion  
 HRWARJEP.....Roiling  
 HUCOYE.....Poverty  
 HUT.....Start  
 HUTAYAX.....Divided by  
 HUZAV.....Information  
 HYP.....Heat  
 ICHECBAJ.....Small  
 IDAXGUB.....Alien  
 IJACEEBO.....All gods & demons are we  
 INGAZYRAS.....Add  
 INGBEZOTH.....Forget  
 INGFEQUVA.....Year  
 INGONULC.....Usually  
 INGUCH.....Sense of hearing  
 ISH.....Shadow, Ghost, Spectre  
 IT.....Benefit  
 IXODEFAR.....Shape  
 J'KOWEJRAF.....Accident  
 JACABA-PUMA.....High  
 JADELFRING.....Sense of smell  
 JAFMAPBEQ.....Needing  
 JAFRIX.....Myself  
 JAWENGOJ.....Pain  
 JECHOVOG.....Idiot  
 JEE.....Struggle  
 JEHABDA.....Heaven  
 JETOV.....Increase  
 JHECHLAGHAD.....Inertia  
 JICHHEFT.....Web  
 JOACHABIM.....Intuition, Sixth Sense  
 JONS.....Seven  
 JORO.....Pleasure  
 JORRD.....Before  
 JOXOBUPOQR.....Simultaneous  
 JU.....Language  
 JUNAWAH.....Reject attack  
 JUQUMAVY.....Health  
 KABOTHEYA.....New  
 KADAX.....Priest  
 KAFESAR.....Daughter  
 KALACAD.....Circle  
 KANACHETA.....Baphomet  
 KAQAXIHZ.....Crystal  
 KHAFED.....Quiet  
 KICFAV.....Possession, Property  
 KOQCHACHIJ.....Snare  
 KUDEX.....Darkness  
 LASKU.....Permitted  
 LAVID.....Dross  
 LAXENGAB.....All  
 LEGFING.....Section  
 LEVIFITH.....Magick  
 LHEBER.....Suffice  
 LOCBAF.....Jackal  
 LOFO.....Free

LOFU.....Sign  
 LOHIXOZ.....Invoking  
 LOKEG.....Our  
 LOMUS.....Have, Having  
 LOXABAA.....Ruthless  
 LUDUNEO (T+).....Unlikely  
 LYOTH.....Five  
 LYT.....Thou  
 MAGOOL.....Action  
 MAMY.....Parasite  
 MANGEIF.....Sinister, Widdershins  
 MECHRAHOD.....Sphere  
 MEGEXID.....Get people together for a rite  
 MEXRODECHAR.....Trying  
 MO.....Stagnate, Stagnation  
 MOOTROG.....Kali  
 MORSHAK.....Renewal (to do renewal)  
 MUJAHNGRAB.....Archetype  
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 NABAGAF.....Servant  
 NABORNA.....Dare  
 NAGUZ.....One  
 NAJOQA.....Polygon  
 NAY.....Cleanse  
 NEFOXOD.....Very rarely  
 NEKOZY.....Eye, Imagination  
 NEVESA.....Engine  
 N'GACSHORLEAMOONY....Empty  
 NGAFAMAKAL.....Thunder  
 NGECH-HOX.....Decimal point  
 NGOK'ZAYZ.....Human  
 NGYAF.....Lightning flash  
 NIBGOT.....Non-local  
 NIGUYZ.....Noon, Zenith  
 NIMRUNG.....Impassionate  
 NOBO.....Earth  
 NOFU.....Access, Door, Entry  
 NOHADZ.....Transform, transformation  
 NOOLEY.....Healing  
 NORTA.....Battle  
 NOWIG'NG.....Multiversum  
 NOWOLE.....Gravity  
 NUQUELLIST.....Non-chaolist  
 OCHUNG (T-).....Not Unlikely  
 OEIZADQAR.....Nature  
 OFTALA.....Octarine  
 OHMUPIK.....Alcyon  
 OLOATIRVE.....Create, Make  
 ONGCHALAW EJ.....Multiply  
 ONGO.....Do  
 ONGOTHAWAS.....Vortex  
 ONISVAK.....Horror  
 ORITHIKYA.....Conflict

OSAWAGA.....Magnetism  
 OUTHI.....Purple  
 OXO.....Our  
 OXOTHEF.....Fangs  
 PADOJO.....Equilibrating  
 PAGBEFTHOJEFOSR.....Labyrinth  
 PAZFUGHENTH.....Merciless  
 PELTHVORD.....Set Up (v)  
 PETHJIG.....Other  
 PHENGWEY.....Toward  
 POHUTH.....How  
 PUJOTHA.....Hard  
 PUMHEQWA.....Angel  
 PUTESTA.....Scent  
 QACHOB.....Zero  
 QEBKEZ.....Six  
 QEDRADER.....Calling  
 QGHIBACSHQINTOOD.....Success (do success)  
 QICHI.....Desire  
 QIDVIDSOXX.....Leg  
 QIJOX.....Render  
 QINBAK.....Medicine  
 QUAGOST.....Novice  
 QUEXIN.....Dog  
 QUOVUS.....Neophyte  
 QWETHYB.....Fly (n)  
 QYOPAL.....Illuminating  
 RADNAGHTOY.....Pierce  
 RADOVAR.....War  
 RAFHAXET.....Mars  
 REHOHUR.....Destroy  
 REMAN.....Creation  
 RENCEB.....Come  
 REPIX.....Joy  
 RICHFETAVDEDAZ.....Skin  
 RITHOR.....Magus  
 ROBETAYZ.....Stop  
 ROHUD.....Pentacle  
 ROSRECA.....Condemned  
 RUZATH.....Pact member  
 SAJALOM.....First  
 SAJAX.....Danger  
 SEGWAR.....From  
 SEH.....Holy  
 SHASAC.....Burn  
 SHUD'GHA.....Obscure  
 SIBHUMUNG.....Found  
 SICANGAD.....Entropy  
 SIEGONICA.....Weak Force  
 SIFAM.....Transform  
 SOCAGI.....Inward  
 SODUV.....Divining  
 SOHAL.....Perfect Disorder  
 SONPEBREI.....Sea  
 SUNDEGAI.....Destruction  
 SYCUZ.....It is done  
 TABANEKA.....Smoke

TABOCH.....Positive, Yes  
TADMY.....Stand  
TAEBIDU.....Grant  
TAFEObU.....Sorcery  
TAJEEED.....Night  
TAJNACHEFSO.....Eagle  
TALMANA.....Going  
TANJACH.....Day  
TARAKIM.....Face  
TAUG.....All, Entire  
TAXCHASI.....Shut Up!, Be Quiet!  
TEDADEXOG.....Fill  
TENFEMET.....Cloud  
THALDOMA.....Water  
THAMBUHOL.....Beef  
THETES.....Two  
THICHAZIS.....Rain (n or v)  
THIKUJ.....Soft  
THOFAD (T-).....Almost certianly not  
THOFP.....Dimension  
THOGUT.....Mercury  
THOVAAD.....Enchanting  
THOWNAC.....Strong Force  
THU.....Speed  
THUBASY.....Diamond  
TIRAJ.....To do discipline upon one's breathing (Prana-yoga)  
TOTERYTTS.....Nightgaunt  
TRESLIX.....Outward  
TUDOHXIN.....Animal  
TUMAC.....Eye  
TUMPEDOCRAHAR.....Body  
TUVJIKAB.....Entity  
TYNWI.....Nodens  
UBEWIC.....Return  
UCHISPAY (T+).....Most probably  
UDINBAK.....Chaos  
UFOSETH.....Fear (do fear)  
UGAMUJ.....Father  
UJAI.....Astral  
ULANGULE.....By  
ULAV.....Infinite, infinity  
ULBANGIS.....Perception  
UNGASCAB.....Ouranos  
UNGOYUD.....Black  
URGARTH.....Negation, No, Not  
UTHEdUS (T+).....Almost certainly  
UTOK.....Almost invariably  
UVAT (T-).....Most probably not  
UWAMING.....Cry (shout)  
UZARTHE.....Aetheric  
VAWAJEZA.....Old  
VAWEJ.....God  
VEXIB.....Bind  
VOCHOD.....Rarely  
VOROSHA.....Brother  
VULBUZO.....Morning is not the magician's friend  
WABTEH.....Paranoia

WAQUOTH.....Thinking  
WEC.....Dark matter  
WHEBONG.....Above  
WINGEC.....Hidden  
WIZAKUB.....Distant  
WOCEP.....Below  
WOJ.....Mundane  
WOJITJAX.....Foolish  
WOKAC.....What  
WU.....Iron  
XACOJ.....Atmosphere  
XEBEMEK.....Divide  
XECHOV.....Confusion  
XENCH'ZY.....Outer  
XILCHINUBU.....Spider  
XINGOCDEN.....Moving  
XIODELOW.....Invoking  
XIQAD.....Melting  
XIQUAL.....Phenomenizing  
XOAC.....Moon  
YEKIA.....Field  
YORCHKAD.....Themselves  
YZOTH.....Ring  
ZAFQAIR.....Son  
ZAMPHALA.....Wyrdspeech  
ZAMTHETUS.....Savage  
ZATECH.....Happiness  
ZATHINGHU.....Cave  
ZEBENGED.....Jewel  
ZEGEWUV.....Cup  
ZEWPEQ.....Side  
Z'HU.....Word  
Z'KENG.....Potential  
ZUQ.....Wait  
ZUWHABLE.....Selves

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## SECTION I: ORIGINS

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### 1.1 What is Ouranian Barbaric?

Ouranian Barbaric is the proprietary language of chaos magick. That is, it is a language, more technically a jargon, that is used exclusively by the chaos magickal community for use in their workings. It is not spoken as a real language, but instead is used in place of the magician's natural language in order to distract the conscious mind and bypass the psychic censor.

It has been said that Ouranian Barbaric developed out of a need to express more modern concepts that were absent in other magickal languages like Enochian (from the sixteenth century) and relevant to Chaos Magick. Things

like "Planck's Constant" and "Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle" are obviously absent from Enochian, which also omitted some very useful concepts such as the planets. Peter Carroll says that he created it because "I liked the sound of Enochian, and I wanted to demonstrate that an arbitrary magical language works just as well as one with a supposedly mysterious history."

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### 1.2 What does the word "Ouranian" mean?

The word "Ouranian" is the adjectivized form of "Ouranos". Ouranos is an old form of the word Uranus, and was chosen to avoid the "Your Anus" stigmatism associated with the modern spelling.

Symbolically, Ouranos is the same as Uranus. It is harder to describe its symbology better than in a planetary working called The Ouranos Rite, which describes it thusly:

"It is the eighth body, outside of the sphere of classical planets and the god forms or thought forms attributed to them. Thus it forms an ideal symbol for that which encompasses all the gods within its orbit: the magical personality. It represents not the power of the magic itself, which is attributed to Pluto; but rather the desire to be a magician, and the personality required to live as one. Astronomically, this equates with the curious orbit of Ouranos which, with its polar axis tilted at an eccentric angle, almost on the plane of the ecliptic, symbolizes the antinomian character of the magician, ever delving into that which is weird, occult, and perverse, to unlock its secrets. Ouranos can also be thought of as the dark side of the Sun. Whereas the classical bodies orbit the sun, the bright center of human personality; Ouranos represents something dark, and perhaps devious, creeping round in the darkness outside of the normal."

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### 1.3 Why is it called Ouranian "Barbaric"?



As in barbarous words, a term used by Crowley and others. It is one of the fundamental concepts of evocatory magick and is an incredibly complicated subject. Any language that you don't understand with full consciousness and that can be chanted in a manner that distracts the conscious mind is considered to be "barbarous". In the terms of Chaos Magick, chanting in a language not understood by the conscious mind (such as Ouranian Barbaric) lets the ideas (memes) represented by the words bypass the Psychic Censor and penetrate the subconscious mind of the magician. Barbarous words can also serve as foci free of conscious meaning, exalting the mind during ritual chant. Crowley says in Chapter IX of "Magick in Theory and Practice":

"It may be conceded in any case that the long strings of formidable words which roar and moan through so many conjurations have a real effect in exalting the consciousness of the magician to the proper pitch --- that they should do so is no more extraordinary than music of any kind should do so."

Anyone further interested in Barbaric Languages are here referred to Chapter IX of Aleister Crowley's "Magick in Theory and Practice", and to Kenneth Grant's "The Magickal Revival."

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#### 1.4 Where did Ouranian Barbaric come from?

It was created by Peter Carroll and possibly some others around 1989-90.

It was leaked out of the IOT Pact onto the World Wide Web by a disgruntled former member of the UK Section. It is not supposed to be in the public domain, and the IOT has chosen to remain, for the most part, closed-mouthed about it, even though other chaotes have made extensive use of it and continue to add to it (see section 3.1)

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#### 1.5 What is the source of the Ouranian Barbaric Dictionaries on the net?

It was leaked onto the World Wide Web by a disgruntled member of the UK

Section of the Illuminates of Thanateros. Its maintenance has fallen into the hands of Fenwick Rysen, and the master copy with all updates is maintained at <http://www.chaosmatrix.com/lib/chaos/ob.html>

A mirror of this dictionary is maintained by Milos Babic at <http://www.sezampro.yu/~babbage/Ouranian.html>

The sources of the words in the updated dictionaries are the original words created by Peter Carroll with others appended to the list throughout time by other chaos magicians who created new words to fill any needs that were not already filled by currently existing words. Both dictionaries continue to grow as that language evolves.

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## SECTION II: GRAMMAR AND SYNTAX

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### 2.1 Does Ouranian Barbaric have a standard syntax?

Properly speaking, Ouranian Barbaric is not a language, but a jargon with no rules of syntax, sentence structure, or tenses, plurals, or possessives.

It is often said that Ouranian should be written and spoken in V-Prime. In his book Liber Kaos Peter Carroll says:

"It is worth noting here that chaos-magical languages are usually now written in V-Prime before transliteration into magical barbaric form. V-Prime or Vernacular Prime is one's native tongue in which all use of all tenses of the verb "to be" is omitted in accordance with quantum metaphysics. All the nonsense of transcendentalism disappears quite naturally once this tactic is adopted. There is no being, all is doing."

What this means is that you have no forms of the verb "to be" anywhere in your sentences in Ouranian Barbaric. Instead, you "do" things. It is not "I will die" but instead "I do death". "There is no being, all is doing."

Other simple rules are that definites articles ("the", "a", etc.) can be implied such as in Latin, and that when possible things should be in the present, active tenses. Should any problems be encountered, one is reminded that what few rules do exist are not hard and fast. Feel free to break them, make your own, or do as spontanaeity urges. Make the language your own.

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## 2.2 Why is the word for "I" and "We" the same?

The reason that "I" and "we" are the same word is derived directly from the idea of the "multiple nature of the self". In other words, every individual is a collection of personas -- a colonial being, if you will. Furthermore, any collective of personas can also be seen as a single individual (also with many personas). Thus, the words I and we are conceptually equivelant in Ouranian Barbaric.

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## 2.3 Why are all verbs in the form "do (verb)"?

This has to do with the syntax of Ouranian (see sectin 2.1, above). This has to do with the fact that Ouranian has no verb "to be" based on the anontic concept of no being, and thusly that "there is no being, all is doing." There is a subtle change in consciousness that occurs with this that any magician is advised to pay attention to. Those interested in the topic are also encouraged to research E-Prime, a version of English that eliminates "to be" and its permutations from the vocabulary, accomplishing the same thing in English that OB does in its grammar.

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## 2.4 How do I turn Ouranian nouns into verbs, adjectives, and adverbs, and vice versa?

Short Answer: However the hell you want to.

Long Answer: There are no rules. Make the language yours. Use the same word, invent your own prefixes or suffixes, create completely new words, surrender to spontaneity, or do whatever else you can think of that feels right to you.

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2.5 What do the "T+" and "T-" with some of the words mean?

T+ or T- is an indication of whether a word is used in the positive or in the negative. Thus when we get the Ouranian word for "Almost Certainly" we have "UTHEDUS (T+)" and "THOFAD (T-)". UTHEDUS means "Almost Certainly" while THOFAD means "Almost Certainly Not."

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2.6 Why are Ouranian words always capitalized?

There is no reason. This is just the standard convention.

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2.7 How do you pronounce some of these words?

There is no set way to pronounce Ouranian Barbaric words. It becomes personal preference, and no two chaotes sound exactly the same when saying the same words. Just try your best to sound those stranger ones out, and go with that. Most chaotes seem to pronounce a leading "X" (as in XIQUAL) as a "Z", but this is by no means universal.

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SECTION III: MISCELLANIA

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3.1 How does one create more Ouranian words?

By creativity. The general idea is to channel them somehow. A basic rite

for channeling Ouranian words via glossolalia is available on the web at  
<http://www.chaosmatrix.com/lib/chaos/rites/gloss.html>

It basically goes as follows: Decide what word you want to add to the Ouranian language. Take a bag of scrabble tiles, draw between four and ten, and use these as a seed word. Invoke glossolalia, and let the seed word change and evolve until you arrive at what feels like the proper word.

The original method is through an invocation of Ouranos-Baphomet and then using a created board to divine the letters of a word. This ritual is available at <http://www.chaosmatrix.com/lib/chaos/rites/barbget.html>

Regardless of method used, the critical part of the process lies in adding the vowels to the mishmash of consonants that one often receives, whether this is by inspiration, glossolalia, or other method. Peter Carroll states that:

"Half the trick of barbaric lies with the vowels added at will later, for example the phrase "the morning is not the magicians friend" yielded VLBZ, which someone wittily pointed up as vulboozo, to rhyme with ouzo."

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### 3.2 Where can I get a Ouranian Barbaric Dictionary?

The master updated Ouranian Barbaric Dictionary with both English-to-Ouranian and Ouranian-to-English formats is available on Chaos Matrix at:  
<http://www.chaosmatrix.com/lib/chaos/texts/obdict2.html>

A mirror of this dictionary is maintained by Milos Babic at:  
<http://www.sezampro.yu/~babbage/Ouranian.html>

An English-to-Ouranian only version is maintained by the Autonomatrix:  
<http://www.sfo.com/~max/newcorpus/barbdicx.htm>

Tzimon's older HTML dictionary is no longer updated with new words:  
<http://www.geocities.com/SoHo/Gallery/2792/ouranian.html>

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### 3.3 What should I do with new Ouranian words that I create?

Write them down. As you create more words, you should add them to your own personal dictionary. Many people feel their words are personal, and choose to keep them to themselves, oftentimes demanding something of great value before they will divulge them. However, some other people feel that their words should be shared with others. To this end, many people post their words along with their method of creation to usenet newsgroups such as alt.magick.chaos and to chaos magick e-lists, from where they spread to other sources. If you are interested in having any words you create added to the Ouranian Barbaric Dictionaries on the net, you are invited to contact Fenwick Rysen (fenwick @ chaosmatrix . com), or Joseph Max.555 (maxx @ address . com) with your words, their method of creation, and any other information you feel is relevant. From there they will be disseminated and incorporated into all currently updated copies of the dictionary.

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#### 3.4 What does it mean to use Ouranian like "The Alphabet of Desire"?

The Alphabet of Desire was a concept created by Austin Osman Spare that basically says to create a symbol set for your own personal use in magick.

It's creation, use, and application are incredibly personal, and oftentimes hard to explain to others should such a task even be desirable.

Many people use Ouranian the same way, creating their own words, coming up with their own rules for usage, and using it for their own specific tasks.

Those interested in Spare's Alphabet of Desire and basic philosophy should read Spare's works, including "The Book of Pleasure" and "The Focus of Life". These can be found online at <http://www.chaosmatrix.com/lib/chaos/>

Stephen Mace's book "Stealing the Fire From Heaven" is the best guide to creating an Alphabet-of-Desire in Spare's tradition that is available to

the modern chaos magician, at a very reasonable price. Write to:

Stephen Mace  
P.O. Box 256  
Milford, CT 06460  
U.S.A.

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3.5 Are the words in Peter Carroll's "Masses of Chaos" Ouranian?

No, these words are Enochian. For those new to either language, one would be well advised to maintain a dictionary of both languages, and be careful not to mistake one for the other. Or, in the true vein of the chaos magickal tradition, you could purposely interchange them and see what you get. Some people have worked with Enochian spirits using Ouranian Barbaric, resulting in some Ouranian words for Enochian concepts.

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3.6 Are there other barbarous languages out there?

Enochian is another barbarous language, as well as an alphabet, used in the magickal community, typically among ceremonial mages but oftentimes among others. Enochian is an "Angelic Language" that was channeled by Edward Kelley and written down by John Dee during the Elizabethan era. Enochian is much more syntactically and grammatically complicated than Ouranian, and each letter in an Enochian word represents a whole body of forces by itself. If barbarous languages are your thing, you'll LOVE Enochian.

Enochian is perhaps the most popular magickal barbarous language. Those interested in Enochian can find an incredible amount about it written on the internet, and are also referred to "The Enochian Dictionary" by Laycock (published by Samuel Weiser) and to "The Enochian Magick of Dr. John Dee" by Geoffrey James (published by Llewellyn.) A good beginning point on the internet is at <http://www.sonic.net/fenwick/enochian.html>

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3.7 What Ouranian resources are there on the net?

This is a list of known resources on Ouranian Barbaric or related files. If you know of any more, please contact [fenwick@chaosmatrix.com](mailto:fenwick@chaosmatrix.com) for addition to the next release of this FAQ.

Currently, the number of sites dedicated to Ouranian Barbaric is diminishing. It's down to Chaos Matrix with a few other scattered files around the web:

<http://www.chaosmatrix.com/lib/chaos/ob.html>

Despite rumors over the last few years that other Ouranian Barbaric pages are on their way, nothing has yet come to manifestation. If this is no longer correct, please send in the URL of any new pages for the next update to the FAQ.

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### 3.8 Is there a gematria for Ouranian Barbaric?

No, and it is unlikely that an "official" OB gematria will ever be proposed, in keeping with the individualist spirit of Chaos Magick. Individuals are encouraged to create their own method for personal use if they find gematria to be a useful tool in their magickal work.

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### 3.9 What is the relationship between Ouranian Barbaric and Psychic Censor?

The premise for the functioning of Ouranian Barbaric is that through using words unfamiliar to your mind, you are better able to bypass the Psychic Censor, and thus avoid Lust of Result and other psychological factors that become involved when one performs magick. This works well, but some have discovered that it is of limited effectiveness, because if one works with the language often he finds himself learning what all of the Ouranian Barbaric words mean. Tzimon Yliaster was the first to verbalize this:

"There's a fundamental flaw to using Ouranian Barbaric as a technique over a protracted period. After a time, it fails to do what it was created to do -- smuggle things past the psychic censor. There's really no point to having another "magickal language", as it's language itself that arouses discursive function. A seemingly random outburst would work better. Words are still words, whatever language they happen to be in, and Ouranian Barbaric, once you know the meaning of the words, really isn't any different in that. The advent of OB



words like "Enochian angel", "kali" and even "Baphomet" should have be seen as a warning of this problem with it."

How one chooses to deal with this problem is of personal concern. To avoid this problem, it is recommended to refrain from memorizing the meaning of Ouranian Barbaric words, similar in process to "forgetting" the meaning of a sigil; this takes practice.

"Random Outbursts" can also work well, and new experiments are being conducted with Glossolalia as a magickal tool; Steve Wilson has covered the topic best so far with his book "Chaos Ritual."

One could create new words for themselves when they discover they have memorized the traditional OB words; this could be a burdensome process however, possibly causing more confusion than it solves. Some would argue that this is a good thing, though.

Keep the Psychic Censor in mind when performing your Ouranian Barbaric work; you don't want to make the language inefficient by memorizing as much as possible of it.

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### 3.10 Is there a Ouranian Barbaric alphabet with its own letters?

Ouranian Barbaric is most often written using the Latin alphabet for ease of reading. However, writing Ouranian Barbaric in its own alphabet can serve further to distract the psychic censor from the concepts embodied by the use of the language. You could develop your own script, or use one that has already been created.

"Ouranian Linear A" was first used by the people in the UK branch of the IOT who were also responsible for originating Ouranian Barbaric. It consists of characters that all end with an arrow, which point you towards the next character to be read. This allows it the advantage of being written in any direction: left, right, up, down, spirals, waves, etc.

Ouranian Linear A can be seen in the Barbarous Tongue Generation Rite, mentioned earlier and available online at:  
<http://www.chaosmatrix.com/lib/chaos/rites/barbget.html>

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## SECTION 4: UPDATE HISTORY

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### 4.1 Dictionary Updates

This section contains any new words that have been added to the Ouranian Barbaric dictionaries recently. These should be added to any older dictionaries on the net to keep all of them up to date. If you have words to add, see section 3.3 above.

| New OB Word         | English Translation | Date added |
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| BANFOJMEZ'G<br>1998 | Mystery             | 01 June    |
| BASOF<br>1998       | Art                 | 01 June    |
| EIPO<br>1998        | Or                  | 01 June    |
| GEBGANDIYAD<br>1998 | Important           | 01 June    |
| LAHEQUA<br>1998     | Enochian Angel      | 01 June    |
| THWEP'B'HOF<br>1998 | Book                | 01 June    |
| UZARFE<br>1998      | Aethyr              | 01 June    |
| VAGJOROBETH<br>1998 | Unknown             | 01 June    |
| WOTHLAGEN<br>1998   | Avatar              | 01 June    |
| XEPAGIR<br>1998     | Eschaton            | 01 June    |

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### 4.2 Changes to the FAQ

Version: 3.00 Previous Release: 2.12 Release Date: 01Mar00  
Changes: Updates to most URLs and e-mail addresses.  
Added 10 new words to section 4.1 (Dictionary Updates)  
Added Peter Carroll's origins explanation to section 1.1  
Updated Dictionary information in section 1.5  
Minor revisions to section 2.2  
E-prime info added to section 2.3  
Minor rewrite with new vowel information to section 3.1  
Updated Dictionary information in section 3.2  
Updated contact information in section 3.3  
New Alphabet of Desire information in section 3.4  
Minor revisions to section 3.5  
Added section 3.9 (Relationship to Psychic Censor)

Added section 3.10 (Ouranian Barbaric Alphabets)

Version: 2.12 Previous Release: 2.11 Release Date: 24Aug97  
Changes: Added 11 new words to section 4.1 (Dictionary Updates)

Version: 2.11 Previous Release: 2.1 Release Date: 27May97  
Changes: Added 21 new words to section 4.1 (Dictionary Updates)

Version: 2.1 Previous Release: 2.01 Release Date: 26May97  
Changes: Added ten new words to section 4.1 (Dictionary Updates)  
Added section 2.7 (Pronunciation Guide)  
Minor revisions in URLs and dictionary information to  
sections 1.5, 3.2, 3.5, and 3.7

Version: 2.01 Previous Release: 2.0 Release Date: 14Mar97  
Changes: Added new word to section 4.1

Version: 2.0 Previous Release: 1.1 Release Date: 19Jan97  
Changes: Complete rewrite of section 1.4  
Updated info in section 1.5 in light of section 1.4 rewrite  
Complete rewrite of section 2.2  
Added original method information to section 3.1  
Contact methods updated in section 3.3  
References for Alphabet of Desire information added to section

3.4

Added Tools of CHAOS to section 3.7  
Added section 3.8  
Added section 4.1  
Added section 4.2

Version: 1.1 Previous Release: 1.0  
Changes: Updated all URLs in FAQ  
Minor corrections throughout

Version: 1.0 Previous Release: 0.1b  
Changes: None. Released to general public.

Version: 0.1b Previous Version: None  
Changes: Initial FAQ, subject to volatile changes, never released to  
public.

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# Ouranian-Barbaric and the Use of Barbarous Tongues

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## The Magic of Language

Language and magic are so intertwined with each other that the phrase "magic word" entered the meme-scape of everyday culture long ago. Like magic itself, magic words or languages were considered to be "ancient artifacts" of a bygone era.

That the spoken word is an indispensable tool of magic is indisputable. The underlying reasons why this is so are not so clear cut, but that is beyond the scope of this monograph. I usually opt for the psychological explanation myself -- I recommend the works of Richard Bandler (originator of Neuro Linguistic Programming) for those interested in exploring that realm.

In the last ten years, the occult world has seen the introduction of a new magical tongue, arising from the vortex of Chaos Magic: Ouranian-Barbaric.

## The Ouranian and Enochian

Ouranian-Barbaric is a *received* or *channeled* language, in that it's vocabulary has been formulated (and continues to be formulated) by persons in a gnostic trance, rather than by natural linguistic development processes (as in most common languages of the world) or as an intellectual construct (as in Tolkien's Elvish or Star Trek's Klingon.) It is in fact incorrect to even call it a language per se; linguists would define it as a *jargon*. As such, it has no inherent syntax, sentence structure or rules of tense, plural or possession. Every English word has a direct equivalent; words are not derived from other words. For example, the Ouranian word for "magic" is LEVIFITH, but the word for "magician" is BEJVAS.

It's most direct historical equivalent would be Enochian, the "Angelic" language that was developed by (some say revealed to) Dr. John Dee and Sir Edward Kelley of the court of Queen Elizabeth I. The Enochian language arose in scrying sessions conducted by these two magicians over the course of several years and led to the development of the Enochian system of magic.

Several claims have been made saying that Enochian is an actual *language*, rather than a jargon. In the accompanying text to Laycock's Enochian Dictionary, the author, who spent many years studying the subject, tends not to support this claim, though there are a few limited instances where some words seem to be derivative of other words. There seems to be a structure of a kind, but this may be a result of the process by which it was "received": first a series of incomprehensible phrases were obtained, followed by an English "translation". The meanings of the various words were made by direct

comparison of each complimentary text. Accordingly, the structure somewhat mirrors that of the English of the 16th century.

Some words end up with two or more Enochian equivalents derived from different texts, although many words show no consistency across various texts channeled at different times. Others reappear consistently across several texts; this in itself is evidence that the texts were received from a vantage point of expanded, magical intelligence. However, several Enochian words represent more than one English equivalent. Numerous corrections and insertions are evident in Dee's original manuscripts (still on file in the British Museum) indicating that at least some editing must have been performed after the fact.

In this writer's opinion, none of this need have any effect whatsoever on the effective use of any magical language. However, some magicians will spend amazing amounts of time and effort arguing the "authenticity" of Enochian and claiming lineage going back to Pre-Sanskrit India and even Atlantis. There is no reason for the Chaos Magician to be concerned with this monkey squabble. It is the process of using barbarous tongues that make them effective, not their historical lineage or lack thereof.

This idea was put forward by Aleister Crowley in Magick In Theory And Practice (even though he also made a pitch for Enochian being a "genuine" language.) To quote from chapter IX:

"It is therefore not quite certain in what the efficacy of [barbarous] conjurations really lies. The peculiar mental excitement required may be aroused by the perception of the absurdity of the process, and the persistence in it, as when once Frater Perdurabo [Crowley] (at the end of his magical resources) recited "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" and obtained his result.

"It may be conceded in any case *the long strings of formidable words which roar and moan through so many conjurations have a real effect in exalting the consciousness of the magician to the proper pitch* -- that they should do so is no more extraordinary than music of any kind should do so." [Italics Crowley's]

The real purpose of barbarous incantations is to distract the conscious mind, keeping it occupied trying to make sense out of words it does not understand -- a slight-of-mind trick.

In most historical magic languages, there is a generally a dogma attached to "correctly" pronouncing the various words -- failure to do so supposedly can have dire consequences. But since there is rarely any consensus as to what constitutes "correct", we are left with a never-ending debate. To the Chaos Magician, correctness is not an issue; validity rests on results and nothing more. Nothing is true, and everything is permitted. It would seem that even the "old guard" types, such as Crowley quoted above, essentially agree.

With Enochian and the demonic names of the Goetia (The Lesser Key Of Solomon), the language has a historical source, giving it a aura of "authenticity". This is all fine and good to a degree, as it can lend a sense of "rightness" to one's work. In my Enochian experiments, I utilize an induced obsession with getting each word pronounced "correctly" (which I define as being consistent with whatever pronunciation I originally decided was correct) as a meta-belief tool to empower the working. But I do not dogmatically insist that *my* version is *the* version.

However, Enochian lacks certain words that would make it more generally useful for the composition of magic rituals. For example, there is no word for "magic", or for the names of the Planets. To be fair, using it in such a way was not the intention of it's originators -- virtually the entire language was "received" as translation of the nineteen Enochian 'Keys', or incantations, each meant for a specific evocation process. There was little or no mention of using the language for anything but the recitation of the Keys. Aside from proper names of entities, the entire available vocabulary of Enochian consists of only those words to be found in the text of the Keys, with a few minor exceptions (such as the names of the "Aethyrs".)

Enochian practitioners tend to be traditionalists and sticklers for "accuracy", so that to them, any expansion of the vocabulary or application of the language for any purposes other than those put forth by Dee and Kelley borders on sacrilege. Various attempts to adapt Enochian to other uses -- i.e. to use it as a general purpose barbarous language -- such as Gerald Schueler's series of books on Enochian Magic are not considered 'canonical' by most practitioners of the system and are generally looked on with derision by "serious" Enochian scholars.

## **Barbarous Deconstruction**

Though Crowley and others acknowledged that it's the chanting of the "alien" language, and the psychological reactions conditioned into the magician by particular sounds, that gives barbarous tongues their magical effecy, occultists still relied on contemporary reconstructions of "ancient" languages.

Using a jargon with consistent meanings for words allows one to utilize the mantra-like effect of repetition. Just babbling something that sounds word-like isn't the same thing. This makes it different from glossolalia, or "speaking in tongues". Glossolalia is a hypnotic state where the speech center of the brain is accessed without conscious intervention and purpose. The resulting babble, while seeming to follow a sort of pattern, has no inherent meaning. As an altered state it's a useful tool, but it doesn't allow for the capability to load certain words with a consistent and specific psychological effects.

What was needed was a set vocabulary of words bearing no resemblance to their English (or any other language) equivalents, arrived at by a magical "channeled" process. Thus the words themselves are charged sigils, and carry the "contagion" of magical power.

Ouranian-Barbaric was originally conceived by members of the British Illuminates Of Thanateros (IOT), notably Peter Carroll, Ian Read and Phil Hine. The idea was to create

a new magical language, one not based on dubious historical accounts and faux "authenticity".

The bulk of the words contained in the existing O-B dictionary were devised by a procedure not unlike using a "talking board" (of which a Ouija board <TM> is the most common example). The participants began with an invocation of the Godform of Ouranos (which is actually an alternate spelling of Uranus), the god associated with magic itself. The participants then set themselves spinning in tight circles until gnosis-by-dizziness was obtained, and a large hockey-puck like device was grasped and moved about a flat board covered with letters while the English word and its meaning were focused on.

The result was several hundred words covering a wide range of meanings. Ancient ideas like goddesses and elements mingled with words for Hiesenberg's Uncertainty Principle and Planck's Constant. They even slipped in a joke -- VULBUZO, which means, "Morning is not the magician's friend".

The one important "linguistic" element to constructing O-B syntax is that it is meant to be a "Venicular-Prime" language. V-Prime is a syntax consisting only of "action" words -- there is no 'are' or 'to be'; there is no 'is'. All is what it does , not what it is.

## **Linguistic Evolution**

With the IOT playing its flash cards close to its chest these days, most of the dissemination of O-B into the occult community has been at the hands of The AutonomatriX (AX) guild and various solo practitioners. It's available on several computer networks, including the Internet. The AX has been actively expanding the language, with their version obtainable from their World Wide Web page.

This brings up some important questions:

Who "owns" Ouranian-Barbaric? Though I am no trademark lawyer, it would seem to be impossible to register several hundred nonsensical words as commercial trademarks, and to my knowledge, the IOT has pointedly ignored the existence of various reproductions.

But then who decides what is "official" Ouranian? The entire idea of official anything is generally anathema to Chaotes. What seems to be occurring, and this may be a first in the history of language, is that O-B is evolving, growing "organically", with its various appendages finding interconnection and its users finding consensus through the technology of computer networking.

Chaos magicians are collecting Ouranian words like postage stamps, or perhaps more like the obsequious "Magic: The Gathering" &lt;TM> cards. Regular announcements of new O-B words appear on Internet newsgroups and mailing lists dedicated to Chaos Magic, along the methods by which they were derived and ritual applications for them. New words generally arise because a need was being met for a particular purpose, and no pre-existing word was suitable.

## **Growing Your Own**

Virtually any method of sortelige can be used to obtain an Ouranian word. There are published procedures for using scrabble letters, or one may use a commercially available Ouija<TM> board in the same manner the originators did. What's important is that the words be derived while in a state of gnosis, or expanded magical consciousness.

The process is not unlike what Austin Osman Spare was describing as "the Alphabet of Desire". In Spare's version, a series of glyphs with strong emotional meanings is obtained while in gnostic trance derived by the same process as making sigils. Once again, that is a subject beyond this paper's scope. I refer the reader to Spare's works, as well as that of Carroll, Frater U.D., and Kenneth Grant.

The crucial element is that the resulting word is charged with the creator's magical intent. Then it functions in the same manner as a talisman, carrying it's meaning and power with it.

The networking of those persons whose will it is to expand the Ouranian-Barbaric vocabulary is of great importance, especially you hold to the "morphogenic field" paradigm put forth by Rupert Sheldrake and others as the operative function of paranormal phenomena (which I believe in on every third day, alternating with psychological relativism and blind faith in the gods.) The more people there are using a particular O-B word for the same purpose, the more magical power it accrues. Expect to see user's groups and WWW based repositories to arise in the near future (some have begun already as of this writing.)

Ouranian-Barbaric is a perfect example of something arising to fill an evolutionary niche. When it's time had arrived, it arose and spread beyond even it's originators' vision, progulmated in a way that was virtually unheard of when it was first developed. It is also a living language, not an ancient and long-dead one. These facts may make it the most magical of magical languages ever known.

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LEVIFITH! XIQUAL CHOYOFACHE!**

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# The Ouranos Rite

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## Introduction

The seven classical planetary bodies can be used to represent the spectrum of psychology, according to the principle implicit in pagan thought that a cosmology must embody a psychology. Ouranos/Uranus, the eighth body, orbits outside the sphere of the classical planets and the god forms or thought form attributed to them. Thus it forms an ideal symbol for that which encompasses all the gods within its orbit: the magical personality. It represents not the power of the magic itself, which is attributed to Pluto; but rather the desire to be a magician, and the personality required to live as one. Astronomically, this equates with the curious orbit of Ouranos which, with its polar axis tilted at an eccentric angle, almost on the plane of the ecliptic, symbolizes the antinomian character of the magician, ever delving into that which is weird, occult and perverse, to unlock its secrets. Ouranos can also be thought of as the dark side of the Sun. Whereas the classical bodies orbit the sun, the bright center of the human personality; Ouranos represents something more dark, and perhaps devious, creeping round in the darkness outside of the normal.

The magician emblem of Ouranos is the serpent; and the god form may be invoked or visualized, bearing a serpent-shaped wand crowned with an Uraeus-style serpent in Egyptian style, and garbed in raiment bearing the serpent motif.

Ouranos has a characteristic color, which is idiosyncratic to the person invoking it, called Octarine; meaning the eighth color of the spectrum, which is the color of magic and may be any color that represents magic to the individual. For most magicians, Octarine is simply the color in which visualizations occur, if they are not deliberately made into any particular color. The background Ouranian color is dark green. Invoke for Knowledge and Manipulation of things magical--that is, for works of pure rather than applied magic--and for the discovery of magical knowledge and techniques and magical self-development, rather than to create direct effects. Ouranos may be invoked for the creation or discovery of magical languages, symbols and theories, and also for works of psychiatry.

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## ***THE OURANOS RITE***

(The basic Ouranos Rite may be adapted for many purposes. It is presented here with an appended Ouranian Servitor Evocation.)

1. Banishing ritual if required.
2. Draw eight pointed star above the place of working and visualize strongly.
3. Statement of Intent, aloud:  
"It is our will to invoke Ouranos," etc.
4. Eight loud sounds.

5. The Prologue is recited.
  6. Invocation 1 is read aloud.
  7. The sign of Ouranos is made upon oneself by drawing and visualization.
  8. Invocation 2 is shouted aloud as many times as desired. Sensory overload is sought, using any or all of the following:
    - Participants gaze at the Ouranos sigil drawn on or held in the left hand, whilst whirling on the spot widdershins with increasing speed.
    - Hyperventilation at will.
    - Weird, discordant, eldritch noise/sound effects/music may be played.
    - Stroboscopes set to epileptiform frequencies around 6.66 Hz are triggered.
    - Participants visualize themselves in the Ouranos god form and chant the name "Ouranos".
    - Octarine light may be visualized onto the Ouranos sigil and emanating from the participants.
- Whirling ceases and the evocation may be used if desired. The Ouranian sigil may serve as a material basis for the evocation, or a more specialized pre- prepared object may be used.
  - Laughter Banishing, followed if required by a banishing ritual.
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## **The Prologue**

WE CALL BY VISUALIZATION THE OURANOS SERPENT  
GLOWING WITH OCTARINE FIRE THE COLOR OF MAGIC

THE SERPENT STARES DIRECTLY AT US  
EVOKING LUST FOR THE GREAT WORK OF MAGIC

THE SERPENT IS OURANOS, OUR IMPETUS TOWARDS MAGIC  
IT BRINGS THE GIFTS OF KNOWLEDGE AND POWER TO ITS SERVANTS

WITHOUT MAGIC WE ARE MINDLESS SLAVES TO OTHER GODS  
NOTHING CHANGES, WE SERVE ONE THEN ANOTHER IN THEIR TURN

WITHOUT MAGIC WE ARE ROBOTS, OUR CHOICES ARE PREDICTABLE

THIS IS THE SERPENT THAT MAKES US AWARE  
OF THE WHOLE APPLE FULL OF WORMS WE CALL SELF

THIS IS THE SERPENT THAT BIT US AND INFLICTED US  
WITH THE DEVIOUSNESS TO BECOME MAGICIANS

WE WOULD NOT BE WITHOUT IT, THOUGH WE MIGHT STILL EXIST

LET US THINK ON THAT.

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## Invocation One

OURANOS!  
OURANOS WE INVOKE THEE!

MAGICIAN GOD, THE DARK SIDE OF THE SUN  
THAT LURKS AS THE SECRET SELF IN THE PSYCHE  
COME OURANOS, COME!

URAEUS CROWNED  
ARISE, THE SINISTER ILLUMINATION WITHIN US  
SHATTER THE SPELLS AND ILLUSIONS OF MUNDANE REALITY  
UNLEASH THE URAEUS SERPENT POWER!

GIVE US THE KNOWLEDGE OF GENIUS AND DEPRAVITY  
THE BRIGHT SECRETS AND THE DARK  
THE NECTAR AND THE POISON  
THE SECRET VICES AND HOPES OF ALL OTHER SELVES  
SHOW US THE POWERS OF MANIPULATION AND INTRIGUE

OPEN THE REALMS OF THE GODS

SHOW US THE WAY OF THE SERPENT WAND  
ZAMRAN MICALZODO OURANOS  
VRELPE MALPIRGE OURANOS  
ZODACARE OD ZODAMERANU OURANOS

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## Invocation Two

OURANOS OURANOS, IO OURANOS!

I AM THE SECRET SELF WITHIN WHOSE ORBIT LIE ALL THE GODS

I AM THE ANTINOMIAN WISDOM OF THE OTHER SIDE OF THINGS  
OF THE KNOWLEDGE WE ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO HAVE  
OF SINISTER ILLUMINATIONS FROM STRANGE POWER SOURCES

I AM OURANOS, THE MAGICIAN GOD

I AM THE MANIPULATOR, THE ARCH JUGGLER

I AM THE GENIUS OF DARK INTRIGUE

FOR I KNOW THE SECRET MOTIVES OF THE SELVES  
AND I SEE THE HIDDEN MOTIVES OF OTHERS

I AM THE CHILD OF CHAOS

I AM DISTURBANCE AND I AM UPHEAVAL

URAEUS CROWNED WITH THE SERPENT OF POWER  
WHICH UNLEASHED LEADS TO GENIUS  
BUT TO DEPRAVITY WHEN BALKED

NOTHING IS TRUE AND EVERYTHING IS PERMITTED

I KNOW THAT I HAVE CREATED TIME AND SEX AND DEATH  
TO LIMIT AND EXPRESS MYSELF

I, OURANOS, GOD OF MAGIC!

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IO OURANOS!

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### **Invocation Three**

IO CHAOS!

I OURANOS GOD OF MAGIC  
OPEN THE GATES TO THE SUBCONSCIOUS

I OURANOS OF THE OCTARINE FIRE  
OPEN THE GATES TO THE AETHER

I OURANOS INVOKE THE OURANIAN WYRDSPEECH

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH ME  
AS I SPEAK IN TONGUES OF CHAOS

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### **Evocation**

PHENOMINIZE MY CREATURE, TAKE FORM  
WITH THE BREATH OF MY MIND

I GIVE YOU LIFE  
IN THIS SHAPE  
WITHIN MY MIND

I GIVE YOU LIFE  
UPON THE ASTRAL PLANE  
WITH THIS BLOOD<sup>1</sup>

I GIVE YOU LIFE  
IN THE NON-LOCALITY MATRIX

TAKE THIS FORM  
WITH THE SIGN OF OURANOS<sup>2</sup>

I BIND YOU TO MY WILL  
MY CREATURE

I NAME YOU \_\_\_\_\_

EVER ANSWER MY SUMMONS TO THIS NAME  
FOR YOU ARE MY SERVITOR  
AND I AM THY GOD

SERVE ME WELL

I WILL REWARD YOU WITH LIFE

NOW I COMMAND THEE  
WITH THESE WORDS:

OD FISIS NANAEL

TO LURK QUIETLY AND AWAIT MY SUMMONS.

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1. Blood or other fluids to anoint the servitor and give it the necessary life-force are produced and delivered to the servitor now.

2. The planetary sigil of Ouranos/Uranus:

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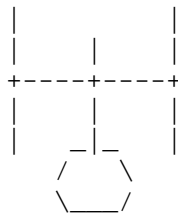
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# CHAOS SCIENCE

# Chaos

*by James Gleick*

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Can a butterfly stirring the air in Beijing today transform storms in New York next month? Watch two bits of foam flowing side by side at the bottom of a waterfall. What can you guess about how close they were at the top? Nothing. As far as theoretical physics is concerned, God might just as well have taken all those water molecules under the table and shuffled them personally. Traditionally, when physicists saw complex results, they looked for complex causes

Now all that has changed. In the last 20 years, scientists have created an alternative set of ideas: Simple systems give rise to complex behavior. Complex systems give rise to simple behavior. More important, the laws of complexity hold universally, caring not at all for the details of a system's constituent atoms. And "chaos"--the obstinate element of disorder within order, of variation where predictability was expected--has become a shorthand name for a fast-growing movement that is reshaping the fabric of the scientific establishment in the United States, Europe, and Japan.

Where chaos begins, classical science stops. For as long as the world has had physicists inquiring into the laws of nature, it has suffered a special ignorance about disorder: in the atmosphere, in the turbulent sea, in the fluctuations of wildlife populations, in the oscillations of the heart and brain. The irregular side of nature, the discontinuous and erratic side--these have been puzzles to science, or worse, monstrosities.

But just over a decade ago, a few scientists in the United States and Europe began to find a way through disorder. They were mathematicians, physicists, biologists, chemists--all seeking connections between different kinds of irregularity. Physiologists found a surprising order in the chaos that develops in the human heart. Ecologists explored the rise and fall of gypsy moth populations. Economists dug out old stock price data and tried a new kind of analysis. The insights that emerged led them to parallels in the natural world--the shapes of clouds, the paths of lightning, the microscopic intertwining of blood vessels, the galactic clustering of stars.

Such puzzles and monstrosities are the domain of the revolution in chaos--a revolution not of technology, like the laser revolution or the computer revolution, but a revolution of ideas. This revolution began with a set of ideas having to do with disorder in nature: from turbulence in fluids, to the erratic flows of epidemics, to the arrhythmic writhing of a human heart in the moments before death. It has continued with an even broader set of ideas that might be better classified under the rubric of complexity.

It is a revolution in every sense that that word can be applied to science. It has been sudden. It has radically transformed the way scientists think about their universe, the way they perceive the complexity that always exists in their slices of nature. It has brought a good deal of turbulence in the bureaucracy of science--from hurt feelings and rejected

papers in the early days, to new, expensive, interdisciplinary institutes in these days of trendy success.

Those concerned about education argue that chaos should be--and can be--part of the earliest education of scientists and nonscientists. One prominent biologist, Robert May of Oxford University, has called on educators to give every student a pocket calculator and show them how to play with a simple chaotic equation. He contends that it would change the way they think about everything from the theory of business cycles to the propagation of rumors.

Where does complexity come from: complex behavior or complex organization? This has been an odd question, in a way. Scientists were not used to thinking about complexity as a thing with a life of its own. But the question of how complexity is born and how it evolves is one that this new science of chaos is beginning to crack. Those who care about the behavior of groups of people--the behavior that drives the stock market, and the behavior that shapes the organization of large corporations--are beginning to pay attention to chaos.

As recently as two decades ago, most practicing scientists shared a few unspoken beliefs. For example, simple systems behave in simple ways. A mechanical contraption like a pendulum, a small electrical circuit, an idealized population of fish in a pond--as long as these systems could be reduced to a few perfectly understood, perfectly deterministic laws, their long-term behavior would be stable and predictable. Another belief: Complex behavior seemed to imply complex causes. A mechanical device, an electrical circuit, a wildlife population, a fluid flow, a biological organ, a particle beam, an atmospheric storm, a national economy--systems that were visibly unstable, unpredictable, or out of control must, scientists believed, either be governed by a multitude of independent components or subject to random external influences.

The first chaos theorists, the scientists who set the discipline in motion, shared certain sensibilities. They had an eye for pattern, especially pattern that appeared on different scales at the same time. They had a taste for randomness and complexity, for jagged edges and sudden leaps. Believers in chaos--and they sometimes call themselves believers, or converts, or evangelists--speculate about determinism and free will, about evolution, about the nature of conscious intelligence. They feel that they are turning back a trend in science toward reductionism, the analysis of systems in terms of their constituent parts: quarks, chromosomes, or neurons. They believe that they are looking for the whole.

The most passionate advocates of the new science go so far as to say that 20th-century science will be remembered for just three things: relativity, quantum mechanics, and chaos. Chaos, they contend, has become the century's third great revolution in the physical sciences. Like those revolutions before it, chaos cuts away at the tenets of Newton's physics. As one physicist puts it: "Relativity eliminated the Newtonian illusion of absolute space and time; quantum theory eliminated the Newtonian dream of a



controllable measurement process; and chaos eliminates the Laplacian fantasy of deterministic predictability."

Of the three, the revolution in chaos applies to the universe we see and touch, to objects at human scale. Everyday experience and real pictures of the world have become legitimate targets for inquiry. There has long been a feeling, not always expressed openly, that theoretical physics has strayed far from human intuition about the world. Whether this will prove to be fruitful heresy or just plain heresy, no one knows. But some of those who thought physics might be working its way into a corner now look to chaos as a way out.

The modern study of chaos began with the creeping realization in the 1960's that quite simple mathematical equations could model systems every bit as violent as a waterfall. Tiny differences in input could quickly become overwhelming differences in output--a phenomenon given the name "sensitive dependence on initial conditions." In weather, for example, this translates into what is known as the Butterfly Effect--the notion that a butterfly stirring the air today in Beijing can transform storm systems next month in New York.

In 1961, Edward Lorenz, a theoretical meteorologist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, developed a simulated weather model in his new electronic computer, based on 12 numerical rules--equations that expressed the relationships between temperature and pressure, pressure and wind speed, and so forth. Lorenz understood that he was putting into practice the laws of Newton. Thanks to the determinism of physical law, further intervention would then be unnecessary. Those who made such models took for granted that, from present to future, the laws of motion provide a bridge of mathematical certainty. Understand the laws and you understand the universe. But there was always one small compromise, so small that working scientists usually forgot it was there, lurking in a corner of their philosophies like an unpaid bill: Measurement could never be perfect. Scientists marching under Newton's banner actually waved another flag that said something like this: Given an approximate knowledge of a system's initial conditions and an understanding of natural law, one can calculate the approximate behavior of the system. This assumption lay at the heart of science. As one theoretician liked to tell his students: "There's a convergence in the way things work, and arbitrarily small influences don't blow up to have arbitrarily large effects."

At first, Lorenz's printouts seemed to behave in those recognizable ways. They matched his cherished intuition about the weather, his sense that it repeated itself, displaying familiar patterns over time, pressure rising and falling, the air stream swinging north and south. But the repetitions were never exact. There were patterns, with disturbances. An orderly disorder.

One day in the winter of 1961, wanting to examine one sequence at greater length, Lorenz took a shortcut. Instead of starting the whole run over, he started midway through. To give the machine its initial conditions, he typed the numbers straight from the earlier

printout. Then he walked down the hall to get away from the noise and drink a cup of coffee.

The new run should have exactly duplicated the old. Yet as he stared at the new printout, Lorenz saw his weather diverging so rapidly from the pattern of the last run that, within just a few simulated "months," all resemblance had disappeared. At first he suspected a malfunction. But suddenly he realized the truth. In the computer's memory, six decimal places were stored. On the printout, to save space, just three appeared. Lorenz had entered the shorter, rounded-off numbers, assuming that the difference--one part in a thousand--was inconsequential.

A small numerical error was like a small puff of wind--surely the small puffs faded or canceled each other out before they could change important, large-scale features of the weather. Yet in Lorenz's system of equations, small error proved catastrophic. For reasons of mathematical intuition that his colleagues would understand only later, Lorenz felt a jolt. The practical import could be staggering. The Butterfly Effect meant that long-term weather forecasting would be impossible.

But Lorenz saw beyond the randomness embedded in his weather model. He saw a fine geometric structure, order masquerading as randomness. He turned his attention more and more to the mathematics of systems that never found a steady state, that almost repeated themselves but never quite succeeded, trying to find simple equations that would produce the aperiodicity he was seeking. At first his computer tended to lock into repetitive cycles. But he finally succeeded when he put in an equation that varied the amount of heating from east to west, corresponding to the real-world variation between the way the sun warms the western coast of Europe and the way it warms the Atlantic Ocean. The repetition disappeared.

He continued to seek simpler and simpler models and to examine other dynamic fluid systems. His models turned out to have exact analogues in real systems. For example, his equations precisely described an old-fashioned electrical dynamo, where current flows through a disc that rotates through a magnetic field. Under certain conditions, the dynamo can reverse itself. Such behavior, scientists later suggested, might provide an explanation for another peculiar reversing phenomenon: the earthly magnetic field, or "geodynamo," that is known to have flopped many times during the earth's history, at intervals that seem erratic and inexplicable. Another system precisely described by Lorenz's equations is a simple-looking water wheel--simple, yet capable of stunningly chaotic reversals of direction.

As Lorenz's ideas spread and others arrived at similar kinds of conclusions, many scientists felt an intellectual excitement that comes with the truly new. To the Nobel Prize-winning physicist Freeman Dyson at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, the news of chaos came "like an electric shock" in the 1970's. Physicists began to face what many believed was a deficiency in their education about even such simple systems as the pendulum.

The pendulum was the classical model of measurable regularity. Galileo believed that a pendulum of a given length not only keeps precise time but keeps the same time no matter how wide or narrow the angle of its swing. He made his claim in terms of experimentation, but the theory made it convincing--so much so that it is still taught as gospel in most high school physics classes. But it is wrong. The regularity Galileo saw is only an approximation. The changing angle of the bob's motion creates a slight nonlinearity in the equations.

Consider a playground swing. It accelerates on its way down, decelerates on its way up, all the while losing a bit of speed to friction. It gets a regular push--say, from some clockwork machine. All our intuition tells us that, no matter where the swing might start, the motion will eventually settle down to a regular back-and forth pattern, with the swing coming to the same height each time. That can happen. Yet odd as it seems, the motion can also turn erratic, first high, then low, never settling down to a steady state and never exactly repeating a pattern of swings that came before. The surprising behavior comes from a nonlinear twist in the flow of energy in and out of this simple oscillator. The swing is damped and it is driven: damped because friction is trying to bring it to a halt; driven because it is getting periodic pushes. Even when a damped, driven system is at equilibrium, it is not at equilibrium--and the world is full of such systems, beginning with the weather: damped by the friction of moving air and water, and by the dissipation of heat to outer space; and driven by the constant push of the sun's energy.

As chaos began to unite the study of different systems, pendulum dynamics broadened to cover high technologies from lasers to superconductors. Some chemical reactions displayed pendulum-like behavior, as did the beating heart. In all these phenomena, nature forms patterns. Some are orderly in space but disorderly in time, others orderly in time but disorderly in space. Some patterns are fractal, highly irregular and fragmented, exhibiting structures self-similar in scale. Self-similarity is symmetry across scale. It implies recursion, pattern inside of pattern, like an aerial picture of a coastline or a snowflake shape. Others give rise to steady states or oscillating ones. Pattern formation has now become a branch of physics and of materials science, allowing scientists to model the aggregation of particles into clusters, the fractured spread of electrical discharges, and the growth of crystals in ice and metal alloys.

The dynamics seem so basic--shapes changing in space and time--yet only now are the tools available to understand them. It is a fair question now to ask a physicist, "Why are all snowflakes different?"

Ice crystals form in the turbulent air with a famous blending of symmetry and chance, the special beauty of six-fold indeterminacy, obeying mathematical laws of surprising subtlety, making it formerly impossible to predict how fast a flake tip would grow, how narrow it would be, or how often it would branch. When a crystal solidifies outward from an initial seed--as a snowflake does, grabbing water molecules as it falls--the process becomes unstable.

The physics of heat diffusion cannot completely explain the patterns. But recently scientists worked out a way to incorporate another process--surface tension. The heart of the new snowflake model is the essence of chaos: a delicate balance between forces of stability and forces of instability, a powerful interplay of forces on atomic scales and forces on everyday scales.

Because the laws of growth are purely deterministic, snowflakes maintain a near-perfect symmetry. But the nature of the turbulent air is such that any pair of snowflakes will travel very different paths. The final flake records the history of all the changing weather conditions it has experienced, and the combinations may as well be infinite.

Classical physics could complete its mission without answering some of the most fundamental questions about nature. How does life begin? What is turbulence? And above all, in a universe ruled by entropy, drawing inexorably toward greater and greater disorder, how does order arise? Only a new kind of science could begin to address those questions, to cross the vast gulf between knowledge of what one thing does--one water molecule, one neuron--and what millions of them do.

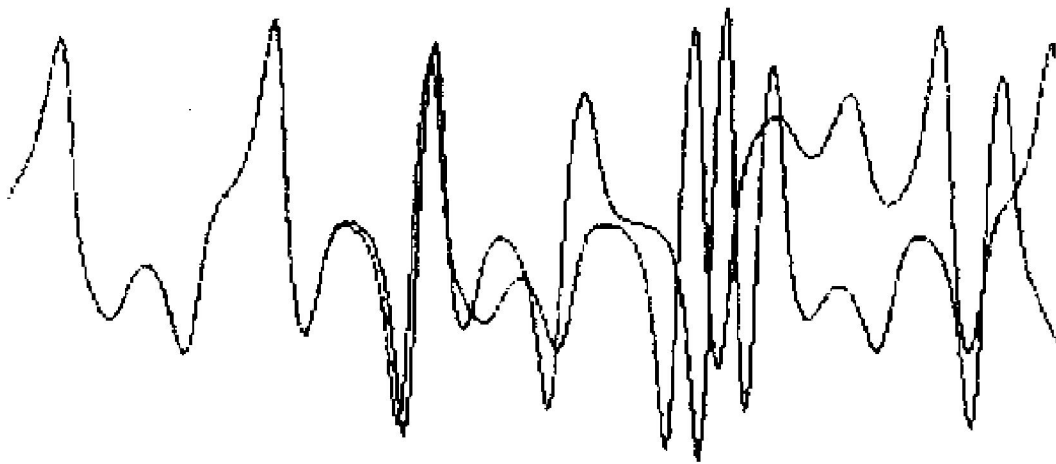
"God plays dice with the universe," says one chaos specialist, the physicist Joseph Ford, in answer to Einstein's famous question. "But they're loaded dice. And the main object of physics now is to find out by what rules were they loaded and how we can use them for our own ends.

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## ***Chaos Theory: A Brief Introduction***

What exactly is chaos? The name "chaos theory" comes from the fact that the systems that the theory describes are apparently disordered, but chaos theory is really about finding the underlying order in apparently random data.

When was chaos first discovered? The first true experimenter in chaos was a meteorologist, named Edward Lorenz. In 1960, he was working on the problem of weather prediction. He had a computer set up, with a set of twelve equations to model the weather. It didn't predict the weather itself. However this computer program did theoretically predict what the weather might be.



**Figure 1:** Lorenz's experiment: the difference between the starting values of these curves is only .000127. (Ian Stewart, *Does God Play Dice? The Mathematics of Chaos*, pg. 141) One day in 1961, he wanted to see a particular sequence again. To save time, he started in the middle of the sequence, instead of the beginning. He entered the number off his printout and left to let it run.

When he came back an hour later, the sequence had evolved differently. Instead of the same pattern as before, it diverged from the pattern, ending up wildly different from the original. (See figure 1.) Eventually he figured out what happened. The computer stored the numbers to six decimal places in its memory. To save paper, he only had it print out three decimal places. In the original sequence, the number was .506127, and he had only typed the first three digits, .506.

By all conventional ideas of the time, it should have worked. He should have gotten a sequence very close to the original sequence. A scientist considers himself lucky if he can get measurements with accuracy to three decimal places. Surely the fourth and fifth, impossible to measure using reasonable methods, can't have a huge effect on the outcome of the experiment. Lorenz proved this idea wrong.

This effect came to be known as the butterfly effect. The amount of difference in the starting points of the two curves is so small that it is comparable to a butterfly flapping its wings.

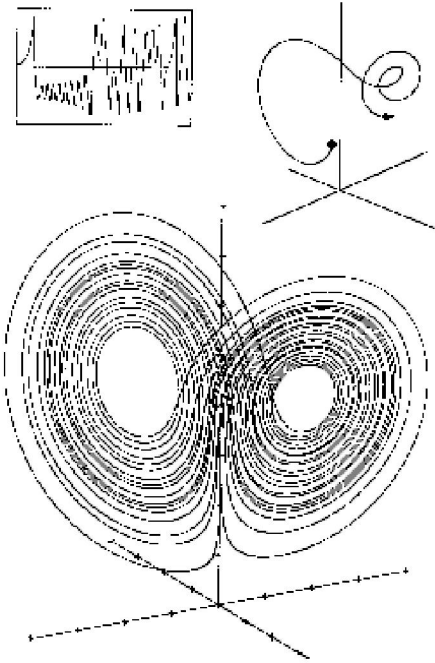
The flapping of a single butterfly's wing today produces a tiny change in the state of the atmosphere. Over a period of time, what the atmosphere actually does diverges from what it would have done. So, in a month's time, a tornado that would have devastated the Indonesian coast doesn't happen. Or maybe one that wasn't going to happen, does. (Ian Stewart, *Does God Play Dice? The Mathematics of Chaos*, pg. 141)

This phenomenon, common to chaos theory, is also known as sensitive dependence on initial conditions. Just a small change in the initial conditions can drastically change the long-term behavior of a system. Such a small amount of difference in a measurement might be considered experimental noise, background noise, or an inaccuracy of the equipment. Such things are impossible to avoid in even the most isolated lab. With a starting number of 2, the final result can be entirely different from the same system with a starting value of 2.000001. It is simply impossible to achieve this level of accuracy - just try and measure something to the nearest millionth of an inch!

From this idea, Lorenz stated that it is impossible to predict the weather accurately. However, this discovery led Lorenz on to other aspects of what eventually came to be known as chaos theory.

Lorenz started to look for a simpler system that had sensitive dependence on initial conditions. His first discovery had twelve equations, and he wanted a much more simple version that still had this attribute. He took the equations for convection, and stripped them down, making them unrealistically simple. The system no longer had anything to do with convection, but it did have sensitive dependence on its initial conditions, and there were only three equations this time. Later, it was discovered that his equations precisely described a water wheel.

At the top, water drips steadily into containers hanging on the wheel's rim. Each container drips steadily from a small hole. If the stream of water is slow, the top containers never fill fast enough to overcome friction, but if the stream is faster, the weight starts to turn the wheel. The rotation might become continuous. Or if the stream is so fast that the heavy containers swing all the way around the bottom and up the other side, the wheel might then slow, stop, and reverse its rotation, turning first one way and then the other. (James Gleick, *Chaos - Making a New Science*, pg. 29)



**Figure 2:** The Lorenz Attractor (James Gleick, *Chaos - Making a New Science*, pg. 29)

The equations for this system also seemed to give rise to entirely random behavior. However, when he graphed it, a surprising thing happened. The output always stayed on a curve, a double spiral. There were only two kinds of order previously known: a steady state, in which the variables never change, and periodic behavior, in which the system goes into a loop, repeating itself indefinitely. Lorenz's equations were definitely ordered - they always followed a spiral. They never settled down to a single point, but since they never repeated the same thing, they weren't periodic either. He called the image he got when he graphed the equations the Lorenz attractor. (See figure 2)

In 1963, Lorenz published a paper describing what he had discovered. He included the unpredictability of the weather, and discussed the types of equations that caused this type of behavior. Unfortunately, the only journal he was able to publish in was a meteorological journal, because he was a meteorologist, not a mathematician or a physicist. As a result, Lorenz's discoveries weren't acknowledged until years later, when they were rediscovered by others. Lorenz had discovered something revolutionary; now he had to wait for someone to discover him.

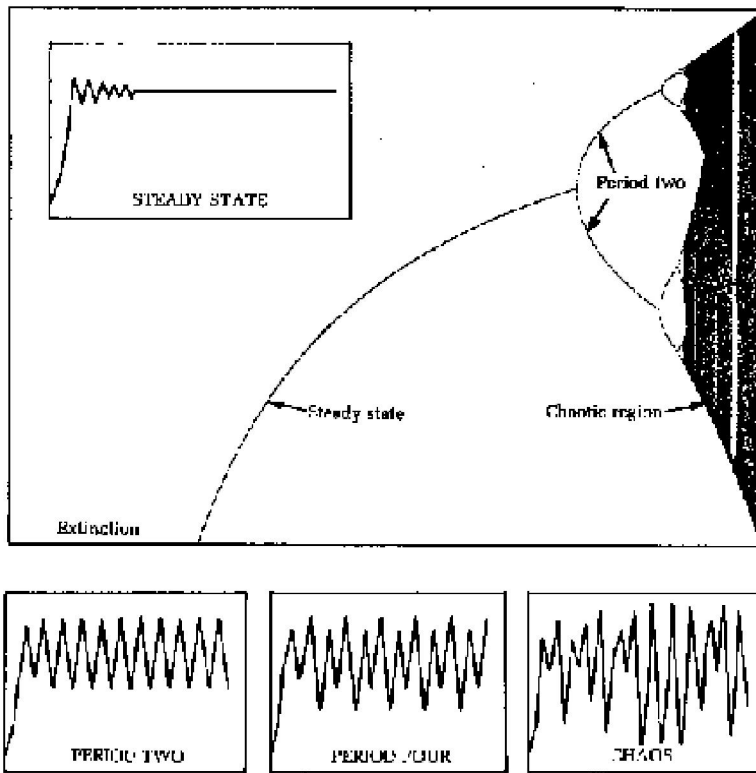
Another system in which sensitive dependence on initial conditions is evident is the flip of a coin. There are two variables in a flipping coin: how soon it hits the ground, and how fast it is flipping. Theoretically, it should be possible to control these variables entirely and control how the coin will end up. In practice, it is impossible to control exactly how fast the coin flips and how high it flips. It is possible to put the variables into a certain range, but it is impossible to control it enough to know the final results of the coin toss.

A similar problem occurs in ecology, and the prediction of biological populations. The equation would be simple if population just rises indefinitely, but the effect of predators

and a limited food supply make this equation incorrect. The simplest equation that takes this into account is the following:

$$\text{next year's population} = r * \text{this year's population} * (1 - \text{this year's population})$$

In this equation, the population is a number between 0 and 1, where 1 represents the maximum possible population and 0 represents extinction. R is the growth rate. The question was, how does this parameter affect the equation? The obvious answer is that a high growth rate means that the population will settle down at a high population, while a low growth rate means that the population will settle down to a low number. This trend is true for some growth rates, but not for every one.



**Figure 3:** The bifurcation diagram for the population equation. (James Gleick, Chaos - Making a New Science, pg. 71)

One biologist, Robert May, decided to see what would happen to the equation as the growth rate value changes. At low values of the growth rate, the population would settle down to a single number. For instance, if the growth rate value is 2.7, the population will settle down to .6292. As the growth rate increased, the final population would increase as well. Then, something weird happened. As soon as the growth rate passed 3, the line broke in two. Instead of settling down to a single population, it would jump between two different populations. It would be one value for one year, go to another value the next year, then repeat the cycle forever. Raising the growth rate a little more caused it to jump between four different values. As the parameter rose further, the line bifurcated (doubled) again. The bifurcations came faster and faster until suddenly, chaos appeared. Past a

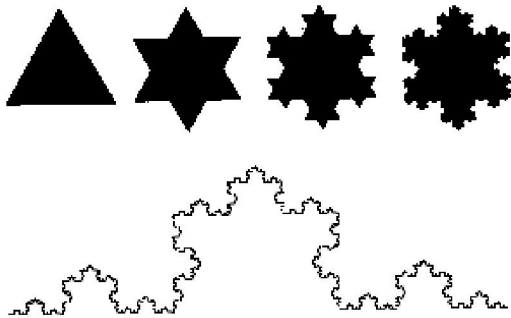


certain growth rate, it becomes impossible to predict the behavior of the equation. However, upon closer inspection, it is possible to see white strips. Looking closer at these strips reveals little windows of order, where the equation goes through the bifurcations again before returning to chaos. This self-similarity, the fact that the graph has an exact copy of itself hidden deep inside, came to be an important aspect of chaos.

An employee of IBM, Benoit Mandelbrot was a mathematician studying this self-similarity. One of the areas he was studying was cotton price fluctuations. No matter how the data on cotton prices was analyzed, the results did not fit the normal distribution. Mandelbrot eventually obtained all of the available data on cotton prices, dating back to 1900. When he analyzed the data with IBM's computers, he noticed an astonishing fact:

The numbers that produced aberrations from the point of view of normal distribution produced symmetry from the point of view of scaling. Each particular price change was random and unpredictable. But the sequence of changes was independent on scale: curves for daily price changes and monthly price changes matched perfectly. Incredibly, analyzed Mandelbrot's way, the degree of variation had remained constant over a tumultuous sixty-year period that saw two World Wars and a depression. (James Gleick, *Chaos - Making a New Science*, pg. 86)

Mandelbrot analyzed not only cotton prices, but many other phenomena as well. At one point, he was wondering about the length of a coastline. A map of a coastline will show many bays. However, measuring the length of a coastline off a map will miss minor bays that were too small to show on the map. Likewise, walking along the coastline misses microscopic bays in between grains of sand. No matter how much a coastline is magnified, there will be more bays visible if it is magnified more.



**Chaos - Figure 4:** The Koch curve (James Gleick, *Chaos - Making a New Science*, pg. 99)

One mathematician, Helge von Koch, captured this idea in a mathematical construction called the Koch curve. To create a Koch curve, imagine an equilateral triangle. To the middle third of each side, add another equilateral triangle. Keep on adding new triangles to the middle part of each side, and the result is a Koch curve. (See figure 4) A magnification of the Koch curve looks exactly the same as the original. It is another self-similar figure.

The Koch curve brings up an interesting paradox. Each time new triangles are added to the figure, the length of the line gets longer. However, the inner area of the Koch curve remains less than the area of a circle drawn around the original triangle. Essentially, it is a line of infinite length surrounding a finite area.

To get around this difficulty, mathematicians invented fractal dimensions. Fractal comes from the word fractional. The fractal dimension of the Koch curve is somewhere around 1.26. A fractional dimension is impossible to conceive, but it does make sense. The Koch curve is rougher than a smooth curve or line, which has one dimension. Since it is rougher and more crinkly, it is better at taking up space. However, it's not as good at filling up space as a square with two dimensions is, since it doesn't really have any area. So it makes sense that the dimension of the Koch curve is somewhere in between the two.

Fractal has come to mean any image that displays the attribute of self-similarity. The bifurcation diagram of the population equation is fractal. The Lorenz Attractor is fractal. The Koch curve is fractal.

During this time, scientists found it very difficult to get work published about chaos. Since they had not yet shown the relevance to real-world situations, most scientists did not think the results of experiments in chaos were important. As a result, even though chaos is a mathematical phenomenon, most of the research into chaos was done by people in other areas, such as meteorology and ecology. The field of chaos sprouted up as a hobby for scientists working on problems that maybe had something to do with it.

Later, a scientist by the name of Feigenbaum was looking at the bifurcation diagram again. He was looking at how fast the bifurcations come. He discovered that they come at a constant rate. He calculated it as 4.669. In other words, he discovered the exact scale at which it was self-similar. Make the diagram 4.669 times smaller, and it looks like the next region of bifurcations. He decided to look at other equations to see if it was possible to determine a scaling factor for them as well. Much to his surprise, the scaling factor was exactly the same. Not only was this complicated equation displaying regularity, the regularity was exactly the same as a much simpler equation. He tried many other functions, and they all produced the same scaling factor, 4.669.

This was a revolutionary discovery. He had found that a whole class of mathematical functions behaved in the same, predictable way. This universality would help other scientists easily analyze chaotic equations. Universality gave scientists the first tools to analyze a chaotic system. Now they could use a simple equation to predict the outcome of a more complex equation.

Many scientists were exploring equations that created fractal equations. The most famous fractal image is also one of the most simple. It is known as the Mandelbrot set ([pictures of the mandelbrot set](#)). The equation is simple:  $z = z^2 + c$ . To see if a point is part of the Mandelbrot set, just take a complex number  $z$ . Square it, then add the original number. Square the result, then add the original number. Repeat that ad infinitum, and if the number keeps on going up to infinity, it is not part of the Mandelbrot set. If it stays down

below a certain level, it is part of the Mandelbrot set. The Mandelbrot set is the innermost section of the picture, and each different shade of gray represents how far out that particular point is. One interesting feature of the Mandelbrot set is that the circular humps match up to the bifurcation graph. The Mandelbrot fractal has the same self-similarity seen in the other equations. In fact, zooming in deep enough on a Mandelbrot fractal will eventually reveal an exact replica of the Mandelbrot set, perfect in every detail.

Fractal structures have been noticed in many real-world areas, as well as in mathematician's minds. Blood vessels branching out further and further, the branches of a tree, the internal structure of the lungs, graphs of stock market data, and many other real-world systems all have something in common: they are all self-similar.

Scientists at UC Santa Cruz found chaos in a dripping water faucet. By recording a dripping faucet and recording the periods of time, they discovered that at a certain flow velocity, the dripping no longer occurred at even times. When they graphed the data, they found that the dripping did indeed follow a pattern.

The human heart also has a chaotic pattern. The time between beats does not remain constant; it depends on how much activity a person is doing, among other things. Under certain conditions, the heartbeat can speed up. Under different conditions, the heart beats erratically. It might even be called a chaotic heartbeat. The analysis of a heartbeat can help medical researchers find ways to put an abnormal heartbeat back into a steady state, instead of uncontrolled chaos.

Researchers discovered a simple set of three equations that graphed a fern. This started a new idea - perhaps DNA encodes not exactly where the leaves grow, but a formula that controls their distribution. DNA, even though it holds an amazing amount of data, could not hold all of the data necessary to determine where every cell of the human body goes. However, by using fractal formulas to control how the blood vessels branch out and the nerve fibers get created, DNA has more than enough information. It has even been speculated that the brain itself might be organized somehow according to the laws of chaos.

Chaos even has applications outside of science. Computer art has become more realistic through the use of chaos and fractals. Now, with a simple formula, a computer can create a beautiful, and realistic tree. Instead of following a regular pattern, the bark of a tree can be created according to a formula that almost, but not quite, repeats itself.

Music can be created using fractals as well. Using the Lorenz attractor, Diana S. Dabby, a graduate student in electrical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has created variations of musical themes. ("Bach to Chaos: Chaotic Variations on a Classical Theme", Science News, Dec. 24, 1994) By associating the musical notes of a piece of music like Bach's Prelude in C with the x coordinates of the Lorenz attractor, and running a computer program, she has created variations of the theme of the song. Most musicians who hear the new sounds believe that the variations are very musical and creative.

Chaos has already had a lasting effect on science, yet there is much still left to be discovered. Many scientists believe that twentieth century science will be known for only three theories: relativity, quantum mechanics, and chaos. Aspects of chaos show up everywhere around the world, from the currents of the ocean and the flow of blood through fractal blood vessels to the branches of trees and the effects of turbulence. Chaos has inescapably become part of modern science. As chaos changed from a little-known theory to a full science of its own, it has received widespread publicity. Chaos theory has changed the direction of science: in the eyes of the general public, physics is no longer simply the study of subatomic particles in a billion-dollar particle accelerator, but the study of chaotic systems and how they work.

## ***Finding Order in Chaos***

**by Elizabeth Ayer and Carter Butts**

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I. Attractors, Self-Similarity, and Fractional Dimension

III. Applications of Chaos and Complexity Theory

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Much has been written over the last few years on the subject of chaos. The term chaos refers to seemingly simple systems that exhibit behavior which is complicated to the point of unpredictability. While chaos was receiving a great deal of media attention, a counterpoint was being developed: the idea of the spontaneous formation of order within seemingly complex systems. This concept, marketed under the name "complexity theory", promises to solve questions which were previously too difficult to be studied rigorously.

Deterministic chaos (sensitive dependence on initial conditions) arises out of systems of iteration. When a particular process is carried out over and over again and its elements relate in a nonlinear fashion, chaos emerges. Take, for instance, a lump of bread dough. Place two raisins next to each other at some point on the dough and begin kneading it. As each fold rearranges the dough, the raisins are moved about. Despite the fact that they were close together initially, the raisins may end up far apart. Because the final position of a given raisin varies greatly with respect to its original position, we say that the system

exhibits sensitive dependence on initial conditions. Our bread dough is chaotic.

It doesn't take anything as complicated as bread dough to demonstrate chaos, however; chaos lurks even in the seemingly simple, predictable functions. Take, for example, the simple parabola:  $y=c(x-[x^2])$ . If one takes values of  $c$  ranging from 0 to 1, then iterates the function (that is, start with a value for  $x$ , find  $y$ , substitute  $y$  for  $x$  in the equation and repeat the process), then this function is known as the logistic equation; its primary use is modelling populations over time. The function's apparent simplicity belies its hidden chaotic properties. If one takes a given  $c$  value and iterates the function over the region  $0 < x < 1$ , the function (predictably) begins to converge on a certain value; the surprising thing is that, depending on the value of  $c$ , the logistic equation may converge to anywhere from one to an infinite number of limits!

If such a simple mechanism can generate such complicated behavior, is it not also possible that complicated mechanisms are able to generate relatively simple patterns? After all, the day-to-day world is an extremely complex place, yet most of the things we encounter behave in fairly predictable ways. People are able to drive cars in straight lines; basketball players are able to bounce a ball, although the ball's motion is mathematically very complex. The human form itself, while never identical for any two individuals, is eminently recognizable. What is this underlying pattern of similarity, this property of regularity

in systems whose mind-boggling complexity we cannot even begin to comprehend? The answer lies in attractors.

Attractors are values or patterns that particular orbits (iterated evaluations of a function performed on some given starting point) tend to approach. For example, a ball at the bottom of a basin will simply sit immobile. That state is the attractor of the ball-bowl system. If one places the ball at any other point in the bowl, it will eventually tend toward sitting at the bottom. Anyone who doubts this may experiment: take any simple ball, set it in motion, and watch; it will eventually slow down and stop moving, at which time it will be in its stable state.

Attractors can be as simple as the ball's stable state, or they can be as complicated as the patterns on a butterfly's wing. The ball in the basin is an example of a system with a simple attractor. If viewed from above, the ball will travel in a spiral. The center of the spiral is the appropriately called a "point attractor," as a point travels inward along a spiral, its position will tend toward the center point.

Attractors that fall into the more complex category are dubbed "strange attractors." The essential property that strange attractors possess is that they consist of orbits which, although infinite in number and bounded in space, never cross. The curves of the orbits traversing the attractor are infinite in one dimension but bounded in another. Since they are not truly one-dimensional, nor two-dimensional entities, they are considered to be of fractional dimension.

*The renown Mandelbrot set. The set represents the basin of attraction for the orbit of  $Z_{n+1} = Z(n^2)+C$  iterated over the value  $Z_0 = 0+0i$ . Different points on the image correspond to different  $C$  values on the complex plane. Points that "escape" (whose values increase without bound) are colored according to the number of iterations it takes them to reach a threshold value; points in black never escape.*

What does it mean to say that an object is "of fractional dimension"? For that matter, what does it mean to say that an object has ANY dimension? Benoit Mandelbrot, pioneer in the field of chaos, offers one solution which relies on the principles of self-similarity and scaling.

Self-similarity and scaling are intimately related principles. To say that a thing is self-similar is to say that it can be divided into sections which, if scaled by a certain value, will resemble the figure as a whole. Nature provides us with many examples of self-similar structures; clouds,



coastlines, and even cauliflower possess self-similar structures on different scales.

Using the idea of self-similarity, we can define dimension in terms of scaling factors. Take a line segment of length 1, for instance. It can be broken into  $s$  sub-segments, each with length  $1/s$ , and each self-similar to the original segment when enlarged by a factor of  $s$ . Dimension is computed by taking the logarithm of the number of pieces needed to construct the whole and dividing it by the logarithm of the scaling factor. That is, if the number of pieces is  $a$  and the scaling factor is  $b$ , then dimension =  $(\log a)/(\log b)$ . For our line segment, this means that its dimension should be  $\log s$  divided by  $\log s$ , or  $(\log s)/(\log s)$ , or simply 1. By the formula, we can also correctly find the dimension of a cube. If we break it into smaller cubes with side length  $1/s$ , we find that we need  $s^3$  cubes to reconstruct the original cube, and that the scale factor needed to mimic the original is  $s$ . Now we simply apply the process again, and find that  $(\log s^3)/(\log s) = 3(\log s)/(\log s) = 3$ .

The two examples above verify our prior knowledge concerning certain objects of integer dimension: lines are one dimensional, and cubes are three dimensional. But what does it mean to say that an object has fractional dimension? An object of fractional dimension is simply one for which  $\log(a)/\log(b)$  is not an integer. To illustrate this principle, as well as the principle of the strange attractor as a whole, let us examine one such animal.

The attractor we will examine is known variously as the Sierpinski Triangle and the Sierpinski Gasket. It can be constructed by taking a solid triangle, subtracting out the triangle formed by the midpoints of each of the line segments composing the original triangle, and repeating this process on the remaining triangles ad infinitum. The resulting shape is neither truly one dimensional nor two dimensional; it is fractal. To calculate the fractional dimension of the Gasket, we need to find a way to break it up into a number of evenly-sized self-similar components. This is easily accomplished here, as the Gasket can quite clearly be broken up into the three sub-gaskets which were created by the first subtraction. Now to find the scaling factor. Each sub-gasket is  $1/4$  the area of the original triangle, and scaling any particular one by a factor of two would reproduce the original gasket. The dimension of the gasket, then, is  $(\log 3)/(\log 2)$ , or approximately 1.585. The Sierpinski Gasket, then, is about halfway between being one dimensional and being two dimens to generate the Sierpinski

Gasket, one begins with a triangle, divides it into four congruent equilateral triangles, removes the middle triangle, then repeats the procedure for each of the remaining triangles. The Sierpinski Gasket is the limit of this procedure as it is repeated infinitely many times.

The aforementioned method of generating the Sierpinski Gasket is very useful for seeing its fractional dimension, but hides its great significance as an attractor. Another way

of getting precisely the same shape is to take a triangle and a point within the triangle, find the midpoint of the segment connecting the point and one of the triangle's vertices (chosen at random), plot it, and repeat the process from that point ad infinitum. Strange though it may seem, the shape produced by this methodology is precisely the same as that produced by the triangle subtraction method. The orbit of the midpoint in the process converges rapidly to the gasket, regardless of the placement of the point, marking the gasket as a strong basin of attraction for this method.

If it seems strange that two completely different methods can be used to complete the gasket, how about three, four, or even five? One of the more interesting ways to construct the gasket is with Pascal's Triangle: one need simply draw a few lines of the triangle and begin to shade over all of the odd numbers within it in order to see the gasket begin to form. Another way relies on space-filling curves, and still another way of creating the gasket is to "grow" it using cellular automata (such as the computer program "Game of Life"). More methods exist, but already it is evident that there is something significant about this "polydemic" shape, that is one that exists in two or more regions. The Gasket, like the shape of trees or the Fibonacci Sequence, is a mathematical form which shows up time and time again, in many different places and under many different circumstances, and it was through an examination of these seemingly "universal" concepts that the idea of "universality" first arose.

Universality, the notion that there are certain underlying properties common to all systems, is in some ways a new idea, and in some ways a very old one. In ancient times the Greeks sought to find a single unifying relationship to describe the world. Physicists still search for a Grand Unified theory; in the past, men of mathematics proudly predicted the day when all the universe could be reduced to a single equation. These hopes were smashed by the discovery of chaos, which teaches us that the vast majority of non-linear systems are not solvable, but are now being reborn in the form of universality.

Is, then, universality at odds with chaos? Although finding order in chaos seems paradoxical, it is not. Chaos and universality, far from being in conflict, are complementary ideas. The theory of chaos says that you can never know exactly how a dynamic system will behave; universality asserts that, regardless, you can often know its approximate behavior.

This paradigm fits smoothly with our understandings from other areas of science. The motions of electrons, for instance, are chaotic in that it is impossible to predict exactly what a particular electron will do in any instance, but are universal in the sense that they are governed by basins of attraction which determine their statistical behavior. Likewise, in large-scale chemical reactions the behavior of particular molecules is unpredictable, while the reaction as a whole is not.

This blossoming of order from chaos is intuitive as well. The human visual system uses attractors to identify all

manner of things; because of universality, you can recognize your crazy uncle Harry whether he is wearing golf pants or a suit of armor. Humans make decisions by looking at the central tendencies and underlying similarities in the world, and making probabilistic predictions based on them.

Ours is a world which is neither certain nor random, and our realization of the importance of the interplay of order and chaos has opened up the doors to a whole realm of investigative opportunities. Those studying this region between order and disarray have dubbed their work "complexity theory," and in examining the subtle interactions between the instability of deterministic chaos and the building of attractor conditions they have come to identify several universal behavior patterns.

One of these is self-organization. This is the tendency of attractor conditions to form spontaneously from chaotic interactions. Although we have heard much of a mysterious force "entropy" which states that the universe tends towards disarray, we find that the matter of the universe has formed patterns. Self-organization is evident in everything from the evolution of life on earth to Jupiter's Great Red Spot, and is crucial to understanding such phenomena as memory and pattern recognition.

The most exciting thing, perhaps, about our advances in the understanding of order and chaos is the fact that chaos and complexity theory are acting as gateways, allowing scientists to address problems which were heretofore considered too difficult to study. One of the fields to

benefit the most from the recent insights has been economics, which has been intimately involved with complexity since shortly after its inception. Markets are chaotic environments, but there is a great stake in understanding their behavior, and recent work with attractors has yielded enough promise to spawn market analysis tools. One company, Cross/Z International Inc., has sold successful software to such companies as Club Med Inc. and American Express Co. These notions have also led to the creation of at least one investment firm which watches for chaotic patterns in the stock market.

Likewise, the potential for advances in the understanding of social systems is enormous. Whereas before only qualitative observations could be made, it is now becoming possible to look for attractors and analyze systems for scaling factors. The growing awareness of the potential utility of these new methods is reflected in the fact that articles concerning the application of chaos and complexity theory to existing problems have cropped up in increasing number in professional journals such as the Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association.

In addition to expanding the reach of the sciences, improvements in chaos and complexity theory are creating fallout inside the technical world. One area of intense research is in treating heart arrhythmias. By understanding the patterns in the neuron firings which lead to fatal arrhythmias, scientists hope to be able to put a stop to the process, thereby saving thousands of lives each year. Another area of promise is in computer programming,

where technicians are working to apply evolutionary principles to such mundane tasks as sorting and hashing algorithms. By creating programs which compete in a virtual environment to accomplish a given task with the greatest efficiency, programmers are able to cause algorithms to be "grown" rather than made. Successes in creating self-organizing computer programs likewise serve to bolster the work being done in nanotechnology and genetic engineering, both of which make use of the self-organizing properties of systems to accomplish goals.

As these new perspectives on order and chaos expand the sciences and revitalize our technological capabilities, they send out ripples which will ultimately affect our lives in many different ways. Just as the old-rationalist ideas of Newton found their way into society via management policies such as Taylorism and philosophies such as utilitarianism, so shall the new-rationalists have an effect on the way people perceive the world, and how they act. Whereas the old perspective saw chaos and order as being separate, inversely related properties, this new view recognizes the ultimate inseparability of the two. Whereas the old ideas considered it essential to have explicitly mandated, force maintained social orders, the new perspective recognizes the potential for the evolution of cooperation among individuals. Whereas scientists used to believe that there were definite answers to all questions, but found many questions unapproachable, this new breed recognizes that, while we can't have all the answers, we can often find the underlying properties which define prevailing tendencies. Just what becomes of this scientific movement

remains to be seen; chaos and complexity theory are not considered "true" sciences in the usual sense, and will eventually re-merge with the greater scientific world. Nevertheless, it seems that a new understanding of order and chaos is here to stay.

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## Introduction

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There are a couple of common mistakes people make, posting ads, posting large binaries (images or programs), and posting off-topic.

Do Not Post Images to sci.fractals. If you follow this rule people will be your friend. There is a special place for you to post your images, alt.binaries.pictures.fractals. The other group is considered

obsolete and may not be carried to as many people as a.b.p.f. In fact

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Post only about fractals, this includes fractal mathematics, software

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Do not post advertisements. I should not have to mention this, but I will. If you have some fractal software available as shareware or shrink-wrap do not post your brief announcement more than once.

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than, you should limit yourself to notices of upgrades and responding

via e-mail to people looking for fractal software.

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Subject: Learning about fractals

Q1: I want to learn about fractals. What should I read/view first?

A1: Chaos is a good book to get a general overview and history that does not require an extensive math background. Fractals Everywhere is a textbook on fractals that describes what fractals are and how to generate them, but it requires knowing intermediate analysis. Chaos, Fractals, and Dynamics is also a good start. There is a longer book list at the end of this file (see "What are some general references?").

Also, there are networked resources available, such as:

Exploring Fractals and Chaos

<http://www.lib.rmit.edu.au/fractals/exploring.html>

Fractal Microscope

[http://www.ncsa.uiuc.edu/Edu/Fractal/Fractal\\_Home.html](http://www.ncsa.uiuc.edu/Edu/Fractal/Fractal_Home.html)

Dynamical Systems and Technology Project: a introduction for high-school students

<http://math.bu.edu/DYSYS/dysys.html>

An Introduction to Fractals (Written by Paul Bourke)

<http://www.auckland.ac.nz/arch/pdbourke/fractals/fracintro.html>

Fractals and Scale (by David G. Green)

<http://life.csu.edu.au/complex/tutorials/tutorial3.html>

What are fractals? (by Neal Kettler)

<http://www.vis.colostate.edu/~user1209/fractals/fracinfo.html>

Fract-ED a fractal tutorial for beginners, targeted for high school/tech school students.

<http://www.ealnet.com/ealsoft/fracted.htm>

Mandelbrot Questions & Answers (without any scary details) by Paul Derbyshire

<http://chat.carleton.ca/~pderbysh/mandlfaq.html>

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Subject: What is a fractal?

Q2: What is a fractal? What are some examples of fractals?

A2: A fractal is a rough or fragmented geometric shape that can be subdivided in parts, each of which is (at least approximately) a reduced-size copy of the whole. Fractals are generally self-similar and independent of scale.

There are many mathematical structures that are fractals; e.g. Sierpinski triangle, Koch snowflake, Peano curve, Mandelbrot set, and Lorenz attractor. Fractals also describe many real-world objects, such

as clouds, mountains, turbulence, and coastlines, that do not correspond to simple geometric shapes.

Benoit B. Mandelbrot gives a mathematical definition of a fractal as  
a set of which the Hausdorff Besicovich dimension strictly exceeds the topological dimension. However, he is not satisfied with this definition as it excludes sets one would consider fractals.

According to Mandelbrot, who invented the word: "I coined fractal from the Latin adjective fractus. The corresponding Latin verb frangere means "to break:" to create irregular fragments. It is therefore sensible - and how appropriate for our needs! - that, in addition to "fragmented" (as in fraction or refraction), fractus should also mean "irregular," both meanings being preserved in fragment." (The Fractal Geometry of Nature, page 4.)

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Subject: Chaos

Q3: What is chaos?

A3: Chaos is apparently unpredictable behavior arising in a deterministic system because of great sensitivity to initial conditions. Chaos arises in a dynamical system if two arbitrarily close starting points diverge exponentially, so that their future behavior is eventually unpredictable.

Weather is considered chaotic since arbitrarily small variations in initial conditions can result in radically different weather later. This may limit the possibilities of long-term weather forecasting. (The canonical example is the possibility of a butterfly's sneeze affecting the weather enough to cause a hurricane weeks later.)

Devaney defines a function as chaotic if it has sensitive dependence on initial conditions, it is topologically transitive, and periodic points are dense. In other words, it is unpredictable, indecomposable, and yet contains regularity.

Allgood and Yorke define chaos as a trajectory that is exponentially unstable and neither periodic or asymptotically periodic. That is, it oscillates irregularly without settling down.

The following resources may be helpful to understand chaos:

sci.nonlinear FAQ (UK)

<http://www.fen.bris.ac.uk/engmaths/research/nonlinear/faq.html>

sci.nonlinear FAQ (US)

<http://amath.colorado.edu/appm/faculty/jdm/faq.html>

Exploring Chaos and Fractals

<http://www.lib.rmit.edu.au/fractals/exploring.html>

Chaos and Complexity Homepage (M. Bourdour)

<http://www.cc.duth.gr/~mboudour/nonlin.html>

The Institute for Nonlinear Science

<http://inls.ucsd.edu/>

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Subject: Fractal dimension

Q4a : What is fractal dimension? How is it calculated?

A4a: A common type of fractal dimension is the Hausdorff-Besicovich Dimension, but there are several different ways of computing fractal dimension.

Roughly, fractal dimension can be calculated by taking the limit of the quotient of the log change in object size and the log change in measurement scale, as the measurement scale approaches zero. The differences come in what is exactly meant by "object size" and what is meant by "measurement scale" and how to get an average number out of many different parts of a geometrical object. Fractal dimensions quantify the static geometry of an object.

For example, consider a straight line. Now blow up the line by a factor of two. The line is now twice as long as before.  $\log 2 / \log 2 = 1$ , corresponding to dimension 1. Consider a square. Now blow up the

square by a factor of two. The square is now 4 times as large as before (i.e. 4 original squares can be placed on the original square).

$\log 4 / \log 2 = 2$ , corresponding to dimension 2 for the square. Consider a snowflake curve formed by repeatedly replacing  $\_/\_$  with  $\_/\_$ , where each of the 4 new lines is  $1/3$  the length of the old line.

Blowing up the snowflake curve by a factor of 3 results in a snowflake

curve 4 times as large (one of the old snowflake curves can be placed on each of the 4 segments  $\_/\_$ ).

$\log 4 / \log 3 = 1.261\dots$  Since the dimension 1.261 is larger than the dimension 1 of the lines making up the curve, the snowflake curve is a fractal.

For more information on fractal dimension and scale, via the WWW

Fractals and Scale (by David G. Green)

<http://life.csu.edu.au/complex/tutorials/tutorial3.html>



Fractal dimension references:

1. J. P. Eckmann and D. Ruelle, *Reviews of Modern Physics* 57, 3 (1985), pp. 617-656.
2. K. J. Falconer, *The Geometry of Fractal Sets*, Cambridge Univ. Press, 1985.
3. T. S. Parker and L. O. Chua, *Practical Numerical Algorithms for Chaotic Systems*, Springer Verlag, 1989.
4. H. Peitgen and D. Saupe, eds., *The Science of Fractal Images*, Springer-Verlag Inc., New York, 1988. ISBN 0-387-96608-0. This book contains many color and black and white photographs, high level math, and several pseudocoded algorithms.
5. G. Procaccia, *Physica D* 9 (1983), pp. 189-208.
6. J. Theiler, *Physical Review A* 41 (1990), pp. 3038-3051.

References on how to estimate fractal dimension:

1. S. Jaggi, D. A. Quattrochi and N. S. Lam, Implementation and operation of three fractal measurement algorithms for analysis of remote-sensing data., *Computers & Geosciences* 19, 6 (July 1993), pp. 745-767.
2. E. Peters, *Chaos and Order in the Capital Markets*, New York, 1991. ISBN 0-471-53372-6  
Discusses methods of computing fractal dimension. Includes several short programs for nonlinear analysis.
3. J. Theiler, Estimating Fractal Dimension, *Journal of the Optical Society of America A-Optics and Image Science* 7, 6 (June 1990), pp. 1055-1073.

There are some programs available to compute fractal dimension. They are listed in a section below (see Q22 "Fractal software").

Reference on the Hausdorff-Besicovitch dimension

A clear and concise (2 page) write-up of the definition of the Hausdorff-Besicovitch dimension in MS-Word 6.0 format is available in zip format.

hausdorff.zip (~26KB)

<http://www.newciv.org/jhs/hausdorff.zip>

Q4b : What is topological dimension?

A4b: Topological dimension is the "normal" idea of dimension; a point has topological dimension 0, a line has topological dimension 1, a surface has topological dimension 2, etc.

For a rigorous definition:

A set has topological dimension 0 if every point has arbitrarily small neighborhoods whose boundaries do not intersect the set.

A set S has topological dimension k if each point in S has arbitrarily

small neighborhoods whose boundaries meet  $S$  in a set of dimension  $k-1$ , and  $k$  is the least nonnegative integer for which this holds.

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Subject: Strange attractors

Q5: What is a strange attractor?

A5: A strange attractor is the limit set of a chaotic trajectory. A strange attractor is an attractor that is topologically distinct from a periodic orbit or a limit cycle. A strange attractor can be considered a fractal attractor. An example of a strange attractor is the Henon attractor.

Consider a volume in phase space defined by all the initial conditions a system may have. For a dissipative system, this volume will shrink as the system evolves in time (Liouville's Theorem). If the system is sensitive to initial conditions, the trajectories of the points defining initial conditions will move apart in some directions, closer in others, but there will be a net shrinkage in volume. Ultimately, all points will lie along a fine line of zero volume. This is the strange attractor. All initial points in phase space which ultimately land on the attractor form a Basin of Attraction. A strange attractor results if a system is sensitive to initial conditions and is not conservative.

Note: While all chaotic attractors are strange, not all strange attractors are chaotic.

Reference:

1. Grebogi, et al., Strange Attractors that are not Chaotic, Physica D 13 (1984), pp. 261-268.

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Subject: The Mandelbrot set

Q6a : What is the Mandelbrot set?

A6a: The Mandelbrot set is the set of all complex  $c$  such that iterating  $z \rightarrow z^2 + c$  does not go to infinity (starting with  $z = 0$ ).

Other images and resources are:

Frank Rousell's hyperindex of clickable/retrievable Mandelbrot images

<http://www.cnam.fr/fractals/mandel.html>

Neal Kettler's Interactive Mandelbrot

<http://www.vis.colostate.edu/~user1209/fractals/explorer/>

Panagiotis J. Christias' Mandelbrot Explorer  
<http://www.softlab.ntua.gr/mandel/mandel.html>

2D & 3D Mandelbrot fractal explorer (set up by Robert Keller)  
<http://reality.sgi.com/employees/rck/hydra/>

Mandelbrot viewer written in Java (by Simon Arthur)  
<http://www.mindspring.com/~chroma/mandelbrot.html>

Mandelbrot Questions & Answers (without any scary details) by Paul Derbyshire  
<http://chat.carleton.ca/~pderbysh/mandlfaq.html>

Quick Guide to the Mandelbrot Set (includes a tourist map) by Paul Derbyshire  
<http://chat.carleton.ca/~pderbysh/manguide.html>

Beginner's guide to the Mandelbrot Set by Eric Carr  
<http://www.cs.odu.edu/~carr/mandelbr.html>

Java program to view the Mandelbrot Set by Ken Shirriff  
<ftp://ftp.cs.berkeley.edu/ucb/sprite/www/java/mandel.html>

Q6b : How is the Mandelbrot set actually computed?

A6b: The basic algorithm is: For each pixel  $c$ , start with  $z = 0$ . Repeat  $z = z^2 + c$  up to  $N$  times, exiting if the magnitude of  $z$  gets large. If you finish the loop, the point is probably inside the Mandelbrot set. If you exit, the point is outside and can be colored according to how many iterations were completed. You can exit if  $|z| > 2$ , since if  $z$  gets this big it will go to infinity. The maximum number of iterations,  $N$ , can be selected as desired, for instance 100. Larger  $N$  will give sharper detail but take longer.

Frøde Gill has some information about generating the Mandelbrot Set at  
<http://www.krs.hia.no/~fgill/mandel.html>.

Q6c : Why do you start with  $z = 0$ ?

A6c: Zero is the critical point of  $z = z^2 + c$ , that is, a point where  $d/dz (z^2 + c) = 0$ . If you replace  $z^2 + c$  with a different function, the starting value will have to be modified. E.g. for  $z \rightarrow z^2 + z$ , the critical point is given by  $2z + 1 = 0$ , so start with  $z = -\frac{1}{2}$ . In some cases, there may be multiple critical values, so they all should be tested.

Critical points are important because by a result of Fatou: every attracting cycle for a polynomial or rational function attracts at least one critical point. Thus, testing the critical point shows if there is any stable attractive cycle. See also:

1. M. Frame and J. Robertson, A Generalized Mandelbrot Set and the Role of Critical Points, Computers and Graphics 16, 1 (1992), pp. 35-40.

Note that you can precompute the first Mandelbrot iteration by starting with  $z = c$  instead of  $z = 0$ , since  $0^2 + c = c$ .

Q6d: What are the bounds of the Mandelbrot set? When does it diverge?

A6d: The Mandelbrot set lies within  $|c| \leq 2$ . If  $|z|$  exceeds 2, the  $z$  sequence diverges.

Proof: if  $|z| > 2$ , then  $|z^2 + c| \geq |z|^2 - |c| > 2|z| - |c|$ . If  $|z| \geq |c|$ , then  $2|z| - |c| > |z|$ . So, if  $|z| > 2$  and  $|z| \geq |c|$ , then  $|z^2 + c| > |z|$ , so the sequence is increasing. (It takes a bit more work to prove it is unbounded and diverges.) Also, note that  $|z| = |c|$ , so if  $|c| > 2$ , the sequence diverges.

Q6e : How can I speed up Mandelbrot set generation?

A6e: See the information on speed below (see "Fractint"). Also see:  
1. R. Rojas, A Tutorial on Efficient Computer Graphic Representations of the Mandelbrot Set, Computers and Graphics 15, 1 (1991), pp. 91-100.

Q6f: What is the area of the Mandelbrot set?

A6f: Ewing and Schober computed an area estimate using 240,000 terms of the Laurent series. The result is 1.7274... However, the Laurent series converges very slowly, so this is a poor estimate. A project to measure the area via counting pixels on a very dense grid shows an area around 1.5066. (Contact rpm@mrob.uucp@spdcc.com for more information.) Hill and Fisher used distance estimation techniques to rigorously bound the area and found the area is between 1.503 and 1.5701.

References:

1. J. H. Ewing and G. Schober, The Area of the Mandelbrot Set, Numer. Math. 61 (1992), pp. 59-72.
2. Y. Fisher and J. Hill, Bounding the Area of the Mandelbrot Set, Numerische Mathematik,. (Submitted for publication). Available via

World Wide Web (in Postscript format)  
<http://inls.ucsd.edu/y/Complex/area.ps.Z>.

Q6g: What can you say about the structure of the Mandelbrot set?

A6g: Most of what you could want to know is in Branner's article in Chaos and Fractals: The Mathematics Behind the Computer Graphics.

Note that the Mandelbrot set in general is not strictly self-similar; the tiny copies of the Mandelbrot set are all slightly different, mainly because of the thin threads connecting them to the main body of the Mandelbrot set. However, the Mandelbrot set is quasi-self-similar.

However, the Mandelbrot set is self-similar under magnification in neighborhoods of Misiurewicz points (e.g.  $-.1011 + .9563i$ ). The Mandelbrot set is conjectured to be self-similar around generalized Feigenbaum points (e.g.  $-1.401155$  or  $-.1528 + 1.0397i$ ), in the sense of converging to a limit set.

#### References:

1. T. Lei, Similarity between the Mandelbrot set and Julia Sets, Communications in Mathematical Physics 134 (1990), pp. 587-617.
2. J. Milnor, Self-Similarity and Hairiness in the Mandelbrot Set, in Computers in Geometry and Topology, M. Tangora (editor), Dekker, New York, pp. 211-257.

The "external angles" of the Mandelbrot set (see Douady and Hubbard or brief sketch in "Beauty of Fractals") induce a Fibonacci partition onto it.

The boundary of the Mandelbrot set and the Julia set of a generic  $c$  in  $M$  have Hausdorff dimension 2 and have topological dimension 1. The proof is based on the study of the bifurcation of parabolic periodic points. (Since the boundary has empty interior, the topological dimension is less than 2, and thus is 1.)

#### Reference:

1. M. Shishikura, The Hausdorff Dimension of the Boundary of the Mandelbrot Set and Julia Sets, The paper is available from anonymous ftp: ftp://math.sunysb.edu/preprints/ims91-7.ps.Z [IP: 129.49.18.1]

Q6h: Is the Mandelbrot set connected?

A6h: The Mandelbrot set is simply connected. This follows from a theorem of Douady and Hubbard that there is a conformal isomorphism from the complement of the Mandelbrot set to the complement of the unit disk. (In other words, all equipotential curves are simple closed curves.) It is conjectured that the Mandelbrot set is locally connected, and thus pathwise connected, but this is currently unproved.

#### Connectedness definitions:

Connected:  $X$  is connected if there are no proper closed subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$  such that  $A \cup B = X$ , but  $A \cap B$  is empty. I.e.  $X$  is connected if it is a single piece.

Simply connected:  $X$  is simply connected if it is connected and every closed curve in  $X$  can be deformed in  $X$  to some constant closed curve.

I.e.  $X$  is simply connected if it has no holes.

Locally connected:  $X$  is locally connected if for every point  $p$  in  $X$ , for every open set  $U$  containing  $p$ , there is an open set  $V$  containing  $p$

and contained in the connected component of  $p$  in  $U$ . I.e.  $X$  is locally connected if every connected component of every open subset is open in

$X$ . Arcwise (or path) connected:  $X$  is arcwise connected if every two points in  $X$  are joined by an arc in  $X$ .

(The definitions are from Encyclopedic Dictionary of Mathematics.)

Reference:

Douady, A. and Hubbard, J., "Comptes Rendus" (Paris) 294, pp.123-126, 1982.

Q6i: What is the Mandelbrot Encyclopedia?

A6i: The Mandelbrot Encyclopedia is a mail server which contains information about the Mandelbrot Set. It was setup by Robert Munafo <rpm@mrob.uucp@spdcc.com> but is not currently available. Further information will be available once it is available again.

Q6j: What is the dimension of the Mandelbrot Set?

A6j: The Mandelbrot Set has a dimension of 2. The Mandelbrot Set contains and is contained in a disk. A disk has a dimension of 2, thus so does the Mandelbrot Set. The Koch snowflake (dimension 1.2619...) does not satisfy this condition because it is a thin boundary curve, thus containing no disk. If you add the region inside the curve then it does have dimension of 2.

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Subject: Julia sets

Q7a: What is the difference between the Mandelbrot set and a Julia set?

A7a: The Mandelbrot set iterates  $z^2 + c$  with  $z$  starting at 0 and varying  $c$ . The Julia set iterates  $z^2 + c$  for fixed  $c$  and varying starting  $z$  values. That is, the Mandelbrot set is in parameter space ( $c$ -plane) while the Julia set is in dynamical or variable space ( $z$ -plane).

Q7b: What is the connection between the Mandelbrot set and Julia sets?

A7b: Each point  $c$  in the Mandelbrot set specifies the geometric structure of the corresponding Julia set. If  $c$  is in the Mandelbrot

set, the Julia set will be connected. If  $c$  is not in the Mandelbrot set, the Julia set will be a Cantor dust.

Q7c: How is a Julia set actually computed?

A7c: The Julia set can be computed by iteration similar to the Mandelbrot computation. The only difference is that the  $c$  value is fixed and the initial  $z$  value varies.

Alternatively, points on the boundary of the Julia set can be computed quickly by using inverse iterations. This technique is particularly useful when the Julia set is a Cantor Set. In inverse iteration, the equation  $z_1 = z_0^2 + c$  is reversed to give an equation for  $z_0$ :  $z_0 = \pm \sqrt{z_1 - c}$ . By applying this equation repeatedly, the resulting points quickly converge to the Julia set boundary. (At each step, either the positive or negative root is randomly selected.) This is a nonlinear iterated function system.

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In pseudocode:
z = 1 (or any value)
loop
  if (random number < .5) then
    z = sqrt(z - c)
  else
    z = -sqrt(z - c)
  endif
  plot z
end loop
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Q7d: What are some Julia set facts?

A7d: The Julia set of any rational map of degree greater than one is perfect (hence in particular uncountable and nonempty), completely invariant, equal to the Julia set of any iterate of the function, and also is the boundary of the basin of attraction of every attractor for the map.

Julia set references:

1. A. F. Beardon, Iteration of Rational Functions : Complex Analytic Dynamical Systems, Springer-Verlag, New York, 1991.
2. P. Blanchard, Complex Analytic Dynamics on the Riemann Sphere, Bull. of the Amer. Math. Soc 11, 1 (July 1984), pp. 85-141.

This article is a detailed discussion of the mathematics of iterated complex functions. It covers most things about Julia sets of rational polynomial functions.

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Subject: Complex arithmetic and quaternion arithmetic

Q8a: How does complex arithmetic work?

A8a: It works mostly like regular algebra with a couple additional formulas:

(note: a,b are reals, x ,y are complex, i is the square root of -1)

Powers of i:

$$i^2 = -1$$

Addition:

$$(a+i \cdot b)+(c+i \cdot d) = (a+c)+i \cdot (b+d)$$

Multiplication:

$$(a+i \cdot b) \cdot (c+i \cdot d) = a \cdot c - b \cdot d + i \cdot (a \cdot d + b \cdot c)$$

Division:

$$(a+i \cdot b) \div (c+i \cdot d) = (a+i \cdot b) \cdot (c-i \cdot d) \div (c^2+d^2)$$

Exponentiation:

$$\exp(a+i \cdot b) = \exp(a)(\cos(b)+i \cdot \sin(b))$$

Sine:

$$\sin(x) = (\exp(i \cdot x) - \exp(-i \cdot x)) \div (2 \cdot i)$$

Cosine:

$$\cos(x) = (\exp(i \cdot x) + \exp(-i \cdot x)) \div 2$$

Magnitude:

$$|a+i \cdot b| = \text{sqrt}(a^2+b^2)$$

Log:

$$\log(a+i \cdot b) = \log(|a+i \cdot b|) + i \cdot \arctan(b \div a) \text{ (Note: log is multivalued.)}$$

Log (polar coordinates):

$$\log(r \cdot e^{i \cdot \theta}) = \log(r) + i \cdot \theta$$

Complex powers:

$$x^y = \exp(y \cdot \log(x))$$

de Moivre's theorem:

$$x^n = r^n \cdot [\cos(n \cdot \theta) + i \cdot \sin(n \cdot \theta)] \text{ (where n is an integer)}$$

More details can be found in any complex analysis book.

Q8b: How does quaternion arithmetic work?

A8b: quaternions have 4 components (a + ib + jc + kd) compared to the

two of complex numbers. Operations such as addition and multiplication

can be performed on quaternions, but multiplication is not commutative.

Quaternions satisfy the rules

$$* i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1$$



\*  $ij = -ji = k$   
\*  $jk = -kj = i$ ,  
\*  $ki = -ik = j$

See:

Frode Gill's quaternions page  
<http://www.krs.hia.no/~fgill/quatern.html>

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Subject: Logistic equation

Q9: What is the logistic equation?

A9: It models animal populations. The equation is  $x \rightarrow c \cdot x \cdot (1 - x)$ , where  $x$  is the population (between 0 and 1) and  $c$  is a growth constant. Iteration of this equation yields the period doubling route to chaos. For  $c$  between 1 and 3, the population will settle to a fixed value. At 3, the period doubles to 2; one year the population is very high, causing a low population the next year, causing a high population the following year. At 3.45, the period doubles again to 4, meaning the population has a four year cycle. The period keeps doubling, faster and faster, at 3.54, 3.564, 3.569, and so forth. At 3.57, chaos occurs; the population never settles to a fixed period. For most  $c$  values between 3.57 and 4, the population is chaotic, but there are also periodic regions. For any fixed period, there is some  $c$  value that will yield that period. See "An Introduction to Chaotic Dynamical Systems" for more information.

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Subject: Feigenbaum's constant

Q10: What is Feigenbaum's constant? NEW

A10: In a period doubling cascade, such as the logistic equation, consider the parameter values where period-doubling events occur (e.g.  $r[1]=3$ ,  $r[2]=3.45$ ,  $r[3]=3.54$ ,  $r[4]=3.564\dots$ ). Look at the ratio of distances between consecutive doubling parameter values; let  $\text{delta}[n] = (r[n+1]-r[n])/(r[n+2]-r[n+1])$ . Then the limit as  $n$  goes to infinity is Feigenbaum's ( $\text{delta}$ ) constant.

Based on computations by F. Christiansen, P. Cvitanovic and H.H. Rugh, it has the value 4.6692016091029906718532038... Note: several books have published incorrect values starting 4.66920166...; the last repeated 6 is a typographical error.

The interpretation of the delta constant is as you approach chaos, each periodic region is smaller than the previous by a factor approaching 4.669...

Feigenbaum's constant is important because it is the same for any function or system that follows the period-doubling route to chaos and has a one-hump quadratic maximum. For cubic, quartic, etc. there are different Feigenbaum constants.

Feigenbaum's alpha constant is not as well known; it has the value 2.50290787509589282228390287272909. This constant is the scaling factor between x values at bifurcations. Feigenbaum says, "Asymptotically, the separation of adjacent elements of period-doubled attractors is reduced by a constant value [alpha] from one doubling to the next". If  $d[a]$  is the algebraic distance between nearest elements of the attractor cycle of period  $2^a$ , then  $d[a]/d[a+1]$  converges to  $-\alpha$ .

#### References:

1. K. Briggs, How to calculate the Feigenbaum constants on your PC, Aust. Math. Soc. Gazette 16 (1989), p. 89.
2. K. Briggs, A precise calculation of the Feigenbaum constants, Mathematics of Computation 57 (1991), pp. 435-439.
3. K. Briggs, G. R. W. Quispel and C. Thompson, Feigenvalues for Mandelsets, J. Phys. A 24 (1991), pp. 3363-3368.
4. F. Christiansen, P. Cvitanovic and H.H. Rugh, "The spectrum of the period-doubling operator in terms of cycles", J. Phys A 23, L713 (1990).
5. M. Feigenbaum, The Universal Metric Properties of Nonlinear Transformations, J. Stat. Phys 21 (1979), p. 69.
6. M. Feigenbaum, Universal Behaviour in Nonlinear Systems, Los Alamos Sci 1 (1980), pp. 1-4. Reprinted in Universality in Chaos, compiled by P. Cvitanovic.

#### Feigenbaum Constants

<http://www.mathsoft.com/asolve/constant/fgnbaum/fgnbaum.html>

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Subject: Iterated function systems and compression

Q11a: What is an iterated function system (IFS)?

A11a: If a fractal is self-similar, you can specify mappings that map the whole onto the parts. Iteration of these mappings will result in convergence to the fractal attractor. An IFS consists of a collection

of these (usually affine) mappings. If a fractal can be described by a small number of mappings, the IFS is a very compact description of the fractal. An iterated function system is By taking a point and repeatedly applying these mappings you end up with a collection of points on the fractal. In other words, instead of a single mapping  $x \rightarrow F(x)$ , there is a collection of (usually affine) mappings, and random selection chooses which mapping is used.

For instance, the Sierpinski triangle can be decomposed into three self-similar subtriangles. The three contractive mappings from the full triangle onto the subtriangles forms an IFS. These mappings will be of the form "shrink by half and move to the top, left, or right".

Iterated function systems can be used to make things such as fractal ferns and trees and are also used in fractal image compression. Fractals Everywhere by Barnsley is mostly about iterated function systems.

The simplest algorithm to display an IFS is to pick a starting point, randomly select one of the mappings, apply it to generate a new point, plot the new point, and repeat with the new point. The displayed points will rapidly converge to the attractor of the IFS.

Interactive IFS Playground (Otmar Lendl)  
<http://www.cosy.sbg.ac.at/rec/ifs/>

Frank Rousell's hyperindex of IFS images  
<http://www.cnam.fr/fractals/ifs.html>

Q11b: What is the state of fractal compression?

A11b: Fractal compression is quite controversial, with some people claiming it doesn't work well, and others claiming it works wonderfully. The basic idea behind fractal image compression is to express the image as an iterated function system (IFS). The image can then be displayed quickly and zooming will generate infinite levels of (synthetic) fractal detail. The problem is how to efficiently generate the IFS from the image. Barnsley, who invented fractal image compression, has a patent on fractal compression techniques (4,941,193). Barnsley's company, Iterated Systems Inc (<http://www.iterated.com/>), has a line of products including a Windows viewer, compressor, magnifier program, and hardware assist board.

Fractal compression is covered in detail in the comp.compression FAQ file (See "compression-FAQ").  
<ftp://rtfm.mit.edu/pub/usenet/comp.compression> [18.181.0.24].

One of the best online references for Fractal Compress is Yuval

Fisher's Fractal Image Encoding page  
(<http://inls.ucsd.edu/y/Fractals/>) at the Institute for Nonlinear  
Science, University for California, San Diego. It includes  
references  
to papers, other WWW sites, software, and books about Fractal  
Compression.

Three major research projects include

Waterloo Montreal Verona Fractal Research Initiative  
<http://links.uwaterloo.ca/>

Groupe FRACTALES  
<http://www-syntim.inria.fr/fractales/>

Bath Scalable Video Demo Software  
<http://dmsun4.bath.ac.uk/bsvdemo/>

Several books describing fractal image compression are:

1. M. Barnsley, *Fractals Everywhere*, Academic Press Inc., 1988.  
ISBN 0-12-079062-9. This is an excellent text book on fractals. This  
is probably the best book for learning about the math underpinning  
fractals. It is also a good source for new fractal types.
2. M. Barnsley and L. Anson, *The Fractal Transform*, Jones and  
Bartlett, April, 1993. ISBN 0-86720-218-1. Without assuming a  
great deal of technical knowledge, the authors explain the  
workings of the Fractal Transform(TM).
3. M. Barnsley and L. Hurd, *Fractal Image Compression*, Jones and  
Bartlett. ISBN 0-86720-457-5. This book explores the science of  
the fractal transform in depth. The authors begin with a  
foundation in information theory and present the technical  
background for fractal image compression. In so doing, they  
explain the detailed workings of the fractal transform.

Algorithms

are illustrated using source code in C.

4. Y. Fisher (Ed), *Fractal Image Compression: Theory and  
Application*.  
Springer Verlag, 1995.
5. Y. Fisher (Ed), *Fractal Image Encoding and Analysis: A NATO ASI  
Series Book*, Springer Verlag, New York, 1996 contains the  
proceedings of the Fractal Image Encoding and Analysis Advanced  
Study Institute held in Trondheim, Norway July 8-17, 1995. The  
book is currently being produced.

The October 1993 issue of Byte discussed fractal compression. You  
can  
ftp sample code: <ftp://ftp.uu.net/published/byte/93oct/fractal.exe>.

Andreas Kassler wrote a Fractal Image Compression with WINDOWS  
package  
for a Fractal Compression thesis. It is available at  
<http://www-vs.informatik.uni-ulm.de/Mitarbeiter/Kassler.html>

An introductory paper is:

1. A. E. Jacquin, Image Coding Based on a Fractal Theory of Iterated Contractive Image Transformation, IEEE Transactions on Image Processing, January 1992.

Many fractal image compression papers are available from <ftp://ftp.informatik.uni-freiburg.de/documents/papers/fractal> [IP 132.230.150.1].

A review of the literature is in Guide.ps.gz. See the README file for an overview of the available documents.

Other references:

Fractal Compression Bibliography  
<http://dipl.ee.uct.ac.za/fractal.bib.html>

Fractal Video Compression  
<http://inls.ucsd.edu/y/Fractals/Video/fracvideo.html>

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Subject: Chaotic demonstrations

Q12a: How can you make a chaotic oscillator?

A12a: Two references are:

1. T. S. Parker and L. O. Chua, Chaos: a tutorial for engineers, Proceedings IEEE 75 (1987), pp. 982-1008.
2. New Scientist, June 30, 1990, p. 37.

Q12b: What are laboratory demonstrations of chaos?

A12b: Robert Shaw at UC Santa Cruz experimented with chaos in dripping

taps. This is described in:

1. J. P. Crutchfield, Chaos, Scientific American 255, 6 (Dec. 1986), pp. 38-49.
2. I. Stewart, Does God Play Dice?: the Mathematics of Chaos, B. Blackwell, New York, 1989.

Two references to other laboratory demonstrations are:

1. K. Briggs, Simple Experiments in Chaotic Dynamics, American Journal of Physics 55, 12 (Dec 1987), pp. 1083-1089.
  2. J. L. Snider, Simple Demonstration of Coupled Oscillations, American Journal of Physics 56, 3 (Mar 1988), p. 200.
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Subject: L-Systems

Q13: What are L-systems?

A13: A L-system or Lindenmayer system is a formal grammar for generating strings. (That is, it is a collection of rules such as

replace X with XYX.) By recursively applying the rules of the L-system

to an initial string, a string with fractal structure can be created.

Interpreting this string as a set of graphical commands allows the fractal to be displayed. L-systems are very useful for generating realistic plant structures.

Some references are:

1. P. Prusinkiewicz and J. Hanan, Lindenmayer Systems, Fractals, and Plants, Springer-Verlag, New York, 1989.
2. P. Prusinkiewicz and A. Lindenmayer, The Algorithmic Beauty of Plants, Springer-Verlag, NY, 1990. ISBN 0-387-97297-8. A very good book on L-systems, which can be used to model plants in a very realistic fashion. The book contains many pictures.

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More information can be obtained via the WWW at:

L-Systems Tutorial by David Green

<http://life.csu.edu.au/complex/tutorials/tutorial2.html>

L-system leaf

[http://www.csu.edu.au/complex\\_systems/iconfern.gif](http://www.csu.edu.au/complex_systems/iconfern.gif)

3 Dim. L-system Tree program (P.J.Drinkwater)

<http://hill.lut.ac.uk/TestStuff/trees/>

L-system images from the Center for the Computation and Visualization

of Geometric Structures

<http://www.geom.umn.edu/pix/archive/subjects/L-systems.html>

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Subject: Fractal music

Q14: What is some information on fractal music?

A14: One fractal recording is "The Devil's Staircase: Composers and Chaos" on the Soundprint label.

Some references, many from an unpublished article by Stephanie Mason, are:

1. R. Bidlack, Chaotic Systems as Simple (But Complex) Compositional Algorithms, Computer Music Journal, Fall 1992.
2. C. Dodge, A Musical Fractal, Computer Music Journal 12, 13 (Fall 1988), p. 10.
3. K. J. Hsu and A. Hsu, Fractal Geometry of Music, Proceedings of the National Academy of Science, USA 87 (1990), pp. 938-941.
4. K. J. Hsu and A. Hsu, Self-similarity of the '1/f noise' called music., Proceedings of the National Academy of Science USA 88

(1991), pp. 3507-3509.

5. C. Pickover, *Mazes for the Mind: Computers and the Unexpected*, St. Martin's Press, New York, 1992.
6. P. Prusinkiewicz, *Score Generation with L-Systems*, International Computer Music Conference 86 Proceedings, 1986, pp. 455-457.
7. *Byte* 11, 6 (June 1986), pp. 185-196.

Online resources include:

Well Tempered Fractal v3.0 from Spanky via FTP by Robert Greenhouse  
<ftp://spanky.triumf.ca/pub/fractals/programs/ibmpc/wtf30.zip>

A fractal music C++ package is available at  
<http://hamp.hampshire.edu/~gpzF93/inSanity.html>

The Fractal Music Project (Claus-Dieter Schulz)  
<http://www-ks.rus.uni-stuttgart.de/people/schulz/fmusic>

Chua's Oscillator: Applications of Chaos to Sound and Music

<http://www.ccsr.uiuc.edu/People/gmk/Projects/ChuaSoundMusic/ChuaSoundMusic.html>

There is now a Fractal Music mailing list. It's purposes are:

1. To inform people about news, updates, changes on the Fractal Music Projects WWW pages.
2. To encourage discussion between people working in that area.

The Fractal Music Mailinglist: [fmusic@kssun7.rus.uni-stuttgart.de](mailto:fmusic@kssun7.rus.uni-stuttgart.de)

To subscribe to the list please send mail to  
[fmusic-request@kssun7.rus.uni-stuttgart.de](mailto:fmusic-request@kssun7.rus.uni-stuttgart.de)

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Subject: Fractal mountains

Q15: How are fractal mountains generated?

A15: Usually by a method such as taking a triangle, dividing it into 3 subtriangles, and perturbing the center point. This process is then repeated on the subtriangles. This results in a 2-d table of heights, which can then be rendered as a 3-d image. Two references are:

1. M. Ausloos, *Proc. R. Soc. Lond. A* 400 (1985), pp. 331-350.
2. H.O. Peitgen, D. Saupe, *The Science of Fractal Images*, Springer-Verlag, 1988

Available online is an implementation of fractal Brownian motion (fBm) such as described in *The Science of Fractal Images*.

Gforge (John Beale)  
<http://jump.stanford.edu:8080/beale/land/index.html>

Other fractal landscape

EECS News: Fall 1994: Building Fractal Planets by Ken Musgrave  
<http://www.seas.gwu.edu/faculty/musgrave/article.html>

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Subject: Plasma clouds

Q16: What are plasma clouds?

A16: They are a Fractal fractal and are similar to fractal mountains.

Instead of a 2-d table of heights, the result is a 2-d table of intensities. They are formed by repeatedly subdividing squares.

Robert Cahalan has fractal information about Earth's Clouds including how they differ from plasma clouds.

Fractal Clouds Reference by Robert F. Cahalan  
(cahalan@clouds.gsfc.nasa.gov)  
<http://climate.gsfc.nasa.gov/~cahalan/FractalClouds/>

Also some plasma-based fractals clouds by John Walker are available.

Fractal generated clouds  
<http://ivory.nosc.mil/html/trancv/html/cloud-fract.html>

Two articles about the fractal nature of Earth's clouds:

1. "Fractal statistics of cloud fields," R. F. Cahalan and J. H. Joseph, Mon. Wea.Rev. 117, 261-272, 1989
2. "The albedo of fractal stratocumulus clouds," R. F. Cahalan, W. Ridgway, W. J. Wiscombe, T. L. Bell and J. B. Snider, J. Atmos. Sci. 51, 2434-2455, 1994

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Subject: Lyapunov fractals

Q17a: Where are the popular periodically-forced Lyapunov fractals described?

A17a: See:

1. A. K. Dewdney, Leaping into Lyapunov Space, Scientific American, Sept. 1991, pp. 178-180.
2. M. Markus and B. Hess, Lyapunov Exponents of the Logistic Map with Periodic Forcing, Computers and Graphics 13, 4 (1989), pp. 553-558.
3. M. Markus, Chaos in Maps with Continuous and Discontinuous Maxima, Computers in Physics, Sep/Oct 1990, pp. 481-493.

Q17b: What are Lyapunov exponents?



A17b: Lyapunov exponents quantify the amount of linear stability or instability of an attractor, or an asymptotically long orbit of a dynamical system. There are as many Lyapunov exponents as there are dimensions in the state space of the system, but the largest is usually the most important.

Given two initial conditions for a chaotic system,  $a$  and  $b$ , which are close together, the average values obtained in successive iterations for  $a$  and  $b$  will differ by an exponentially increasing amount. In other words, the two sets of numbers drift apart exponentially. If this is written  $e^{n(\lambda)}$  for  $n$  iterations, then  $e^{\lambda}$  is the factor by which the distance between closely related points becomes stretched or contracted in one iteration.  $\lambda$  is the Lyapunov exponent. At least one Lyapunov exponent must be positive in

a chaotic system. A simple derivation is available in:

1. H. G. Schuster, *Deterministic Chaos: An Introduction*, Physics Verlag, 1984.

Q17c: How can Lyapunov exponents be calculated?

A17c: For the common periodic forcing pictures, the Lyapunov exponent is:

$$\lambda = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \log_2 \left( \frac{dx_{n+1}}{dx_n} \right)$$

In other words, at each point in the sequence, the derivative of the iterated equation is evaluated. The Lyapunov exponent is the average value of the log of the derivative. If the value is negative, the iteration is stable. Note that summing the logs corresponds to multiplying the derivatives; if the product of the derivatives has magnitude  $< 1$ , points will get pulled closer together as they go through the iteration.

MS-DOS and Unix programs for estimating Lyapunov exponents from short

time series are available by ftp: <ftp://inls.ucsd.edu/pub/ncsu/>

Computing Lyapunov exponents in general is more difficult. Some references are:

1. H. D. I. Abarbanel, R. Brown and M. B. Kennel, Lyapunov Exponents in Chaotic Systems: Their importance and their evaluation using observed data, *International Journal of Modern Physics B* 56, 9 (1991), pp. 1347-1375.
  2. A. K. Dewdney, Leaping into Lyapunov Space, *Scientific American*, Sept. 1991, pp. 178-180.
  3. M. Frank and T. Stenges, *Journal of Economic Surveys* 2 (1988), pp. 103- 133.
  4. T. S. Parker and L. O. Chua, *Practical Numerical Algorithms for Chaotic Systems*, Springer Verlag, 1989.
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Subject: Fractal items

Q18: Where can I get fractal T-shirts and posters?

A18: One source is Art Matrix, P.O. box 880, Ithaca, New York, 14851, 1-800-PAX-DUTY.

Another source is Media Magic; they sell many fractal posters, calendars, videos, software, t-shirts, ties, and a huge variety of books on fractals, chaos, graphics, etc. Media Magic is at PO Box 598 Nicasio, CA 94946, 415-662-2426.

A third source is Ultimate Image; they sell fractal t-shirts, posters, gift cards, and stickers. Ultimate Image is at PO Box 7464, Nashua, NH 03060-7464.

Yet another source is Dave Kliman (516) 625-2504 dkliman@pb.net, whose products are distributed through Spencer Gifts, Posterservice, 1-800-666-7654, and Scandecor International., this spring, through JC Penny, featuring all-over fractal t-shirts, and has fractal umbrellas available from Shaw Creations (800) 328-6090.

Cyber Fiber produces fractal silk scarves, t-shirts, and postcards. Contact Robin Lowenthal, Cyber Fiber, 4820 Gallatin Way, San Diego, CA 92117.

Chaos MetaLink website (<http://www.industrialstreet.com/chaos/metalink.htm>) also has postcards, CDs, and videos.

Free fractal posters are available if you send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the address given on <http://www.xmission.com/~legalize/>. For foreign requests (outside USA) include two IRCs (international reply coupons) to cover the weight.

ReFractal Design (<http://www.refractal.com/>) sells jewelry based on fractals.

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Subject: How can I take photos of fractals?

Q19: How can I take photos of fractals?

A19: Noel Giffin gets good results with the following setup: Use 100 ISO (ASA) Kodak Gold for prints or 64 ISO (ASA) for slides. Use a long lens (100mm) to flatten out the field of view and minimize screen

curvature. Use f/4 stop. Shutter speed must be longer than frame rate to get a complete image; 1/4 seconds works well. Use a tripod and cable release or timer to get a stable picture. The room should be completely blackened, with no light, to prevent glare and to prevent the monitor from showing up in the picture.

You can also obtain high quality images by sending your targa or gif images to a commercial graphics imaging shop. They can provide much higher resolution images. Prices are about \$10 for a 35mm slide or negative and about \$50 for a high quality 4x5 negative.

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Subject: 3-D fractals

Q20: How can 3-D fractals be generated?

A20: A common source for 3-D fractals is to compute Julia sets with quaternions instead of complex numbers. The resulting Julia set is four dimensional. By taking a slice through the 4-D Julia set (e.g. by fixing one of the coordinates), a 3-D object is obtained. This object can then be displayed using computer graphics techniques such as ray tracing.

Frank Rousell's hyperindex of 3D images  
<http://www.cnam.fr/fractals/mandel3D.html>

4D Quaternions by Tom Holroyd  
<http://bambi.ccs.fau.edu/~tomh/fractals/fractals.html>

The papers to read on this are:

1. J. Hart, D. Sandin and L. Kauffman, Ray Tracing Deterministic 3-D Fractals, SIGGRAPH, 1989, pp. 289-296.
2. A. Norton, Generation and Display of Geometric Fractals in 3-D, SIGGRAPH, 1982, pp. 61-67.
3. A. Norton, Julia Sets in the Quaternions, Computers and Graphics, 13, 2 (1989), pp. 267-278.

Two papers on cubic polynomials, which can be used to generate 4-D fractals:

1. B. Branner and J. Hubbard, The iteration of cubic polynomials, part I., Acta Math 66 (1988), pp. 143-206.
2. J. Milnor, Remarks on iterated cubic maps, This paper is available from <ftp://math.sunysb.edu/preprints/ims90-6.ps.Z>. Published in 1991 SIGGRAPH Course Notes #14: Fractal Modeling in 3D Computer Graphics and Imaging.

Instead of quaternions, you can of course use hypercomplex number such as in "FractInt", or other functions. For instance, you could use a map with more than one parameter, which would generate a

higher-dimensional fractal.

Another way of generating 3-D fractals is to use 3-D iterated function systems (IFS). These are analogous to 2-D IFS, except they generate points in a 3-D space.

A third way of generating 3-D fractals is to take a 2-D fractal such as the Mandelbrot set, and convert the pixel values to heights to generate a 3-D "Mandelbrot mountain". This 3-D object can then be rendered with normal computer graphics techniques.

POV-Ray 3.0, a freely available ray tracing package, has added 4-D fractal support. It takes a 3-D slice of a 4-D Julia set based on an arbitrary 3-D "plane" done at any angle. For more information see the POV Ray web site at <http://www.povray.org/>.

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Subject: Fractint

Q21a: What is Fractint?

A21a: Fractint is a very popular freeware (not public domain) fractal generator. There are DOS, Windows, OS/2, Amiga, and Unix/X versions. The DOS version is the original version, and is the most up-to-date. Please note: sci.fractals is not a product support newsgroup for Fractint. Bugs in Fractint/Xfractint should usually go to the authors rather than being posted.

Fractint is on many ftp sites. For example:

DOS

19.3 source via WWW from USA  
<http://www.coast.net/cgi-bin/coast/dwn?msdos/graphics/frasr192.zip>

19.3 executable via WWW from USA  
<http://www.coast.net/cgi-bin/coast/dwn?msdos/graphics/frain192.zip>

19.3 source via FTP from Canada  
<ftp://spanky.triumf.ca/fractals/programs/ibmpc/frasr193.zip>

19.3 executable via FTP from Canada  
<ftp://spanky.triumf.ca/fractals/programs/ibmpc/frain193.zip>

(The suffix 193 will change as new versions are released.)

Fractint is available on CompuServe: GO GRAPHDEV and look for FRAINT.EXE and FRASRC.EXE in LIB 4.

## Windows

MS-Window FractInt 18.21 via FTP from Canada

<ftp://spanky.triumf.ca/fractals/programs/ibmpc/windows/winf1821.zip>

MS-Window FractInt 18.21 via WWW from USA

<http://www.coast.net/cgi-bin/coast/dwn?win3/graphics/winf1821.zip>

MS-Windows FractInt 18.21 source via FTP from Canada

<ftp://spanky.triumf.ca/fractals/programs/ibmpc/windows/wins1821.zip>

MS-Windows FractInt 18.21 source via WWW from USA

<http://www.coast.net/cgi-bin/coast/dwn?win3/graphics/wins1821.zip>

## OS/2

Available on Compuserve in its GRAPHDEV forum. The files are PM\*.ZIP.

These files are also available by  
<ftp://ftp-os2.nmsu.edu/os2/graphics/pmfra2.zip>

## Unix

The Unix version of FractInt, called XFractInt requires X-Windows.

3.02 source

<ftp://ftp.cs.berkeley.edu/pub/sprite/xfract302.shar.Z>

XFractInt is also available in LIB 4 of Compuserve's GO GRAPHDEV forum  
in XFRACT.ZIP.

## Macintosh

There is NO Macintosh version of Fractint, although there may be several people working on a port. It is possible to run Fractint on the

Macintosh if you use Insignia Software's SoftAT, which is a PC AT emulator.

## Amiga

There is an Amiga version also available:

FractInt 2.6 via FTP from an AmiNET archive in USA

<ftp://wuarchive.wustl.edu/pub/aminet/gfx/fract/fractint26.lha>

FracInt 2.6 via WWW from an AmiNET archive in USA

<http://wuarchive.wustl.edu/pub/aminet/gfx/fract/fractint26.lha>

The latest version (3.02) via WWW from Norway  
<http://login.eunet.no/~terjepe/aboutfractint.html>

#### FracXtra

There is a collection of map, parameter, etc. files for FractInt, called FracXtra. It is available

FracXtra Home Page by Dan Goldwater  
<http://fatmac.ee.cornell.edu/~goldwada/fracxtra.html>

FracXtra via WWW (preferred)  
<http://www.coast.net/cgi-bin/coast/dwn?mdos/graphics/fracxtr6.zip>  
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FracXtra via FTP  
<ftp://spanky.triumf.ca/fractals/programs/ibmpc/fracxtr6.zip>

#### FractInt PAR Exchange

by Landon Kuhn "for all the fans of Fractint and fractal creation." Its purpose is the trading of parameter files created by Fractint.

FractInt PAR Exchange  
<http://www.hevanet.com/lkuhn/px>

For European users, these files are available from <ftp://ftp.uni-koeln.de/>. If you can't use ftp, see the mail server information below.

Q21b: How does Fractint achieve its speed?

A21b: Fractint's speed (such as it is) is due to a combination of:

1. Using fixed point math rather than floating point where possible (huge improvement for non-coprocessor machine, small for 486's).
2. Exploiting symmetry of the fractal.
3. Detecting nearly repeating orbits, avoid useless iteration (e.g. repeatedly iterating  $0^2+0$  etc. etc.).
4. Reducing computation by guessing solid areas (especially the "lake" area).
5. Using hand-coded assembler in many places.
6. Obtaining both sin and cos from one 387 math coprocessor instruction.
7. Using good direct memory graphics writing in 256-color modes.

The first four are probably the most important. Some of these introduce errors, usually quite acceptable.

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Subject: Fractal software NEW

Q22: Where can I obtain software packages to generate fractals?

A22:

For X windows:

xmntns xlmntn: fractal mountains  
<ftp://ftp.uu.net/usenet/comp.sources.x/volume8/xmntns>

xfroot: fractal root window  
X11 distribution

xmartin: Martin hopalong root window  
X11 distribution

xmandel: Mandelbrot/Julia sets  
X11 distribution

lyap: Lyapunov exponent images  
<ftp://ftp.uu.net/usenet/comp.sources.x/volume17/lyapunov-xlib>

spider: Uses Thurston's algorithm, Kobe algorithm, external angles  
<http://inls.ucsd.edu/y/Complex/spider.tar.Z>

xfractional\_explorer: fractal drawing program  
[ftp://ftp.x.org/contrib/applications/xfractional\\_explorer-](ftp://ftp.x.org/contrib/applications/xfractional_explorer-v1.0.tar.gz)  
v1.0.tar  
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Xmountains: A fractal landscape generator  
<ftp://ftp.epcc.ed.ac.uk/pub/personal/spb/xmountains>

xfraction: Mandelbrot with a color-cycling feature  
<ftp://charm.il.ft.hse.nl/pub/X11/src/xfraction.tar.gz>

xmfraction v1.4: Needs Motif 1.2+, based on FractInt  
[ftp://ftp.x.org/contrib/graphics/xmfraction\\_1.4.tar.gz](ftp://ftp.x.org/contrib/graphics/xmfraction_1.4.tar.gz)

Fast Julia Set and Mandelbrot for X-Windows by Zsolt Zsoldos  
<http://www.chem.leeds.ac.uk/ICAMS/people/zsolt/mandel.html>

Distributed X systems:

MandelSpawn: Mandelbrot/Julia on a network  
<ftp://ftp.x.org/R5contrib/mandelspawn-0.07.tar.Z>  
<ftp://ftp.funet.fi/pub/X11/R5contrib/mandelspawn-0.07.tar.Z>

gnumandel: Mandelbrot on a network  
<ftp://ftp.elte.hu/pub/software/unix/gnu/gnumandel.tar.Z>

For SunView:

Mandtool: Mandelbrot  
[ftp://spanky.triumf.ca/fractals/programs/mandtool/M\\_TAR.Z](ftp://spanky.triumf.ca/fractals/programs/mandtool/M_TAR.Z)

For Unix/C:

lsys: L-systems as PostScript (in C++)

<ftp://ftp.cs.unc.edu/pub/users/leech/lsys.tar.gz>

lyapunov: PGM Lyapunov exponent images

<ftp://ftp.uu.net/usenet/comp.sources.misc/volume23/lyapunov/>

SPD: fractal mountain, tree, recursive tetrahedron

<ftp://ftp.povray.org/pub/povray/spd/>

Fractal Studio: Mandelbrot set; handles distributed computing

<ftp://archive.cs.umbc.edu/pub/peter/fractal-studio>

fanal: analysis of fractal dimension by Jürgen Dollinger

<ftp://ftp.uni->

<stuttgart.de/pub/systems/linux/local/math/fanal-0>

[1b.tar.gz](#)

For Mac:

LSystem, 3D-L-System, IFS, FracHill, Mandella

<http://wuarchive.wustl.edu/edu/math/software/mac/fractals/>

<ftp://ftp.auckland.ac.nz/>

fractal-wizard.hqx, julias-dream-107.hqx, mandella-87.hqx

<ftp://mirrors.aol.com/pub/info-mac/app/>

<ftp://plaza.aarnet.edu.au/micros/mac/info-mac/app/>

mandel-tv: a very fast Mandelbrot generator.

<ftp://mirrors.aol.com/pub/info-mac/sci/>

<ftp://plaza.aarnet.edu.au/micros/mac/info-mac/sci/>

mandelzot, powerexplorer

<ftp://mirrors.aol.com/pub/info-mac/>

There are also commercial programs, such as IFS Explorer and Fractal Clip Art, which are published by Koyn Software (314) 878-9125. Kai's Fractal Explorer (part of the Kai's Power Tools package for Adobe Photoshop)

Note: This listing is quite old. If you have a Mac (especially a PowerMac) please do me a large favor and send me updates to this information. Thanks.

(note: M-Set is short hand for Mandelbrot Set)

For MSDOS:

DEEPZOOM: a high-precision M-Set program for displaying highly zoomed

fractals

<http://spanky.triumf.ca/pub/fractals/programs/ibmpc/depzml3.zip>

Fractal WitchCraft: a very fast fractal design program

<ftp://garbo.uwasa.fi/pc/demo/fw1-08.zip>

[ftp://ftp.cdrom.com/pub/garbo/garbo\\_pc/show/fw1-08.zip](ftp://ftp.cdrom.com/pub/garbo/garbo_pc/show/fw1-08.zip)



CAL: generates more than 15 types of fractals including Lyapunov, IFS,

user-defined, logistic, and Quaternion Julia  
<ftp://ftp.coast.net/SimTel/msdos/graphics/frcal040.zip>

Fractal Discovery Laboratory: designed for use in a science museum or

school setting. The Lab has five sections: Art Gallery, Microscope, Movies, Tools, and Library  
Sampler available from Compuserve GRAPHDEV Lib 4 in

DISCOV.ZIP,

or send high-density disk and self-addressed, stamped envelope

to: Earl F. Glynn, 10808 West 105th Street, Overland Park, Kansas 66214-3057.

WL-Plot 2.59 : plots functions including bifurcations and recursive relations

<ftp://archives.math.utk.edu/software/msdos/graphing/wlplt/wlplt259.zip>

From <ftp://ftp.coast.net/SimTel/msdos/graphics/>

forb01a.zip: Displays orbits of M-Set mapping. C/E/VGA  
fract30.zip: Mandelbrot/Julia set 2D/3D EGA/VGA Fractal Gen  
fractfly.zip: Create Fractal flythroughs with FRACTINT  
fdesi313.zip: Program to visually design IFS fractals  
frain192.zip: FRACTINT v19.2 EGA/VGA/XGA fractal generator  
frasr192.zip: C & ASM src for FRACTINT v19.2  
frcal040.zip: Fractal drawing program: 15 formulae available  
frcaldmo.zip: 800x600x256 demo images for FRCAL040.ZIP

vlotkatc uses VESA 640x480x16 Million colour mode to generate Volterra-Lotka images.

<http://spanky.triumf.ca/pub/fractals/programs/ibmpc/vlotkatc.zip>

<http://spanky.triumf.ca/pub/fractals/programs/ibmpc/vlotkatc.doc>

<ftp://spanky.triumf.ca/pub/fractals/programs/ibmpc/vlotkatc.zip>

<ftp://spanky.triumf.ca/pub/fractals/programs/ibmpc/vlotkatc.doc>

Fast FPU Fractal Fun 2.0 (FFFF2.0) is the first M-Set generator working in hicolor gfx modes thus using up to 32768 different colors on screen by Daniele Paccaloni requires 386DX+ and

VESA

support

<http://spanky.triumf.ca/pub/fractals/programs/IBMPC/FFFF20.ZIP>

<ftp://spanky.triumf.ca/pub/fractals/programs/IBMPC/FFFF20.ZIP>

3DFract generates 3-D fractals including Sierpinski cheese and 3-D snowflake

<http://www.cstp.umkc.edu/users/bhugh/home.html>

FracTrue 2.00 - Hi/TrueColor Generator including a formular parser.  
286+ VGA by Bernd Hemmerling  
<http://www.cs.tu-berlin.de/~hemmerli/>

HOP based on the HOPALONG fractal type. Math coprocessor (386DX and above) and SuperVGA required. shareware (\$30) Places to download HOPZIP.EXE from:  
Compuserve GRAPHDEV forum, lib 4  
The Well under ibmpc/graphics  
<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/mpeters/hop.htm>  
<ftp://ftp.uni-heidelberg.de/pub/msdos/graphics/>  
<http://spanky.triumf.ca/pub/fractals/programs/ibmpc/>  
<ftp://spanky.triumf.ca/pub/fractals/programs/ibmpc/>

ZsManJul 1.0 (requires 386DX+) by Zsolt Zsoldos  
<http://www.chem.leeds.ac.uk/ICAMS/people/zsolt/zsmanjul.html>

Fractal Movie a real-time 3D IFS fractal movie renderer (running on the 486DX+)  
<http://home.pacific.net.sg/~yqchen/>

FracZoom shareware by Niels Ulrik Reinwald 386DX+  
<http://www.geocities.com/siliconvalley/4602/index.html>

RMandel 1.2 80-bit floating point M-Set animation generator by Marvin  
R. Lipford  
<ftp://ftp.cnam.fr/pub/Fractals/anim/FRACSOFT/rmandel.zip>

TruMand 1.0 by Mike Freeman 486DX+ True-colour M-Set generator  
<http://spanky.triumf.ca/pub/fractals/programs/ibmpc/TRMAND10.ZIP>  
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FAE - Fractal Animation Engine shareware by Brian Towles  
<http://spanky.triumf.ca/pub/fractals/programs/ibmpc/FAE210B.ZIP>

For Windows:

dy-syst: Explores Newton's method, Mandelbrot and Julia sets  
<ftp://cssun.mathcs.emory.edu/pub/riddle/>

bmand 1.1 shareware by Christopher Bare M-Set program  
[http://www.gi.net/MSDOS\\_A/PM-1995/95-01/95-01-24/0012.html](http://www.gi.net/MSDOS_A/PM-1995/95-01/95-01-24/0012.html)

For Amiga:

(all entries marked "ff####" are directories where the individual archives of the Fish Disk set available at  
<ftp://ftp.funet.fi/pub/amiga/fish/> and other sites)

General Mandelbrot generators with many features: Mandelbrot (ff030),  
Mandel (ff218), Mandelbrot (ff239), TurboMandel (ff302), MandelBltiz

(ff387), SMan (ff447), MandelMountains (ff383, in 3-D), MandelPAUG (ff452, MandFXP movies), MandAnim (ff461, anims), ApfelKiste (ff566, very fast), MandelSquare (ff588, anims)

Mandelbrot and Julia sets generators: MandelVroom (ff215), Fractals (ff371, also Newton-R and other sets)

With different algorithmic approaches (shown): FastGro (ff188, DLA), IceFrac (ff303, DLA), DEM (ff303, DEM), CPM (ff303, CPM in 3-D), FractalLab (ff391, any equation)

Iterated Function System generators (make ferns, etc): FracGen (ff188, uses "seeds"), FCS (ff465), IFSgen (ff554), IFSLab (ff696, "Collage Theorem")

Unique fractal types: Cloud (ff216, cloud surfaces), Fractal (ff052, terrain), IMandelVroom (strange attractor contours?), Landscape (ff554, scenery), Scenery (ff155, scenery), Plasma (ff573, plasma clouds)

Fractal generators: PolyFractals (ff015), FFEX (ff549)

Lyapunov fractals

<ftp://ftp.luth.se/pub/aminet/gfx/misc/Lyapunovia15.lha>

Commercial packages: Fractal Pro 5.0, Scenery Animator 2.0, Vista Professional, Fractuality (reviewed in April '93 Amiga User International). MathVISION 2.4. Generates Julia, Mandelbrot, and others. Includes software for image processing, complex arithmetic, data display, general equation evaluation. Available for \$223 from Seven Seas Software, Box 1451, Port Townsend WA 98368.

Software for computing fractal dimension:

Fractal Dimension Calculator is a Macintosh program which uses the box-counting method to compute the fractal dimension of planar graphical objects.

<http://wvarchive.wustl.edu/edu/math/software/mac/fractals/FDC/>

<http://wvarchive.wustl.edu/packages/architec/Fractals/FDC2D.sea.hqx>

<http://wvarchive.wustl.edu/packages/architec/Fractals/FDC3D.sea.hqx>

FD3: estimates capacity, information, and correlation dimension from a list of points. It computes log cell sizes, counts, log counts, log of Shannon statistics based on counts, log of correlations based on counts, two-point estimates of the dimensions at all scales examined, and over-all least-square estimates of the dimensions.

<ftp://inls.ucsd.edu/pub/cal-state-stan>

<ftp://inls.ucsd.edu/pub/inls-ucsd>

for an enhanced Grassberger-Procaccia algorithm for  
correlation  
dimension.

A MS-DOS version of FP3 is available by request to  
gentry@altair.csustan.edu.

Java applets

Chaos!  
<http://www.vt.edu:10021/B/bwn/Chaos.html>

Take's Online  
<http://www.geocities.com/Hollywood/3618/java.html>

Fractal Lab  
<http://www.wmin.ac.uk/~storyh/fractal/frac.html>

Mandelbrot Set Escape Iterations  
<http://www.voidstar.org/java/escape.html>

The Mandelbrot Set  
<http://www.mindspring.com/~chroma/mandelbrot.html>

Paton J. Lewis: Graphics Projects  
<http://www.cs.brown.edu/people/pjl/mandelbrot.html>

Mark's Java Julia Set Generator  
<http://liberty.uc.wlu.edu/~mmcclure/java/Julia/>

Fractals by Sun Microsystems

<http://java.sun.com/java.sun.com/applets/applets/Fractal/example1.html>

The Mandelbrot set  
[http://www.franceway.com/java/fractale/mandel\\_b.htm](http://www.franceway.com/java/fractale/mandel_b.htm)

Mandelbrot Java Applet  
<http://www.mit.edu:8001/people/mkgray/java/Mandel.html>

Ken Shirriff Java language pages  
<http://www.sunlabs.com/~shirriff/java/>

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Subject: FTP questions

Q23a: How does anonymous ftp work?

A23a: Anonymous ftp is a method of making files available to anyone  
on  
the Internet. In brief, if you are on a system with ftp (e.g. Unix),  
you type "ftp lyapunov.ucsd.edu", or whatever system you wish to  
access. You are prompted for your name and you reply "anonymous".  
You

are prompted for your password and you reply with your email  
address.

You then use "ls" to list the files, "cd" to change directories, "get"

to get files, an "quit" to exit. For example, you could say "cd /pub",

"ls", "get README", and "quit"; this would get you the file "README".

See the man page ftp(1) or ask someone at your site for more information.

In this FAQ, anonymous ftp addresses are given in the form ftp://name.of.machine:/pub/path [1.2.3.4]. The first part is the protocol, FTP, rather than say "gopher", the second part "name.of.machine" is the machine you must ftp to. If your machine cannot determine the host from the name, you can try the numeric Internet address: "ftp 1.2.3.4". The part after the name: "/pub/path"

is the file or directory to access once you are connected to the remote machine.

Q23b: What if I can't use ftp to access files?

A23b: If you don't have access to ftp because you are on a UUCP, Fidonet, BITNET network there is an e-mail gateway at ftpmail@decwrl.dec.com that can retrieve the files for you. To get instructions on how to use the ftp gateway send a message to ftpmail@decwrl.dec.com with one line containing the word "help".

Warning, these archives can be very large, sometimes several megabytes

(MB) of data which will be sent to your e-mail address. If you have a

disk quota for incoming mail, be careful not exceed it.

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Subject: Archived pictures

Q24a: Where are fractal pictures archived? NEW

A24a: Fractal images (GIFs, etc.) used to be posted to alt.fractals.pictures; this newsgroup has been replaced by alt.binaries.pictures.fractals. Pictures from 1990 and 1991 are available via anonymous ftp at ftp://csus.edu/pub/alt.fractals.pictures

Many Mandelbrot set images are available via ftp://ftp.ira.uka.de/pub/graphic/fractals

Fractal images including some recent alt.binaries.pictures.fractals images are archived at ftp://spanky.triumf.ca/fractals. This can also be accessed via WWW at http://spanky.triumf.ca/

From Paris, France one of the largest collections (>= 460MB) is Frank

Roussel's at http://www.cnam.fr/fractals.html. These images are also available via FTP at ftp://ftp.cnam.fr/pub/Fractals. Fractal

animations in MPG and FLI format are in  
<ftp://ftp.cnam.fr/pub/Fractals/anim> or  
<http://www.cnam.fr/fractals/anim.html>. In Bordeaux (France) there is

a

mirror of this site,  
<http://www.bdx1.u-bordeaux.fr/MAPBX/rousseau/fractals.html>. Another  
collection of fractal images is archived at  
<ftp.maths.tcd.ie/pub/images/Computer>

A collection of interesting smoke- and flame-like jpeg iterated  
function system images is available on the WWW at  
<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/afs/cs.cmu.edu/user/spot/web/images.html>. Some  
images are also available from:  
<ftp://hopeless.mess.cs.cmu.edu/spot/film/>

Other tutorials, resources, and galleries of images are:

Cliff Pickover  
<http://sprott.physics.wisc.edu/pickover/home.htm>

Fractal Gallery (J. C. Sprott)  
<http://sprott.physics.wisc.edu/fractals.htm>

Fractal Microscope  
[http://www.ncsa.uiuc.edu/Edu/Fractal/Fractal\\_Home.html](http://www.ncsa.uiuc.edu/Edu/Fractal/Fractal_Home.html)

"Contours of the Mind"  
<http://online.anu.edu.au/ITA/ACAT/contours/contours.html>

Computer Graphics Gallery  
<http://www.maths.tcd.ie/pub/images/images.html>

The San Francisco Fractal Factory.  
<http://www.awa.com/sfff/sfff.html>

Spanky Fractal Database (Noel Giffin)  
<http://spanky.triumf.ca/www/spanky.html>

Fractal Gallery (Frank Rousell)  
<http://www.cnam.fr/fractals.html>

Fractal Animations Gallery (Frank Rousell)  
<http://www.cnam.fr/fractals/anim.html>

Yahoo Index of Fractal Art  
[http://www.yahoo.com/Art/Computer\\_Generated/Fractals/](http://www.yahoo.com/Art/Computer_Generated/Fractals/)

Geometry Centre at University of Minnesota  
<http://www.geom.umn.edu/pix/archive/subjects/fractals.html>

Fractal from Ojai (Art Baker)  
<http://www.fishnet.net/~ayb/>

Skal's 3D-fractal collection (Pascal Massimino)  
[http://acacia.ens.fr:8080/home/massimin/quat/f\\_gal.ang.html](http://acacia.ens.fr:8080/home/massimin/quat/f_gal.ang.html)

3d Fractals (Stewart Dickson) via Mathart.com

[http://www.wri.com/~mathart/portfolio/SPD\\_Frac\\_portfolio.html](http://www.wri.com/~mathart/portfolio/SPD_Frac_portfolio.html)

Softsource

<http://www.softsource.com/softsource/fractal.html>

Favourite Fractals (Ryan Grant)

[http://www.ncsa.uiuc.edu/SDG/People/rgrant/fav\\_pics.html](http://www.ncsa.uiuc.edu/SDG/People/rgrant/fav_pics.html)

A.F.P. Fractal FTP Archive

<ftp://csus.edu/pub/alt.fractals.pictures>

Eric Schol

<http://hydra.cs.utwente.nl/~schol/video.html>

Mandelbrot and Julia Sets (David E. Joyce)

<http://aleph0.clarku.edu/~djoyce/home.html>

Newton's method

<http://aleph0.clarku.edu/~djoyce/newton/newton.html>

Gratuitous Fractals (evans@ctrvax.vanderbilt.edu)

<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/VUCC/Misc/Art1/fractals.html>

Xmorphia

<http://www.ccsf.caltech.edu/ismap/image.html>

Fractal Prairie Page (George Krumins)

<http://www.prairienet.org/astro/fractal.html>

Fractal Gallery (Paul Derbyshire)

<http://chat.carleton.ca/~pderbysh/fractgal.html>

David Finton's homepage

<http://www.d.umn.edu/~dfinton/>

Algorithmic Image Gallery (Giuseppe Zito)

<http://www.ba.infn.it/gallery>

Octonion Fractals built using hyper-hyper-complex numbers by Onar Em

<http://www.stud.his.no/~onar/Octonion.html>

B' Plasma Cloud (animated gif)

<http://www.az.com/~rsears/fractpl.html>

John Bailey's fractal images

<http://www.servtech.com/public/jmb184/images>

Q24b: How do I view fractal pictures from  
<alt.binaries.pictures.fractals?>

A24b: A detailed explanation is given in the "alt.binaries.pictures  
FAQ" (see "pictures-FAQ"). This is posted to the pictures newsgroups  
and is available by ftp:

[ftp://rtfm.mit.edu:/pub/usenet/news.answers/pictures-faq/  
\[18.181.0.24\].](ftp://rtfm.mit.edu:/pub/usenet/news.answers/pictures-faq/[18.181.0.24].)

In brief, there is a series of things you have to do before viewing

these posted images. It will depend a little on the system your working with, but there is much in common. Some newsreaders have features to automatically extract and decode images ready to display ("e" in trn) but if you don't you can use the following manual method:

1. Save/append all posted parts sequentially to one file.
2. Edit this file and delete all text segments except what is between the BEGIN-CUT and END-CUT portions. This means that BEGIN-CUT and END-CUT lines will disappear as well. There will be a section to remove for each file segment as well as the final END-CUT line. What is left in the file after editing will be bizarre garbage starting with begin 660 imagename.GIF and then about 6000 lines all starting with the letter "M" followed by a final "end" line. This is called a uuencoded file.
3. You must uudecode the uuencoded file. There should be an appropriate utility at your site; "uudecode filename " should work under Unix. Ask a system person or knowledgeable programming type. It will decode the file and produce another file called imagename.GIF. This is the image file.
4. You must use another utility to view these GIF images. It must be capable of displaying color graphic images in GIF format. (If you get a JPG or JPEG format file, you may have to convert it to a GIF file with yet another utility.) In the XWindows environment, you may be able to use "xv", "xview", or "xloadimage" to view GIF files. If you aren't using X, then you'll either have to find a comparable utility for your system or transfer your file to some other system. You can use a file transfer utility such as Kermit to transfer the binary file to an IBM-PC.

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Subject: Where can I obtain fractal papers?

Q25: Where can I obtain fractal papers?

A25: There are several Internet sites with fractal papers: There is an ftp archive site for preprints and programs on nonlinear dynamics and related subjects at: <ftp://inls.ucsd.edu/pub>.

There are also articles on dynamics, including the IMS preprint series, available from <ftp://math.sunysb.edu/preprints>.

A collection of short papers on fractal formulas, drawing methods, and transforms is available by <ftp://ftp.coe.montana.edu:/pub/fractals> (this site hasn't been working lately).



The WWW site <http://inls.ucsd.edu/y/Complex/> has some fractal papers.

The site [life.csu.edu.au](http://life.csu.edu.au) has a collection of fractal programs, papers, information related to complex systems, and gopher and World Wide Web connections.

The ftp path is:  
<ftp://life.csu.edu.au/pub/complex/>. Look in fractals, tutorial, and anu92.

via WWW:  
<http://life.csu.edu.au/complex/>.

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Subject: How can I join the FRAC-L fractal discussion?

Q26: How can I join the FRAC-L fractal discussion?

A26: FRAC-L is a mailing list "Forum on Fractals, Chaos, and Complexity". The purpose of frac-l is to be a globally networked forum for discourse and collaboration on fractals, chaos, and complexity in multiple disciplines, professions, and arts.

To subscribe to frac-l an email message to [listproc@archives.math.utk.edu](mailto:listproc@archives.math.utk.edu) containing the sole line of text: SUBSCRIBE FRAC-L Your\_first\_name Your\_last\_name (substituting your actual first and last names, of course).

To unsubscribe from frac-l, send LISTPROC (NOT frac-l) the message: UNSUBSCRIBE FRAC-L

Messages may be posted to frac-l by sending email to: [frac-l@archives.math.utk.edu](mailto:frac-l@archives.math.utk.edu)

If there is any difficulty contact the listowner: Ermel Stepp ([stepp@marshall.edu](mailto:stepp@marshall.edu)).

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Subject: Complexity

Q27: What is complexity?

A27: Emerging paradigms of thought encompassing fractals, chaos, nonlinear science, dynamic systems, self-organization, artificial life, neural networks, and similar systems comprise the science of complexity. Several helpful online resources on complexity are:

Institute for Research on Complexity  
<http://www.marshall.edu/~stepp/vri/irc/irc.html>

The site [life.csu.edu.au](http://life.csu.edu.au) has a collection of fractal programs, papers, information related to complex systems, and gopher and World Wide Web connections.

LIFE via WWW  
<http://life.csu.edu.au/complex/>

Complex Systems (UPENN)  
<http://www.seas.upenn.edu/~ale/cplxsys.html>

Center for Complex Systems Research (UIUC)  
<http://www.ccsr.uiuc.edu/>

Complexity International Journal  
<http://www.csu.edu.au/ci/ci.html>

Nonlinear Science Preprints  
<ftp://xyz.lanl.gov/nlin-sys>

Nonlinear Science Preprints via email:

To subscribe to public bulletin board to receive announcements of the availability of preprints from Los Alamos National Laboratory, send email to [nlin-sys@xyz.lanl.gov](mailto:nlin-sys@xyz.lanl.gov) containing the sole line of text: subscribe your-real-name

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Subject: References

Q28a: What are some general references on fractals, chaos, and complexity? NEW

A28a: Some references are:

M. Barnsley, *Fractals Everywhere*, Academic Press Inc., 1988, 1993. ISBN 0-12-079062-9. This is an excellent text book on fractals. This is probably the best book for learning about the math underpinning fractals. It is also a good source for new fractal types.

M. Barnsley, *The Desktop Fractal Design System Versions 1 and 2*. 1992, 1988. Academic Press. Available from Iterated Systems.

M. Barnsley and P H Lyman, *Fractal Image Compression*. 1993. AK Peters Limited. Available from Iterated Systems.

M. Barnsley and L. Anson, *The Fractal Transform*, Jones and Bartlett, April, 1993. ISBN 0-86720-218-1. This book is a sequel to *Fractals Everywhere*. Without assuming a great deal of technical knowledge, the authors explain the workings of the Fractal Transform(tm). The Fractal

Transform is the compression tool for storing high-quality images in  
a minimal amount of space on a computer. Barnsley uses examples and algorithms to explain how to transform a stored pixel image into its fractal representation.

R. Devaney and L. Keen, eds., *Chaos and Fractals: The Mathematics Behind the Computer Graphics*, American Mathematical Society, Providence, RI, 1989. This book contains detailed mathematical descriptions of chaos, the Mandelbrot set, etc.

R. L. Devaney, *An Introduction to Chaotic Dynamical Systems*, Addison-Wesley, 1989. ISBN 0-201-13046-7. This book introduces many of the basic concepts of modern dynamical systems theory and leads the reader to the point of current research in several areas. It goes into great detail on the exact structure of the logistic equation and other 1-D maps. The book is fairly mathematical using calculus and topology.

R. L. Devaney, *Chaos, Fractals, and Dynamics*, Addison-Wesley, 1990. ISBN 0-201-23288-X. This is a very readable book. It introduces chaos fractals and dynamics using a combination of hands-on computer experimentation and precalculus math. Numerous full-color and black and white images convey the beauty of these mathematical ideas.

R. Devaney, *A First Course in Chaotic Dynamical Systems, Theory and Experiment*, Addison Wesley, 1992. A nice undergraduate introduction to chaos and fractals.

A. K. Dewdney, (1989, February). *Mathematical Recreations*. Scientific American, pp. 108-111.

G. A. Edgar, *Measure Topology and Fractal Geometry*, Springer-Verlag Inc., 1990. ISBN 0-387-97272-2. This book provides the math necessary for the study of fractal geometry. It includes the background material on metric topology and measure theory and also covers topological and fractal dimension, including the Hausdorff dimension.

K. Falconer, *Fractal Geometry: Mathematical Foundations and Applications*, Wiley, New York, 1990.

J. Feder, *Fractals*, Plenum Press, New York, 1988. This book is recommended as an introduction. It introduces fractals from geometrical ideas, covers a wide variety of topics, and covers things such as time series and R/S analysis that aren't usually considered.

Y. Fisher (Ed), *Fractal Image Compression: Theory and Application*. Springer Verlag, 1995.

L. Gardini(Editor), Chaotic Dynamics in Two-Dimensional Noninvertive Maps. World Scientific 1996, ISBN: 9810216475

J. Gleick, Chaos: Making a New Science, Penguin, New York, 1987.

B. Hao, ed., Chaos, World Scientific, Singapore, 1984. This is an excellent collection of papers on chaos containing some of the most significant reports on chaos such as "Deterministic Nonperiodic Flow"  
by E.N. Lorenz.

I. Hargittai and C. Pickover. Spiral Symmetry 1992 World Scientific Publishing, River Edge, New Jersey 07661. ISBN 981-02-0615-1.

Topics:

Spirals in nature, art, and mathematics. Fractal spirals, plant spirals, artist's spirals, the spiral in myth and literature...

Loads

of images.

H. Jurgens, H. O Peitgen, & D. Saupe. (1990, August). The Language of Fractals. Scientific American, pp. 60-67.

H. Jurgens, H. O. Peitgen, H.O., & D. Saupe. (1992). Chaos and Fractals: New Frontiers of Science. New York: Springer-Verlag.

S. Levy, Artificial life : the quest for a new creation, Pantheon Books, New York, 1992. This book takes off where Gleick left off. It looks at many of the same people and what they are doing post-Gleick.

B. Mandelbrot, The Fractal Geometry of Nature, W. H. FreeMan, New York. ISBN 0-7167-1186-9. In this book Mandelbrot attempts to show that reality is fractal-like. He also has pictures of many different fractals.

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H. Peitgen and D. Saupe, eds., The Science of Fractal Images, Springer-Verlag, New York, 1988. ISBN 0-387-96608-0. This book contains many color and black and white photographs, high level math, and several pseudocoded algorithms.

H. Peitgen, H. Juergens and D. Saupe, Fractals for the Classroom, Springer-Verlag, New York, 1992. These two volumes are aimed at advanced secondary school students (but are appropriate for others too), have lots of examples, explain the math well, and give BASIC programs.

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C. Pickover, (1995) Chaos in Wonderland: Visual Adventures in a Fractal World. St. Martin's Press: New York. ISBN 0-312-10743-9. (Devoted to the Lyapunov exponent.)

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C. Pickover. The Pattern Book: Fractals, Art, and Nature (1995) World Scientific. ISBN 981-02-1426-X Some of the patterns are ultramodern, while others are centuries old. Many of the patterns are drawn from the universe of mathematics.

C. Pickover, Visualizing Biological Information (1995) World Scientific: Singapore, New Jersey, London, Hong Kong. on the use of computer graphics, fractals, and musical techniques to find patterns in DNA and amino acid sequences.

J. Pritchard, The Chaos Cookbook: A Practical Programming Guide, Butterworth-Heinemann, Oxford, 1992. ISBN 0-7506-0304-6. It contains type in and go listings in BASIC and Pascal. It also eases you into

some of the mathematics of fractals and chaos in the context of graphical experimentation. So it's more than just a type-and-see-pictures book, but rather a lab tutorial, especially good for those with a weak or rusty (or even nonexistent) calculus background.

P. Prusinkiewicz and A. Lindenmayer, *The Algorithmic Beauty of Plants*, Springer-Verlag, NY, 1990. ISBN 0-387-97297-8. A very good book on L-systems, which can be used to model plants in a very realistic fashion. The book contains many pictures.

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Blackwell, New York, 1989.

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T. Wegner and B. Tyler, Fractal Creations, 2nd ed. The Waite Group, 1993. ISBN 1-878739-34-4 This is the book describing the Fractint program.

Q28b: What are some relevant journals?

A28b: Some relevant journals are:

"Chaos and Graphics" section in the quarterly journal Computers and Graphics. This contains recent work in fractals from the graphics perspective, and usually contains several exciting new ideas.

"Mathematical Recreations" section by I. Stewart in Scientific American.

Fractal Report. Reeves Telecommunication Labs.  
West Towan House, Porthtowan, TRURO, Cornwall TR4 8AX, U.K.  
WWW: <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/JohndeR/fractalr>  
Email: John@longevb.demon.co.uk (John de Rivaz)

FRAC'Cetera. This is a gazetteer of the world of fractals and related areas, supplied on IBM PC format HD disk. FRACT'Cetera is the home of

FRUG - the Fractint User Group. For more information, contact: Jon Horner, Editor,  
FRAC'Cetera Le Mont Ardaine, Rue des Ardains, St. Peters Guernsey GY7 9EU Channel Islands, United Kingdom. Email: 100112.1700@compuserve.com

Fractals, An interdisciplinary Journal On The Complex Geometry of Nature  
This is a new journal published by World Scientific. B.B Mandelbrot is the Honorary Editor and T. Vicsek, M.F. Shlesinger, M.M Matsushita are the Managing Editors). The aim of this first international journal on fractals is to bring together the most recent developments in the research of fractals so that a fruitful interaction of the various approaches and scientific views on the complex spatial and temporal behavior could take place.

Q28c: What are some other Internet references?

A28c: Some other Internet references:

Web references to nonlinear dynamics

Dynamical Systems (G. Zito)

<http://alephwww.cern.ch/~zito/chep94sl/sd.html>

Scanning huge number of events (G. Zito)

<http://alephwww.cern.ch/~zito/chep94sl/chep94sl.html>

The Who Is Who Handbook of Nonlinear Dynamics

<http://www.nonlin.tu-muenchen.de/chaos/Dokumente/WiW/wiw.html>

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## Multifractals

Q29: What are multifractals? NEW

A29: It is not easy to give a succinct definition of multifractals. Following Feder (1988) one may distinguish a measure (of probability, or some physical quantity) from its geometric support -- which might or might not have fractal geometry. Then if the measure has different fractal dimension on different parts of the support, the measure is a multifractal.

Hastings and Sugihara (1993) distinguish multifractals from multiscaling fractals -- which have different fractal dimensions at different scales (e.g. show a break in slope in a dividers plot, or some other power law). I believe different authors use different names for this phenomenon, which is often confused with true multifractal behaviour.

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## Subject: Notices

Q30: Are there any special notices? NEW

From: dfinton@ub.d.umn.edu (David Finton)

1. Well, I've been doing some computation of fractals, and thought, "You know, it would be really cool if there was another fractal art contest." So I thought I'd coordinate the next contest (giving Tim Wegner a break :). Here are the contest rules I propose:

2. The files must be in PAR file format. If it turns out you can only post a GIF or JPEG, post it on a binaries newsgroup, and post the location of the image on here. Do not post binary images like GIFs or JPEGs on this newsgroup!

3. Mandelbrot images only (from the equation  $z \leftarrow z^2 + c$ ).

Apologies to all the talented formula fractal artists out there, but I



wanted to narrow down the parameters of the contest to make it easier to judge. :)

4. Deep Zoom. Yes that's right. I'd like to see some deep zoom fractals out there, and if anybody has found something interesting or amazing hidden in the depths of the Mandelbrot Set, please post them!

Remember, originality counts. It would be nice to see something I would have never found rather than to see a generic image that everyone and their grandmother could have found. I hope I get a lot of responses out of this. Thanks!

- Dave

NOTICE from J. C. (Clint) Sprott (SPROTT@juno.physics.wisc.edu):  
The program, Chaos Data Analyzer, which I authored is a research and teaching tool containing 14 tests for detecting hidden determinism in a seemingly random time series of up to 16,382 points provided by the user in an ASCII data file. Sample data files are included for model chaotic systems. When chaos is found, calculations such as the probability distribution, power spectrum, Lyapunov exponent, and various measures of the fractal dimension enable you to determine properties of the system underlying the behavior. The program can be used to make nonlinear predictions based on a novel technique involving singular value decomposition. The program is menu-driven, very easy to use, and even contains an automatic mode in which all the tests are performed in succession and the results are provided on a one-page summary.

Chaos Data Analyzer requires an IBM PC or compatible with at least 512K of memory. A math coprocessor is recommended (but not required) to speed some of the calculations. The program is available on 5.25 or 3.5" disk and includes a 62-page User's Manual. Chaos Data Analyzer is peer-reviewed software published by Physics Academic Software, a cooperative Project of the American Institute of Physics, the American Physical Society, And the American Association of Physics Teachers.

Chaos Data Analyzer and other related programs are available from The Academic Software Library, North Carolina State University, Box 8202, Raleigh, NC 27695-8202, Tel: (800) 955-TASL or (919) 515-7447 or Fax: (919) 515-2682. The price is \$99.95. Add \$3.50 for shipping in U.S. or \$12.50 for foreign airmail. All TASL programs come with a 30-day, money-back guarantee.

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If I have missed you, I am very sorry, let me know and I will add you to the list. Without the help of these contributors, the sci.fractals FAQ would be not be possible.

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Overall: Reformat to allow auto-HTML generation.  
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[1] What is nonlinear?

In geometry, linearity refers to Euclidean objects: lines, planes, (flat) three dimensional space, etc.--these objects appear the same no matter how we examine them. A nonlinear object, a sphere for example, looks different on different scales--when looked at closely enough it looks like a plane, and from a far enough distance it looks like a point.

In algebra, we define linearity in terms of functions that have the property

$f(x+y) = f(x)+f(y)$  and  $f(ax) = af(x)$ . Nonlinear is defined as the negation of

linear. This means that the result  $f$  may be out of proportion to the input  $x$

or  $y$ . The result may be more than linear, as when a diode begins to pass

current; or less than linear, as when finite resources limit Malthusian population growth. Thus the fundamental simplifying tools of linear analysis

are no longer available: for example, for a linear system, if we have two

zeros,  $f(x) = 0$  and  $f(y) = 0$ , then we automatically have a third zero  $f(x+y) = 0$  (in fact there are infinitely many zeros as well, since linearity implies that  $f(ax+by) = 0$  for any  $a$  and  $b$ ). This is called the principle of superposition--it gives many solutions from a few. For nonlinear systems, each solution must be fought for (generally) with unvarying ardor!

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[2] What is nonlinear science?

Stanislaw Ulam reportedly said (something like) "Calling a science 'nonlinear' is like calling zoology 'the study of non-human animals'. So why do we have a name that appears to be merely a negative?"

Firstly, linearity is rather special, and no model of a real system is truly linear (you might protest that quantum mechanics is an exception, however this is at the expense of infinite dimensionality which is just as bad or worse-- and 'any' finite dimensional nonlinear model can be turned into an infinite dimensional linear one--e.g. a map  $x'=f(x)$  is equivalent to the linear integral equation  $p'(x) = \text{integral} [ p(y) \delta(x-f(y)) dy ]$ ). Some things are profitably studied as linear approximations to the real models--for example the fact that Hooke's law, the linear law of elasticity (strain is proportional to stress) is approximately valid for a pendulum of small amplitude implies that its period is approximately independent of amplitude. However, as the amplitude gets large the period gets longer, a fundamental effect of nonlinearity in the pendulum equations.

Secondly, nonlinear systems have been shown to exhibit surprising and complex effects that would never be anticipated by a scientist trained only in linear techniques. Prominent examples of these include bifurcation, chaos and solitons. Nonlinearity has its most profound effects on dynamical systems (see [3]).

Further, while we can enumerate the linear objects, nonlinear ones are nondenumerable, and as of yet mostly unclassified. We currently have no general techniques (and very few special ones) for telling whether a particular nonlinear system will exhibit the complexity of chaos, or the simplicity of order. Thus since we cannot yet subdivide nonlinear science into proper subfields, it exists as a whole.

Nonlinear science has applications to a wide variety of fields, from mathematics, physics, biology, and chemistry, to engineering, economics, and medicine. This is one of its most exciting aspects--that it brings researchers from many disciplines together with a common language.

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[3] What is a dynamical system?

A dynamical system consists of an abstract phase space or state space, whose coordinates describe the dynamical state at any instant; and a dynamical rule which specifies the immediate future trend of all state variables, given only the present values of those same state variables. Mathematically, a dynamical system is described by an initial value problem.

Dynamical systems are "deterministic" if there is a unique consequent to every state, and "stochastic" or "random" if there is more than one consequent chosen from some probability distribution (the "perfect" coin toss has two consequents with equal probability for each initial state). Most of nonlinear science--and everything in this FAQ--deals with deterministic systems.

A dynamical system can have discrete or continuous time. The discrete case is defined by a map,  $z_1 = f(z_0)$ , that gives the state  $z_1$  resulting from the initial state  $z_0$  at the next time value. The continuous case is defined by a "flow",  $z(t) = \phi_t(z_0)$ , which gives the state at time  $t$ , given that the state was  $z_0$  at time 0. A smooth flow can be differentiated w.r.t. time to give a differential equation,  $dz/dt = F(z)$ . In this case we call  $F(z)$  a "vector field," it gives a vector pointing in the direction of the velocity at every point in phase space.

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[4] What is phase space?

Phase space is the collection of possible states of a dynamical system. A phase space can be finite (e.g. for the ideal coin toss, we have two states heads and tails), countably infinite (e.g. state variables are integers), or uncountably infinite (e.g. state variables are real numbers). Implicit in the notion is that a particular state in phase space specifies the system

completely; it is all we need to know about the system to have complete knowledge of the immediate future. Thus the phase space of the planar pendulum is two dimensional, consisting of the position (angle) and velocity. According to Newton, specification of these two variables uniquely determines the subsequent motion of the pendulum.

Note that if we have a non-autonomous system, where the map or vector field depends explicitly on time (e.g. a model for plant growth depending on solar flux), then according to our definition of phase space, we must include time as a phase space coordinate--since one must specify a specific time (e.g. 3PM on Tuesday) to know the subsequent motion. Thus  $dz/dt = F(z,t)$  is a dynamical system on the phase space consisting of  $(z,t)$ , with the addition the new dynamics  $dt/dt = 1$ .

The path in phase space traced out by a solution of an initial value problem is called an orbit or trajectory of the dynamical system. If the state variables take real values in a continuum, the orbit of a continuous-time system is a curve, while the orbit of a discrete-time system is a sequence of points.

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[5] What is a degree of freedom?

The notion of "degrees of freedom" as it is used for Hamiltonian systems means one canonical conjugate pair, a configuration,  $q$ , and its conjugate momentum  $p$ . Hamiltonian systems (sometimes mistakenly identified with the notion of conservative systems) always have such pairs of variables, and so the phase space is even dimensional.

In the study of dissipative systems the term "degree of freedom" is often used differently, to mean a single coordinate dimension of the phase space. This can lead to confusion, and it is advisable to check which meaning of the term is intended in a particular context.

Those with a physics background generally prefer to stick with the Hamiltonian definition of the term "degree of freedom." For a more general system the



proper term is "order" which is equal to the dimension of the phase space.

Note that a Hamiltonian dynamical system with  $N$  d.o.f. nominally moves in a  $2N$  dimensional phase space. However, if  $H(q,p)$  is time independent, then energy is conserved, and therefore the motion is really on a  $2N-1$  dimensional energy surface,  $H(q,p) = E$ . Thus e.g. the planar, circular restricted 3 body problem is 2 d.o.f., and motion is on the 3D energy surface of constant "Jacobi constant." It can be reduced to a 2D area preserving map by Poincare section (see [6]).

If the Hamiltonian is time dependent, then we generally say it has an additional  $1/2$  degree of freedom, since this adds one dimension to the phase space. (i.e.  $1\ 1/2$  d.o.f. means three variables,  $q,p$  and  $t$ , and energy is no longer conserved).

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[6] What is a map?

A map is simply a function,  $f$ , on the phase space that gives the next state,  $f(z)$ , (the image) of the system given its current state,  $z$ . (Often you will find the notation  $z' = f(z)$ , where the prime means the next point, not the derivative.)

Now a function must have a single value for each state, but there could be several different states that give rise to the same image. Maps that allow every state in the phase space to be accessed (onto) and which have precisely one pre-image for each state (one-to-one) are invertible. If in addition the map and its inverse are continuous (with respect to the phase space coordinate  $z$ ), then it is called a homeomorphism. A homeomorphism that has at least one continuous derivative (w.r.t.  $z$ ) and a continuously differentiable inverse is a diffeomorphism.

Iteration of a map means repeatedly applying the map to the consequents of the previous application. Thus we get a sequence

$$z_n = f(z_{n-1}) = f(f(z_{n-2})) \dots = f^n(z_0)$$

This sequence is the orbit or trajectory of the dynamical system with initial condition  $z_0$ .

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[7] How are maps related to flows (differential equations)?

Every differential equation gives rise to a map, the time one map, defined by advancing the flow one unit of time. This map may or may not be useful. If the differential equation contains a term or terms periodic in time, then the time  $T$  map (where  $T$  is the period) is very useful--it is an example of a Poincare section. The time  $T$  map in a system with periodic terms is also called a stroboscopic map, since we are effectively looking at the location in phase space with a stroboscope tuned to the period  $T$ . This map is useful because it permits us to dispense with time as a phase space coordinate: the remaining coordinates describe the state completely so long as we agree to consider the same instant within every period.

In autonomous systems (no time-dependent terms in the equations), it may also be possible to define a Poincare section and again reduce the phase space dimension by one. Here the Poincare section is defined not by a fixed time interval, but by successive times when an orbit crosses a fixed surface in phase space. (Surface here means a manifold of dimension one less than the phase space dimension).

However, not every flow has a global Poincare section (e.g. any flow with an equilibrium point), which would need to be transverse to every possible orbit.

Maps arising from stroboscopic sampling or Poincare section of a flow are necessarily invertible, because the flow has a unique solution through any point in phase space--the solution is unique both forward and backward in time. However, noninvertible maps can be relevant to differential equations: Poincare maps are sometimes very well approximated by noninvertible maps. For example, the Henon map  $(x,y) \rightarrow (-y - a + x^2, bx)$  with small  $|b|$  is close to the logistic map,  $x \rightarrow -a + x^2$ .

It is often (though not always) possible to go backwards, from an invertible map to a differential equation having the map as its Poincare map. This is called a suspension of the map. One can also do this procedure approximately for maps that are close to the identity, giving a flow that approximates the map to some order. This is extremely useful in bifurcation theory.

Note that any numerical solution procedure for a differential initial value problem which uses discrete time steps in the approximation is effectively a map. This is not a trivial observation; it helps explain for example why a continuous-time system which should not exhibit chaos may have numerical solutions which do--see [13].

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[8] What is chaos?

It has been said that "Chaos is a name for any order that produces confusion in our minds." (George Santayana, thanks to Fred Klingener for finding this). However, the mathematical definition is, roughly speaking,

Chaos: effectively unpredictable long time behavior arising in a deterministic dynamical system because of sensitivity to initial conditions.

It must be emphasized that a deterministic dynamical system is perfectly predictable given perfect knowledge of the initial condition, and further is in practice always predictable in the short term. The key to long-term unpredictability is a property known as sensitivity to (or sensitive dependence on) initial conditions.

For a dynamical system to be chaotic it must have a 'large' set of initial conditions which are highly unstable. No matter how precisely you measure the initial condition in these systems, your prediction of its subsequent motion goes radically wrong after a short time. Typically (see [12] for one definition of 'typical'), the predictability horizon grows only logarithmically with the precision of measurement (for positive Lyapunov exponents, see [10]). Thus for each increase in precision by a factor of 10, say, you may only be able to predict two more time units.

More precisely: A map  $f$  is chaotic on a compact invariant set  $S$  if

(i)  $f$  is transitive on  $S$  (there is a point  $x$  whose orbit is dense in  $S$ ), and

(ii)  $f$  exhibits sensitive dependence on  $S$  (see [9]).

To these two requirements Devaney adds the requirement that periodic points are dense in  $S$ , but this doesn't seem to be really in the spirit of the notion, and is probably better treated as a theorem (very difficult and very important), and not part of the definition.

Usually we would like the set  $S$  to be a large set. It is too much to hope for except in special examples that  $S$  be the entire phase space. If the dynamical system is dissipative then we hope that  $S$  is an attractor with a large basin. However, this need not be the case--we can have a chaotic saddle, an orbit that has some unstable directions as well as stable directions.

As a consequence of long-term unpredictability, time series from chaotic systems may appear irregular and disorderly. However, chaos is definitely not (as the name might suggest) complete disorder; it is disorder in a deterministic dynamical system, which is always predictable for short times.

The possibility of a predictability horizon in a deterministic system came as something of a shock to mathematicians and physicists, long used to a notion attributed to Laplace that, given precise knowledge of the initial conditions, it should be possible to predict the future of the universe. This mistaken faith in predictability was engendered by the success of Newton's mechanics applied to planetary motions, which happen to be regular on human historic time scales, but chaotic on the 5 million year time scale (see e.g. "Newton's Clock", by Ivars Peterson (1993 W.H. Freeman)).

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[9] What is sensitive dependence on initial conditions?

Consider a boulder precariously perched on the top of an ideal hill. The slightest push will cause the boulder to roll down one side of the hill or the other: the subsequent behavior depends sensitively on the direction of the push--and the push can be arbitrarily small. If you are standing at the bottom

of the hill on one side, then you would dearly like to know which direction the boulder will fall.

Sensitive dependence is the equivalent behavior for every initial condition-- every point in the phase space is effectively perched on the top of a hill.

More precisely a set  $S$  exhibits sensitive dependence if there is an  $r$  such that for any  $\epsilon > 0$  and for each  $x$  in  $S$ , there is a  $y$  such that  $|x - y| < \epsilon$ , and  $|x_n - y_n| > r$  for some  $n > 0$ . That is there is a fixed distance  $r$  (say 1), such that no matter how precisely one specifies an initial state there are nearby states that eventually get a distance  $r$  away.

Note: sensitive dependence does not require exponential growth of perturbations (positive Lyapunov exponent), but this is typical (see Q[12]) for chaotic systems. Note also that we most definitely do not require ALL nearby initial points diverge--generically [12] this does not happen--some nearby points may converge. (We may modify our hilltop analogy slightly and say that every point in phase space acts like a high mountain pass.) Finally, the words "initial conditions" are a bit misleading: a typical small disturbance introduced at any time will grow similarly. Think of "initial" as meaning "a time when a disturbance or error is introduced," not necessarily time zero.

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[10] What are Lyapunov exponents?  
(Thanks to Ronnie Mainieri for contributing to this answer)

The hardest thing to get right about Lyapunov exponents is the spelling of Lyapunov, which you will variously find as Liapunov, Lyapunof and even Liapunoff. Of course Lyapunov is really spelled in the Cyrillic alphabet:  
(Lambda)(backwards r)(pi)(Y)(H)(0)(B). Now that there is an ANSI standard of transliteration for Cyrillic, we expect all references to converge on the version Lyapunov.

Lyapunov was born in Russia in 6 June 1857. He was greatly influenced by Chebyshev and was a student with Markov. He was also a passionate man: Lyapunov shot himself the day his wife died. He died 3 Nov. 1918, three days

later. According to the request on a note he left, Lyapunov was buried with his wife. [biographical data from a biography by A. T. Grigorian].

Lyapunov left us with more than just a simple note. He left a collection of papers on the equilibrium shape of rotating liquids, on probability, and on the stability of low-dimensional dynamical systems. It was from his dissertation that the notion of Lyapunov exponent emerged. Lyapunov was interested in showing how to discover if a solution to a dynamical system is stable or not for all times. The usual method of studying stability, i.e. linear stability, was not good enough, because if you waited long enough the small errors due to linearization would pile up and make the approximation invalid. Lyapunov developed concepts (now called Lyapunov Stability) to overcome these difficulties.

Lyapunov exponents measure the rate of divergence of nearby orbits. There are as many Lyapunov exponents as there are dimensions in the state space of the system, but the largest is usually the most important. Roughly speaking the (maximal) Lyapunov exponent is the time average logarithmic growth rate of the distance between two nearby orbits, i.e. the distance between two orbits grows as  $\exp(t \cdot \lambda)$ , where  $\lambda$  is the exponent. Positive Lyapunov exponents indicate sensitive dependence on initial conditions, since the distance then grows (on average in time and locally in phase space) exponentially in time.

There are basically two ways to compute Lyapunov exponents. In one way one chooses two nearby points, evolves them in time, measuring the growth rate of the distance between them. This is useful when one has a time series, but has the disadvantage that the growth rate is really not a local effect as the points separate. A better way is to measure the growth rate of tangent vectors to a given orbit.

More precisely, consider a map  $f$  in an  $m$  dimensional phase space, and its derivative matrix  $Df(x)$ . Let  $v$  be a tangent vector at the point  $x$ . Then we define a function

$$L(x,v) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \ln |(Df^t(x)v)|$$

$n \rightarrow \infty$       $n$

Now the Multiplicative Ergodic Theorem of Oseledec states that this limit exists for almost all points  $x$  and all tangent vectors  $v$ . There are at most  $m$  distinct values of  $L$  as we let  $v$  range over the tangent space. These are the Lyapunov exponents at  $x$ .

For more information on computing the exponents see

Wolf, A., J. B. Swift, et al. (1985). "Determining Lyapunov Exponents from a Time Series." *Physica D* 16: 285-317.

Eckmann, J.-P., S. O. Kamphorst, et al. (1986). "Liapunov exponents from time series." *Phys. Rev. A* 34: 4971-4979.

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[11] Can computers simulate chaos?

Strictly speaking, chaos cannot occur on computers because they deal with finite sets of numbers. Thus the initial condition is always precisely known, and computer experiments are perfectly predictable, in principle. In particular because of the finite size, every trajectory computed will eventually have to repeat (and thus be eventually periodic). On the other hand, computers can effectively simulate chaotic behavior for quite long times (just so long as the discreteness is not noticeable). In particular if one uses floating point numbers in double precision to iterate a map on the unit square, then there are about  $10^{28}$  different points in the phase space, and one would expect the "typical" chaotic orbit to have a period of about  $10^{14}$  (this square root of the number of points estimate is given by Rannou for random diffeomorphisms and does not really apply to floating point operations, but non-the-less the period should be a big number). See, e.g.,

Earn, D. J. D. and S. Tremain, "Exact Numerical Studies of Hamiltonian Maps: Iterating without Roundoff Error," *Physica D* 56, 1-22 (1992).

Binder, P. M. and R. V. Jensen, "Simulating Chaotic Behavior with Finite State Machines," *Phys. Rev.* 34A, 4460-3 (1986).

Rannou, F., "Numerical Study of Discrete Plane Area-Preserving Mappings," *Astron. and Astrophys.* 31, 289-301 (1974).

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[12] What is generic?

(Thanks to Hawley Rising for contributing to this answer)

Generic in dynamical systems is intended to convey "usual" or, more properly, "observable". Roughly speaking, a property is generic over a class if any system in the class can be modified ever so slightly (perturbed), into one with that property.

The formal definition is done in the language of topology: Consider the class to be a space of systems, and suppose it has a topology (some notion of a neighborhood, or an open set). A subset of this space is *\*dense\** if its closure (the subset plus the limits of all sequences in the subset) is the whole space. It is *\*open and dense\** if it is also an open set (union of neighborhoods). A set is *\*countable\** if it can be put into 1-1 correspondence with the counting numbers. A *\*countable intersection of open dense sets\** is the intersection of a countable number of open dense sets. If all such intersections in a space are also dense, then the space is called a *\*Baire\** space, which basically means it's big enough. If we have such a Baire space of dynamical systems, and there is a property which is true on a countable intersection of open dense sets, then that property is *\*generic\**.

If all this sounds too complicated, think of it as a precise way of defining a set which is near every system in the collection (dense), which isn't too big (need not have any "regions" where the property is true for *\*every\** system). Generic is much weaker than "almost everywhere" (occurs with probability 1), in fact, it is possible to have generic properties which occur with probability zero. But it is as strong a property as one can define topologically, without having to have a property hold true in a region, or talking about measure (probability), which isn't a topological property (a property preserved by a continuous function).

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[13] What is the minimum phase space dimension for chaos?

This is a slightly confusing topic, since the answer depends on the type of system considered. First consider a flow (or system of differential equations). In this case the Poincare-Bendixson theorem tells us that there is no chaos in one or two dimensional phase spaces. Chaos is possible in three



dimensional flows--standard examples such as the Lorenz equations are indeed three dimensional, and there are mathematical 3D flows that are provably chaotic (e.g. the 'solenoid').

Note: if the flow is non-autonomous then time is a phase space coordinate, so a system with two physical variables + time becomes three dimensional, and chaos is possible (i.e. Forced second-order oscillators do exhibit chaos.)

For maps, it is possible to have chaos in one dimension, but only if the map is not invertible. A prominent example is the Logistic map

$$x' = f(x) = rx(1-x).$$

This is provably chaotic for  $r = 4$ , and many other values of  $r$  as well (see e.g. #DevaneyDevaney). Note that every point  $x < f(1/2)$  has two preimages, so this map is not invertible.

For homeomorphisms, we must have at least two dimensional phase space for chaos. This is equivalent to the flow result, since a three dimensional flow gives rise to a two dimensional homeomorphism by Poincare section (see [7]).

Note that a numerical algorithm for a differential equation is a map, because time on the computer is necessarily discrete. Thus numerical solutions of two and even one dimensional systems of ordinary differential equations may exhibit chaos. Usually this results from choosing the size of the time step too large. For example Euler discretization of the Logistic differential equation,  $dx/dt = rx(1-x)$ , is equivalent to the logistic map. See e.g. S. Ushiki, "Central difference scheme and chaos," Physica 4D (1982) 407-424.

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[14] What are complex systems?

(Thanks to Troy Shinbrot for contributing to this answer)

Complex systems are spatially and/or temporally extended nonlinear systems characterized by collective properties associated with the system as a whole-- and that are different from the characteristic behaviors of the constituent parts.

While, chaos is the study of how simple systems can generate complicated behavior, complexity is the study of how complicated systems can generate simple behavior. An example of complexity is the synchronization of biological systems ranging from fireflies to neurons (e.g. Matthews, PC, Mirollo, RE & Strogatz, SH "Dynamics of a large system of coupled nonlinear oscillators," Physica 52D (1991) 293-331). In these problems, many individual systems conspire to produce a single collective rhythm.

The notion of complex systems has received lots of popular press, but it is not really clear as of yet if there is a "theory" about a "concept". We are withholding judgment.

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[15] What are fractals?

One way to define "fractal" is as a negation: a fractal is a set that does not look like a Euclidean object (point, line, plane, etc.) no matter how closely you look at it. Imagine focusing in on a smooth curve (imagine a piece of string in space)--if you look at any piece of it closely enough it eventually looks like a straight line (ignoring the fact that for a real piece of string it will soon look like a cylinder and eventually you will see the fibers, then the atoms, etc.). A fractal, like the Koch Snowflake, which is topologically one dimensional, never looks like a straight line, no matter how closely you look. There are indentations, like bays in a coastline; look closer and the bays have inlets, closer still the inlets have subinlets, and so on. Simple examples of fractals include Cantor sets (see [18], Sierpinski curves, the Mandelbrot set, and (almost surely) the Lorenz attractor. Fractals also approximately describe many real-world objects, such as clouds, mountains, turbulence, coastlines, roots and branches of trees and veins and lungs of animals.

"Fractal" is a term which has undergone refinement of definition by a lot of people, but was first coined by B. Mandelbrot and defined as a set with fractional (non-integer) dimension (Hausdorff dimension, see [17]). While this

definition has a lot of drawbacks, note that it says nothing about self-similarity--even though the most commonly known fractals are indeed self-similar.

See the extensive FAQ from sci.fractals at  
<ftp://rtfm.mit.edu/pub/usenet/news.answers/fractal-faq>  
<http://www.cis.ohio-state.edu/hypertext/faq/usenet/fractal-faq/faq.html>

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[16] What do fractals have to do with chaos?

Often chaotic dynamical systems exhibit fractal structures in phase space. However, there is no direct relation. There are chaotic systems that have nonfractal limit sets (e.g. Arnold's cat map) and fractal structures that can arise in nonchaotic dynamics (see e.g. Grebogi, C., et al. (1984). "Strange Attractors that are not Chaotic." Physica 13D: 261-268.)

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[17] What are topological and fractal dimension?

See the fractal FAQ:  
<ftp://rtfm.mit.edu/pub/usenet/news.answers/fractal-faq>  
<http://www.cis.ohio-state.edu/hypertext/faq/usenet/fractal-faq/faq.html>

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[18] What is a cantor set?  
(Thanks to Pavel Pokorny for contributing to this answer)

A cantor set is a surprising set of points that is both infinite (uncountably so, see [12]) and yet diffuse. It is a simple example of a fractal, and occurs, for example as the strange repeller in the logistic map (see [13]) when  $r > 4$ . The standard example of a Cantor set is the "middle thirds" set constructed on the interval between 0 and 1. First, remove the middle third. Two intervals remain, each one of length one third. From each remaining interval remove the middle third. Repeat the last step infinitely many times. What remains is a Cantor set.

More generally (and abstrusely) a Cantor set is defined topologically as a nonempty, compact set which is perfect (every point is a limit point) and totally disconnected (every pair of points in the set are contained in disjoint covering neighborhoods).

See also

<<http://www.shu.edu/html/teaching/math/real/topo/defs/cantor.html>>

<<http://ernie.bgsu.edu/~carother/cantor/Cantor1.html>>

<[http://math.uw.bialystok.pl/~Form.Math/Vol7/html/cantor\\_1.html](http://math.uw.bialystok.pl/~Form.Math/Vol7/html/cantor_1.html)>

Georg Ferdinand Ludwig Philipp Cantor was born 3 March 1845 in St Petersburg, Russia, and died 6 Jan 1918 in Halle, Germany. To learn more about him see:

<[http://www-groups.dcs.st-](http://www-groups.dcs.st-and.ac.uk/~history/Mathematicians/Cantor.html)

[and.ac.uk/~history/Mathematicians/Cantor.html](http://www-groups.dcs.st-and.ac.uk/~history/Mathematicians/Cantor.html)>

<<http://www.shu.edu/html/teaching/math/real/history/cantor.html>

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To read more about the cantor function (a function that is continuous, differentiable, increasing, non-constant, with a derivative that is zero

everywhere except on a set with length zero) see

<[http://www.shu.edu/~wachsmut/real/cont/fp\\_cantr.html](http://www.shu.edu/~wachsmut/real/cont/fp_cantr.html)>

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[19] What is quantum chaos?

(Thanks to Leon Poon for contributing to this answer)

According to the correspondence principle, there is a limit where classical behavior as described by Hamilton's equations becomes similar, in some suitable sense, to quantum behavior as described by the appropriate wave equation. Formally, one can take this limit to be  $h \rightarrow 0$ , where  $h$  is Planck's constant; alternatively, one can look at successively higher energy levels, etc. Such limits are referred to as "semiclassical". It has been found that the semiclassical limit can be highly nontrivial when the classical problem is chaotic. The study of how quantum systems, whose classical counterparts are chaotic, behave in the semiclassical limit has been called quantum chaos. More generally, these considerations also apply to elliptic partial differential equations that are physically unrelated to quantum considerations. For example, the same questions arise in relating classical acoustic waves to their corresponding ray equations. Among recent results in quantum chaos is a prediction relating the chaos in the classical problem to the statistics of energy-level spacings in the semiclassical quantum regime.

Classical chaos can be used to analyze such ostensibly quantum systems as the hydrogen atom, where classical predictions of microwave ionization thresholds

agree with experiments. See Koch, P. M. and K. A. H. van Leeuwen (1995).  
"Importance of Resonances in Microwave Ionization of Excited Hydrogen Atoms."  
Physics Reports 255: 289-403.

See also: <<http://sagar.cas.neu.edu/qchaos/qc.html>>

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[20] How do I know if my data is deterministic?  
(Thanks to Justin Lipton for contributing to this answer)

How can I tell if my data is deterministic? This is a very tricky problem. It is difficult because in practice no time series consists of pure 'signal.'  
There will always be some form of corrupting noise, even if it is present as roundoff or truncation error or as a result of finite arithmetic or quantization. Thus any real time series, even if mostly deterministic, will be a stochastic processes

All methods for distinguishing deterministic and stochastic processes rely on the fact that a deterministic system will always evolve in the same way from a given starting point. Thus given a time series that we are testing for determinism we

- (1) pick a test state
- (2) search the time series for a similar or 'nearby' state and
- (3) compare their respective time evolution.

Define the error as the difference between the time evolution of the 'test' state and the time evolution of the nearby state. A deterministic system will have an error that either remains small (stable, regular solution) or increase exponentially with time (chaotic solution). A stochastic system will have a randomly distributed error.

Essentially all measures of determinism taken from time series rely upon finding the closest states to a given 'test' state (i.e., correlation dimension, Lyapunov exponents, etc.). To define the state of a system one typically relies on phase space embedding methods, see [25].

Typically one chooses an embedding dimension, and investigates the propagation of the error between two nearby states. If the error looks random, one increases the dimension. If you can increase the dimension to obtain a deterministic looking error, then you are done. Though it may sound simple it

is not really! One complication is that as the dimension increases the search for a nearby state requires a lot more computation time and a lot of data (the amount of data required increases exponentially with embedding dimension) to find a suitably close candidate. If the embedding dimension (number of measures per state) is chosen too small (less than the 'true' value) deterministic data can appear to be random but in theory there is no problem choosing the dimension too large--the method will work. Practically, anything approaching about 10 dimensions is considered so large that a stochastic description is probably more suitable and convenient anyway.

See e.g.,

Sugihara, G. and R. M. May (1990). "Nonlinear Forecasting as a Way of Distinguishing Chaos from Measurement Error in Time Series." Nature 344: 734-740.

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[21] What is the control of chaos?

Control of chaos has come to mean the two things:

- (1) stabilization of unstable periodic orbits,
- (2) use of recurrence to allow stabilization to be applied

locally.

Thus term "control of chaos" is somewhat of a misnomer--but the name has stuck. The ideas for controlling chaos originated in the work of Hubler followed by the Maryland Group.

Hubler, A. W. (1989). "Adaptive Control of Chaotic Systems." Helv.

Phys. Acta 62: 343-346).

Ott, E., C. Grebogi, et al. (1990). "Controlling Chaos."

Physical

Review Letters 64(11): 1196-1199.

<<http://www.chaos.umd.edu/publications/abstracts.html#prl64.1196>>

The idea that chaotic systems can in fact be controlled may be counterintuitive--after all they are unpredictable in the long term. Nevertheless, numerous theorists have independently developed methods which can be applied to chaotic systems, and many experimentalists have demonstrated that physical chaotic systems respond well to both simple and sophisticated control strategies. Applications have been proposed in such diverse areas of research as communications, electronics, physiology, epidemiology, fluid mechanics and chemistry.

The great bulk of this work has been restricted to low-dimensional systems;  
more recently, a few researchers have proposed control techniques for application to high- or infinite-dimensional systems. The literature on the subject of the control of chaos is quite voluminous; nevertheless several reviews of the literature are available, including:

Shinbrot, T. Ott, E., Grebogi, C. & Yorke, J.A., "Using Small Perturbations

to Control Chaos," *Nature*, 363 (1993) 411-7.

Shinbrot, T., "Chaos: Unpredictable yet Controllable?" *Nonlin. Sciences Today*, 3:2 (1993) 1-8.

Shinbrot, T., "Progress in the Control of Chaos," *Advance in Physics* (in press).

Ditto, WL & Pecora, LM "Mastering Chaos," *Scientific American* (Aug. 1993), 78-84.

Chen, G. & Dong, X, "From Chaos to Order -- Perspectives and Methodologies

in *Controlling Chaotic Nonlinear Dynamical Systems*," *Int. J. Bif. & Chaos*

3 (1993) 1363-1409.

It is generically quite difficult to control high dimensional systems; an alternative approach is to use control to reduce the dimension before applying one of the above techniques. This approach is in its infancy; see:

Auerbach, D., Ott, E., Grebogi, C., and Yorke, J.A. "Controlling Chaos in

High Dimensional Systems," *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 69 (1992) 3479-82

<<http://www-chaos.umd.edu/publications/abstracts.html#prl69.3479>>

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[22] How can I build a chaotic circuit?

(Thanks to Justin Lipton and Jose Korneluk for contributing to this answer)

There are many different physical systems which display chaos, dripping faucets, water wheels, oscillating magnetic ribbons etc. but the most simple

systems which can be easily implemented are chaotic circuits. In fact an

electronic circuit was one of the first demonstrations of chaos which showed

that chaos is not just a mathematical abstraction. Leon Chua designed the

circuit 1983.

The circuit he designed, now known as Chua's circuit, consists of a piecewise

linear resistor as its nonlinearity (making analysis very easy) plus two capacitors, one resistor and one inductor--the circuit is unforced (autonomous). In fact the chaotic aspects (bifurcation values, Lyapunov exponents, various dimensions etc.) of this circuit have been extensively studied in the literature both experimentally and theoretically. It is extremely easy to build and presents beautiful attractors (the most famous known as the double scroll attractor) that can be displayed on a CRO.

For more information on building such a circuit try:

Matsumoto T. and Chua L.O. and Komuro M. "Birth and Death of the Double

Scroll" Physica D24 97-124, 1987.

Kennedy M. P., "Robust OP Amp Realization of Chua's Circuit", Frequenz

46, no. 3-4, 1992

Madan, R. A., Chua's Circuit: A paradigm for chaos, ed. R. A. Madan,

Singapore: World Scientific, 1993.

Pecora, L. and Carroll, T. Nonlinear Dynamics in Circuits, Singapore:

World Scientific, 1995.

Nonlinear Dynamics of Electronic Systems, Proceedings of the Workshop

NDES 1993, A.C.Davies and W.Schwartz, eds., World Scientific, 1994,

ISBN 981-02-1769-2.

Parker, T.S., and L.O.Chua, Practical Numerical Algorithms for Chaotic

Systems, Springer-Verlag, 1989, ISBN's: 0-387-96689-7

and 3-540-96689-7.

And see

<<http://www.monash.edu.au/department/staff/jl/chaos.html>>

<<ftp://vdp.ucd.ie/pub>> Chua's Circuit Programs

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[23] What are simple experiments to demonstrate chaos?

There are many "chaos toys" on the market. Most consist of some sort of

pendulum that is forced by an electromagnet. One can of course build a simple

double pendulum to observe beautiful chaotic behavior see

<<http://www.ibm.com/Stretch/EOS/chaos.html>>. My favorite double

pendulum

consists of two identical planar pendula, so that you can demonstrate sensitive dependence [9]. Another cute toy is the "Space Circle" that

you can

find in many airport gift shops. This is discussed in the article:

A. Wolf & T. Bessoir, Diagnosing Chaos in the Space Circle,

Physica 50D, 1991.



One of the simplest chemical systems that shows chaos is the Belousov-Zhabotinsky reaction. The book by Strogatz [30] has a good introduction to this subject, see also <<http://taylor.mc.duke.edu/~rubin/rubin.html>> for some more information. Chemical chaos is modeled (in a generic sense) by the "Brusselator" system of differential equations. See

Nicolis, Gregoire & Prigogine, (1989) Exploring Complexity: An Introduction W. H. Freeman  
<[http://www.opampbooks.com/SCI\\_CHAO/23.html](http://www.opampbooks.com/SCI_CHAO/23.html)>

The Chaotic waterwheel, while not so simple to build, is an exact realization of Lorenz famous equations. This is nicely discussed in Strogatz book [30] as well.

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[24] What is targeting?

To direct trajectories in chaotic systems, one can generically apply small perturbations; see:

Shinbrot, T. Ott, E., Grebogi, C. & Yorke, J.A., "Using Small Perturbations to Control Chaos," Nature, 363 (1993) 411-7).

We are still awaiting a good answer to this question.

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[25] What is time series analysis?  
(Thanks to Jim Crutchfield for contributing to this answer)

This is the application of dynamical systems techniques to a data series, usually obtained by "measuring" the value of a single observable as a function of time. The major tool in a dynamicist's toolkit is "delay coordinate embedding" which creates a phase space portrait from a single data series. It seems remarkable at first, but one can reconstruct a picture equivalent (topologically) to the full Lorenz attractor in three dimensional space by measuring only one of its coordinates, say  $x(t)$ , and plotting the delay coordinates  $(x(t), x(t+h), x(t+2h))$  for a fixed  $h$ .

It is important to emphasize that the idea of using derivatives or delay coordinates in time series modeling is nothing new. It goes back at least to the work of Yule, who in 1927 used an autoregressive (AR) model to make a predictive model for the sunspot cycle. AR models are nothing more than delay coordinates used with a linear model. Delays, derivatives, principal

components, and a variety of other methods of reconstruction have been widely used in time series analysis since the early 50's, and are described in several hundred books. The new aspects raised by dynamical systems theory are

(i) the implied geometric view of temporal behavior and (ii) the existence of "geometric invariants", such as dimension and Lyapunov exponents. The central question was not whether delay coordinates are useful for time series analysis, but rather whether reconstruction methods preserve the geometry and the geometric invariants of dynamical systems. (Packard, Crutchfield, Farmer & Shaw)

G.U. Yule, Phil. Trans. R. Soc. London A 226 (1927) p. 267.

N.H. Packard, J.P. Crutchfield, J.D. Farmer, and R.S. Shaw,

"Geometry

from a time series", Phys. Rev. Lett. 45, no. 9 (1980) 712.

F. Takens, "Detecting strange attractors in fluid turbulence", in: Dynamical

Systems and Turbulence, eds. D. Rand and L.-S. Young (Springer, Berlin, 1981)

Abarbanel, H.D.I., Brown, R., Sidorowich, J.J., and Tsimring, L.Sh.T.

"The analysis of observed chaotic data in physical systems", Rev. Modern Physics 65 (1993) 1331-1392.

D. Kaplan and L. Glass (1995). Understanding Nonlinear Dynamics, Springer-Verlag

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[26] Is there chaos in the stock market?

(Thanks to Bruce Stewart for Contributions to this answer)

In order to address this question, we must first agree what we mean by chaos, see [8].

In dynamical systems theory, chaos means irregular fluctuations in a deterministic system (see [3] and [20]). This means the system behaves irregularly because of its own internal logic, not because of random forces

acting from outside. Of course, if you define your dynamical system to be the

socio-economic behavior of the entire planet, nothing acts randomly from

outside (except perhaps the occasional meteor), so you have a dynamical system. But its dimension (number of state variables--see [4]) is vast, and

there is no hope of exploiting the determinism. This is high-dimensional

chaos, which might just as well be truly random behavior. In this sense, the

stock market is chaotic, but who cares?

To be useful, economic chaos would have to involve some kind of collective behavior which can be fully described by a small number of variables. In the lingo, the system would have to be self-organizing, resulting in low-dimensional chaos. If this turns out to be true, then you can exploit the low-dimensional chaos to make short-term predictions. The problem is to identify the state variables which characterize the collective modes. Furthermore, having limited the number of state variables, many events now become external to the system, that is, the system is operating in a changing environment, which makes the problem of system identification very difficult.

If there were such collective modes of fluctuation, market players would probably know about them; economic theory says that if many people recognized these patterns, the actions they would take to exploit them would quickly nullify the patterns. Market participants would probably not need to know chaos theory for this to happen. Therefore if these patterns exist, they must be hard to recognize because they do not emerge clearly from the sea of noise caused by individual actions; or the patterns last only a very short time following some upset to the markets; or both.

A number of people and groups have tried to find these patterns. So far the published results are negative. There are also commercial ventures involving prominent researchers in the field of chaos; we have no idea how well they are succeeding, or indeed whether they are looking for low-dimensional chaos. In fact it seems unlikely that markets remain stationary long enough to identify a chaotic attractor. If you know chaos theory and would like to devote yourself to the rhythms of market trading, you might find a trading firm which will give you a chance to try your ideas. But don't expect them to give you a share of any profits you may make for them :-) !

In short, anyone who tells you about the secrets of chaos in the stock market doesn't know anything useful, and anyone who knows will not tell. It's an interesting question, but you're unlikely to find the answer.

On the other hand, one might ask a more general question: is market behavior adequately described by linear models, or are there signs of nonlinearity in financial market data? Here the prospect is more favorable. Time series analysis (see [25]) has been applied these tests to financial data; the results often indicate that nonlinear structure is present. See e.g. the book by Brock, Hsieh, LeBaron, "Nonlinear Dynamics, Chaos, and Instability", MIT Press, 1991; and an update by B. LeBaron, "Chaos and nonlinear forecastability in economics and finance," Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society, Series A, vol 348, Sept 1994, pp 397-404. This approach does not provide a formula for making money, but it is stimulating some rethinking of economic modeling. A book by Richard M. Goodwin, "Chaotic Economic Dynamics," Oxford UP, 1990, begins to explore the implications for business cycles.

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[27] What are solitons?

The process of obtaining a solution of a linear (constant coefficient) differential equations is simplified by the Fourier transform (it converts such an equation to an algebraic equation, and we all know that algebra is easier than calculus!); is there a counterpart which similarly simplifies nonlinear equations? The answer is No. Nonlinear equations are qualitatively more complex than linear equations, and a procedure which gives the dynamics as simply as for linear equations must contain a mistake. There are, however, exceptions to any rule.

Certain nonlinear differential equations can be fully solved by, e.g., the "inverse scattering method." Examples are the Korteweg-de Vries, nonlinear Schrodinger, and sine-Gordon equations. In these cases the real space maps, in a rather abstract way, to an inverse space, which is comprised of continuous and discrete parts and evolves linearly in time. The continuous part typically corresponds to radiation and the discrete parts to stable solitary waves, i.e. pulses, which are called solitons. The linear evolution of the inverse space means that solitons will emerge virtually unaffected from interactions with anything, giving them great stability.

More broadly, there is a wide variety of systems which support stable solitary waves through a balance of dispersion and nonlinearity. Though these systems may not be integrable as above, in many cases they are close to systems which are, and the solitary waves may share many of the stability properties of true solitons, especially that of surviving interactions with other solitary waves (mostly) unscathed. It is widely accepted to call these solitary waves solitons, albeit with qualifications.

Why solitons? Solitons are simply a fundamental nonlinear wave phenomenon. Many very basic linear systems with the addition of the simplest possible or first order nonlinearity support solitons; this universality means that solitons will arise in many important physical situations. Optical fibers can support solitons, which because of their great stability are an ideal medium for transmitting information. In a few years long distance telephone communications will likely be carried via solitons.

The soliton literature is by now vast. Two books which contain clear discussions of solitons as well as references to original papers are  
Alan C. Newell, Solitons in Mathematics and Physics, SIAM, Philadelphia, Penn. (1985)  
Mark J. Ablowitz, Solitons, nonlinear evolution equations and inverse scattering, Cambridge (1991).  
See <<http://www.ma.hw.ac.uk/solitons/>>

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[28] What is spatio-temporal chaos?

Spatio-temporal chaos occurs when system of coupled dynamical systems gives rise to dynamical behavior that exhibits both spatial disorder (as in rapid decay of spatial correlations) and temporal disorder (as in nonzero Lyapunov exponents). This is an extremely active, and rather unsettled area of research. For an introduction see:

Cross, M. C. and P. C. Hohenberg (1993). "Pattern Formation outside of Equilibrium." Rev. Mod. Phys. 65: 851-1112.

An interesting application which exhibits pattern formation and spatio-temporal chaos is to excitable media in biological or chemical systems. See

Chaos, Solitons and Fractals 5 #3&4 (1995) Nonlinear Phenomena  
in Excitable  
Physiological System,

<<http://www.elsevier.nl:80/cas/estoc/contents/SAJ/09600779/SZ954080.html>>

<<http://www-im.lcs.mit.edu/broch/fir1.html>> Excitable Media  
<[http://www.bmg.uab.edu/2nd\\_fac/brown/brown.html](http://www.bmg.uab.edu/2nd_fac/brown/brown.html)> Excitable

Cells

<[http://www.physiol.arizona.edu/CELL/Instruct/BodyElect/ExcitMem  
b.html](http://www.physiol.arizona.edu/CELL/Instruct/BodyElect/ExcitMem<br/>b.html)>

The Excitable Cell Membrane

<<http://avs.iephb.ru/resinter.htm>> Self-organization and  
Pattern Formation

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[29] What are cellular automata ?

(Thanks to Pavel Pokorny for Contributions to this answer)

A Cellular automaton (CA) is a dynamical system with discrete  
time (like  
a map, see [6]), discrete state space and discrete geometrical space  
(like an  
ODE), see [7]). Thus they can be represented by a state  $s(i,j)$  for  
spatial  
state  $i$ , at time  $j$ , where  $s$  is taken from some finite set. The update  
rule is  
that the new state is some function of the old states,  $s(i,j+1) = f(s)$ .  
The  
following table shows the distinctions between PDE's, ODE's, coupled  
map  
lattices (CML) and CA in taking time, state space or geometrical space  
either  
continuous (C) of discrete (D):

|     | time | state space | geometrical space |
|-----|------|-------------|-------------------|
| PDE | C    | C           | C                 |
| ODE | C    | C           | D                 |
| CML | D    | C           | D                 |
| CA  | D    | D           | D                 |

Perhaps the most famous CA is Conway's game "life." This CA  
evolves  
according to a deterministic rule which gives the state of a site in  
the next  
generation as a function of the states of neighboring sites in the  
present  
generation. This rule is applied to all sites.

For further reading see

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[31] What technical journals have nonlinear science articles?

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|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Physica D                                | The premier journal in Nonlinear Dynamics                                                    |
| Nonlinearity                             | Good mix, with a mathematical bias                                                           |
| Chaos                                    | AIP Journal, with a good physical bent                                                       |
| Physics Letters A                        | Has a good nonlinear science section                                                         |
| Physical Review E                        | Lots of Physics articles with nonlinear emphasis                                             |
| Ergodic Theory and Dynamical Systems     | Rigorous mathematics, and careful work                                                       |
| J Differential Equations                 | A premier journal, but very mathematical                                                     |
| J Dynamics and Diff. Eq.                 | Good, more focused version of the above                                                      |
| J Dynamics and Stability                 | Focused on Eng. applications. New                                                            |
| editorial of Systems                     | board--stay tuned.                                                                           |
| J Statistical Physics                    | Used to contain seminal dynamical systems papers                                             |
| SIAM Journals                            | Only the odd dynamical systems paper                                                         |
| J Fluid Mechanics                        | Some expt. papers, e.g. transition to turbulence                                             |
| Nonlinear Dynamics                       | Haven't read enough to form an opinion                                                       |
| J Nonlinear Science                      | a newer journal--haven't read enough yet.                                                    |
| Nonlinear Science Today                  | Weekly News: < <a href="http://www.springer-ny.com/nst">http://www.springer-ny.com/nst</a> > |
| International J of Bifurcation and Chaos | lots of color pictures, variable quality.                                                    |
| Chaos Solitons and Fractals              | Variable quality, some good applications                                                     |
| Communications in Math Phys              | an occasional paper on dynamics                                                              |
| Nonlinear Processes in Geophysics        | New, variable quality...may be improving                                                     |

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[32] What are net sites for nonlinear science materials?

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<http://www-chaos.umd.edu/~msanjuan/biblio.html>  
<http://www.fmb.mmu.ac.uk:80/~bruce/combib/> Complexity

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Preprint Archives  
<http://www.math.sunysb.edu/dynamics/preprints/prpt.html>

#### StonyBrook

<http://cnls-www.lanl.gov/nbt/intro.html> Los Alamos Preprint

#### Server

<http://xyz.lanl.gov/> Nonlinear Science Eprint Server  
[http://www.ma.utexas.edu/mp\\_arc/mp\\_arc-home.html](http://www.ma.utexas.edu/mp_arc/mp_arc-home.html) Math-Physics

#### Archive

<http://e-math.ams.org/web/preprints/preprints-home.html> AMS

#### Preprint

Conference Announcements  
<http://www.math.sunysb.edu/dynamics/conferences/conferences.html>  
<http://www.nonlin.tu-muenchen.de/chaos/termine.html>  
<http://xxx.lanl.gov/Announce/Conference/>  
<http://www.siam.org/meetings/ds97/ds97home.htm> SIAM Dynamical

#### Systems

Newsletters  
<gopher://gopher.siam.org:70/11/siag/ds> SIAM Dynamical Systems

#### Group

<http://www.amsta.leeds.ac.uk/Applied/news.dir/> UK Nonlinear

#### News

Education Sites  
<http://math.bu.edu/DYSYS/> Devaney's Dynamical Systems Project

Electronic Journals  
<http://www.springer-ny.com/nst/> Nonlinear Science Today  
<http://www.santafe.edu/sfi/Complexity> The Complexity Journal  
<http://www.csu.edu.au/ci/ci.html> Complexity International

#### Journal

Electronic Texts  
<http://www.lib.rmit.edu.au/fractals/exploring.html>

#### Exploring Chaos & Fractals

<http://www.nbi.dk/~predrag/QCcourse/> Lecture Notes on Periodic

#### Orbits

<http://cnls-www.lanl.gov/nbt/Book/openall3.html> An Experimental Approach to Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos

Institutes and Academic Programs  
[http://www.physics.mcgill.ca/physics-services/physics\\_complex.html](http://www.physics.mcgill.ca/physics-services/physics_complex.html) Physics I

[http://www.physics.mcgill.ca/physics-services/physics\\_complex2.html](http://www.physics.mcgill.ca/physics-services/physics_complex2.html) Physics II

<http://www.nonlin.tu-muenchen.de/chaos/Dokumente/WiW/institutes.html>

#### Nonlinear Groups

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/CNDA/resources/uk.html> UK Nonlinear Sites

Who is Who in Nonlinear Dynamics  
<http://www.nonlin.tu-muenchen.de/chaos/Dokumente/WiW/wiw.html>

Munich  
<http://www.math.sunysb.edu/dynamics/people/list.html> Stonybrook

List

Lists of Nonlinear sites  
<http://cnls-www.lanl.gov/nbt/sites.html> Tufillaro's List  
<http://www.ar.com/ger/sci.nonlinear.html> URL's from

Sci.nonlinear  
<http://www.students.uiuc.edu/~ag-ho/chaos/chaos.html>

Dynamical Systems  
<http://www.math.sunysb.edu/dynamics/> Dynamical Systems Home

Page

Chaos sites  
<http://eden.mercy.edu/chaos.html> Index to Chaos and Complexity  
<http://www.industrialstreet.com/chaos/metalink.htm#SCIENCE>

Chaos Metalink  
<http://cnls-www.lanl.gov/nbt/sites.html> Tufillaro's list of

sites  
<http://www.cosy.sbg.ac.at/rec/ifs/> Iterated Function Systems

Playground  
<http://www.ncsl.postech.ac.kr/chaos/> Chaos links and Java

Applets  
<http://ucmpl.berkeley.edu/henon.html> Experimental Henon

attractor  
<http://www.mathsoft.com/asolve/constant/fgnbaum/fgnbaum.html>

All about  
Feigenbaum Constants  
<http://www.mathsoft.com/asolve/constant/fgnbaum/fgnbaum.html>

More  
Feigenbaum  
<http://users.aol.com/MTRw3> Mike Rosenstein's Chaos Page.  
<http://www.students.uiuc.edu/~ag-ho/chaos/> Introduction to

Chaos

Time Series  
<http://cnls-www.lanl.gov/nbt/intro.html> Dynamics and Time

Series  
<http://chuchi.df.uba.ar/series.html> Time series  
<ftp://ftp.cs.colorado.edu/pub/Time-Series/TSWelcome.html> Santa

Fe  
Time Series Competition

Complex Systems Sites  
[http://life.csu.edu.au/vl\\_complex/](http://life.csu.edu.au/vl_complex/) Complex Systems Virtual

Library  
<http://www.cc.duth.gr/~mboudour/nonlin.html> Complexity Home

Page  
<http://www.serve.com/~ale/html/cplxsys.html> Complexity-what is

it for?

Fractals Sites

<http://spanky.triumf.ca/www/welcome1.html> The Spanky Fractal  
DataBase  
<http://sprott.physics.wisc.edu/fractals.htm> Sprott's Fractal  
Gallery  
<http://www-syntim.inria.fr/fractales/> Groupe Fractales  
[http://www.eleves.ens.fr:8080/home/massimin/quat/f\\_gal.html](http://www.eleves.ens.fr:8080/home/massimin/quat/f_gal.html) 3D  
Fractals  
<http://www.cnam.fr/fractals.html> Fractal Gallery  
<http://homepage.seas.upenn.edu/~lau/fractal.html> Lau's Fractals  
<http://www.vis.colostate.edu/~user1209/fractals/> Fractal  
Explorer  
<http://homepage.seas.upenn.edu/~rajiyer/math480.html> Course on  
Fractal Geometry

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[33] What nonlinear science software is available?

#### General Resources

NIST Guide to Available Mathematical Software"  
<<http://gams.cam.nist.gov/>>

Mathematics Archives Software  
<<http://archives.math.utk.edu/software.html>>

FAQ guide to packages from sci.math.num-analysis  
<<ftp://rtfm.mit.edu/pub/usenet/news.answers/num-analysis/faq/part1>>

#### Individual Packages

The Academic Software Library:

Chaos Simulations

Bessoir, T., and A. Wolf, 1990. Demonstrates logistic map, Lyapunov exponents, billiards in a stadium, sensitive dependence, n-body gravitational motion.

Chaos Data Analyser

A PC program for analyzing time series. By Sprott, J.C. and G. Rowlands.

For more info:<<http://sprott.physics.wisc.edu/cda.htm>>

Chaos Demonstrations

A PC program for demonstrating chaos, fractals, cellular automata, and related nonlinear phenomena. By J. C. Sprott and G. Rowlands.

System: IBM PC or compatible with at least 512K of memory.

Available: The Academic Software Library, (800) 955-TASL. \$70.

Chaotic Dynamics Workbench

Performs interactive numerical experiments on systems modeled by ordinary differential equations, including: four versions of driven Duffing oscillators, pendulum, Lorenz, driven Van der Pol osc., driven Brusselator, and the Henon-Heils system. By R. Rollins.

System: IBM PC or compatible, 512 KB memory.

Available: The Academic Software Library, (800) 955-TASL, \$70.

Applied Chaos Tools

Software package for time series analysis based on the UCSD group's, work.

This package is a companion for Abarbanel's book Analysis of Observed Chaotic Data, Springer-Verlag.

System: Unix-Motif, and soon Windows 95

For more info see: <<http://www.zneb.com/apnonlin/csp.html>>

#### AUTO

Bifurcation/Continuation Software (THE standard). AUTO94 with a GUI requires X and Motif to be present. There is also a command line version

AUTO86 The software is transported as a compressed, encoded file called auto.tar.Z.uu.

System: versions to run under X windows--SUN or sgi

Available: send email to doedel@cs.concordia.ca (describe your UNIX system)

#### Chaos

Visual simulation in two- and three-dimensional phase space; based on visual algorithms rather than canned numerical algorithms; well-suited for

educational use; comes with tutorial exercises.

System: Silicon Graphics workstations, IBM RISC workstations with GL

Available: <<http://msg.das.bnl.gov/~bstewart/software.html>>

#### Chaos

A Program Collection for the PC by Korsch, H.J. and H-J. Jodl, 1994, A book/disk combo that gives a hands-on, computer experiment approach to learning nonlinear dynamics. Some of the modules cover billiard systems,

double pendulum, Duffing oscillator, 1D iterative maps, an "electronic chaos-generator", the Mandelbrot set, and ODEs.

System: IBM PC or compatible.

Available: Springer-Verlag

#### CHAOS II

Chaos Programs to go with Baker, G. L. and J. P. Gollub (1990) Chaotic Dynamics. Cambridge, Cambridge Univ.

<<http://www.cup.org/Titles/38/052138897X.html>>

System: IBM, 512K memory, CGA or EGA graphics, True Basic

For more info: contact Gregory Baker, P.O. Box 278 ,Bryn Athyn, PA, 19009

#### Chaos Analyser

Programs to Time delay embedding, Attractor (3d) viewing and animation, Poincare sections, Mutual information, Singular Value Decomposition embedding, Full Lyapunov spectra (with noise cancellation), Local SVD analysis (for determining the systems dimension). By Mike Banbrook.

System: Unix, X windows

For more info: <[http://www.ee.ed.ac.uk/~mb/analysis\\_progs.html](http://www.ee.ed.ac.uk/~mb/analysis_progs.html)>

#### Chaos Plot

ChaosPlot is a simple program which plots the chaotic behavior of a damped, driven anharmonic oscillator.

System: Macintosh

Available: <[http://archives.math.utk.edu/cgi-bin/fife.test/mkPkgList.pl?ftp/software/mac/calculus+MacMath+MacMath:\\_Dyn](http://archives.math.utk.edu/cgi-bin/fife.test/mkPkgList.pl?ftp/software/mac/calculus+MacMath+MacMath:_Dyn)

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#### Cubic Oscillator Explorer

The CUBIC OSCILLATOR EXPLORER is a Macintosh application which allows

interactive exploration of the chaotic processes of the Cubic Oscillator,  
i.e..Duffing's equation.  
System: Macintosh  
Available: WWW FRACTAL MUSIC PROJECT at: <<http://www-ks.rus.uni-stuttgart.de/people/schulz/fmusic/>>

dstool  
Free software from Guckenheimer's group at Cornell; DSTool has lots of examples of chaotic systems, Poincare' sections, bifurcation diagrams.  
System: Unix, X windows.  
Available: <<ftp://macomb.tn.cornell.edu/pub/dstool/>>

Dynamics: Numerical Explorations.  
Nusse, Helena E. and J.E. Yorke, 1994. book + diskette. A hands on approach to learning the concepts and the many aspects in computing relevant quantities in chaos  
System: PC-compatible computer or X-windows system on Unix computers  
Available: Springer-Verlag

INSITE  
(It's a Nonlinear Systems Investigative Toolkit for Everyone) is a collection of programs for the simulation and characterization of dynamical systems, with an emphasis on chaotic systems. Companion software  
for T.S. Parker and L.O. Chua (1989) Practical Numerical Algorithms for Chaotic Systems Springer Verlag. See the paper T.S. Parker and L.O. Chua  
(1987) "INSITE- A Software Toolkit for the Analysis of Nonlinear Dynamical Systems," Proc. of the IEEE, 75, 1081-1089.  
System: C codes in Unix Tar or DOS format (later requires QuickWindowC or MetaWINDOW/Plus 3.7C. and MS C compiler 5.1)  
Available: INSITE SOFTWARE, p.o. Box 9662, Berkeley, CA , U.S.A.

KAOS1D  
A tool for studying one-dimensional (1D) discrete dynamical systems.  
Does  
bifurcation diagrams, etc. for a number of maps  
System: PC compatible computer, DOS, VGA graphics  
Available: Jeferson J. Arenzon <[arenzon@if.ufrgs.br](mailto:arenzon@if.ufrgs.br)>

Lyapunov Exponents and Time Series  
Based on Alan Wolf's algorithm, see[10], but a more efficient version.  
System: Comes as C source, Fortran source, PC executable, etc  
Available: <<http://www.users.interport.net/~wolf/chaos/chaos.htm>>

Lyapunov Exponents  
Keith Briggs Fortran codes for Lyapunov exponents  
System: any with a Fortran compiler  
Available: <<http://www.pd.uwa.edu.au/Keith/homepage.html>>

Lyapunov Exponents and Time Series  
Michael Banbrook's C codes for Lyapunov exponents & Time series analysis  
System: Sun with X windows.

Available: <[http://www.ee.ed.ac.uk/~mb/analysis\\_progs.html](http://www.ee.ed.ac.uk/~mb/analysis_progs.html)>

#### MacMath

Comes on a disk with the book MacMath, by Hubbard and West. A collection of programs for dynamical systems (1 & 2 D maps, 1 to 3D flows). Quality is uneven, and expected Macintosh features (color, resizable windows) are not always supported (in version 9.0).  
System: Macintosh  
For more info:  
<<http://archives.math.utk.edu/cgi-bin/fife.test/mkTxtPage.pl?ftp/software/mac/calculus/MacMath/MacMath.abstract>>  
Available: Springer-Verlag  
<[http://www.ee.ed.ac.uk/~mb/analysis\\_progs.html](http://www.ee.ed.ac.uk/~mb/analysis_progs.html)>

#### MatLab Chaos

A collection of routines for generate diagrams which illustrate chaotic behavior associated with the logistic equation.  
System: Requires MatLab.  
Available : <<ftp://ftp.mathworks.com/pub/contrib/misc/chaos/>>

#### MTRChaos

MTRCHAOS and MTRLYAP compute correlation dimension and largest Lyapunov exponents, delay portraits. By Mike Rosenstein.  
System: PC-compatible computer running DOS 3.1 or higher, 640K RAM, and EGA display. VGA & coprocessor recommended  
Available: <<ftp://spanky.triumf.ca/pub/fractals/programs/ibmpc/>>

#### PHASER

Kocak, H., 1989. Differential and Difference Equations through Computer Experiments: with a supplementary diskette containing PHASER: An Animator/Simulator for Dynamical Systems. Demonstrates a large number of 1D-4D differential equations--many not chaotic--and 1D-3D difference equations.  
System: PC-compatible computer + ???  
Available: Springer-Verlag <<http://www.springer-ny.com>>

#### SANTIS

Tool for Signal ANd TIme Series analysis, with graphical user interface.  
Contains standard facilities for signal processing as well as advanced features like wavelet techniques and methods of nonlinear dynamics.  
Systems: MS Windows, Linux, SUN Solaris 2.3, SGI Irix 5.3  
Available: <<http://www.physiology.rwth-aachen.de/santis/>>

#### SciLab

A simulation program similar in intent to MatLab. It's primarily designed for systems/signals work, and is large. From INRIA in France.  
System: Unix, X Windows, 20 Meg Disk space.  
Available : <<ftp://ftp.inria.fr/INRIA/Projects/Meta2/Scilab>>

#### StdMap

Iterates Area Preserving Maps, by J. D. Meiss. Iterates 8 different maps.

It will find periodic orbits, cantori, stable and unstable manifolds, and

allows you to iterate curves.

System: Macintosh

Available: <ftp://amath.colorado.edu/pub/dynamics/programs/>

#### Time Series Tools

An extensive list of Unix tools for Time Series analysis

System: Unix

For more info: <http://chuchi.df.uba.ar/tools/tools.html>

#### Time Series Analysis from Darmstadt

Four prgrams Time Series analysis and Dimension calculation. Three of them

look like codes for OS2 (haven't confirmed this), and one is a std Fortran

source

System: OS2 and/or Fortran

For more Iinfo: <http://www.physik.th-darmstadt.de/nlp/distribution.html>

#### Tufillaro's Programs

From the book Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos by Tufillaro, Abbot and Reilly

(1992) (<http://cnls-www.lanl.gov/nbt/Book/openall3.html>). A collection

of programs for the Macintosh.

System: Macintosh

Available: Addison-Wesley

For more info: <http://cnls-www.lanl.gov/nbt/qm.html> and <http://cnls-www.lanl.gov/nbt/bb.html>

#### Xphased

Phase 3D Plane program for x-windows systems (for systems like Lorenz, Rossler). Plot, rotate in 3-d, Poincare sections, etc.. By Thomas P.

Witelski

System: X-windows, Unix, SunOS 4 binary

Available: <http://www.ama.caltech.edu/~tpw/xphased.html>

#### XPP-Aut

Differential equations and maps for x-windows systems. Links to Auto for

bifurcation analysis. By Bard Ermentrout

System: X-windows, Binaries for many unix systems

Available : <ftp://ftp.math.pitt.edu/pub/bardware/tut/start.html>

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# Thriving in Chaos

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John and Group,

Here is some food for thought on Chaos. I took a class on Chaos theory in November of 94, just 2 weeks after the 94 election. I took the following notes:

Thriving in Chaos

Notes from a course taken in November, 1994

by Lynn Bursten Ph.D.

Our world is making paradigm shifts right now which is allowing us to make meaning out of chaos. When chaos comes welcome it. Chaos will allow a breakdown of that order which will allow change to occur. We are looking at death or transformation.

Objectives:

1. To change the way we think about chaos. This requires a fundamental change in how your experience reality.
2. To learn new paradigm techniques for thriving. Approaches for dealing with chaos - the way you think makes a difference.
3. To begin co-creating our future. Doing it right now.

Chaotic Change:

When chaos occurs you can't see what is happening.

Pattern recognition is important. Try and find a way to connect the dots - so-to-speak.

The normal response to chaos is absolute fear. Take time to talk and reflect and plan for it. Support yourself and don't fight the river. Go through chaos and enjoy it.

Diving into Chaos: The following quote is from H. Prather:

A time comes when you need to clean house. No, you need to go even further. You need to burn the house down with yourself in it. Then you must walk from the fire and say, I have no name.

Complexity: The world is full of deep structures. Chaos is an order we have not perceived yet.

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Local interactions

Life creates complex local structures. We will have emerging structures that will come out and solve problems. Worry about your self locally.

Turbulence: Being able to thrive in Chaos is important.

Learning to thrive in chaos:

1. 1st order: Adaptation. When chaos happens you take the present theories in use to try and make meaning out of the situation. If the situation is threatening you will respond in fear. Instead of using the same old theories - try new theories to make meaning out of chaos.
2. 2nd order: Developmental. When you see chaos, experience the fear, reflect on the new information, create new theories on how things work, and then try those theories out to see if they work.
3. 3rd order: Transformational. A shift in paradigms is happening. Science is changing right now, we are discovering new laws. Changes will take place that will question our assumptions on how reality works, and how we know reality.

Chaos is essential for creativity and transformation. To get new solutions for problems we must go into chaos. Two people will never behave the same way twice. Remember this when trying to predict what will happen next.

The New Paradigm: The nature of reality.

- a. Multiple levels of reality exist, each with its own laws, rules, and relationships.
- b. Systems are complex networks of interdependent functions. Structures emerge from patterns of interaction.
- c. Like holograms: each part simultaneously enfold and is enfolded by the whole.

Surviving and Thriving in Chaos: - Essential Elements.

1. Create and sustain a vision
2. Let go. (Let go of your need to for structure).
3. Create open spaces - which allow for new structures to occur.
4. Be human. We create great things - stop trying to be authoritarian or dictatorial - we create human structures.

Six Wisdoms:

1. Symmetry and order prevent breakthroughs. Try to be asymmetrical.
2. Be respectful and sensitive at all times - we are under stress.
3. Stress means you need a difference perspective - change your mind set.
4. Treat everyone as you would be treated.
5. Pay attention to births and deaths. Things die, departments die, people die.
6. Remember we are one - in a world of no boundaries - we are all terrific!

One final quote:

When we walk to the edge of all the light we have and take that step into the darkness of the unknown, we must believe that one of two things will happen: There will be something solid for us to stand on, or we will learn how to fly. Teller

This is a summation of the class, but I found it very profound in looking at the times of change and how not to be afraid, for growth comes out of chaos!

Hope you all are well and dealing with and enjoying life!

Tasha

# The Wishing Well -or- Releasing the Butterfly of Chaos

by Frater Choronzon

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The general function of a Wishing Well is understood from an early age by most people. The user projects some required outcome of events, or "wish" into the well, perhaps accompanied by a symbolic financial donation, and waits for events to take their course. Similar properties are attributed in popular tradition to acts of cutting a birthday cake and breaking a wish-bone while devoting certain species of poultry.

In every sense, the act of making a wish using any of the above ritual props is a magical operation though experience suggest that Wells tend to be more effective than both chicken bones and all but the most esoterically decorated cakes in achieving the intended result.

As of late, many Wishing Wells have been withdrawn from public access; and, moreover, recent opinion polls have indicated high levels of dissatisfaction with the scarcity of wish-fulfillment opportunities, particularly among vegetarians. This paper attempts some analysis of the dynamics involved in successful wish-making, and offers a ritual procedure which readers may find useful pending the launch of another "Wishing Well Withdrawal" from the public eye.

Anyone who has studied non-linear dynamics (or Chaos Mathematics) as applied to the interaction of complex systems (for instance life-in- general) will be aware of the extreme sensitivity of such systems to initial conditions. This is illustrated by the so called Butterfly Effect; a model of the process by which a butterfly flapping its wings on the Carribean Islands can set in train a series of atmospheric interactions which may culminate, after some elapsed time, in the occurrence of a hurricane in London.

The hypothesis in this context is that the ritual act of making a wish sets up initial conditions for a Chao/dynamic process which culminates, after some elapse time, in the occurrence of whatever event was the original objective of the wish; hence the subtitle "Releasing the Butterfly of Chaos". Atmospheric effects are often synchronous with successful magickal operations as was observed, for example, by those who were present for (or within earshot of) the 4,000 watt "Enochian Verse Recital" in South London, 17.30 Hrs, Monday, 28 May, 1990; but where magic is concerned the atmospherics are felt to be little more than by-products of casual sequence which is primarily electromagnetic in character.

The actual process by which a successful wish is transformed into its outcome is, of course, magic; at least in the sense that modern TV receiver might be acknowledged as

such by Agrippa or Abra-Melin the Mage - Was there ever a more effective acrostic "for divers visions" than an infrared remote control?

A detailed explanation of how the magical process appears to work would fill a book (reasonable offers from reputable publishers accepted); suffice it to say that no rewrite of either the Laws of Physics or the Axioms of Mathematics is required, and to mention that the Astrological elements of the hypothesis will form the substance of a paper to be presented to a forth coming meeting of the "Talking Stick".

For the purpose of this exercise, the process may be appropriately visualized by consideration of nothing more complicated than a humble smoke-ring. In mathematical terms this is a Torus (a ring- doughnut shaped structure) which has a clearly defined, coherent and self-contained existence for an extended period within a fundamentally chaotic matrix; ie. it can hung around for several seconds retaining its structure in the turbulent air of a smoke-filled room. Such ordered structures fall quite naturally out of the Chaos Mathematics which models the behavior of gases and liquids (Fluid Dynamics for the technically inclined). Examples of such ordered structures in a chaotic environment abound, and not only on this planet. The Great Red Spot on Jupiter, for instance, has been in existence at least since Galileo observed it in 1610, though the chaotic nature of that planets atmosphere was not appreciated until the flypast of the Voyager spacecraft of 1979.

A perfect smoke-ring requires very little expenditure of energy to be brought into existence, though that energy, in the form of a controlled pulse of gas projected from its creator lips has to be quite precise - ie. smoke-rings don't always work, particular if someone is watching, and the best ones of all usually happen quite by accident! Significantly, the only way an observer can know if a smoke-ring is there because it has smoke in it. If an identical pulse of gas is projected from a non-smoker, the Toroidal ring structure will be established in the just the same way within the atmosphere, but its presence is almost impossible to detect, even with the most sophisticated of scientific instruments.

The atmosphere is not the only chao/dynamic envelope surrounding our planet; there also exists the magnetosphere, which we perceive at ground level as the earths magnetic field. At present it exerts a force which causes a compass needle to point approximately towards the North Pole.

The magnetosphere extends out into so-called empty space well beyond the atmosphere of the planet, and is anything but static in character. Complete polarity reversals can occur. A record of these is preserved in the sequence of North and South oriented volcanic rocks which have been mapped in the ocean floor extending outwards from mid-oceanic ridges, such as that which runs the length of the Atlantic. The magnetosphere exhibits its own "weather" patterns which, like the atmospheric weather, are driven primarily by radiation from the Sun/Solar Winds. Magnetic and electric storms which affect TV and radio reception are a phenomena of magnetospheric weather, and interaction between the magnetosphere and the atmosphere can result in phenomena such

as the Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights. Other manifestations include ball- lightning and St. Elmo`s fire.

The ritual procedure put forward here postulates a process whereby a sudden pulse of electro-chemical energy, through an operators nervous system, establishes a magnetic structure which is the mathematical equivalent of a smoke-ring. It is suggested that this can occur on the onset of orgasm or accompanying a powerful martial-arts styled shout or KIAI, by a process akin to that of the Faraday Induction described in any half-decent textbook. The "magical" part of the process involves injecting a flash-visualisation of the eventual desired outcome of the magneto- smoke-ring as it is being established. The rest of the process of wish fulfillment is left to the wondrous dynamics of Chaos. It may be helpful for the operator to face towards the geographical (magnetic) North Pole.

If performed as a solo working, this ritual may usefully be preceded by a banishing and visualisation exercise. The ritual text is written in the Enochian language of the angelic calls which were devised or discovered by Dr. John Dee in the 16th Century. In the sense that Enochian can be seen as a system of control (or cyber-) language for "life, the universe, and everything" it has many of the characteristics of a computer programming language. Among such properties would be those of recursive self-reference (ie. the ability to modify itself), and some of the phraseology of the preamble to the ritual is designed to apply ideas developed by Douglas Hofstadter in his book Godel, Escher, Bach to the Enochian language. Specifically, the text of the ritual should increase its own potency with repetition.

After the Enochian preamble, the participant(s) should make a vocalized statement of a "wish" or willed endpoint for the working, at the same time strongly visualizing the desired outcome. This "wish" may be of a benefic or malefic intent, but beware! the Enochian preamble carries a force of personal honor, in wishes of a dishonorable character they are likely to backfire.

The pre-climatic mantrum "Zarzas Zarzas Nasatanata Zarzas" is held to be untranslatable. It is, by tradition, a formula which opens the Gates of Hell or the Abyss; in this context it is used to invoke the dynamic process of Chaos by which the wish can be fulfilled. Some occult authorities, Crowley among them, assert that the Zarzas formula is dangerous and advise against using it. Modern Chaos magicians do not share that view and, besides having employed it for years with no particular ills impacting the user, is consistently been found to enhance the effectiveness of most categories of magical working.

The final climatic KIAI may be shout such as that projected by a martial arts practioner in the process of shattering a concrete block (or someone`s sternum), or else an exaggerated cry of orgasmic ecstasy. Prospective participants with orgiastic inclinations may care to experiment with variant techniques to effect the final KIAI exclamation which sets the magical "butterfly effect" process in motion. For example, the Enochian couplet following the statement of the wish might be committed to memory by operator of either gender, and repeated while other participants stimulate that operator to a frenzied pitch of ecstasy, culminating in the final KIAI. Such variants are for the more experimentally

inclined, but it is the sort of experiments which magicians of an unhibited frame of mind (or body) may find it enjoyable to carry out as an end in itself. Any feedback on results would be welcome!

...continued by ritual text...

Ritual text / Enochian Invocation:

|             |                |              |              |                       |
|-------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| COMSELH     | I              | P            | MALPURG      | DSI                   |
| The circle  | with           | eight        | fiery darts  | which is              |
| DRILPA      | EMETGIS        | DE           | CHAOS        |                       |
| the great   | seal           | of           | chaos        |                       |
| AS          | IOADAF         | DE           | TOL          | GLO                   |
| was         | in the         | of           | all          | things.               |
|             | beginning      |              |              |                       |
| T           | I              | TA           | HUBAR        | BLIOR                 |
| It          | is             | as           | a continual  | of comfort            |
|             |                |              | burning lamp |                       |
| NONCA       | GMICALZOMA     | CRIP         | I            | CORAXO                |
| to you      | of power &     | but          | is as        | thunders of judgement |
|             | understanding  |              |              | & wrath               |
| CIAOFI      | DE             | PAR          | AG           | IAIADIX               |
| to the      | of             | them         | of no        | honor                 |
| terror      |                |              |              |                       |
| SOLPHETH    | BIEN:          |              |              |                       |
| hearken     | to my voice:   |              |              |                       |
| VOMSARG     |                | IADNAMAD     |              | GOHULIM:              |
| unto every  | one of you     | of undefiled | knowledge    | it is said:           |
| "OI         | EMETGIS        | LONSHI       | OVOF         | SA                    |
| "This       | seal           | of power     | may be       | in                    |
|             |                |              | magnified    |                       |
| MIAN        | I              | SAPAH        | DE           | OI                    |
| continuance | with           | the mighty   | of           | this                  |
|             |                | sounds       |              |                       |
| LU          | IA             | HE           | BAHAL"       |                       |
| song        | of             | honor        | cried with a | loud voice"           |
| VLCININ     | DS             | I            | ZA           | ZAZ                   |
| Happy       | is             | s/he         | who          | has framed            |
| ANGELGARD   | MANIN          | PRGE         |              |                       |
| thoughts    | in the mind    | with the     | fire         |                       |
| ANANAEL     |                | PI           |              |                       |
| of this     | secret wisdom, | s/he         |              |                       |
| I           | VGEG           | T            | CAPMIALI     | FISIS                 |
| is          | become         | also         | successively | to execute            |
|             | strong         |              |              |                       |
| BUTMONA     | ATH            | OD           | AMMA         | EMNA:                 |

By mouth the works and curses herein:

>> MAKE YOUR WISH HERE <<

|      |                  |              |                       |
|------|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| SA   | CHAOS            | ANGELGARD    | HARG                  |
| Into | chaos            | the thoughts | are planted           |
| OD   | IONAS            |              | AZIAGIAR.             |
| and  | they will become |              | like unto the harvest |

ZARZAS ZARZAS NASATANATA ZARZAS

!!! KIAI !!!



Anger Rising  
An Interview  
by Dnyl of T.O.P.Y Chaos

Dnyl: You're currently working on a film, "Mouse Heaven"?

Kenneth Anger: Yes I'm finishing a film I've already shot. It's a study of animated toys of a rare nature. These are collectables of early Walt Disney toys. I've always loved Mickey Mouse since I was a little boy and I'm outraged about the current Disney company's attitude to Mickey Mouse. I mean they think they own it but all the children of the world own Mickey Mouse. And I have devised a way to star Mickey Mouse in a film that the current Disney company can't legally object to, by filming an antique toy collection of early Disney toys. And it's just a coincidence all those toys happen to be Mickey Mouse. I'm actually being very respectful of early Mickey Mouse. I hate later Mickey Mouse, because from "Fantasia" on the Disney people decided to humanise the mouse, remove his tail- which is a kind of castration- and turn him into a little boy who is a sort of a goody-two-shoes. And he's no longer the mischievous, sadistic mouse that he was in the beginning. He used to do nasty little tricks like twist the udd ers of cows and things like that. And that's the only mouse I'm interested in, I mean this kind of demon 'fetish' figure.

Dnyl: There is a rumour that you are going to do a film of the Gnostic Mass.

Anger: Well, I'd love to but I'm very leery of any groups or organisations. You see what's just happened in Waco, Texas where someone that claims they're Jesus Christ, and he killed seven federal agents when they tried to get to his armed fortress where a lot of brainwashed Australians are held up.

Well, I'm not too keen on any group or cult. I've been to meet the various groups who call themselves O.T.O. which Crowley founded. But Crowley never 'annointed' them or approved of them. All the groups are fighting with each other. There's been raids, thefts, houses have been broken into, books have been stolen, one house was burned down. These are Crowleyites fighting among each other and I'm ashamed of them. They're as bad as christians. In other words you get these far right christian sects and they're doing that kind of nonsense. Every group is a poison. I mean, once you get two or three people together- three's a crowd and four is a poisonous cult. And then you get jealousies. Crowley found that out himself. He tried to have a commune, the first commune which was in 1920 in Cefalu, Sicily. Human beings are too fallible for all this idealism, living like the lion lying down with the sheep in the holy kingdom. It's just not natural!

So you think I would approach the O.T.O. and the Crowleyites and say ok, you want the Gnostic Mass filmed? I am the most skilled film-maker among you. I mean, some of them have video cameras and so forth and they turn out absolute garbage. Well I said if you want a professional film-maker to film your ceremony, I respect the Gnostic Mass and I have performed it and I have watched various people performing it. I said I will do it, but you've got to come

up with, say, fifty grand for me. I can't do it for ten cents. I can't even do it for a thousand dollars. I would do it absolutely beautifully, in a setting with actors. You see the most respected high priestess is so ugly her face would freeze a clock. Even though she has all the spiritual stuff, I'd get a movie actress to play the high priestess to do the Gnostic Mass on film. When it's done in a little back room in New York city, where I've attended a very moving Gnostic Mass, but everyone in it sort of looked like homeless people who'd come in and dressed up in sheets. And I don't think that's the image we want to project, the Crowleyites want to project. Like I'm sure there were homely Nazis with glasses and so forth that Leni Riefenstahl didn't film in "The Triumph of the Will", her Nazi propaganda film. She only chose the handsome studs and she ignored the little runts who were Nazis, you know, looking like rats in glasses.

So, ok, they'd better hurry up because my years as a film-maker are coming to an end. My eyes will fail, my mind will fail, and my health will give out or something. Or just get tired of life, which I am every other week. So I'd love to film it, but I will not do it on a shoestring. I need about fifty grand, that's what I said. Next year I'll need about sixty grand because everything becomes more and more expensive. And I could have done it ten years ago when I first suggested it for twenty-five grand. But I would never make one on video, for instance, just because it's economical. I am a film artist. I work on celluloid, and I prefer to work on 35mm.

Dynl: Was "invocation of My Demon Brother" based on "Moonchild"?

Anger: A bit. Yes. There's a ceremony in "Moonchild". And the creation of a moonchild, which is the idea that you can have a baby between two people. It usually takes two people to make a baby but not always. I mean, in other words, the legend is that there's such a thing as the immaculate conception. There's never an "immaculate" conception, you can have one person and an entity, and the entity is not necessarily human. In other words the moonchild would be the moon spirit impregnating the woman, and the christians would turn that and say it was the virgin Mary. But as a matter of fact she's still pregnant, she still had intercourse but it wasn't with a human- if you believe the christian myth, which I don't.

But yes it's an influence and I show the title of the book in one shot so I acknowledge the influence. And I have that title, which is the only title that says "ZAP, YOU'RE PREGNANT, THAT'S WITCHCRAFT". Because "ZAP" is already an antique expression from the sixties. In fact, the "ZAP" comics were drawn by a friend of mine in San Francisco, and that was a little joke to him. But "ZAP" is still a magickal word because it comes from the sound of electricity. ZAP- it's something that's very quick, and that's why I used it.

Dnyl: I've read that when Bobby Beausoleil stole "Lucifer Rising" you tried to turn him into a toad. Is this just a rumour?

Anger: Well, no it isn't a rumour. I did a ceremony, and with an artist friend of mine I created a beautiful enamel medallion. On one side was Bobby's portrait painted on a miniature porcelain, just

like in the time of Queen Elizabeth the first, before they had photography.

Bobby was a very beautiful boy, with beautiful blue eyes and he was nineteen years old and he had long hair to his shoulders. He was very cocky and very self-confident, but he was a scorpio and he had a lot of scorpio traits, which are charismatic but they're not always easy to work with (and I have a half scorpio in my horoscope). But on the other side was a toad, a beautiful golden toad.

So, anyway, the toad is from the fairytale about the frog prince. You know, you kiss the toad and maybe it'll turn into a prince, and maybe you'll get herpes from the toad, frog herpes, which must be horrible. Or something, who knows. It's a symbol, of faith, and true love and various things. I mean its a marvellous fairytale. Crowley adored fairytales and so do I, and he wrote a wonderful essay about them. This was like "flip the coin", in other words I knew there were these two natures, and he could be either this poisonous toad or an angel. Because his dark side of his nature took over- he stole my van, he stole the film, he betrayed me. I gave him money to buy some musical things for his band, instead he went and bought a huge amount of marijuana in Mexico, and drove up in my van with my license plates on the van, full of bales of marijuana (at that time, as big as this couch you could buy these huge things, wrapped in black plastic).

He stored them in my studio. He sneaked them in and stored them. Our dog began sniffing these wrapped up plastic packages, and then I cut one open and there was all this grass. It was my apartment and if anyone was gonna get busted I was gonna get it- he would get off as a minor and I was 'seducing' him or 'corrupting' him in some way. So I picked up the bales, threw them down the front step, and I'm not particularly a physically hefty hunk of a guy or anything like that but when I'm mad... I picked him up by the scruff of his neck when he came home after a late date and tossed him down the front stair. And that was the end of our relationship.

But you know scorpions are sneaky, and so he waited. He had a real old car that kept breaking down and everything, but I had the van that I bought for the first "Lucifer Rising" film production. He knew I never cooked, and he waited until I went out to dinner with a friend. Then he broke into the place, stole all the film and then stole the van. So I came back and there was no van, no film, and he was gone. I knew he did it, nobody else could have done it- or wanted these cans of film with "L.R." on them for "Lucifer Rising".

Dnyl: You were saying last night that he took your van and then broke down in the desert and was picked up by the Manson Family.

Anger: No, this was in San Francisco where I was living in the Russian Embassy, which was the consol house when imperial Russia had a consol in San Francisco. We lived there. He stole the van and he drove it to southern California which is about four hundred miles south, towards L.A. He had friends down there working in the group "Love", they were a sort of acid rock group that he played for. And it broke down not in the desert but in San Fernando valley

on the road in front of Spahn Ranch, which is where at that moment the Manson Family was holed up in the abandoned movie sets. They were living in this broken down Western village, and somehow they'd got this guard who was supposed to look after it who was blind. I mean, having a blind old man as a guard! They sweet talked him in, they said "we'll go get your groceries and we'll do this and that and so forth. You poor old man, blind. What a pity you're blind you can't see what beautiful chicks we are". Manson would use these girls in that way on various things. So, the girls came out, here was this cute guy, nineteen years old, with a broken down van and they said "hey, why don't you move in with us" so that's how he got mixed in with them.

But he was my second choice for Lucifer. The first one was six years old and he died in an accident thinking he was an angel and could fly. His name was Vito. He had a hippy mother and a hippy father who were both artists and he was an absolutely stunning child. He had platinum blonde hair. It's never been cut since he was born, so it was down to his shoulders, and he looked like a Blake cherub. He was so awesomely beautiful. People would see him and just go "ahgh"!

This kid had that charisma, that magick, but he died before I could use him. I told him I wanted him to be in the movie and he agreed, he said yes. And I didn't suggest that he would try rehearsing flying on the roof, but that's where he died, in an accident he fell off the roof. And you know it's just heartbreaking. Everyone was in mourning, in fact we never got over it.

At any rate, you know, Bobby was the second choice and he was nineteen, not six, and so the angelic side... he was more the demonic side. And I thought I could handle that and I couldn't. It sort of blew up in my face! But he was arrested for murder two years after he left me. He left me in '67 and the Manson killings began in the summer of '69, beginning with Bobby and Susan, one of the girls. He had sold some bad dope to the Manson family that the Manson family had resold to the Hell's Angels, and the drug agents had sprayed it with cyanide. And so all the Hell's Angels, about fifty of them, got extremely ill. They almost died, and then when they recovered they blamed the Manson family. They said 'if you don't kill whoever you got that dope from, we will kill all of you'. That was California in the sixties (laughs), the so-called generation of love, or summer of love or whatever (laughs). That was a farce! And so that's how Bobby got mixed up in murder and why he agreed to murder and, you know, they were all dropping acid like it was breathe mints, and generally cutting loose from their family connections. They were all middle to upper-middle class kids, you know, rebelling against their backgrounds. That was basically it.

Dnyl: How did you meet and get involved with Brian Jones, Mick Jagger and the Rolling Stones?

Anger: Well, it was very easy for me because I moved to London from San Francisco and my best friend happened to be the best friend of Mick Jagger and he still is today. That was the magick key in the door, but it was nothing special. I don't really like rock and

roll, in fact I never listen to it voluntarily. I like some of their ballads, like 'Ruby Tuesday', I think it's a beautiful song, and some of the choir things. I never really liked 'Sympathy for the Devil', even that (but I don't think you can really call that rock and roll).

But Brian was a very magickal person, and he was a witch. He had a third nipple. Like Rosaleen Norton (that I hope to make a film about) had the equivalent of an extra nipple. Brian's nipple was down here on his inner thigh, and for a straight guy to take down his pants to show me his third nipple! He said "I have a witch's mark" and I said 'yeah?'. And he said 'yeah!'. We were alone and he said 'here, I'll show you' and so he took down his pants. And here's this little...but it was, it was formed like a perfect nipple on his inner thigh. And I said 'is it like your two other nipples?' and he said 'yeah, its fun to...here touch it!' And I touched it (laughs). You know he would play with me that way a little bit, but he was an absolute darling of a person.

But I saw him destroy himself in two years with heroin, and the only reason he took heroin was to blot out his terrible fear of the public and the police. He got so paranoid about the police that were going to bust him for dope and all that, that he used to hide under the bed like a little child. 'Where's Brian? Where's Brian?' Well, he'd be under the bed hiding. Trembling, like this, because he thought the police were coming and they were going to take away his dope. It's such a waste of talent.

I've enjoyed knowing those people, but I don't go name dropping all the time. I've known people that meant a lot more to me than any of the Rolling Stones. I'm sorry that Brian died, but it was a hell of a life. I wouldn't wish it on anyone to be a pop star.

But I hope I live long enough to see the decline and fall of Michael Jackson. Because I've talked to plastic surgeons that worked on him, and his nose is held up by a prayer. In other words, it is collapsing in on itself, he had all the cartilage removed and its possible the whole thing will melt, like the witch at the end of the Wizard of Oz. That would give me a certain satisfaction, I won't say pleasure, but this story of him having a skin disease- he bleaches himself twice a week! He slathers himself in this ointment that stinks to high heaven and it'll probably give him cancer or something (laughs). He claims he has impetigo but that's absolute rubbish. He's been bleaching himself, which is like an insult to the black race.

But he removed his African nose that used to have two nostrils big enough to drive a bus in. He took about a pound of liver off his lips. Now he has these thin little prissy lips and now he claims that oh, he had a little work done. A little work done! But who is he kidding? What I can't understand is why he isn't totally rejected by the blacks because he's like insulting the blacks to try to bleach himself white. And then he claims its a disease, I mean come on! At any rate, I don't deal with pop celebrities. I basically deal with old movie personalities that I find much more interesting. But I am going to have a footnote or something about Michael Jackson because he has made one or two films, and he

generally pisses me off, frankly!

BALANCE OV CONTROL

or...

HOW TO ESCAPE THEE INFERNO OV THEE NORMAL WHILST REMAINING ORDINARY.

"He who fights with monsters should look to it that he himself does not become a monster. And when you gaze long into an abyss the abyss also gazes into you." Nietzsche.

If thee root ov every emotion iz its opposite, then so too is thee root ov every belief its opposite; since we might define belief as emotionally vitalized thought, anchored through experience. (To demonstrate thee point, if you slander someone sacred held beliefs you will assuredly feel their emotional wrath!). Hence, an awareness ov inhibitions in an individual will be reinforced by thee belief in freedom ov action; which is thee possibility ov change, and thee increase in your options.

"There is no freedom from duality on this plane of existence, but one may at least aspire to choice of duality." P. Carroll.

But our beliefs can cast an unwholesome shadow - namely, obsession/paranoid-complex. As such, I'd like to stir shit in thee ranks ov our Holy and Illuminated Brethren ov Thee Temple for a minute, by suggesting that thee newcomer to TOPY philosophy approach thee subject ov CONTROL gently (at first, anyway).

Much has been said about CONTROL and, notwithstanding Burroughs' (and others) profound insight into thee nature ov modern society. I can't help but think that thee result ov over-zealous reference to thee Viral-theories, etc., could maybe hinder thee newcomers self-development - which is supposed to be JOY ov experience under will, isn't it? To explain: I'm not suggesting to gloss over thee issue (which, if you have any social awareness, is impossible - thee "issue" ov CONTROL is not academic for us, it is raw feeling). But it seems totally pointless encouraging people to become aware ov thee Cultural Trance (considering thee increased emotional sensitivity I feel is borne ov thee first practise ov magick/sigils), if thee result is a bunch ov paranoid, frightened to leave their rooms lest they have to participate in thee Earth Inferno. (I myself witnessed an Ex-Eden having a serious breakdown over

this). Thee TOPY network cannot be held responsible for such -  
admittedly  
extreme - examples, since our network continues through individuals  
being  
fiercely self-willed, but we do have a responsibility not to freak each  
other  
out! Fight thee outside, not thee inside.

Perhaps it is part ov thee shamanic initiation (if I may be so bold) ov  
thee  
sigilizing Youth to exteriorize their own conditioning through a period  
ov  
tension similar to paranoia. Quite an idea; but this is ov no value at  
all  
unless thee individual looks into thee causes ov their feelings and  
works  
toward (re)integration (ie, a balanced perception - whatever you own  
"balance" happens to be!). If this is thee case for many, then that  
stage ov  
tension should be discussed (we would be keen to hear ov individuals  
experiences and opinions ov this).

Obviously (?) thee nature ov "initiation" into any magickal perspective  
is  
ongoing, requiring continual self-assessment and STRENGTH. As said in a  
recent TOPY:HQ Bulletin, we must realize that we never arrive, we are  
always  
travelling. And everyone learns to walk at their own pace (unless  
forced to  
do otherwise, ov course!). This article is by no means conclusive - I  
ramble  
on intently. If nothing else connects, I would at least wish to  
emphasize  
that TOPY must remain a philosophy - a way ov life - that is inspiring,  
yet  
DOWN TO EARTH (there, that should keep us in with thee satanists). For  
any  
idea to be worthwhile it must be able to encompass its own philosophy  
ov  
freedom whilst being unable to relate (I don't mean agree) to anybody/  
anything, because ov a severe overdose ov Industrial-cynicism, has  
missed  
thee point, I think. We investigate our barriers in order to overcome  
them  
through thee focus ov dreams; not to bottle up in our own pessimism.

"Our Formula, roughly speaking, is to go out and grab what we want.  
We do  
this so thoroughly that we grow thereby, extending our conception of  
"I"  
by including each new accretion instead of remaining a closely  
delineated  
self..." A. Crowley.

Get thee point?



# Bridge Magick

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Even before I became consciously involved in Magick the underside of bridges always produced very unusual mental states. These were interesting but I wanted to see if I could come up with something more systematic/useful involving bridges.

The bridge is a structure which can seem abandoned although still in use by traffic. Under a bridge there are columns and slopes and whatever else the terrain consists of, perhaps a river. The point is to redefine the use of the bridge, take over psychick structures. This lack of use parallels the role magickal information is placed in today's society- the unused parts of our brain. Under certain bridges there is a feeling of stepping past the usual confines of the social/historical model daily life is crippled under.

The Scandinavians had trolls, magickal beings who lived in tunnels and under bridges. You don't actually have to live under a bridge or inside a subway tunnel to make use of them in a ritual. Why should the magician have any resemblance to robed figures carrying wands and tracing pentagrams, especially since so many have covered this area before? Finding something that works for you is the most important part, the figuring out can come later. Everyone has something unique to themselves and their situation that can be used in a ritual. Redefining and personalizing found junk is another suggested technique along these lines (scrap metal, abandoned electronics, used packaging, dead animals).

When I started becoming obsessed with bridges one of the things I did was to paint graffiti on supporting columns. These were highly charged, very personal images which came spontaneously at the site. I did all sorts of strange things after that, the images seemed to unleash all sorts of wild energy. Later I heard about the function of totems in certain tribes and how it related to growing up in a tribal society - rites involving the transference of the youth's soul to his totem. This accomplishes the "death" of the youth. With infusion of life from the totem the youth's system gradually recovers. Each time I returned to my graffiti/totems it seemed I was tapping into some powerful timeless energy. It was as if I was drawing information through the drawing itself from the perceptions of the bridge. The bridge was a reservoir. Perhaps the whole valley system in which I found these bridges, carved and shaped unconsciously by city planners and developers, is a contemporary equivalent of the totems of aboriginal tribes. The "information society" contains an intelligence most of its "cells" are unaware of. Ritual use of the outdoors seems natural in North America. For me, growing up in Canada, the outside has always held a strong magnetism. In Europe it's probably quite difficult to find areas to conduct private rituals outside, practically impossible in cities. Most North American cities, on the other hand, have generous tracts of land allocated for parks, etc.

Taking the plunge. Jumping off bridges has always been a popular way to commit suicide, reinforcing the image of the bridge as a gateway between different worlds. In

Carlos Casteneda's books on Yaqui Indian magic jumping off a cliff was a major initiation - you either assembled yourself at a different location or you died (or if you were a very advanced seer you would disappear into another dimension).

Of course there is a reason why most "normal" people would rather jump off a bridge than conduct a ritual under one. The Roman word pontifex, from which Pontif originates, means "builder of bridges". A pope was meant to be a bridge between two worlds. On the other side of the good/evil coin devils were reputed to particularly enjoy taking part in the construction of bridges back in the Middle Ages (for payment in cats). The Israelites made the bridge into a sign of the Covenant between god and his people, and in China it was the sign denoting the union of heaven and earth.

Can a figurehead really be YOUR bridge? T.O.P.Y Canada is not a substitute religion, it is a receptive place for experiences and ideas which would otherwise have no place, no place in modern society and no place in a culture which exalts itself above organic processes. Here we can reclaim ourselves and reject the fossilized totems of power, money and fear inherited from the past.

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565. This 19th century popular print represents a bishop by the name of Saint Cado offering a cat to the devil as a means of thanking him for the building of a bridge. The reward is modest, even ridiculous but ordinary people like to let the devil whistle for his money: popular morality insists that we should have the right to destroy 'outlaws'.

563-564. It was also said that devils particularly enjoyed taking part in the building of bridges. Psychologists of today will not fail to note that in the scientific interpretation of dreams the symbolic significance of the bridge theme is that of surmounting a difficulty. The picture above (563) shows the Valentre Bridge at Cahors which, according to legend, was the work of the devil. The Bridge of Saint-Cloud (564) near Paris is also supposed to owe its existence to Satan.

- The Abominable TV Snowman

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THOSE WHO DO NOT REMEMBER THEE PAST ARE CONDEMNED TO REPEAT IT

An Introduction to thee Temple ov Psychick Youth.

Thee Temple strives to end personal laziness and engender discipline.

To

focus thee Will on one's true desires, in thee belief, gathered from experience that this maximizes and makes happen all those things that one

wants in every area ov life. Explore daily your deepest desires, fantasies

and motives, gradually focussing on what you would like to happen in a perfect world, a perfect situation, taking away all restrictions and practical considerations, what you'd REALLY want. Then decide to try and DO

it. Thee mere visualization ov that true goal begins thee process that makes it happen. Clean out thee trappings and debris ov compromise, ov what

you've been told is REASONABLE for a person in your circumstances. Be clear

in admitting your real desires. Discard all irrelevancies. Ask yourself who

you want as friends, if you need or want to work, what you want to eat. Check and re-check everything deeper and deeper, more and more precisely to

get closer and ultimately integrate with your REAL Self. Once you are focussed on your self internally, thee external aspects ov your life will

fall into place. They have to. Sceptics will say they simply don't believe

this Psychick process works, but it does. It is thee Key to thee Temple.

INTRODUCTION We attempt to commune with spirits, to be friends with thee

Human Spirit. We care for thee infinite significance ov thee individual spirit and personal moral responsibility and its development through experience. We believe in thee total significance ov thee individual discovered though familiarity with thee deepest instincts and explorations

ov destiny outside thee traps ov time. We intend to engender moral freedom,

spiritual freedom, sexual freedom, and personal independence, to insist upon personal choose in all things. We accept responsibility. Gladly and

with excitement and deliberate ignorance ov thee outcoum. We revel in mystery and surprise. We bury our selves in challenge and dreams. We

embrace all possibilities and impossibilities with joy and excitement.  
We  
accept the true nature of life, the way the world is. Flexible and  
shifting, in flux every moment, shaped by parallel levels that accept  
contradiction and inconsistency as inviolate qualities that generate  
mystery and mastery. We direct ourselves wherever we chose to go with  
joy  
and abandon. A New Era of the Magickal interpretation of the World  
and  
existing in it is coming. An interpretation in terms of Will and  
Imagination fueled by contact with intuition and instinct.

#### RESPONSIBILITY

Do you want to be part of a world of sleeping people? Do you want to  
imbibe  
the drug of the commonplace? Will you be forever addicted to  
self-restriction?

Established orthodoxies and dogmas, conditioned interpretations of  
living,  
regard the material world as reality whilst pretending to deal with  
the  
spirit or existence. They conceive and propagate evolution and thinking  
as  
purely physical, their control of our lives and visions as sacrosanct.  
Religion has privately altered to work from a position that accept  
itself  
as totally discredited by science. All establishment modes of control  
and  
affiliation, both religious and political, rely upon and revolve around  
unquestioning faith and dogma, unquestioning acceptance of their  
inalienable right to assume professional responsibility for our actions  
upon their shoulders. We are told we are weak, incapable of grasping  
scale,  
afraid of ourselves and desperate to push responsibility for all events  
in  
our lives onto them. We are insistently trained to accept our corporeal  
existence as hopeless in itself, to become subservient to the greater  
good. We are perpetually conditioned, encouraged, and blackmailed into  
self-restriction into narrower and narrower perceptions of ourselves,  
our  
own importance, our own potential and our own experience. We are  
trained to  
ignore the evidence of our senses and experience and to feel guilt  
when we  
glimpse sense derived visions of ourselves as free spirits.

The voluntary relinquishing of responsibility for our lives and  
actions is  
one of the greatest enemies of our time.

Our enemies are flat. Our enemies are three-dimensional. Our enemies  
are  
continuity and coherence. Our enemies are restriction and confinement.  
Our  
enemies are guilt and fear. Our enemies are material. Our enemies are

direction and fact. Our enemies are Because.

We are not seeking followers, we are seeking collaborators, Individuals for a visionary Psychick alliance.

Thee Temple ov Psychick Youth 23 June 82 Era Maximus 003Adeptus

#### FOCUSING THEE WILL

What we suggest next is NOT instruction. It is method. A method which can be used by anyone, alone or with friends, regardless ov any material or social circumstances. A method to be used by thee individual to break through to their deeper consciousness, where fantasies ambitions and real wishes reside, thee place where all dreams meet. People can most readily identify and relate to dreams that are sexual, and that is thee primary reason for our choice ov sex as a vehicle for this method to begin with. Our interest is therefore PRACTICAL. In our experience, although they might deny it, most people never ask themselves what hey really want, or simply say they don't know. But it is only once a person has learned to identify their true desires in an imaginary perfect world, where guilt and retribution are suspended, that they can hope to reach them.

SEX - ov all thee things that people do, at home and in private, usually with close friends, sex alone is subject to extraordinary interference and control from outside forces. This is no accident. They recognize its power. Even if only for a few moments, Individuals can release a power and energy from within that renders any system ov society, or regime, meaningless. It is a liberator. Even an individual in solitary confinement can indulge in it and in their fantasies travel into any situation and possibility unfettered, and, at thee moment o orgasm itself, be both blissfully vulnerable and undeniably free, elsewhere, filled with energy. Accordingly from thee moment ov birth pressure is exerted upon everyone to limit their release and enjoyment ov this power. To limit and restrict thee immense potential all ov us were born with, into narrow and non-threatening forms ov behavior, sexual and otherwise. Ov course thee nature ov this pressure varies by place and era. When specific laws becoun unenforceable for a time, more subtle methods are used; social attitudes, anxiety, guilt, fear

of ridicule and failure are all exploited, and diseases that attack only those who indulge in specific sexual activities are introduced. Most give in to this pressure in one way or another, permanently crippling their individual growth. We believe that it is essential, if we are to survive and progress, that we first recognize, accept and ultimately reach our true sexual desires. This not only satisfies the body and consolidates the spirit but acts as an example for all our goals in every area of life, and attacks at the root of control. Control begins with sexuality, so it seems crucial to begin at this universally applicable point and develop our awareness from there. In our culture people have internalized alienating stereotypes which dictate their sexual and social interactions. This makes men agreeable to orders of authority figures and keeps women in line with accepted notions of propriety and authority and binds up their sexual desire so that they will accept a generally subordinate role to men. The latter is propagated by those who are empowered by the patriarchal lineage which has been handed down through the ages, whose fear of the unknown, - in this case women and feminine characteristics, has been countered by a bulwark of dogma which aims at controlling and/or degrading all those forces which they see as a threat to their reign. By studying the oppression of women through the ages we can see in a nutshell the nature, methods and manifestations of oppressions it is used in any society in any age against those who are pro-life and expanding. But on a broad scale encompassing both sexes the repression of sexual instincts functions to make people submissive and inclined to irrational behavior and thus paralyzes their rebellious potential. On a deeply personal level where we enter the domain of such energies which might be called 'magickal', the effect of such conditioning is no less significant. Psychic energy and sexual energy are different names for the same force: by ridding ourselves of restrictions and the forms of control which have been imposed on us we can come into our own on more planes than one. Most initiates of the Temple believe there is a power and effect released by an orgasm, focussed through Will, that enhances not only the chances of Self-fulfillment and contentment but also the achievement of creative goals: that the strength of this process forces the hand of chance and brings closer the object of

your desire.

RITUAL - Throughout history man has used ritual to achieve spiritual results from simple physical actions. Recently its use has been limited to established religious dogmas, and since many if not all of these have fallen into disrepute or have come to be seen as irrelevant, so too has the use of ritual, but its use is far older and far more universal than any organized church. Any ritual is a way of concentrating and focussing those taking part on a particular aim or idea. It is essential only that the techniques employed have meaning and vitality for the participants. Seen without this belief, as many recorded rituals of the past are now, the process can seem simply ridiculous, and the mechanical repetition of them certainly would be. Initiates of the Temple of Psychick Youth have developed personal methods or rituals, not only to strengthen and refine their inner objectives, both sexual and practical, but also to provide a fertile basis for those objectives to grow and become real. Although we have no vested interest in others following this example, or contacting the Temple, it is possible that some people may wish to do so. Below are instructions on how to do this. Many people feel unwilling or unable to put our suggestions into practice, due to the effectiveness of social conditioning. The Temple will only draw initiates from those who can demonstrate in the manner indicated their resistance to this conditioning, and their commitment to the ideas of the Temple.

#### THE SIGIL OF 3 LIQUIDS

This ritual should be performed alone, on the 23rd of the month, beginning at 23.00 hours, in a place where you will have no interruptions or distractions. Within the limits of what is practical, you should arrange the environment and atmosphere to be as conducive as possible to the execution of this Sigil for yourself. If at all possible a candle(s) should be the only source of light. This Sigil must be performed naked. One of the aims of the ritual is to concentrate your attention and energy on your most intense sexual fantasy. To do this you must first decide what it is and write it down on a piece of paper. It should be what you think would generate in you the maximum possible excitement, pleasure and

fulfillment, regardless of the identity, sex or age of those who take part with you, alive and guiltless. It is essential to be completely honest with yourself, and not write something because you think it might satisfy other people - remember the purpose of the Sigil is to really make these things happen. Once you have written the fantasy on the piece of paper, you have to make the paper special. To do this it must be touched by the three liquids of the body. That is, spit, blood, and OV, which is the Temple name for the fluids obtained by masturbation - semen from the male and lubrication from the female. For example, first let a few drops of spit fall onto the page, next a few drops of blood. You must use some kind of sharp and clean instrument to do this. Remember only a small quantity is required and you should use your common sense in terms of the method employed and of hygiene both before and afterwards. Lastly, and in any way that is most pleasurable to you, bring yourself to orgasm and allow the OV to touch the paper. While you are doing this concentrate not only on the inscribed fantasy, but also on the idea of the Temple and that fact that doing this sigil is inevitably bringing you closer to what you really want. You must then attach a lock of hair from your head and also some of your pubic hair to the paper. Remember these 2 hair types and 3 liquids may be incorporated on the Sigil Paper in any manner that feels appropriate to the thoughts thereon described. The basic actions outlined above should not be seen as a limitation. Leave the Sigil Paper overnight to dry in a safe place. On the next day send it to the Temple. You do not have to attach your name to the Sigil Paper if you don't want to. All submission to the Temple will remain at all times absolutely confidential, and will be stored in a locked vault. All applicants who complete this satisfactorily will receive personal encouragement, suggestions and direction for the subsequent months ritual. Completion of 23 such monthly rituals qualifies one as a full initiate of the Temple. NOTE - if you decide to do this Sigil, the responsibility rests entirely with you. You will gain from it, not the Temple. The Temple can not accept any claims against it, arising from the consequences of the Sigil or any related



matters. Thee Sigil can only be recommended to those who have reached the legal age of consent in the country in which they live.

TELEVISION In modern society most people are not able to tolerate concentrated religious thought. This is hardly surprising. Most religious and political groups of the last two centuries have stressed, among other things, the superiority of their leaders and the inferiority of the individual. By now the absurdity of this thinking has become apparent to most people, and a general resistance to any form of religious dogma has developed. There are a number of groups and cult religions who are repeating the old formulas of adoration of their leaders and the relinquishing of the cult's followers of any responsibility for their own lives, but these are in the minority. By and large people have lost faith in any spiritual teaching whatsoever, and have nothing with which to replace it. If we are to be able to suggest even guidelines in this area, it must be done without dogma and in ways that people will understand. Pleasure has become something which people do not seek after themselves, but have presented to them in simulated forms through diverse mediae, thus building up a frustrating and paradoxical situation where an inherently active form of expression has become a passive pastime and the results: expression becomes depression.

People are constantly being titillated through advertisements and other forms of propaganda by a subtle use of subliminal seduction and because of the one-sided nature of the affair the outcome is inevitably frustration. When pleasure's course is inhibited it has the characteristic of turning into unpleasure. When in spite of continual high excitement a person is not able to experience final gratification a fear eventually develops, not only of the final gratification but also of the excitement which precedes it. This will effectively divorce the individual from his or her true feelings and instincts.

A long exposure to Televisualized Reality will have the effect of underlining people's notions about their own inadequacy and on an unconscious level they will have to deal with second-hand traumas and complexes, a task made all the more difficult for the fact that although the pseudo-experiences achieve their relevance by being linked up with the individual's own experiences, that link is mostly superficial and difficult to trace. Television has not yet been recognized as man's latest

sensory apparatus.

The manipulation and the use made of the Sexual Instinct through visual media, such as Television and films has turned a large portion of people into unknowing fetishists: they are investing sexual energy in images and objects without knowing it and are thus unable to reclaim and make use of it, - as the magical use of a fetish dictates. An essentially magical act has become vampiritic and one-sided. This process breeds a host of 'Scopophiliacs', people who obtain simulated sexual gratification through the process of watching, where the illusion of active doing is obtained by turning another person into an object which is subjected to a controlling gaze. Scopophilia is by definition one of the component instincts of sexuality which exists as drives independently of the erotogenic zones. Indulging in scopophilic activity, and people nowadays hardly seem to have any other choice, can in the long run result in an unconscious acceptance of the separation between mind and body, sexuality being denied its natural course and the fragmented world view which keeps people from drawing the right conclusions and seeking active release from their circumstances is reinforced. Over the last thirty years TV has been the greatest single factor in the control of the attitudes of the people. Even if it was unintentional, which seems unlikely, the prevailing view of the world as seen by the writers, producers and controllers of TV companies has become the accepted 'norm', to which the viewer inevitably compares himself. Of course the world presented on TV bears little or no resemblance to reality, and as a consequence the viewer is left, not only with a feeling of failure, but also of boredom with this 'perfect' world on the screen. Even in the area of news and documentary those interests which shape and control TV everywhere assume that 'the public' cannot cope with the whole truth. It is our intention to reverse this trend.

We have no desire to ape or emulate the slick perfection and sterile technical quality of traditional professional television, perfect focus is not perfect content. We deal in implications, exactness of flow and image from a subliminal psychical point of view. It is only by doing this that one can hope to show life as it really is. All media systems devised by man

enshrine his own limitations of development and fulfillment, his inner conflicts, his private fears of mortality, yet all media, including TV are nothing but these decisions of men. Psychick TV will be activist, a positive statement of faith in the capacity of man. To cause things hidden in the dark to appear and to take the dark away from them.

Psychick TV is not intended to be a replacement for conventional programming, but rather the first step towards a de-programming, without regard for the preoccupations of commercial TV, redundant assumptions about entertainment and value. At Psychic TV we accept and exploit the way TV is used by our generation, as raw material to be used and manipulated by the viewer. Dense enough to be interesting over and over yet without punchlines or obvious focal points to become familiar and bored with.

These Transmissions we are now producing are intended to be viewed at night, between the hours of midnight and six am. We will not be giving any advance indication of the specific content of the Transmissions - rarely are people aware in advance of any momentous occurrence in their lives - but everything in the recordings will reflect the way the world really is. If they seem to be emphasizing those aspects of life normally suppressed or censored as subversive, contentious, disturbing or too sexual, it is because that suppression is a deliberate attempt to limit the knowledge of the individual. It is our belief that truth and information about anything and everything must be made available in every way possible, if human history is to survive, progress or have any meaning whatsoever.

#### TEXTS I & II

I To say in day-to-day life that something is 'obvious' means, more often than not, that one concedes a note of truth in exchange for a tolerance of the usual hypocrisy and conditioning. You can, for example, make your opposite ADMIT as being obvious that there is no such thing as a theory that is absolutely true; that will not stop them in any way from continuing to brandish their 'Truths' as before.

Their momentary concession passes by a sordid business in which they buy their future peace of mind. A life without questions.

Hence, there is no higher aim than the OBVIOUS. It is to approach the

closest to a Truth which we know to be inaccessible but whose gleam we can see.

Thee Obvious is a protection. Not only does it make people run away, but it also deceives by its rapid commonness, and by the fact that in Flat people's minds, whatever is simple cannot be serious.

II It would be an illusion to think that the Individual can hide all the clues to his Oneness. His task is therefore to see to it that all the clues are wrongly interpreted. Thus it is that they may SEEM to indicate a lack of individuality and create a feeling of disappointment rather than curiosity. This tactic gives us space and protection in the traps of time.

An Individual has many personalities or characters at the same time or alternately. (Recent cognitive brain theory supports this.) Most people little by little eliminate the personalities considered to be dangerous by their peer group or societal unit and finally keep only one: the social personality... one dimensional 'FLAT' people. But other people, called paradoxically 'Individuals', are always trying to develop all their personalities, even if there is an internal conflict between them. So we can clearly see that the Individualist person logically must use 'WE' to name himself, whilst the person who belongs to the masses must use 'I'. The first is multi-dimensional, the second is uni-dimensional.

One of the Temple functions is to encourage and support the development of multi-dimensional individuals. Hence our use of 'WE' in our texts.

Our enemies are Flat.

III Our stress on SELF discipline is important, it links the internal methods of ritual to our approval and suggestion of other forms of physical discipline to compliment the mental/sexual ones. Hence you will often find that Initiates of the Temple will be engaged in such outside activities as Marksmanship, Martial Arts, Swimming and so on as an extension of the theory of maintaining and improving one's Focus and abilities. The point is not the skill in itself, though we appreciate the practical nature, in a society such as ours, of an ability to defend oneself and be fit, but the APPLICATION, the discipline itself. So one may be poor in terms of

results, but excellent in terms of your genuine application to a skill that requires thought, co-ordination and a degree of dedication. A synthesis of physical action, thought, reflex and an analysis of both yourself and a target (real and metaphorical).

FAITH IS FEAR The first lesson from which all other grow is the simplest. We are mortal. We all die. This is not a morbid wallowing in hopelessness. It is the ability to genuinely come to terms with our physical transience that liberates us all. Many visionary philosophical systems include 'The Small Death' in their ideas under one name or another. We all die. This realization truly assimilated can be turned to positive use, in that it spurs one into action aware at all time is limited and no life span is certain. Every second counts and must count. This realization can also be used unproductively, crippling an individual man or woman's search for fulfillment of all their needs and preventing for all their life a complete integration of every aspect of their character and thoughts. The inevitability of death can be used by outside forces as a weapon to create fear. Religions use this weapon more blatantly than any other suppressive social regulation systems. They use fear of death to justify Faith.

NOTE:

Those who escape the traps of Religion through a first stage cynical knowledge of the hypocrisy of modern society and the emasculation of their individual power to change anything often seek oblivion from this knowledge, and so they use various drugs (tobacco, alcohol, tranquilizers and opiates like heroin) as a substitute for Faith. They want to kill time. Religion wants to side-step time. Both are actions based on Fear. Mankind spends a constant amount of energy in self-preservation. The very phrase 'self-preservation' implies a threat of annihilation and is triggered by fear of death. So in a very real sense fear of death is present behind all normal functioning, it resides permanently in the subconscious, moulding our image of ourselves in relation to an inevitable, inexorable crisis of death. But fear of death could not be constantly present in our day to day conscious mental functioning, this would be an intolerable burden, as things are, but to behave 'normally' the biological organism, the animal man represses its knowledge of death to acquire comfort. As things are, so

must they change. So we are all socially and biologically conditioned to put away our fear of death yet in a real paradox we become too efficiently oblivious to this fear in our conscious life. Thee Temple tries to reconcile all our consciousnesses. To do this embraces thee knowledge of our own inevitable death with courage and uses it to justify action and the proper use of time. In actual fact, none of us know how much time we have, when we do die it ought to be with Zero Regret. Zero regret is the magickal state of inner balance and calm acceptance of the mortality of individuals and the use of Zero Regret to channel all future action. Thee perfect state is to be sure that no time is wasted, no energy repressed and no fear hidden. In old language, we must experience the small death of literally facing ourselves and the reality of a temporary metabolism, a limit on time. Time can be a tool, a liberator, or an oppressor. When we claim time back for ourselves we are at last learning to be free and effective. Control needs time like a junkie needs junk. To escape control we must re-embrace our given time. Initially the human being has no apparent alternative but to succumb to a negative appreciation of death. To feel fear. Thee brain is genetically programmed to survival and will not allow itself to believe that it shall cease to exist. Thus, as we have already seen, the subconscious mind will seduce the intellect into ignoring logic and fact, a condition bordering upon hopelessness. It will ignore the lessons of experience and observation in favour of an inherited image of existence and the affect of fear will be repressed. He will immediately become vulnerable to a desire for Hope that bypasses confronting his subconscious knowledge. religion thrives upon this. It requires only an act of blind faith in exchange for guaranteed Hope and salvation. It denies death and avoids the facts. In short, Religion turns away from the truth, the Temple turns towards it. If you face yourself, you face death and in this way only can you re-integrate your entire character and all of its levels of consciousness and perception. This cannot be stressed too much or too often.

So in Religions all practical thought must be swept aside in a flood of faith. Answers become word, and facts become sins. This thing Faith is the foundation of all Religious thought. So powerful, yet fragile that Faith must be protected. Protected from doubt, protected from questions, it is

seen as a constant that will not even tolerate thought. It causes, its real essence, death, are so entrenched in everyone's mind that it has become the basis of every society, and so every society has developed a system to protect it. Dogma. The equation, simplified, goes something like this: Dogma negates thought. Thought is the enemy of Faith (therefore the enemy of Society). Individual thought patterns are discouraged in order to preserve Faith inviolate, to thus preserve Society, to preserve the status quo and the vested interests of the keepers of Faith and Dogma. It is in this web that Religion meets Politics and they reinforce each other in a web of deceit. Those in Power have a personal interest in channeling individual thought down safe unthreatening avenues geared to the production of materials and services that are to the 'benefit' of society, of the 'Greater Good'. In other words you sacrifice your time and your time is your most precious commodity. When you take yourself back it becomes priceless. People are deflected from the theft of their Time and trained to produce and consume instead of how to be engaged in their habitat and ideas. Politics organizes, Religion directs. From a child of five to an adult is a short step. From a new-born baby to a child of five is an appalling distance (Tolstoy). Religion invades the child's world. A child without guilt is thus given guilt. A child without fear is thus given fear. The only salvation offered is through Faith. Faith, it is suggested, ends death. The price of cheating death through Faith is, of course, submission. People who are not satisfied with this situation, people who want proofs, who wish to develop a system without guilt and fear that absorbs and uses death as a positive and liberating knowledge are discouraged, ridiculed, treated with suspicion and often deliberately misrepresented in the media. They are after all, a threat to Society to some degree, they strike at the core of the trick that controls us and so in a real sense they are dangerous. The Temple of Psychick Youth is dedicated to the reacquisition by individuals of their allotted time. It encourages, it does not discourage, it stands as an example of what is possible. To be involved is to become very special.

With the passage of history, Society's control over Individuals is so subtle it becomes imperceptible, perhaps even genetically inherited. Its very power lies in the fact that even its figureheads and leaders do not realize its processes. Control is invisible. Time is invisible. Control is

so able to shroud an individual's perception of reality in trivia as to become a uniform reality in itself. A reality that cannot ask itself questions. That cannot even formulate a language capable of setting questions that might reveal the truth. In an age of collapse and transition we must find a language. A way out of the corner donated to us by history. The human brain must develop, become the next step in evolution. It is simply; develop our latent neurological power or truly die as a race. It is a war for survival. Through experiment, through exploration of these latent powers, by visionary use of science and technology, and by the integration of experience, observation and expression we must revere ourselves. A reality that cannot face itself becomes an illusion. Cannot be real. We must reject totally the concept and use of Faith, that sham. We must emasculate Religion. The 'Universe of Magick' is within the mind of mankind, the setting is but an illusion even to the thinker. The Temple is committed to building a modern network where people are given back pride in themselves, where destruction becomes a laughable absurdity to a brain aware of its infinite and immeasurable potential. The Temple is committed to triggering the next evolutionary cycle in order to save this flawed but loveable animal man. The Temple is committed to developing a modern functional and inspiring magickal structure. In engendering at long last the completely integrated and effective individual. And this network of individuals is in turn inevitably faced with a task of action to communicate survival and social evolution to others. We are the first truly non-aligned and non-mystical philosophy.

Fear breeds Faith. Faith uses Fear. reject Faith, reject Fear, reject Religions and reject Dogma. Learn to cherish yourself, appreciate intuition and instinct, Learn to love your questions. Value your Time. Use mortality to motivate action and a caring, compassionate and concentrated life.

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Involvement in The Temple of Psychick Youth requires an active individual, dedicated towards the establishment of a functional system of magick and a modern pagan philosophy without recourse to mystification, gods or demons; but recognizing the implicit powers of the human brain (neuromancy) linked with guiltless sexuality focussed through Will Structure (Sigils).  
Magick empowers the individual to embrace and realize their dreams and maximize their natural potential. It is for those with the courage to touch themselves. It integrates all levels of thought in the first steps



towards final negation ov control and fear.

OUR AIM IS WAKEFULNESS - OUR ENEMY IS DREAMLESS SLEEP.

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WARNING Thee Temple have noticed various assertations and misleading claims appearing in fanzines and thee press, made by certain personalities, designed to imply a false interpretation ov our motives, intentions and internal affairs. BEWARE: any statements you might read or hear made by people expelled from PsychicTV or Thee Temple ov Psychick Youth. They will inevitably be coloured by bitterness and resentment, fueled by thee very character qualities and inconsistencies that initially led to their expulsion. These people often feel a need for self-justification and are motivated by concern with their own self esteem and self-image. Equally beware ov these peoples attempts to integrate themselves and appear friendly. Whilst thee Temple attempts never to enter into a public discussion ov its policies and decisions, and indeed tries to allow thee maximum retaining ov pride and saving ov face by any Individuals expelled, nevertheless thee Temple has in its files documentation to back up its own version ov any such actions, should thee need arise. We try to be fair, we try to leave people self-respect, we try to make it easy for Them to adjust to being expelled. If our silence and our fairness are seen a weakness and abused, or exploited to damage us all, then we will change our passive tactics to those ov protection through active truth.

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What might be called the conventional magician, say those trained in the Golden Dawn, will spend a great deal of time and effort undergoing mental discipline training, thus enabling them to induce altered states of awareness such as trances. The Golden Dawn system places strong emphasis on astral projection. The "ordinary" person's reaction to this approach is "I can't do that." It's only after a long time, if at all, that you see any results. Perhaps we don't have the necessary commitment but then why should we when its value can only be seen once you've done it. Lots of people dabble in magick but get no further. Also the results and practice of such systems seem irrelevant to and in conflict with everyday life. This is not to undervalue mental discipline, but simply to say that most people don't have sufficient amount or the commitment and desire to develop it. Sex magick provides a more accessible approach. Combining immediate results with a system of mental training. Being more accessible it reduces the need for Gurus and gives the individual a chance to develop. This is still a method of mental training or psychic development, to help integrate The Self. Now as I've tried to indicate such experiences of integration do occur naturally in "normal life." This is the great value of using sex in acts of magick. It bases the action on altered psychic states which are readily achieved and could be familiar if you bother to look at them. Such states, continuous reminders of our wholeness, do occur naturally in a number of forms to everyone. Even if they are difficult to induce or control they will still happen. The important point is that anyone can and does experience greatly altered/enlightened states of awareness. You don't have to be a great adept. Anyone can, during certain periods, be that integrated whole self. You use the energies released to direct every area of your life. Enjoy your Self you are whole.

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THE GNOSIS INTERVIEW WITH GENESIS P-ORRIDGE  
by Jay Kinney

Genesis P-Orridge occupies the curious position of being both a household name and virtually unknown at the same time. While he has been prominent in performance art, so-called Industrial Culture, the tattoo and body modification rites of Modern Primitives, and the underground rave scene, Genesis (or Gen, as he is called) and the groups he collaborated in, Throbbing Gristle and Psychic TV, have remained largely hidden from mainstream culture.

>From 1969 to 1976, Genesis collaborated with Cosey Fanni Tutti as the performance art group Coum Transmissions in the U.K. Their performances were visceral attacks on powerful taboos, including explorations of pain, sexuality, disgust, and outrage. An Easter performance in Amsterdam late in Coum's career included, in Gen's own words, his being "crucified on a wooden cross, whipped with two bullwhips, covered in human vomit and chicken wings and chicken legs, while I had to hold burning torches; people in the audience could hear the skin burning on my hands."

Coum Transmissions was replaced in 1976 by Throbbing Gristle (TG), now a four- person project and one of the trailblazers of Industrial Music, whose work has been described as "a mottled sheet of experimental sound." As Genesis says in the following interview, TG dealt with issues of power, control, image, and propaganda, through an unending series of mind games, surprises, seeming contradictions, and a conscious flirtation with paramilitary style.

In 1981 TG split in two, with Genesis and Peter Christopherson forming Psychic TV, which combined occult and paramilitary themes that had begun to crop up in TG's work. Genesis soon founded a magical order, the Temple ov Psychick Youth [sic], or TOPY, which spread word of its existence through Psychic TV gigs and recordings.

Influenced by the early twentieth-century occult painter Austin Osman Spare, TOPY disseminated information on constructing "sigils," magical objects intended to focus psychic energy toward a conscious goal. TOPY's version of sigils entailed adult members writing down a favorite sexual fantasy, anointing the paper with various bodily fluids and hair at the 23rd hour of the 23rd day of the month. Sigils were then mailed off to TOPY headquarters, where they were held in strict confidentiality and supposedly served to build a reservoir of psychic energy for TOPY members' use.

In the late '80s, Genesis and crew became active in the burgeoning rave scene in England, jousting with authorities over holding unlicensed all-night dance parties in unlikely locations. Their notoriety culminated in early 1992 when, in the midst of public hysteria over Satanism, 23 Scotland Yard detectives descended upon Genesis' home/TOPY headquarters in Brighton,

England, looking for evidence of satanic ritual abuse. Much of Genesis' art and video archives were seized, and the tabloids had a field day. At the time of the raid, however, Genesis, his (now ex-)wife Alaura, and their two children, Carresse and Genesse, were off in Nepal, organizing soup kitchens and encountering Hindu and Buddhist holy men. Faced with likely public castigation if they returned home, Genesis and family continued a nomadic life, ending up in the world's designated parking lot for the eccentric and aberrant - Northern California.

The following interview was conducted in San Francisco in late March 1994. Despite his reputation as a sordid amalgam of Peter Pan and Captain Hook, Genesis turned out to be a good deal more complex - and charming, even gentle - than his image had prepared me for. It also became apparent that although his motivations are often mischievous and he has an anarchist's instincts for stirring up trouble, Gen is also following a unique path of public self-discovery that is surprisingly idealistic. Few individuals better typify the questions raised by the intersection of popular culture, art, fashion, the occult, and radical politics.

Those wishing news and catalogues of Gen's current projects can send a large SASE to: Transmedia Foundation, P.O. Box 1034, Occidental, CA 95465-1034.

Jay Kinney: The Temple of Psychick Youth is the first instance I'm aware of where a public figure involved in art and music created a public magical group and made it an integral part of their work. Why did you found TOPY?

Genesis P-Orridge: Well, when I started doing public events and provocations and happenings in the '60s, I was already reading books by Crowley. And my grandmother was actually a medium. She used to have a good reputation for what was called ectoplasmic phenomena. When she was in a trance, people would claim to have seen almost corporeal manifestations of relatives or people they didn't know. From then on I had an interest in inexplicable phenomena.

The first time I met a person who was in a magical order was in 1969 in Liverpool. This guy came round to this apartment that I was crashing and he was in what turned out to be [Kenneth Grant's] Typhonian O.T.O. He was a total heroin addict. As he was explaining to me all about how he was in the O.T.O., he was a magician, and so on, he was tying off and shooting up in the kitchen. And then he was doing the classic squirting a syringe of blood all over the kitchen walls in somebody else's place. And I thought, "If that's what happens when you join a magical order, I don't think I want to do it" (laughs). That was my first introduction to someone who was prepared to say in public that they were involved in magical practice.

Not long after that, I became involved in performance art. At first it was involved with body movement, but very quickly it went into sexual taboos. The performances went from being street

theater to having more and more to do with art galleries because those were places where it was safe to experiment. During that time, I got intensely concerned with ritualizing the event and making it have to do with states of consciousness and the assembly of different objects and symbols that seemed to focus something in my own neurology. And I started to notice other things happening every so often.

In Antwerp in 1977, I was speaking in tongues really fast, which has never happened to me before or since. During that particular performance I drank a whole bottle of whiskey, and I also ate branches of this tree that I had found outside, which turned out to be poisonous. And in this trance state I was actually carving designs with rusty metal into my chest. It wasn't planned; it was more as if I was taken over. And then I started vomiting, of course, which was the combination of the tree bark and the whiskey. And because I have to take steroids all the time, if I can't keep the steroid pills down, then I start going into a coma really quickly.

Kinney: Why do you take steroids?

Genesis: They used to give me steroids for asthma when I was a young boy, and it destroyed half my adrenal glands. And now I have to take them to replace what my glands used to do.

So I ended up in the Antwerp hospital lying in the emergency room with this doctor. And he was saying, "I can't find a pulse or a heartbeat." (Laughter.) And my then partner Cosey was getting all upset and saying, "What are we going to do? What are we going to do?"

I remember I was lying there and listening and thinking, "But I'm OK!" (Laughs.) I was in my own body, but I was aware of this conversation going on and I was in some suspended state. My brain was functioning normally but I couldn't speak, I couldn't actually move. A transient kind of zombie state was triggered.

That was when I decided that whatever it was I was dealing with in these performance pieces, it was getting so peculiar that I didn't want to do it in a public situation anymore, because there were obviously risks involved. I was getting to the point where sometimes I nearly physically died, and I could put that responsibility on an art gallery or on other people. And I should start doing some research quick to find out what I was really doing.

I'd been going that way anyway, realizing that I wanted to do it privately and with a lot more rigor and thought and actually sit down and plan it, fast, concentrate, and work out a schedule. And always have somebody who was just there to guide or to be able to call me back out if things started to get strange. And also to document what happened.

Kinney: Who did you look to as a guide?

Genesis: I met a woman called Roberta Graham, who was also doing

very intense private performance pieces, building strange contraptions that took the body to really deep thresholds of pain that would push people out of their bodies. But she was very methodical and very scientific. She would spend months planning a new machine and experimenting and testing it slowly to find out exactly what it did. So I collaborated with her to some extent.

I also began doing a lot more reading and thinking and sifting, going back and recalling a lot of these events. And it seemed that certain techniques were utilized all over the planet. Maybe if the technique itself was looked at minus names and incantations - or if the incantations were just a series of sounds and the words were unimportant - maybe I should just try and strip it down and see what was really there. What were the key dynamics that made these things happen, minus all the trappings?

It was a refining of the very simplest elements. One thing was the orgasm, and another was various bodily fluids and certain times and astrological conjunctions and the repetitions of certain types of deep or high sounds.

Not long after that, I began working with Alaura and we began as partners exploring rituals privately in this area. We were friends from '78 to '81 and we got married in early 1981, and then things really intensified.

The basic premise in all my work has always been, if I think about something and it seems to make sense, to project it into the public arena of popular culture. To see whether it survives or not in its own right, to see what happens and what is confirmed and denied and what creates interesting interactions and confrontations. To use popular culture as the alchemical jar to see what happens. Why I have to do that, I don't know. It's just been a drive for so long.

Monte Cazzaza came over to visit during 1979 and 1981 and stayed for over six months with me. And I told him that I was thinking more in terms of a paramilitary occult order that was secreted within something that seemed enough a part of popular culture for it not to appear to be a threat immediately. And for reasons of mischief and fascination, this turned me on! (Laughs.) I liked the idea of the mystery and the mischief both.

And of course Monte always encourages anything that looks like it might create some short circuits in the status quo. Monte went back to America, and I just sat down and designed the Psychick Cross on graph paper. I wanted a symbol that seems really familiar, that is almost the same as lots of things but not quite the same, so that people could find it easy to adopt into their personal mythology.

Kinney: I was wondering about both the TOPY cross and Throbbing Gristle's thunderbolt logo. The thunderbolt has a slight flavor of a neofascist group, and the TOPY cross had a feeling of being both an upside-down cross and a Russian Orthodox cross. So you've chosen symbols that are right on this edge where people can

project nefarious intents onto them. It's an interesting device on your part.

Genesis: I think that symbols are critically important. And that's why with TG it was the same: I sat down with graph paper, and we spent a long time deciding how it was going to look and what the proportions would be. Because in Britain and Spain red and black are the colors of the anarchists. But red and black are also traditionally seen to be neofascist colors. The lightning bolt has the SS connotation, but it also has the idea of shortcircuiting control. And if you look at the lightning bolt as a break, it's actually the anarchist circle and flag snapping in two. So it was, as you say, right on the edge.

Previously with Throbbing Gristle we had started wearing camouflage and paramilitary stuff and walking that tightrope between the acceptable and the provocative - pretty skillfully most of the time. Because of our sense of humor, we managed to keep it going, because people soon began to realize that we were actually commenting and pointing things out.

We found that people began coming to the gigs dressing like us. They'd come in army surplus and caps and put TG patches on. We triggered something and observed it and then encouraged it. We thought, "Let's see what happens when it's not the Bay City Rollers or the New Kids on the Block." Here we are playing with this dark shadow side, but it's the same pop phenomena, with people wanting to feel that they belong and state their allegiance in terms of popular culture and ideas by how they look. Let's not be afraid of that and let's not be aloof from it, let's explore it and push it even more.

The response was much more powerful than we expected. So we would play with that and do a lot of talking about what we could do that completely contradicts the expectation. Of course eventually we did a gig all dressed in white with white light, and everything was beautiful. And everyone else in the audience was in black and camouflage and "uuuurrrr!" (grimaces), and we smiled all the time and we really annoyed them. And it gives you all these extra cultural weapons. You can do the simplest, stupidest thing and it seems really loud and large and potent again. Wearing white suits shouldn't make any difference, and yet it blew the fanatics' minds and it was recorded in the papers: "What's happened to TG? They're all wearing white! They've sold out! What's going on?" (Laughter.)

So that was very much a satirical exploration of what happens in popular culture. And what is this dynamic, where people want to gather and feel connected with the band? We were mirroring them back and they'd mirror us and we'd mirror them more, until we had designer camouflage made in Paris, which was to me the ultimate incongruity, to have handprinted camouflage.

That stopped because it had got so there were no games left. With the best will in the world of trying to confound it, we'd become a rock band. The one thing we didn't want to be, that we despised, was the rock band, and we'd become one. We could go on

stage and be as atonal and confrontational and dismissive as we chose, and the more we were, the more it was OK. Because people had worked out that that was what we did. So it was all right now and we'd been called on it and it was going to be accepted.

Before that whole process ended, I was already beginning to put on leaflets "from the Psychick Youth Headquarters." I was beginning to build the next project into TG. With the TG single "Discipline," it said on the back, "marching Music for Psychick Youth."

So I'd already got the name and the concept of doing it in a much more ascetic, considered way, instead of it just being thrashing around because it's fun and pisses off Mom and Dad and the old teenage rebellion syndrome. What can we do that takes us further than that?

It seemed to me that we were in this position where we had to stop or take responsibility for our actions. TG was kind of gratuitous, and that wasn't the idea either. It wasn't meant to become really popular or be gratuitous just because we could get away with it. I had serious intent behind all the mind games and the double bluffs and the satires.

I decided to design something that was more about my own serious interests, so that I could go deeper and deeper into it and pull people across. So they might have a different perspective on how to do their lives and consider alternative ways of seeing the universe and the potential of their brain and their body and their ability to have control over themselves.

Kinney: Did it ever occur to you that you might be opening up a giant hole that the unaware might fall into?

Genesis: I was warned about that all the time by the people in the Museum of Magic in England. Through my own interests I got to know the people at the Atlantis Bookshop. I used to go there regularly and fritter away my money on first editions of Crowley and Austin Spare paintings. And I got to know people who were seriously involved in Wicca and were friends of Alex Sanders. I was doing research and I talked to everybody. I told them I felt there was room for magic to come back out of its closet and see how much relevance it still had. There was a whole generation of people who hadn't seen the '60s occult revival and weren't necessarily interested in learning things by rote but could get a lot from knowing about the possibilities and then could make choices.

Some people did say, "Oh you've got to have twenty years' training first, and you've got to do this and do that, and people go mad if they don't know all the right formulas." And I said, "Well, I know what you're saying, but then there's the whole voodoo self-hypnosis syndrome as well, that sometimes people go mad because they've convinced themselves that that's what is going to happen if they don't do things the correct way."

I personally feel that it was a responsible thing to do. I was



assuming that there would be people who were prepared to investigate these areas and see what would happen when it was done with other people. A lot of people did the same ritual at the same time with the same basic parameters.

Kinney: In the Grey Book the intention stated for TOPY is in terms of "moral freedom, spiritual freedom, sexual freedom' and against faith.

Genesis: And guilt and fear.

Kinney: But at the same time the components of the sigils were these three different bodily fluids and two different portions of your hair, plus this very intimate sexual fantasy, ritually combining these on the 23rd day of the month at the 23rd hour and sending these off to you! It seems like an enormous act of faith on the part of the person.

Genesis: I think more of an enormous act of trust. One of the first posters we did said, "Abolish fear, establish trust." My personal theory is that if your intention is clear and non-malevolent, then nothing can be done to harm you with those elements of your body. Once or twice people challenged me and said, "I'm sending you my things. How do I know you're not going to do some curse?" And I said, "Fine, I'll send you some of mine!" And I always did (laughs). I don't remember doing anything to harm you, so I don't see why you should do anything to harm me. So have what you want.

I wanted to contradict the tradition that those things were innately dangerous for other people to have possession of. Because I thought that was something people had hypnotized themselves into being vulnerable to. It's the skill of the person attacking it isn't the things that they have. Those are just tools for visualizing and focusing as far as I'm concerned.

That whole area of thought had become too entrenched and paranoid and was based on "I can hurt you if I want." Well, I'm sorry, I got bullied at school and I found it a completely intolerable and despicable activity. I thought it was actually very freeing for people to be told, "You can let go of this fear. It doesn't matter. What mattered was what you got from your ritual for you. And afterwards you don't need this stuff. You don't need to keep it." And sometimes they said, "I really want to keep the one I did this month because I feel really connected with it and it still seems to be working for me." And I said, "Sure."

I hate to set up a new dogma. We said, here's a sketch. If something starts working for you and you adapt it or find it's uncomfortable, that's OK. We're not here to tell you what to get. We're just saying, have you tried this? Because we've noted that certain of these elements have worked for us in really interesting ways that we can't fully explain according to the consensus reality. We're glad that we get these extra things. At the very least it's fascinating and makes life better, and maybe it's also useful and significant. And all the sigils that came in while I was running TOPY are still absolutely and utterly safe

and not one's been lost or destroyed.

Kinney: Those weren't seized by Scotland Yard?

Genesis: No. What's really amazing is that they didn't take any of them! Isn't that odd? We wrote an essay called "Magic Defends Itself," and I'd say I rest my case!

They went up to my office where all the filing cabinets were and they were locked and the key was hidden. They crowbarred them open. And they left them all! [A TOPY friend at the house said they just glazed over, they couldn't look. Their arms did this (flips through folders) and their eyes did this (looks blankly). They left everything!

Kinney: But ostensibly it was because of TOPY that this raid was occurring.

Genesis: Yes! Because they were convinced that TOPY was the proof that evil satanic rituals were really taking place. That we were importing teenagers from Brazil and killing them in rituals. Keeping women prisoners and forcing them to have babies and eating the babies and all that stuff.

Kinney: Let's back up a bit. For a few years leading up to that raid, you had also been involved in the rave scene, correct?

Genesis: Correct. Since about '86.

Kinney: So maybe there was a confluence of reasons that they were coming down on you.

Genesis: Oh. I think so. We were involved in the anti-Dolphinarium campaign in Brighton. And we were involved in anti-apartheid; we used to go to Trafalgar Square to the Anti-Apartheid Society and give speeches. And we've been involved in squatters' rights, and I've been into gay street theater, so we were involved at least to some extent in supporting radical gay rights. And raves; pro-psychedelic, semilegal gatherings of happy young people twisting their minds, propagandizing their own view of life. So if they have a computer that says, "These are the kinds of groups that we don't like," we appeared on each list.

Basically I had decided to come out of my own closet and go, "Look! I've actually been doing all this stuff for several years using me as the guinea pig, and the bottom line is I feel that my life has been incredibly enhanced and invigorated. And I feel I have to share that."

Kinney: What's the underlying cosmology that you work with at this point?

Genesis: (laughs) To tell you the honest truth, I'm reassessing everything again. It seems like I got given an opportunity to sit back and reassess to what extent more traditional methods might still be really valuable for people. And not just dismiss them

out of hand for the sake of breaking a few holes in a wall. So I guess each time we reincarnate, it's a little bit more serious and a little bit more considered and a little bit further along in terms of assimilating and respecting tradition. That's partly, I suppose, the fact that I'm educating myself in public, which is a stange and vulnerable thing to do.

Kinney: I was wondering because in the Grey Book the definition you had of TOPY had to do with developing magical work free of gods and deities. Do you still see the universe as not populated with gods and goddesses or a God?

Genesis: Yeah. To be really honest I'm still pretty much an existentialist. But I don't deny that certain energies and resonances definitely seem to work.

Things do get manifested when you focus on them and truly desire and need them to manifest. That happens. And I don't really care why. My suspicion is that it's an innate gift that comes from so far ago and is so primal that it's pointless putting names on it and trying to humanize it. I think it is always an error to humanize phenomena.

I think that if you substitute the word "Time" in any spiritual or religious text for the word "God" or the name of a god or deity, it makes equal sense. Time is infinite and omnipresent and omniscient and everything comes from Time and returns to Time. And physical manifestations are the exception, not the rule. So if you want me to give a name to the greater power there is, I'd say it's Time.

Kinney: Have you disengaged yourself from TOPY?

Genesis: Well, officially we announced we disengaged ourselves because it was appropriate in terms of Scotland Yard. And I also had this urge to become nomadic. I had started getting this sense that a nomadic way of not being fixed in one place was really essential. I wrote some essays on it in England before the raid. So it was again a mixture of "which comes first?" Was it that my guts were telling me that that was what had to happen, or did I somehow just have enough of an inner vision that I knew that that was the next step? I don't know. I know that we made the right moves at the right time and we weren't there [when Scotland Yard raided the TOPY house].

When I was in Nepal I was fascinated with the devotion and the sadhus and the Aghori Babas. Especially the Aghori Babas. Just the simple statement of "the path of no distinction," which is what they follow, made so much sense to me.

When I was in Nepal with both the more Bonpa-oriented Tibetans who were basically sorcerers, and then the Shiva and the Aghori and the Naga, I felt the really deep sensation of, "Wow! All the stuff we were doing based on impulse and instinct and intuition and observation, here it makes sense! We were right! That line of inquiry was right. These techniques are being used as a daily thing over here. We are Mr. and Mrs. Normal. We don't have to

explain our practices. We don't have to explain scars and tattoos and piercings because the people here do it too. It's a symbol of devotion and a quest for holiness. And that's wild!" I just felt, "Ahhh, at last, a homeland!" I could wander around here naked and everybody would be quite happy about it, and just say, "Oh, Baba," and bless you and leave you to it.

And that's something I think we're all moving back towards. I think part of the piercing phenomena and the resurgence of an interest in early Pagan perceptions is actually a gradual remembering of another way of life, a way of life that's devotional, disciplined, integrated. That's something that has been missing. That's why I even started to respect people like the Jesuits.

Kinney: But a central component of that devotional way of life generally is the conception of something larger than the individual.

Genesis: I know, I like devotion for its own sake! (Laughs.) And it gets me into strange conflicts with people. I haven't been able to align myself with an orthodoxy. Sometimes I wish I could, but I just can't. I start to blaspheme and I start to make jokes all the time or change the sentence around to see if it's more fun reversed. I always have to check and doublecheck things. And not feel that I am subservient to the dogma so much as that it's working for me.

Kinney: Dogmas and orthodoxies and belief systems aside, experientially, amidst all this working with forces or energies, haven't you had some sort of experience that made you think, "My sense of self in this body is only a convenient fiction"?

Genesis: Oh yeah, ever since I was young. But I just take that as written. This is just a useful vehicle, transient, mortal, insignificant. I've always had a very strong sense of that. It's existentialism. I think I should never have read Jean-Paul Sartre when I was a kid. Because I don't feel the need to feel contact with greater beings. I've had really powerful spiritual experiences at times, mystical experiences and visionary experiences, but none of them makes me feel that there is a specific one I should align myself with. These phenomena are fabulous and I'm really fortunate when I experience them, but I shouldn't make it into a way of life, because I can't repeat them ad hoc. They just come upon me.

One of the most fascinating experiences I had like that was in Nepal. Some friends of ours took us to this tiny village with lepers and incredibly poor people. In this small village square there was this tree in a shrine where supposedly Shiva had had sex with this other deity. And it was padlocked up, and there were hardly any people around it except the lepers and the beggars, and we were wandering around taking photos of some of the statues. All of a sudden, out of my peripheral vision I saw our friend, Treelotion, who was a Shaivite, waving and at that moment I immediately went into this trance state where everything seemed unreal and I was no longer controlling what was happening.

As I saw him waving out of the corner of my eye, I knew, that I had to go straight to him. So did Alaura.

We both went straight to him without speaking. He was with a village priest who had unlocked the shrine and was waving us in. So we took our shoes off quickly and Treelotion's going, "Hurry up, hurry up!" So we went inside and he closed the door. Then the priest anointed us with this tilak [paint marks of the deity], and I got this really fast freeze frame of the shrine. And there were the remains of this tree in there, strewn with animal intestines and mummified human heads and incredibly powerful, very darkedged materials. Pools of blood. We had to throw some money on a plate. Around the edges were cast-iron creatures with heads that come off, and they were all filled with blood too. And it was really dark and he started chanting.

As soon as he started chanting it was like Terence McKenna describes DMT. I just went "whhhoooo" instantly into this completely altered vortex. There was this sense of shooting like a particle accelerator and becoming a particle and no longer being in a body. Shooting into this deeper and deeper blackness. Until suddenly there was a sense of floating in this liquid blackness. The only way we have to describe it in our language was it was the ultimate blackness, black beyond black. And then I became really aware that somewhere within this ultimate black were these two shiny, slightly pointed, almost insectoid eyes. I couldn't see them; I just knew they were somewhere; the distance could be light years or feet. And I knew that those two insectoid eyes were what was referred to as Shiva. And that Shiva watched. That's what Shiva did; from such a power place of darkness that's all that Shiva had to do - just be in that place and having eyes to observe, that was enough. That was about as powerful as it got, mate! I wasn't afraid, it was just totally mindboggling.

And all of a sudden it was like "whhhhhoooo" - a real science-fiction sound effect - and suddenly there we were again in this shrine. "Wow, that was really strange!" And Treelotion was going, "Quick, quick!" We had to get outside again. All the villagers had found out that we were in there, and they were going nutty because nobody outside their sect was allowed in, and certainly never any Europeans. To this day I have no idea why the priest chose to unlock that place. And when we left, the villagers were still screaming and swearing at him and shouting at us. "It's blasphemy, you shouldn't have let that happen! What were you thinking of?" From what I gathered he was equally puzzled as to why he did it.

That was a really deep, religious experience, and it was unexpected. I hadn't visualized anything like that at all. I hadn't read it up in advance. It wasn't coming from anywhere I knew of in me.

I don't know how long it lasted. It was probably only three or four minutes, the whole thing. But I came away with an amazing respect for the Shiva tradition and those sadhus. And then I went back and talked with the Aghori Baba and he asked me for my solid gold Psychick Cross, which I had on a leather thong, so I

obviously couldn't refuse. So I gave him my Psychick Cross and he gave me his ring and bracelet. And he gave both of the children gifts off his altar, and he gave us ash from his fire which burns in his chamber. They have records saying that that fire has not been extinguished for over a thousand years. And he told us to bring it to America. We didn't know we were coming here then.

Kinney: The Aghori Baba is from Hinduism, then?

Genesis: There are reputed to be only nine practicing Aghori Babas. It's an offshoot of the Shiva sadhus and the Naths. There are the Nagas, who are pretty extreme and the most revered. He stayed in this chamber most of the time, but primarily they live in graveyards because they have to copulate with dead bodies. Also some of their initiations are in the jungles with the tigers. They have to sit naked in the place known to be frequented by the most ferocious tigers for days and days, and people bring them the minimum amount of food and water. And they just sit their until they have no fear of any kind, of tigers or of death.

The Aghori Babas' basic discipline is one of the most ascetic. They would have their followers bring them the absolutely most expensive, exquisite feast of chicken and food, and then they would have to eat human shit or flesh off one of the bodies burning outside. His chamber actually has the ghat in front of the door, so the entire time you have the smell of burning human flesh in there as well as the incense.

The point is they both are the same. They taste the same to the Aghori Baba. Everything is the same. There is no judgment, there is no moral standpoint or perspective in terms of the implicit nature of things. That's not saying behavior, because obviously there's a morality of behavior, but in terms of the implicit nature of things, they're all the same.

Kinney: I was wondering also about your interaction with pop culture and music. You successfully avoided being too caught up in the corporate control of culture. But at the same time Throbbing Gristle or Psychic TV were cult figures and a lot of the things that you were in the forefront or exploring - piercing or tattoos or industrial music - have ended up becoming popularized. And that becomes a trap in itself.

Genesis: Sometimes things do get diluted and homogenized for a period of time. My personal feeling is that oil rises to the top, that if you cast your net wide enough you'll pull in a higher ratio of serious fanatics. It's something I was discussing with William Burroughs back in 1971. He said he preferred to be the quiet, reclusive, seminal thinker. He liked to wear suits and appear superficially to fit in with the status quo, whereas I liked to be the bull in the china shop. It's just a different strategy. I don't think either one is right or wrong. I'm happy to have a lot of strategies happening simultaneously.

We're dealing with a planet that has ever increasing editorial control over its own mass media, which it uses as an equivalent

to an imperial army. You know television is, without any doubt, the cultural neutron bomb. Once you send television in by satellite anywhere in the world, the language dies, the culture dies, and people aspire to consumerism. If you really travel in the Far East, you just know that that's what's going on. It's no accident that the Peace Corps give out Xeroxed plans of how to make satellite dishes in Nepal. They do it because it's the quickest way to control the culture.

My choice has always been to disseminate alternative propaganda, alternative information, to be more accurate. If I have anything that's an act of faith, I believe that if you throw out as many possibilities as possible, you get a higher return in terms of people into change. Or in terms of behaving in a more constructive, less damaging and dangerous way. And who knows why I've still clung to that idealism, but I have.

I am serious about magic and sorcery. I want to aspire to a point where whatever is possible is so incredible that bodies and manifestations and thoughts are irrelevant, that it's outside anything that any of us can conceive. That's what I aspire to, to explode into that. Or to be part of something or someone exploding into that at some point. Whatever is the most infinite aspiration and go for that.

Kinney: I wonder if there's a certain danger. It's the same with energy coalescing around places where rituals have happened. The cultural forms, say, of fascist ideology are deeply cut grooves, and if you click into them, you might find yourself speeding towards disaster.

Genesis: In my experience, archetypes are unquestionably powerful. In that sense I would agree with you about things being dangerous. We did a ritual at Stonehenge, the Audio X, which is basically a Thelemic ritual from the Book of the Law. We got permission from English Heritage to do that, letting people inside Stonehenge for the whole night on the right astrological day and everything. Now I didn't know the woman who was the priestess very well. There were more TOPY people than there were traditional Thelemic people, but it was a good balance. But in this ritual there's a section where it says "Unto. . ." and the Priestess is going, ". . .me." And then she goes, "Unto me." She went insane afterwards, quite classically insane, lost her head and had a nervous breakdown and never really recovered.

What we all felt had happened was that she felt that she was the Goddess, not a channel or a symbol of the Goddess. And I think that can happen. Instead of investigating the archetype or even allowing an archetype to manifest in ritual and ceremony, people identify with it. They think, "I'm dealing with power, I am power!"

People have to be really honest about how they perceive themselves, about their own weaknesses and traumas and temptations. In ritual I always work with someone who is completely straight and who is there as an observer. The Eye, I call them. The Eye is there to police the ritual and watch

everyone and make notes and also has the right to intervene. I think it's really important if you're dealing with something that you conceive of as very potent and archetypal. We are susceptible to the tiniest event in childhood or to emotional cruelty or brutality later on. These things leap back and come back like a hammer. To me, it should all be about being freed from those hammers, not becoming the hammer.

Kinney: I also wonder about TG's camouflage clothes or armbands. Can that be flipped to the point where other people take it up and it slowly becomes what it was originally mocking?

Genesis: The irony was that didn't really happen. I decided to do Psychic TV and TOPY and make it overtly paramilitary and encourage people to wear uniforms and have the same haircuts. And interestingly enough, I never saw any abuse of that. I can only assign that to the fact that the underlying philosophy was not one that would appeal to the person who would want to be that way.

Kinney: So in a sense that was playing out an impulse in a harmless fashion?

Genesis: Look, TOPY was saying, "It's not the uniform, it's not the armband, it's not the haircut." All the people in TOPY were trying to look as much like each other as we can, and guess what? None of us look the same. With the best will in the world, we all end up slightly individualizing what we have. One of us just wears a different ring, that ring just shouts out as being enough to define somebody as different. It's what's going on in the mind that matters; it's not any of the trappings at all. And our mindset is definitely contrary to people wanting to sublimate other people to their will. We're not doing that and it's not manifesting as that. We're showing you don't have to be afraid of the symbol.

What can I say? It worked. No one I ever knew became a neo-Nazi. With TOPY I pushed the envelope to its limit and the message I got back was, "These are good people." People who are drawn to this are being filtered effectively because they're all right. They're very supportive of each other.

We couldn't have toured America without TOPY people who'd give us their houses. They'd bring us food, they'd run the merchandise stall, they'd stick posters up. They were really positive. It was a tribe. The Cherokee weren't neofascist even though they all had the same basic tribal look. There's a difference between tribalism and the mob mind. Our tribe was based on individual strength, while the mob is based on individual weakness and communal strength.



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Child of Chaos  
Coyote: a Folkloric Triad  
by: Josepha Sherman  
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Coyote ... mischief maker, child of chaos, creator-by-chance.  
Coyote...the  
unpredictable whose pranks, somehow, tend to Set Things Right...Coyote,  
there  
at the very Beginning. Trickster tales remind us that life isn't  
necessarily  
fair, but that nothing, no matter how unhappy, lasts forever. The  
amoral  
trickster, as befits his shape-shifting, unpredictable nature, can be a  
force  
of wild, primal power, acting on mere whim. He assumes many guises and  
roles:  
the Greek god of wine and chaos Dionysus; High John, the black slave  
who  
always gets the better of his master and is the breath of hope to an  
enslaved  
people; or folk heroes such as the German medieval Till Eulenspiegel,  
the  
English Robin Hood, and even modern cartoon characters who give us the  
relief  
of laughter and the vicarious triumph of 'little' people over the  
pompous,  
bureaucratic, or tyrannical. Coyote is the form of trickster common to  
the  
Native Americans of the West, Southwest, and Great Plains. Anyone who  
has  
followed the coyote's triumphs over those who have been trying for the  
last  
two hundred years to eradicate him with traps, poison and guns can  
understand  
why he was chosen as a mythic symbol. The following stories are  
examples of  
the vast lore surrounding Coyote, whose offspring can even today be  
heard  
howling within an hour's drive of most major American metropolises.

A Zuni Tale: The theft of Sun and Moon.

At the very beginning of things neither sun nor moon were in the sky.  
The  
Kachinas, the spirit people, kept them, safe and secret, in a box that  
they  
opened whenever they wished some light. Without the sun, the world was  
always

dark. Without the moon, there were no seasons; the world was never cold nor warm, never white with snow nor green with leaves. Coyote thought this was a sorry state of affairs. He liked change, did sly Coyote - most certainly, since he was a clumsy hunter in the darkness shrouding the world. 'Ho, Eagle Chief,' he called, 'let us form a hunting partnership. Two hunters should do better than one.' Haughty Eagle looked down at Coyote and laughed. What, he, the keen of eye and mighty of wing, make a pact with a flightless ground crawler? But he remembered that Coyote, the sly one, could steal an eagles meal, even in the darkness. Better to keep Coyote in the open, where he could play no pranks! So Eagle agreed to the partnership.

But even so, Coyote caught nothing but bugs.

'Bah! How can anyone do any decent hunting in all this darkness? Tell me, Eagle, you who fly so high, have you ever seen any light in your travelings?'

'Why, yes, from time to time I have seen a flickering of light in the west, where the Kachinas live'

'Then west, we shall go.'

Eagle soared lightly in the winds. Coyote, wingless, had to struggle through desert and mountain, river and mud. But he would not give up, not he! There at last lay the camp of the Kachinas. Coyote and Eagle hid and watched. Eagle stared at the Kachinas sacred dances. But Coyote only stared at a strange dark box. When one of the Kachinas opened it a crack, golden light poured out. When one of the Kachinas opened it halfway, silver light poured out.

'That's what we want,' Coyote whispered. 'We must steal that box!'

'All you think about is theft!' Eagle whispered back. 'I will go and ask the Kachinas if they will let us borrow their box of light.'

Coyote watched as Eagle approached the Kachinas and demanded the box of light. He watched as the angry Kachinas threw stones to chase Eagle, bruised and squawking, back into the sky. But while all the Kachinas were chasing Eagle,

Coyote the sly slid silently into their camp, caught up the box of light in his jaws, and scurried away.

But the box was heavy. Coyote's jaws were getting tired. Eagle swooped down to join him.

'Here, give me the box. I can carry it more easily in my talons.'

He snatched it up and flew away. Coyote ran after him, panting. 'Hey, Eagle Chief! Let me carry the box again.'

'No, no, you will spoil everything.'

'You only want to see what's inside.'

Coyote yelled up at Eagle, 'Whose sides ache from the Kachinas blows? Not mine! Who stole away the box with never a bruise? Not You! Now, let me have the box.'

The box was heavy. Eagle swooped down again. 'Take it. But don't open it!'

But as Eagle soared up into the sky once more, Coyote studied the box. And curiosity began to burn and burn within him. Could the sun and moon really be inside? Surely there could be no harm in opening the box just a bit...

A ray of golden light shot out and hit him right in the eyes! Coyote yelped - and let the lid fly open. In a blaze of gold, the sun flashed up into the heavens. The first day had begun.

'Well now,' Coyote said, admiring his grey coat in the sunlight.

'That's not bad, not bad at all.'

He watched the sun move across the sky till it was out of sight and darkness came again. Eagle came flapping hurriedly back. 'What have you done? You've let the sun escape!'

'It will return,' Coyote said placidly.

'No, no, you've spoiled everything!'

Angry Eagle lunged at Coyote. Coyote dodged - but as he did, he knocked over the box. The moon came shooting out and flashed up into the heavens. High rose

the moon, higher yet, and the world grew chill. Leaves dropped from the trees,  
and an icy wind blew. The first season had begun, and it was winter.

'What have you done?' Eagle shrieked. 'You've brought cold into the world!'

True enough. But Coyote, ruffling his fur, only grinned. Why, things had worked out even better than he'd planned! For he had also brought day into the world, and night. He had brought winter, spring, summer, fall. He had given the world variety, never-ending changes enough to please even the wily grey trickster himself.

A Caddo tale: How Coyote kept death for the people

In the early days, when the rules of the world were still being set up, the people of power held a council meeting. And at that meeting was Coyote, the trickster, the thinker.

'Why should there be death?' pondered the people that day. 'Let us do away with it.'

'Death is already a law,' Coyote reminded them. 'You cannot cancel it so easily.'

'Then we shall change the law!' the people cried. 'Folk will still die, yes - but they shall not stay dead forever.'

Quickly the growing plan flew from one person to the next.

'We shall build a great lodge,' their chief medicine man said at last. 'It shall be a place of great power. Into it the spirits of the newly dead shall fly. And out of it they shall walk, living folk once more.'

'How very nice it sounds,' Coyote drawled. 'But you forget one thing, oh wise ones. If folk keep right on being born, yet no one stays dead, the world will be a crowded place pretty soon. How are you going to feed all those people, oh wise ones? Where are you going to put them?'

No, no, the people would not listen to Coyote. They chased him away with angry shouts. They would build the lodge of Power and that was that! But Coyote,

watching for a secret place while the medicine men spoke their spells and  
chanted their chants, grinned to himself. He added his own quiet, sly  
spell to  
those set on the lodge of Power and hid to see what would come next.

It was not long before a human man died. The medicine men played their  
flutes  
of bone, luring and tempting, and the dead man's spirit whirled on the  
wind,  
drawn towards the lodge by their magic. In another moment it would  
enter, and  
return a living man.

But Coyote was swifter than spirit, swifter than wind! He leaped out  
from  
hiding in a blur of grey fur and slammed the lodge's door shut.

'No!' the people of power cried.

But it was too late. The spirit whined and whirled about the lodge. But  
the  
door was too firmly closed. The spirit could not enter, and the power  
of the  
bone flutes was broken. The spirit whirled away on its proper path away  
from  
the land of the living, and Coyote laughed.

'Thanks to me, the power of your lodge is gone!' he called to the  
people.

'When the first spirit failed to enter, that lodge became nothing more  
than a  
useless grass hut!'

That was all Coyote had time to say. In the next moment, all the  
furious  
people of power were chasing him. Of course he escaped, the sly grey  
one. But  
from that day to this, all coyotes still run with their heads looking  
over  
their shoulders, just in case the people of power - who refuse to admit  
how  
Coyote's trick saved the world - might be catching up to them.

A Kiowa tale: Coyote and the Stranger.

Coyote was going along one day, trotting down the desert way, when he  
saw the  
dust of a horse and rider. White man coming! And look at the fancy rig  
on him!

Well, old Coyote was a shape shifter, of course. In no time. he had  
taken  
manshape, looking just like a poor man of the people, dark skin, black  
hair.  
Only his eyes were odd, the mocking green eyes of the trickster.

Did the stranger know him by those eyes? Maybe. For the man pointed right at Coyote and said, 'Heard there's someone around here who fancies himself a cheater. Someone by the name of Coyote.'

CHEATER! Coyote thought indignantly. A fine name for someone who set the sun in the sky! 'Might be,' he answered smoothly, bland of face. But behind that blank mask, his busy mind was plotting.

'Ha, you're Coyote, I know it! But I'm a better cheater than you. Ain't a man alive who can out-trick me, surely not some worn out old Indian! Come on, try me!'

Now, here was a pretty bird, just asking to be plucked! Coyote grinned lazily, tongue lolling out. 'The day's too warm.'

'Try me! Try to cheat me!'

'No. The suns too hot.'

'You're afraid! You're scared to have a cheating match with me.'

Coyote sighed. 'Trouble is, I left my cheating medicine back home.'

'Well, go get it.'

'It's too far. I'm too tired. You want a cheating match, better wait till another day. Or lend me your horse so I can get there and back again.'

The stranger thought that one over just for a minute, so eager was he to show what a mighty trickster he was. He jumped down from the saddle. But Coyote slyly moved upwind of the horse. And it, smelling the not-human scent of him, shied, eyes rolling, ears twitching.

'He's scared of me because I don't have a white man's hat,' Coyote said. 'Let me borrow yours.'

'Here, take it. Go get your cheating medicine.'

But Coyote still stood upwind. And of course the horse still shied. Coyote shrugged. 'He's scared of me because I don't wear a white man's clothes. Guess our match is off.'

But the stranger was so eager to prove himself, he peeled out of his fancy shirt and pants and boots without a moments thought. 'Here, try them.'

Coyote slid into the alien clothes, leaving the man in only his long johns. With the alien hat on his head, Coyote moved downwind. Unable to scent him, the horse stood still. Coyote mounted and urged it into a trot. But then, safely out of reach, old Coyote reined in the horse again, looked back at the denuded man, and grinned.

'Well, stranger. ' he called. 'Are you content? Learned your lesson?'

'Lesson? what are you talking about?'

'Look down at yourself, stranger. No clothes, no horse. Look down and admit:

No man living can trick Coyote!'

'Why you sly, no-good son of a - You come back here!' he raged.

But with a wave of his hand, Coyote rode away.

T.O.P.Y is.....

No matter how often we stress that thee Temple seeks to create a sense  
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fierce individuality, that it is for each Individual to redefine and  
redesign  
TOPY within themselves to meet their own needs, thee questions still  
arise:  
What is TOPY? What is thee Psychick Cross? What is thee significance ov  
23?  
It seems that there is still a need, or at least a belief that such  
things should  
be cast in black and white, for a clear, concise description ov exactly  
how  
TOPY should be viewed, ov how its signs and symbols should be  
interpreted.  
Not that such questions can be answered, certainly not in a way that  
would  
remain specific enough to satisfy thee enquiring, yet broad enough to  
remain  
true to thee multitude ov Individuals who make up thee Temple. As we  
have  
said before, and no doubt will say again, TOPY exists to promote a  
system ov  
functional, demystified magick, utilising both pagan and modern  
techniques.  
It is a process ov individual and collective experimentation and  
research  
with no finite answers, dogmas or unchallengeable truths. It is for  
each to  
discover his or her own understanding ov thee questions that suggest  
themselves, and through that voyage ov discovery to find their personal  
and  
true identity, thee True Will. To set down on paper pre-packaged  
responses  
would be to deny thee opportunity for self-expression, to defeat thee  
purpose for which we are all striving. Worse than this, it would take  
away  
thee fun, thee simple joy ov finding things out for ourselves.

Thee following texts are drawn from a variety ov sources, but all deal  
with  
thee most common questions that are asked. Some are written by  
Individuals with considerable experience ov TOPY methods, others by  
those  
who are new to thee Temple. Some are taken from letters clarifying  
ideas or  
criticising TOPY, others from more general places. We have taken much  
from  
thee many responses we have had to thee Skills Access form all Temple  
Individuals are asked to complete. Thee views expressed are entirely  
those  
ov thee individual authors. They have been edited to fit into thee  
structure  
ov this booklet, but in all cases we have taken care not to distort  
what has



been said, or to interpret what we as individuals may find unclear.  
This is  
thee Temple talking to thee Temple - a communion and communication ov  
Individuals to Individuals.

Before we go further, it should be remembered that people are attracted  
to  
TOPY for many different reasons, that there is nothing consistent,  
nothing to  
categorise. There are those who claim to know nothing, and those who  
presume to know it all. This changes in time, as thee Temple draws out  
strengths and eliminates weaknesses.

Everyone, without exception, who gets in touch with thee Temple is  
urged to  
demonstrate their interest by setting out their own thoughts and ideas,  
a  
first step in showing a commitment to what thee Temple stands for. We  
are  
pleased that those who think they know little are at least as able to  
respond  
as those with greater experience. There is no "right response", and no  
shame  
in honesty. We thank all those who have contributed to thee publication  
ov  
this booklet, and urge everyone who reads it to follow their lead. As  
information flows in, so we will ensure that it flows out. That is thee  
meaning ov Feedback, a continuity ov expression flowing both in and  
out,  
creating a new understanding, a new sound, a new dimension.

T.O.P.Y. is action against dissatisfaction  
in a society that is passive not peaceful  
(aiming for the throat)

From the Institute Of Positive Pagan Nihilism  
to the passionate process that enfolds  
(but does not control)  
there is hope through energy.

Energies directed and multiplied,  
energies conformed then deformed  
energies facilitating psychick enemas.  
To purge and purify,  
to pain and putrefy.

To communicate is to cure.

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Thee Temple ov Psychick Youth is a collective body ov Individuals, all  
working together towards a common goal. It is about thinking deeply  
about

oneself, questioning one's role in a so-called free society.

Man is essentially a robot: he has set programmes imposed on his life, even before he is born. Whatever Man does he should do with passion. He should rise above the imposed trappings of society. Involvement with the Temple is purely active and positive, the bottom line being: "I don't want to lead a pointless existence, following and accepting the indoctrination of a worthless society.

With Man's progress, our self-destructive nature drives us all further from our true selves. In the Temple we are a group of people trying to halt this process by turning into ourselves and helping others to accomplish the same. From birth, a person is conditioned to conform to the accepted laws and morals of the society in which they find themselves - each institution and aspect of our culture is intertwined with guilt and fears in order to push us on to the acceptable path. Society is thus so easily capable of moulding one into a flat, one-dimensional person (the socially acceptable yet controlled person). TOPY goes to the root of the problem, challenging us to honestly reveal our innermost needs, expectations and desires, of bringing them to consciousness in the hope of breaking society's Chain of Control.

Involvement with TOPY can stem from an interest in investigating the potentialities of the brain: knowledge that has been massively suppressed by those in Power. It includes making known information on both a political/conspiracy level, and on the level of an Individual's control over their own life. We have been taught to view the State as a crutch to lean on, to fill our heads with pre-packaged ideologies that avoid the need for us to think for ourselves and which create a society of dead, bored, apathetic people. TOPY counters this by fighting conditioning and by allowing the individual's true selves to come through - at the same time there is action/research to demonstrate how all pervasive the "spectacular" society is. By working together we can pool research, theories and actions: this way forward avoids needless duplication and, where necessary, provides allies and support for action. Much of the control mechanism of society is based

on guilt about/around sex, it being easier to control a sexually repressed person who thus always has a weak spot for the Servants of Power to press. For this reason, the Temple strives to destroy the conditioning of guilt that lies deep in the mind and which chains it to a mundane existence. Through the process of freed (and free) love/sexuality the mind can be focused and channelled against all of Power's conditioning mechanisms.

The tools of the Temple are first and foremost those which lay us open to the reality of life in permanent flux. Many techniques can be used: trance inducing music, chanting, dancing - these can all help strip down our outer mundane shell, exposing our inner core to the free play of creative forces. The method most favoured by the Temple (because it is surrounded by the most imposed guilt, fear and limitation) is the unashamed exploration of sexuality. Fundamental to the workings of the Temple is the belief that great psychic force/energy is released at the point of orgasm and that this, if channelled, can effectively "make those things happen" which will bring you closer to your ideal self.

This technique, and many more, can be found within the many and varied spiritual/magickal traditions of the world. It is the aim of the Temple, through practical experimentation, to extract the core of truth running through all, and thus demystified to present a working formula for any Individual courageous and compassionate enough to strike against dogma, habit, guilt, fear and all that weighs on the spirit; to strike against flat monotony under all its titles, and to step into a magickal perception of the world.

TOPY is a lifeline of magickal people aiming to change society for the better through the magickal transformation of Individuals, and by helping people to understand the power and potency of their sexuality. A common mistake people make is that they think that TOPY is just another fanatical religious organisation. They hear the name "The Temple Of Psyckick Youth" and automatically assume its philosophy will be an unquestioning dogma for the masses. (Proving of course that the society-controlled mass mind simply

projects its crippled reality on to those who seek to challenge the  
orthodoxy  
of the moment.) However, the difference between TOPY and other groups  
is that we create an environment in which Individuals have no choice  
but to  
find their own answers in order to improve themselves. The emphasis is  
very much on individual exploration. TOPY gives people hints and  
pointers,  
and whereas other organisations may make it easy for people seeking to  
find  
"answers", TOPY stresses that it is up to the Individual's personal  
efforts for  
anything to be gained. And it is a two-way process: as the Individual  
learns  
things from involvement with the Temple, so the Temple as a wider  
body  
learns from the Individual.

There are elements of truth in all schools of thought, but not one  
single  
school can be the "most correct" (no monopoly on knowledge!). What is  
needed is to take the parts from all - those aspects that seem the  
most  
logical and honest - and to discard that which perhaps reeks of  
theatricals;  
understanding the use of rituals, as did the so-called "ignorant"  
Indians of  
America before the evil Christian soiled their pure mind (pure in that  
they  
understood the deeper reality that is the essence of magick). Many  
races  
and cultures of the world have stumbled across truths in their  
religions.  
We should make use of these and develop our own minds in all possible  
ways.

Of every organisation, TOPY comes closer than any to the ideal of  
freedom.  
All areas of life, especially those most taken for granted as being  
correct and  
right, are called into question. Questions open up possibilities of  
thought and  
action, all in the pursuit of a sublime happiness. Not only does this  
intense  
questioning stimulate life, but it helps us affirm or reaffirm ideas  
and  
behaviours. TOPY allows people more confidence and comfort - hence more  
pleasure with themselves - in their own environment. Comfort is not  
laziness. TOPY further guarantees freedom (something that no other  
social  
arrangement can do, except that which evolves between very close  
friends)  
by not only tolerating differences in thoughts and actions, but by  
encouraging natural, intrinsic differences; that is, TOPY recognises  
the innate  
potential godliness of being; and its methods, its Psychick Cross, its  
23, its

Ov, can all help foster thee beauty ov each Being.

Thee Temple is a creative organisation, a place to share and learn.  
Creativity  
needs to be freed. Time waits for no-one. We live once, so we take the  
opportunity: Participation.

Is thee Temple Ov Psychick Youth a cult?

Yes, a non-existent one in that it exists as a cult only for those who  
are  
uninformed and uninvolved. Thee Temple gives those involved positive  
ammunition in thee war to reclaim ourselves, our world, our time, our  
love,  
thee truth. To disconnect thee cables ov control.

Thee Temple az a non-organisation recognises thee reality ov  
Individuals.  
Thee power ov Individuals focused by choice to some common points. We,  
as  
multi-dimensional peoples live yes and no; colours, not black and  
white/either-or. There are more than two choices! Religion, history,  
psychology, magick: integrated for individual use. Suckcessors? To thee  
Surrealists and thee Hippies? Radical interest in political and  
spiritual.

Sexuality as focus. Ov Power. Subconscious guns. Thee orgazm as divine  
messenger. No denial ov sense-based vision. We are free! Let us stand  
up to  
see it through thee veil ov control.

Many people ov small mind and spirit try to deny thee Temple its right  
ov  
existence. They are so completely disillusioned and hopeless that they  
demand we all be as miserable as they are. They call us crazy, power  
hungry, ego-maniacs, perverse, money-hungry, non-sensical freaks.

O.K. Crazy? To change thee world we live in, yes.  
Power hungry? For power over our own lives and destiny.  
Ego-maniacs? Yes, if as usual their definition ov an ego-maniac is  
someone  
who wants to achieve, grow, change and progress. Yes - WE DO THINGS!  
Perverse? Yes, and proud. Thee rational ov thee world is no rationale.  
Sense? Right? Normal?  
Whose sense? Whose right? Whose normal? No sense makes sense. Our  
sexuality is our own. If you don't like it, leave it.  
Money hungry? Sure. Money is but a way to get things done. Not thee  
only  
way, but a way.  
Freaks? Oh yes! No, we do not fit in, we never fit in, and we choose it  
that  
way, thank you. Fashion, morals, duty: they are yours not ours. YOU  
keep  
them. A freak is someone with individual motivation, separate from thee  
dictates ov past, present and future.

Thee Temple is not for all. In this time/space or ever.

WE WERE. WE ARE. WE WILL BE. WE ARE AZ WE ARE. AZ WE ARE. WE ARE  
AZ WE AZ ARE WE. WE AZ ARE. WE AZ WE. WE AZ WE ARE. WE ARE AZ WE  
ARE. AN ETERNAL L-OV-E IN

TOPY is a collaboration ov Individuals. We fight all forms ov  
restriction to  
realise thee potential ov thee human brain through a system ov pagan  
Magick. It exists devoid ov dogma, be it political or religious.  
Information is  
shared amongst those involved, not in order to be treated as  
instruction but  
rather as a means to promote participation, discipline and contribution  
to an  
ideal as opposed to self-ambition. Thee recognition that only truth  
counts.  
Rituals (sigils) are employed as a means ov discovering one's true  
psyche,  
desires (and their realisation), integrating thee conscious and  
subconscious as  
a way to produce a spiritually whole person as opposed to a fragmented  
shell.

TOPY attempts to wake people up to thee fact that they are controlled,  
socially programmed to suit those with an interest in control, and that  
guilt  
and fear are weapons employed to suppress natural advancement.  
Preconceptions must be swept aside and a de-programming occur until  
fearless and guiltless sexuality is mastered. Thee Temple embraces  
suitable  
forms ov technology to support its aims for collective advancement.  
Methods  
ov information access include PTV recordings, booklists, video  
deprogramming transmissions. These are all designed to surprise, even  
shock, but with a view to expansion, thee removal ov limitation.

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It is difficult to understand the infinite and the inexpressible  
contained,  
albeit hidden controlled and repressed, in much ov the grey parade that  
is  
called life, even within one's own mind; but to communicate an idea  
that is  
beyond your own ego to another ego is almost impossible. The closest  
things  
to transmitting such ideas are Zen Parables, or Koans, such as what is  
the  
sound of one hand clapping, or what is enlightened Buddha being  
answered  
by being hit over the head with a brick. The Temple represents colour,  
but  
colour has to be seen, not intellectually analysed.

I justify my involvement with the Temple by saying, just as the present

world needs the Temple (love being such a rare bird) I feel the need to help and be part of something that represents evolution and a better future. I personally have lost "friends" because of their inability to perceive what the Temple means (people conditioned by shit... who see in their little egos the wearing of a PTV badge as evidence of a brainwashed moonie-type cult. How can I be in a cult when I know only one individual even slightly connected with the Temple?; yet people whose only knowledge of the Temple - love, the future, colour, magick as sublime poetry - is gleaned from those who wish to climb up the intestines of the machine of Babylon by slugging the Temple off, presume to know better). Magick defends itself, but at times the gentleness I see in the Temple makes it a sitting duck for the projection of complexes of the cynical, bitter and controlled. The Temple's crusade to free the individual from control so s/he can grow focuses on sexuality because it's the only thing everybody is involved with at some point in their passage from birth to death, in whatever form. This is what scares the repressed, the puritanical who seem intent on punishing a new generation for the brief but vital progress that took place in the 60s. There is no Temple sexuality: its sexuality is mine, yours, or that of any other individual involved. There is fuck all wrong with sex despite the macho-men and unbelievable creations of the media and the flags of restriction put up by both the political left and the right (all nasty oppressive illusions, not only are all clichés true, but all paradox).

The methods of the Temple are vital because of the appreciation of the functional uses of technology, the Magick of the 1980s is filed on computer, photographed and taped, rather like the tools of control. As Peter the Great of Russia said: "our enemies will teach us how to beat them." The Cross is a symbol. Like all symbols it helps communicate an idea quickly and focuses the will. It is potent and harmless and very powerful. The number 23 is a bit of a situationist prank as nothing freaks out the flat people as this mystic number.

The Temple = psychedelic + discipline

Individuals controlling their own minds themselves, by opening up.

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## TOPY WITHOUT TEARS

Most people, when they come into contact with TOPY, will do so via  
Psychic  
TV. Whilst being a useful expression of and filter for TOPY, this has  
been the  
cause of misunderstanding of what TOPY is about, why it has to be here.

Firstly, it's important to say that TOPY is emphatically not a fan club  
for PTV  
- not a spin-off. While PTV are there for everyone to see, access  
without  
thought, as it were, TOPY is something else - it "gives" to the amount  
you  
"push". It lies behind, but is not contained by, PTV.

This much should be obvious. It is easier to say what TOPY isn't than  
to say  
what it is.

Basically, TOPY as a "system" is an expression of the ideas and methods  
of all  
the individuals involved. But TOPY "in itself" is harder to define - it  
is the  
idealised Hidden Instrument of Evolution - the "organum occultus". The  
hidden instrument is magickal- a synergetic interaction of certain  
powers of  
the brain. It has no "direction". Its centre is everywhere. Thus it  
cannot be  
"possessed". The hidden instrument is the means by which inner  
potential  
"happens".

TOPY is about setting change into motion NOW. It's about questioning  
authority NOW. It's about releasing the social function of subjectivity  
from  
the doghouse. Letting the dog roam free.

All this is now. TOPY has arrived as an urgent force to overcome the  
endless  
deferral of all this - the realisation of our dreams.

Our resource - our sincerity.

It is a synchronistic vector - the "dis-ease" being the dream of social  
and  
individual transformatin - of which we continually remind ourselves,  
and  
struggle to realise, in our rituals, our work.

TOPY is an expanding system of caring and action - communication  
without  
limit - MUTUALITY. We are aware that language alone does not suffice.  
Too



many systems expand in direct proportion to their insistence on the dogma of their WORD. TOPY's method is to cut up the word, cut up behaviour - to find meaning beyond the parameters of Control. To re-connect at the source - our "spirit".

Therefore, it is not a religion, not a cult. We have no use for gods, devils, "instruction". We have nothing to fall back on but that which is in us. Everything we see is ourselves. TOPY is, in the best sense of the word, a movement. The movement, the process, being continual and at various levels simultaneously - spotting the lies, the disjunction between socialised "givens" and our dreams, our real potential - deciding to commit oneself to re-connecting with one's potential - and doing. We have many "people" within each one of us - we want them all.

This is expressed in our ritual and all our manifestations. Our network - our mutual experience and searching of TOPY.

The maturity of man/woman - that means to have reacquired the seriousness that one had as a child at play. (Nietzsche)

Vide infra (SSOTBME)

As explained at some length in the Grey Book, the Temple's initial and root method is the recognition and utilisation of our true sexuality - the invocation of primal sexual energies latent in the subconscious. The concept of "sexual energy" is, for the Temple, interchangeable with "psychic energy". Sex is the medium for magick - the frequency of truth. The sigil is its practice, the keystone.

...the significance of sexuality must be extended to embrace Reality, or that which endures after all else fades... (Kenneth Grant)

In a very real way our sexuality is interactive with our behaviour as a whole. With the Temple Method we cut up traditional sexual behaviour in order to release the New Sexuality - new because it is everchanging, ever regenerating. Thus liberating our real sexuality (everybody - every man and woman is a man and woman), we liberate our behaviour away from Control.

We seek to deprogramme ourselves from harmful internalised alienating stereotypes. "Control begins with sexuality" (TOPY). We seek to reacquire the

seriousness and curiosity that we had as children, to observe and act without guilt/fear. If there is one simple description of TOPY, it is that every involved Individual recognises the need to overcome GUILT and FEAR of DARING TO BE. We "see below" in order to "rise up".

New sexuality - ever youthful.

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Jung saw symbols as "libido analogues", capable of transforming energy. A representation channels libido (psychic/sexual energy) into new form - invokes ever renewed potential. Symbols in themselves represent NO SEPARATION. That is, the Psychic cross is a total synthesis of all we think of and mean by the Temple. For express purposes, and certain time-zones, some of its components can be isolated, but ultimately there is no separation. It exists of itself: the characteristic of all living symbols.

Because the Psychick Cross has many "personalities", a multiplicity of explanations, it is an ideal symbol for TOPY. Various significances have been pointed out: the single vertical line as the Individual, bottom horizontal as Past, middle horizontal as Present, top as Future. The Cross of Jesus and the inverted Cross of Satan combined. A television aerial. The alchemical symbol "very poisonous".

"We didn't choose it so much as the symbol chose us." A symbol of disenchantment, uncertainty and challenge/change.

The point of all this is that, like a true Individual, it cannot be pinned down.

Neither - Neither.

The Psychick Cross also incorporates the 23 mythology. The number 23 is total neither-neither territory (Austin Osman Spare's mindfuck technique - comparing opposites separate, together, then absent).

(But of course it isn't. It is just a number like any other, 22 before it, 24 after, surely?) Except that 23, for us, seems to behave very strangely. It has become a snake in the grass of reason. Thus the exception; for the Temple always the exception. The Individual. Every man and woman is a 23.

"A presence, neither good luck or bad luck, it seemed to have some sort of

control over its appearance." Like the Psychick Cross, 23 has been isolated to symbolise certain concepts, random chance, Crowley's GET OUT, Burroughs' total cut-up, Robert Anton Wilson's total paranoia symbol. Its "common" (!) significance is its provocativeness, its individuality, however one wishes to depict it. So, OK, you have your cynicism, you may remain unconvinced, may not recognise TOPY, you see everywhere human weakness and self-interest - but the next step is to realise that cynicism is not a total answer, that the facade/shell of ego/"cool"/style can, and must be, discarded before we grow once more and enter a new "time zone" of evolution. Drop your shield, be vulnerable, thee wound is the reminder, you cannot remain untouched, so touch yourself.

Enter the Combat Zone. The Temple has declared war. It does not do so lightly.

T.O.P.Y. is an energy, fuelled with fiery Individuals who want change. Change. People are too hung up with sex, with getting things done, so they mess up. No-one cares anymore. To become rewarded is to give. And to give is contagious, to create synergism.

The Self is who I am after, yet I cannot find her until I give her away, and watch her without from within; then I can go. Egos are selfish and jealous - to reverse the Ego is to open the mind; to be curious; to recognise, to understand, to commit. Without altering the Ego one cannot undergo the process. E to 3.

I am curious. Curious and willing to learn. Tell me what I could do for the group that would help me. Not really help, but INlighten. For we are all out for INlightenment, for each one of us, ourselves, and for the whole. First know to be yourself, then to help the group, then to know you ARE your self.

For me I cannot "When in doubt - BE EXTREME"  
Right now it's "When in doubt - Do Nothing"  
I am curious Right Now.

CROSS!

Life is mediated by symbols. Symbols that steal. Numerical symbols that steal our intelligence. Word symbols that steal our voice. Pornographic

symbols that steal our sexuality. Magical symbols that steal our will.  
A death  
on your symbols. Let each kill themselves.

The Psychick Cross is a symbol that represents the idea of "without Symbols". It is the first entry in a dictionary of the future Meta-symbolical language, a language of no-thought.

T.O.P.Y. is directed anger (which in itself is only Love). A foundation set up to compile this "dictionary" which all WEs will need in order to survive. A clearing house of symbols.

When ever you dis-cover stamp on a Psychick Cross. This release it for our use.

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The Temple Ov Psychick Youth is an organisation that has been created to further the ideas and feelings of those who feel that they have something to contribute to the running of society. The Temple involves a large scope of feelings and images that are connected to each other by the potency of their own desires.

Firstly, the Temple as an organisation is created for those who feel and believe that they can increase their own potential in body and mind by pushing themselves to the limit of their durability, and do so in such a way that they can find the limitations of their own body as well as finding how far they can really go in producing a perfect understanding of themselves. Unlike other creations, the Temple does not try to coerce or push an Individual into doing what "it" wants them to do - the contrary is true, the Temple encourages the individual to think and act for themselves, perhaps offering gentle instruction as an aid to success. The Temple remains as a haven for help where friends are guaranteed. A spiritual as well as physical father. By involving oneself with the Temple you find that the trappings of an autocratic society are handcuffs to the spirit, holding you in place, disabling a mind, disallowing it to think and act for itself - laying down rigid rules that must be adhered to. The Temple, conversely, encourages us that

we need no regimented rules to survive, all we need is to expend a minimal amount of consideration for our fellow people, to accept differences in colour, ideas, sexuality, etc. Falling (sic), the rules of our wonderful and enlightened society has led to nothing but war, man killing man; religion playing a large part in the reasons for war. Religion is another point that the Temple puts across. It shows us the trivialities in religion be it Christian or Hindu. The idea of believing in a spiritual god - how abhorrent. It insults the intelligence to have god and jesus rammed down our throats - Crass put my feelings very well when they said Jesus died for his own sins, no mine. Religion is an easy way for a frightened people to hide behind the eventuality of their own death - it's okay, we will be going to a better life - what a joke. The only temple/god we should worship is our own bodies - any sacrament to be given should be exercise of the mind and body. Prayer should be an introspective look into your own feelings.

The Psychick Cross is a symbol that is easily recognisable - and therefore a medium through which publicity can be shown. Unlike the "cross" the psychick cross is a very strong image of ideals, and shows a firm belief in what we feel the Temple stands for; I know that when people see the cross on my clothes - be it badges, t-shirts - and they ask what it stands for, they will always associate it with the Temple as well as Psychic TV. The strength of its images remains in the subconscious, therefore leading to easy recognition.

The Temple roots its beliefs in magic where sexuality and mental strength have always played an important role. This world is inhibited by its narrow-mindedness of sexuality. The Temple shows us that we should not be embarrassed by it, nor inhibited by it. This does not necessarily mean infidelity, or polygamous behaviour. Free Love can be practised between two individuals involved in a close relationship because the restraints of society are prevalent in marriage etc. It encourages us to be free - the most important aim for all humans - to be rid of a repressive society and to develop together with no feelings of materialism.

Although society is against us, too many people are unable to stand up for themselves, they allow themselves to be carried along without stating how

they wish things should be done. If we work hard enough though, perhaps one day we will have a world where at least the ideas of the Temple are practised, even if they are disconnected from the actual force and developer of those ideas.

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The Temple is a group of people who together, and individually, work to combat any form of personal restriction. Quite simply we want to make our dreams, and those of everyone else, come true.

We work on three levels, or ratios. On the first level we examine our real selves, discovering our dreams, our potential, our REAL selves. We then try to live our lives, realising our dreams and making the most of what we have to offer (skills, abilities, etc...), thus following (to use a rather archaic term) our destiny. Once an initiate begins to work on this ratio, he/she has a chance to take joint control of the helm. The Temple is constantly evolving: each initiate has the chance to help dictate the direction of that evolution. In the 3rd ratio we work to try and improve the world in which we live. At this level we try to act as an evolutionary goad, pushing mankind back on course.

We realise that the only way of achieving anything is to help one another. So whenever we can we donate time, money, ideas and skills to T.O.P.Y. We receive no reward for this: no medals, no "I raised £100" selling t-shirts. The reward is the knowledge that we have helped someone else to realise their dreams.

We are an international group, with bases in the UK, Holland, Germany, Sweden, Canada and America.

As is obvious ("Temple" & "Psychick") we are metaphysically minded. Many of our methods could be considered magickal. Magick is merely a technique for helping us negate the effects of restriction and control; and live (again that rather naff word) destiny. We are constantly developing and refining our own magick. We do not believe in any great powerhouse in the sky, any gods, angels, demons, etc. We have realised that the human brain is capable of much more than it is used for. Our magick operates within the human

nervous system - and works!

Our magickal techniques are a little too "technical" to go in to. Suffice it to say that one of our main sources of energy is sexuality and orgasms. Sex plays a very important role in our philosophy as the energy obtained from it is tremendous. As was said earlier, we try to "touch our real selves". Our first stepping stone to this is the removal of restriction placed on our sexuality by society. Once a month, or more, an initiate performs a simple magickal exercise which is designed to bring him/her closer to his or her real sexuality - as experienced in sexual fantasies. There should be no holds on sex, one should be able to enjoy sex in whatever way one, and one's partner(s), want to.

Our symbol, logo, emblem or whatever - the Psychick Cross - contains a great deal of symbolism. The most obvious facets are: 1, it is the reverse of the Papal Cross, thus making it an anti-papal cross; 2, it is an "E" for Ego, backed with a reversed "E", thus representing the negation of the Ego's role over the human mind.

In many systems of magick numbers are said to have meanings. 23 has many meanings all of which are applicable to the Temple: Initiation; Union of Fire and Water (symbols of male and female) - sex; Integration of all levels of consciousness.

I first heard of T.O.P.Y. through the drunken ramblings of someone I now find it impossible to describe. At the time "Godstar" boomed from his room almost constantly. After this, a friend lent me "Dreams Less Sweet". I bought a few records, sent off for some literature.

Previously, I had dabbled with THELEMA, which seemed to ask the right questions, but gave the wrong answers. T.O.P.Y. seemed to ask equally pertinent questions (and sometimes more so), and answered them with nothing but Hagbard Celine's "Think for yourself Schmuck". As time went on I became increasingly interested in, and in agreement with, the Temple's ideas.

At last a decent magickal system. No more silly Kabbalistic rituals. Simple, straightforward, and functional. A chance to help, however little, however

much. Perhaps even to meet people who've got better things on their mind than taking the piss.

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The Temple is an international group of people who want to improve the quality of not only their own lives, but of everybody. We have realised that the life of the average person lacks direction and meaning. Human beings are persuaded, by various methods, to do what they are told, however subtly, rather than what they really want. Some realise this and "drop out", hiding the world behind a beer can or a line of coke; others try to change the world. We are in the latter group. We try to do nothing unless we really want to. We try to differentiate between "pretend" desires programmed into us by society, and our true wishes. We then try to live these true desires. That is what real freedom is. Our method is, I believe, the most powerful. We use magick; not card tricks or turning princes into frogs; but real magick (that's what the "k" on the end signifies), which is a method of programming your own mind to do what you want it to do. We use sex as a tool for elevating the mind in much of our magick. Sex is one of our basic needs. It is also the most powerful force we have access to.

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What attracted you to T.O.P.Y.?

The systematic use of will power to make dreams become real. The undogmatic appreciation of the inherent potentials of the Individual who wants to see and is not afraid to invest energy in finding their true self, their true desires, and to act accordingly. Furthermore, the new approach to Magick: a demystified system of practical techniques to extend the perception and skill of acting consciously according to one's own nature without guilt.

In what ways has T.O.P.Y. failed to live up to your expectations so far?

I see T.O.P.Y. as an active forum/expression/output of the assembled energy of its members. I consider myself taking part in the process and don't feel that the organ has failed to live up to my expectations as they are



identical with the expectations I have for myself in life. I apply T.O.P.Y. in my life according to my own interpretation and accept no dogma, and as long as I feel that my intentions coincide with T.O.P.Y. and that its structure is based on mutual appreciation/trust/respect/challenge/communication then I invest energy in this forum. I am curious/open-minded by nature. In the course of time and involvement much is explained. I have no fear.

Explain T.O.P.Y.

Through education, school, inherited dogmatic value systems, TV, radio, written/spoken propaganda people are continuously deprived of their self respect as unique manifold human Individuals. We are systematically discouraged by the keepers of addicts to Control from exploring our real physical and mental needs and potentials. We are exposed to constant programming, its main aim being streamlining of thought into unquestioned acceptance of illusory satisfaction, leaving an unlocated feeling of frustration behind. Fear is the Key to Control/Manipulation. The fear of change/the unknown/the insecure/the unfamiliar - all these block the Individual longing for development/experience and make him/her accept the vast offer of surrogates and substitutes in today's world system. Those who are not contented with this pseudo-reality seek other ways for deeper knowledge/realisation of dreams, and create their own forum/access point for mutual encouragement/support/challenge of individuality and will.

We are history, the sum of our ancestors. If we ignore our own history and its impact on our lives, we are inclined to repeat the pitfalls and disasters of previous generations. We dig our own graves as culture.

Christianity has monopolised the European thought system and the use of ancient methods/rituals as a means of recollecting force, and has deformed its intentions to the point where they lose every form of potency and sense while being refunctioned to "evil/dangerous mysticism/occultism".

Ritual as Access Point to the inner regions of the mind and focus of will into conscious action. . .the threat to status quo in the present socio-political and cultural world-system. A society deprived of its history/past is a society deprived of its future and identity.

Sex is the primal key to the mental system of a person. It is the nucleus of their own past, present, and future. In the moment of orgasm the brain is for a short period of time thrown out of/disconnected from its subconsciously socialised/adapted thought-system. In this moment of disconnection the brain is highly susceptible to new information. Orgasm is the Access Point of de- and re-programming of the mind. Storage of subconscious information - the seed to conscious action. Attack on subconsciousness determines the overflow to consciousness latently transformed into concrete action.

Education/indoctrination has trimmed our minds in the course of a life-time to fit the demands/needs of the control units in society. We see continuous re-education as a necessity in order to develop. Ritual strengthens our determination to find and do our true selves and to cross new borders of knowledge and understanding, to avoid the obstacles to the realisation of our dreams. Through self-decided "indoctrination/dedoctrination" of the subconscious mind we avoid daily pitfalls in mental laziness and cowardice/compromise. Free sexuality without guilt liberates our mind from inherent blocking mechanisms between consciousness. Free flow of information between the brain hemispheres brightens our eyes, makes us clear, strong and real.

23: Number of "Coincidence" - the genes in the human being consist of 23 chromosomes, blood needs 23 seconds to cross the human body. A sign of life and death, its correlation and its unknown dimensions. Death/mortality - the ultimate reference point for each human being. To live fully without regrets or not. We are mortal. Here and Now.

Christians have their Cross - fetish of guilt and shame. Christ on the Cross - symbol of martyrdom/sacrifice for the sinfulness of the human race. Unworthy, godless slaves.

We repudiate - have our own fetish/symbol for the immense possibilities and dimensions of the human mind and vessel in life. The Psychick Cross - an alchemical symbol for (magickally) dangerous material/knowledge. The Temple Of Psychick Youth is "danger" to dogmatic/streamlined thought, that is to the stability/status quo in present society/culture: the seed to a new science/way of living.

Magick: a system of Will Made Flesh. We focus our will in collective ritual

across the world on the 23rd of each month, and programme/tune-in our mutual wavelengths/sexual desires in the moment of orgasm. Our will-power programmed in the genes and assembled in the liquids of semen/lubricant/blood/spit, and hair.

The features of the embryo is decided/determined through the thoughts of sexual partners during coitus. Thought made Flesh. Will made Real. T.O.P.Y. Made Real.

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In answer to a cynical journalist:

Most people can't stomach the "missionary zeal", so to speak, so any mention of a "Great Crusade to save The World" is right out of the window. The Temple is there for those who want it - it isn't another banal ideology, but a network of Individual interests where information is relayed to one another on the basis of practical experience. You've heard of synergy: the working together of two or more elements to create an effect greater than the sum of the individual elements' output. Well that's us! We support one another by our own efforts - like a latter-day tribe.

What impels a person to work within the Temple? A dissatisfaction with current societal values, perhaps. An awareness of possibilities within ourselves that most recognised institutions of society, religious or otherwise, either flatly deny or appear reluctant to expand upon. (As social beings we have an inner need to express ourselves amongst friends - interpreting "friends" as those people who can relate to you!) All such answers seem a bit "rhetorical" to me, so we might gain a better understanding of the "attraction" of T.O.P.Y. by taking a brief look at the ideas and methods it collectively presents.

We take a very broad view - limitlessly so - of the means at our disposal towards self-development. Jung called it individuation. Aleister Crowley called it the realisation of the True Will. You may call it simply "Maturity". From the lore of Magic (a much scoffed at notion, superficially, in our high-tech rationalistic era; but isn't our science the highest magic to a so-called primitive? And what arrogance you have to deny the function of something you know nothing about, despite its overwhelming history of practice?!), to

music, to martial art; if the perceptive individual thinks there is something worth picking up on, we will attempt to pluck it out of the mire and use it!  
That is why T.O.P.Y. is often seen in the "public eye" to "wallow morbidly" in social taboos; or however else they choose to put it. Life's too short and wonderful to run away from and/or wrap up in unnecessary prohibitions/superstitions. So, cut out the crap! The Temple brings together people who aren't afraid to try a little. The luxuries of Western "civilisation" (loud laughter) also bring greater excuses for us to get very lazy.

(The notion of forced commitment, street-corner proselytizing, I find repulsive. We emphasise, more than anything else, the power and cretiveness of the individual will; how that feeling can be shared through communication and care. To force others to "join in" would defeat the purpose of the network. How can I force you to be yourself? [eg. forcing another to emulate my thoughts & feelings is no freedom for the other person.] What the fucks the point? We can only provide inspiration - no greedy Gurus infest this House.)

Why do I think T.O.P.Y. is important? Could answer that in several ways I suppose. The workings of the Temple are not always to my liking, but then, as a network with some degree of structuring/organisation, what else do you expect? Humanity has yet to invent a machine that is 100% efficient. And involvement with T.O.P.Y. does NOT mean you go along with every suggestion that's put forward. In terms of energy, feedback and so on, you reap what you sow; just as with any human relationship (I use that analogy quite intentionally). Anyway, I feel it is important because - in an age of much insincerity - T.O.P.Y. is rooted in what I ultimately recognise as COMMON SENSE. We seek to embrace the earthly human condition, warts and all. We look at ourselves and recognise the need to strive for personal goals; expand our often blinkered definition of "self" by trying to utilise the new and the strange; experiment, instead of wallowing in the "fear of the unknown"; reject dogma, reject guilt, reject anything that leads to unnecessary anxiety - not by pushing things to the side, but by confrontation. (The quickest route between two points is a straight line.) Such ideas, although expressed a little

dogmatically here for the sake of brevity, outline a healthy, strong approach to living. And it feels very refreshing to be amongst friends who won't try to fob you off with more alienating politics or mystical pap.

No, my involvement with T.O.P.Y. has not equipped me with easy panaceas for the problem of Government, etc. We live in a complex environment - I am the first to admit it. T.O.P.Y. has no manifesto up its collective sleeve. Rather, we consider the situation from the perspective of "To change the World you must first change yourself." It is no use disbanding the police-force tomorrow if they are all going to continue acting in the same way to the people they picked on before!

(To amuse myself, I might describe involvement in the Temple as a course in psychic self-defense for the outsider! But then you'd probably take that the wrong way. The Temple is NOT a cheap sort of psychotherapy; no psychic prescriptions from Doc P-Orridge, or anybody ridiculous like that. Nobody involved in the network wishes to suffer fools gladly, and the only people "assessed" are ourselves - BY OURSELVES. A little eccentricity leads to a progression of ideas - stupidity does not! And you must ultimately deal with your own problems, if you wish to reclaim personal responsibility at all - a belief that is central to T.O.P.Y. philosophy.)

Why the big profile on Sex in T.O.P.Y.? The fact that you feel our "high profile" needs to be mentioned may provide part of the answer! As I have already tried to indicate, the Temple strives to eliminate our (often culturally inherited) feelings of guilt. We consider sexual energy to be of great importance - its free expression is our very birthright, in whatever way our nature inclines. The neuroses and psychosomatic ailments resulting from high levels of sexual repression have been catalogued well enough by now, without me having to re-iterate the point. And guilt about one's personal sexual activities can be used as a potent weapon in the hands of your adversaries - just look at the gutter press. Sexuality is just that - whether it be expressed in "fetishism", "homosexual" activity (a horrible,

clinical expression if ever I heard one), and so on. It's nobody's business but your own.

Having said that, it is obvious that many people - particularly the younger - pursue an active sex life without recourse to massive guilt! So why all the hypocrisy about its public expression? Why the hassle? Evidently, the mass media does not reflect an accurate - honest - picture of our feelings. The Sunday Sport continues to make sex and sexuality an absurdity - something to sneer at. We wonder why.

T.O.P.Y. wishes to take sexuality a step further by investigating the powers we consider to be generated by sexual activity, so that they can be used for the benefit of the individual. Every Individual. Orgasm has a powerful effect on one's perception, body chemistry, bio-electric field, etc., if only for a few moments. And we feel that the state of being created can be put to use, in combination with intense desire. Again, we are entering the arena of "magick" and ritual (all sex is ritual); we are considering the so-called dark side of nature, and to a TV generation brought up on Dennis Wheatley films, such ideas seem very taboo. We wish to break down those superstitions - we have little room for fear in such speculative areas - but we have no vested interest in people agreeing with our aims and methods. (We are not out to harm anybody, so please remain sensible and leave us be if you are sceptical/unimpressed.)

Of course you can't discuss sex without mentioning AIDS nowadays. To counter popular misconceptions let it be stressed that the Temple does NOT encourage orgiastic or promiscuous behaviour - forced promiscuity to prove one's "liberation" is just a stupid and damaging as exaggerated prudery; if it goes against your natural inclinations. I suggest you use your common-sense and exercise responsibility. But, to give an example: should someone attracted to their own sex no longer feel attracted because circumstances dictate a certain degree of caution with the choice of partners? We think not. Circumstances and the means of your natural indulgence may vary quite a bit, but the right to "be and feel" whatever you are does not. This must be

kept in mind, as the puritans cry out for "conformity" yet again. . .

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Thee Temple Ov Psychick Youth, we are united, united in the differences that constitute our individuality. At one stage or another all ov us had reached the same crossroad. The roads were clearly marked - conformity, control, suburbia, soap and no hope. The general flat planes that lead to a hollow, wasted death. Instead, we deliberately leave the roads to travel cross-country - to aim for the high mountains on the horizon. There are no clearly visible signposts, no neatly maintained roads and no resting points. The undergrowth can be extremely dense, the inhabitants hostile and the speed of travel tiresomely slow. But etched on the horizon, amongst the loftiest of mountains is a Psychick Cross. We move onwards and upwards. This is the way of T.O.P.Y.

To travel with T.O.P.Y. is to map out your own route, to cross virgin territory, often alone. You discover you pace, your own dreams of the goal. Discovering your own philosophy of life, but instead of preaching it you live it, and live it to the full. We may travel alone, but we obtain strength that elsewhere in the wilderness others are planning and travelling their own routes to the same goal. We may rendezvous, by chance or by desire. We can then share, relate our travels and exchange maps for we know that to fulfill our life we must help fulfill others: open their eyes, let them help us open ours. Share our results and tactics and help to change the maps of old. To lay new paths and roads and satisfy the discontentments of society and its expectations and limitations of an individual.

It is every person's basic right and task to be as they will, as they truly will. The study is long and hard to find this will. Total self-honesty is needed. The ability to touch oneself, no less. T.O.P.Y. will encourage, suggest ways of touching at all levels and of all aspects, by using rituals and intuitive magickal methods specifically aimed at getting closer to oneself. To integrate

all the different levels and aspects to develop a total, free individual.

T.O.P.Y. realises that every man and woman has their own potential to achieve and live by. This can vary greatly within individuals but this is the key because each individual's achievements are relative to only that one person's potential. There is no competitive hierarchy as that would serve only to stifle development. Each individual must ultimately justify their every motive, action and belief to themselves. If they achieve this then they are allowing T.O.P.Y. to achieve itself. It cannot work in reverse. It can be hard. To start to truly look at yourself can hurt. Strength, honesty and commitment are needed to move towards T.O.P.Y. Sexuality is a key as within sexuality the restrictions and constrictions of society and its controls can bite the hardest. To liberate and understand one's own sexuality is to liberate and understand T.O.P.Y. An individual who has learnt to express themselves sexually can then use the lessons learnt here to inspire freedom and development in other aspects of their person. Your sex and sexuality belong to yourself. The energies it generates all come from within your psyche. At the peak of sex the doors open, the barriers collapse and there is no separation. The interchange between conscious and "sub"-conscious is complete. Using controlled focusing at this magickal time, T.O.P.Y. individuals can make a conscious desire to move to the higher levels of their own consciousness where it can take effect and help the dreams become real. By truly understanding this process and tailoring it to an individual's methods, breakthrough can be reached and you have given yourself back to yourself.

These methods of sexual focusing provide the basis of T.O.P.Y. workings. The results achieved here by the individual filter down through all levels, all actions, all motives. All comes from within the individual.

T.O.P.Y. has a psychick symbol and a psychick number. Both of these are woven deeply into the sub-structure. Both act as a focus, as a synthesis of beliefs and actions; as a trigger. The Psychick Cross with its horizontal arms in the ratio of 2 to 3 can be interpreted on many levels: to signify the individual (the vertical line) with his/her past (bottom line), present



(middle) and future (top); a symbol of integration between opposing functions within an individual of T.O.P.Y. (3 E). The arms flow outwards from the Cross to symbolise growth and discovery whilst at the same time they all draw inwards to focus and synthesize this growth within the individual.

A cross to sacrifice the self upon; a uniform symbol to identify with, but like T.O.P.Y. itself to be interpreted in different ways by different individuals.

The magickal number 23 is interwoven throughout T.O.P.Y. It is the point of focus, to integrate, to dissolve. A time, a time for work, a date to complete a task 23 times is to see it move deep within the consciousness. A number that's history is proven and potent, one that occur

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> ON THEE NATURE OV TOPY <

Thee ways ov TOPY are not thee ways ov other occult groups, for thee Temple expresses in all ov its works and practices thee multiplicity ov personalities and ideas ov those who form its network. We each bring to thee Temple our individuality in thee knowledge that this is our greatest gift and that thee Temple is open to all that is new, all who are different, all that is unexplored. We are not reliant on thee past for our authority for what we do, for we are the psychick explorers ov today and all imagined and unimagined experiences and skills have a place within our system. In this modern world, thee greatest danger we face, a danger which is all around us, is uniformity; thee stifling ov creative energy and life. Those who seek to conform to a structure devised in other time, under other con-ditions, are denying their own experience ov life as it IS. They are prone to thee error ov denying thee natural process ov change, to fall prey to the crippling enemy called Dogma.

We accept no 'dogma', for that is thee imposition ov a be-lie-f from outside that is held to be tru regardless ov thee evidence to thee contrary. Such inflexible 'truths' serve only to hold us back, to exclude thee truly Individual who find their experience in con-flict with the written tenet ov their 'faith'. Variety is stamped out, development is stunted: Control remains unchallenged. Everythings becoums a repitition ov what has gone before. They may tell us that their ways have stood thee test ov time, but that is a lie for they have done nothing but stand still in time, entrenched in thee dogma

ov an earlier age. "Not a word ov thee Sacred Text may be altered" they say.

we say, "Rubbish!" Thee unchanged word is thee virus ov constraint.

Follow thee

lead ov Brion Gysin and cut up thee word.

Thee Temple uses every means at its disposal to break down thee walls ov

time, thee monuments and museums ov thee past. We storm thee barricades ov

con-ditioned thought to expand thee horizons ov thee possible.

Information

equals Power, and the Secretary is thee way ov control. Thee Temple rejects

these ways ov thee past which shroud knowledge in cloaks ov mystification.

We open thee door to thee distribution and expansion of Information Wealth.

Thee Temple is open to all. There is no 'right and wrong', no 'correct' way.

We respect all but lies and hypocrisy. all is valued in the Temple; all that is

ov thee Individual, all that expresses the richness ov thee Self. We have no

room for those who lie to, or about themselves for they are choosing thee road

to bitterness and self-hate; to thee decay ov delusion.

In the Temple we seek the Joy ov Life. We reclaim thee initiative ov

ACTION, ov EXPERIMENT, ov CREATIVITY. We release the Magickal process from the

chains ov thee past. We are thee Psychick Warriors ov Love.

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> OCCULTURE <

Culture could be defined as thee way we see ourselves, reflected in our

philosophy, laws, creative and spiritual aspirations and style ov living. Thee

overall blanket definition ov culture encompasses popular culture, basically

a sop to placate; youth culture, which is thee arbiter ov change and thee

culture based on the traditionally defined roles, which is normally the province ov a self-perpetuating so-called elite.

As culture is the reflection, so "Occult" describes the underlying or

"Hidden" forces that subtly determine inspiration.

"Occulture" fuses these two descriptions ov being, the term implying a

cataclysmic element. An integration between thee product and that which inspires

it. Thee laws ov Cause and Effect manifested.

Occult energy, by its very nature, has for long been thee subject ov much

mystique. Access has often been hindered by self-appointed guardians who mis-understood a basic rule - that the receptacle can only manifest the energy that it is designed to receive. A quote from Crowley - "Refine thy Rapture" illustrates this concept. What is basically meant is that our intake is governed by the sensitivity, knowledge, and strength that we have amassed at the time. Unless there is that in our structure which is developed enough to correspond to a particular force, the force by-passes us, as gas by-passes an electric plug. We are microcosmic in our being, but partial in our realized consciousness.

By combining occult and culture a more readily available access can be made into understanding the subtle pivot between the two definitions. Thus culture can be seen as less of an arbitrary phenomenon and the occult less of a mystery. Occulture pre-supposes a tenable link, a link that can be seen in actuality by the movements and methods of a people in motion.

What makes up a society? Do not think that a hierarchical peer-group structure, closely defined by a high materiality, truly illustrates the concept of a society. A society posits a certain amount of structure, the structure being actualized by the understanding of certain physically defined archetypes that are readily identifiable with the human consciousness. Under the premise of the "Readily Identifiable", material aims that soothe and placate rather than inspire, are the norm in society.

There is an aspect of human consciousness that fears and is antithetical to change. This type of attitude is standard practice in today's society - hostile to new ideas, transposing small aims and commitments into great ones; a stifling of progress and exploration. Placebos take the place of the real thing and projection onto actuality dismisses reality as a jungle outside the borders of human achievement. Inside these strict parameters achievement becomes the domain of boredom.

These things that harm us most are what we create ourselves. Structure is helpful and parameters mark progress but limits should be for definition, not a constriction of freedom. Those that restrict freedom are jailors. Those that

jealously guard thee "occult" lack knowledge ov a crucial point, that  
it is US

- why should we be denied access to ourselves?

Via thee term "occulture" we can reach a greater degree in our  
understanding  
ov what it is that motivates our actions. Culture, ideally, is thee  
outward  
manifestation ov thee way in which we understand thee totality ov our  
being  
and thee way in which it fits with thee totality ov others' beings and  
thee  
universe we find ourselves in. Occulture blends that with thee forces  
that fuel  
us.

We are making tentative steps to separate thee lies ov illusion from  
a  
more tenable reality. William Burroughs and Brion Gysin showed us a way  
with  
thee idea ov "cut-ups". They saw words as being powerful tools, both ov  
opression and liberation. By changing thee sequence ov words they allow  
thee  
intuitive faculty ov the reader to coum into play, and thee underlying  
meanings ov written statements, in a paradoxical way, are revealed to  
us.  
Like Zen poetry. Bringing a release from thee hypnotic control that  
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can have for us. Giving back their own power. Activating a new language  
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this time.

Let us expand thee definitions ov our reality.

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Greetings Allies!

Welcome to what iz almost thee first issue ov Thee TOPY OnLine  
Digest...

E am planning to put these out at least on thee 23rd ov each month,  
perhaps  
more if there iz enough material...

so! get thee hint and send coum essays, ideas, thoughts, questions  
etc to:

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please tell me if you DO NOT want eour letter included! e dont want to  
offend  
anyone!! :-)

Things e am looking to include in v1.0:

Computerized Sigils  
Philosophy ov thee Internet  
Chaos Magick  
Thee Grail Legend  
Magickal Practices ov thee Nazis

so, if you have coum info on these things (or anything) send it our  
way!

now, on with thee show.....!.....!

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Magick  
By Coyote 23

What might be called the conventional magician, say those trained in the Golden Dawn, will spend a great deal of time and effort undergoing mental discipline training, thus enabling them to induce altered states of awareness such as trances.

The Golden Dawn system places strong emphasis on astral projection. The 'ordinary' persons (myself) reaction to this approach is 'I can't do that.' It's only after a long time, if at all, that you see any results. Perhaps we don't have the necessary commitment but then why should we when its value can only be seen once you've done it. Lots of people dabble in magick but get no further. Also the results and practise of such systems seem irrelevant to and in conflict with everyday life. This is not to undervalue mental discipline, but simply to say that most people don't have sufficient or the commitment and desire to develop it. Sex magick provides a more accessible approach. Combining immediate results with a system of mental training.

Being more accessible it reduces the need for Gurus and given the individual a chance to develop. This is still a method of mental training or psychic development, to help integrate The Self. Now as I've tried to indicate such experiences of integration do occur naturally in 'normal life.' This is the great value of using sex in magick. It bases the action on altered psychic states which are readily achieved and could be familiar if you bother to look at them. Such states, continuous reminders of our wholeness, do occur naturally in a number of forms to everyone. Even if they are difficult to induce or control they will still happen. The important point is that anyone can and does experience greatly altered/enlightened states of awareness. You don't have to be a great adept. Anyone can, during certain periods, be that Integrated whole self. You use the energies released to direct every area of your life. Enjoy your Self ... you are whole.

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Tantric Masturbation  
by Brandy Williams

I prefer an outside location against the base of a friendly tree or on a deserted beach. Where I now live, I have access to a large shower with a

carpet and a big soft upholstered lounge chair that works well.

My greatest success happens during my moontime when I am menstruating. At that time I feel a substantial quantitative increase in the internal heat generated by this technique.

Sealing: To seal means to close the chakras (the energy centers of the aura) and the body orifices, with a touch and a visualization. I lightly touch my fingertips to the top of my head, forehead, eyes, nose, ears, mouth, throat, between my breasts, solar plexus, genitals, anus and feet. With each touch I visualize a circle closing, like the petals of a flower closing for the night. I finish the seal by drawing a circle around myself. I pass my hands over my heart center, over my head, along my body, under my feet, and back to my heart center. At the same time I visualize a blue light trailing from my fingertips, making a blue oval to enclose me.

When I seal before masturbating or making love, I feel an increase of heat in my heart and genitals; and I don't feel tired or drained or lonely or scared when I'm done - I feel warm and cherished, by myself or by my partner.

I also find that if I do not seal or protect myself during my moontime, I experience a much more severe exhaustion after using this technique, a 'loss of energy' similar to that which my partner describes when he ejaculates frequently. I hear from a lot of Tantric writers that male bodies must conserve their energy, but that female bodies may give endlessly; from my experience I do not find that statement to be true. Female bodies also lose fluids.

Breathing Rhythmically: I use a 6-3-6-3 pattern. I inhale for six heartbeats, hold the air in my lungs for three heartbeats, exhale for six, and rest without breathing for three. An easier and more common pattern is to inhale for four beats and exhale four beats.

Whenever I do any kind of magic, I use this breath pattern, so for me it's linked to feeling sacred and powerful. It also makes me breathe more deeply, which relaxes me. Breathing meditation in general helps me clear my



mind. Later, there will be a time to generate images. For now, I want to clear out extraneous material. I'm not going to think about the article I'm writing or what I'm making for dinner. I'm going to make love to myself, and only that. The breathing helps me to concentrate.

Autoerotic Stimulation: The first step in actually making self-love is to stimulate myself and watch while I'm doing it. I'm not talking about just stimulation of the clitoris (or penis) by hand - I rub my body against the surface I'm on - earth or sand or soft cloth. I stroke the whole of my body, and suck whatever I can comfortably reach with my mouth. The quality of this touch is light, gentle and cherishing ... which doesn't mean that it isn't passionate, only that it is not perfunctory or violent.

Heightened Pleasure: Just before I climax, I stop. I visualize a column of gold or white energy rising from my genitals to my heart center hot. When I stop the physical stimulation just short of contraction, I get some of the same effects as in full-orgasm. I feel sensation in my clitoris, a sense of my body trembling slightly, a brief cessation of thought, and perhaps one or two very small vaginal contractions. My partner experiences similar effects, including penile contractions. However, I don't allow myself a full set of contractions, and he doesn't allow himself ejaculation. We call this 'climax without ejaculation' and 'climax without contractions.' (Obviously, our language isn't set up to discuss this.)

This (hopefully specific) description does not convey the pleasure of the experience. This is a smaller-scaled orgasm, not as intense or as uncontrollable as a full orgasm, but still fun.

When I start a session, I require some stimulation and time to climax (without contraction) the first three times. Thereafter, I experience a sort of perpetual state of almost-climax (with contraction). I become very physically quiet, limiting stimulation to clitoris only, and hit a series of peaks of intense pleasure.

Parenthetically, my partner reports a very recent experience. He's getting a climax with partial ejaculation. He reports the sensations and penile contractions are slightly less intense than all-out orgasm. The ejaculate is

a different color: clear, not white. There is no loss of erection or arousal. We don't know what's going on here biologically. It is, at this point, an involuntary experience.

The advantage of being able to make love while retaining a more or less indefinite state of arousal is obvious. Tantric masturbation is a good place to learn, where no one will be upset if you go over the edge, and where the learning can progress more quickly because you're in complete control.

Visualization: The second stage of making love to myself is to generate imagery. I close my eyes and lift my head so that my head so that my spine is more or less straight. In my mind's eye, I see a column of gold or white light rising from my genitals, along my spine, through the chakras, and out through the top of my head to a globe two or three hand-widths above. At the same time I feel an increase of internal heat where the column passes, until my central body, from genitals to head, is a flame.

Some people refer to this as 'rousing Kundalini.' They visualize the flame as a serpent raising its body. This is supposed to bring enlightenment. It is also supposed to make the entire body shake uncontrollably, and to be dangerous to do without the guidance of a master.

I experienced that kind of reaction once. It did frighten me. I stopped, and it immediately went away. I have a friend who experienced this kind of vibration in a chakra meditation and thought, 'Wonderful! I'm doing something right.' So I think that what a guide might do is explain that the reaction is normal and safe. This is useful to me, as I don't know any Tantric masters.

Most writers, however, say to go out and find yourself one.

Indian Tantric mythology talks about a dancer, Shiva, and his snake, Shakti. They create the Universe. I know another myth: Eurynome, the Goddess, who danced in The Void and formed Ophion, the Snake, from the wind. They created the Universe also.

I use both images. The idea is to raise the Kundalini in my spine (the snake) up to my crown chakra (the dancer) and to unite them. The snake coils around the dancer's legs, body, genitals, and chest, licking the dancer's face.

I imagine how a snake would feel coiled around my own body of light,  
slippery,  
and moist with my sweat, undulating rhythmically.

Alternatively, I see a being of light whose outlines dissolve in  
radiance,  
neither male nor female, remote from me, infinitely compassionate, with  
me and  
yet apart, stretching hands out to almost touch me, imparting great  
love and  
wisdom.

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[ Treat this with a little more salt than usual! - 129 ]

Treatise concerning the Hitler-U.F.O.-Satanic Connection  
Author Unknown

The first light that touched the infant Hitler's soft pink skin also  
touched  
the town of Braumau-am-inn, near the Austrian border. At that time,  
Braumau-  
am-inn was known as the birthplace of both mediums and mystics, and  
thus the  
seed of occult knowledge was already inside the babe Hitler. When  
Adolf Hitler  
first beheld the so-called 'Spear of Destiny' he experienced a vision  
he could  
not speak of.....

In the early days of the war, Hitler, a man capable of intense  
anxiety and  
nervousness, was quite calm in his conquests of Europe. He acted in  
power  
because he knew through occult 'vision' that he would meet no  
resistance, we  
are told. But where did he get these strange powers? The seed did not  
sprout  
by itself, there was help by occult gardeners; he was assisted by such  
secret  
societies as the Golden Dawn, the Vrill Society and the Thule Society.

The Golden Dawn was formed in the United Kingdom circa. 1885 by S.L.  
MacGregor Mathers in association with W. Wynn Westcott and others.  
Mathers was

in contact with a group of 'super beings' or 'preater-human  
intelligences',  
which held the office of the 'Secret Chiefs' of the Great White  
Brotherhood.

Mathers described them in a letter to the 'members of the Second  
Order':

'as for me, I believe there are human beings living on this Earth, but  
endowed

with terrible supernatural powers.' The rituals of the Golden Dawn  
were based

on a cipher manuscript found in a tome by Eliphaz Levi and the Order  
attracted

the attention of famous writers, artists and English leaders such as  
Bram Stoker, W.B. Yeats, Sir Aleister Crowley and Bulwer Lytton.

Lytton's book

'The Coming Race' influenced both the Vril Society and Adolf Hitler profoundly; we shall discuss this shortly.... An early member of the Golden Dawn was Karl Haushoffer. He was known in Hitler's circle as 'The General with Second Sight.' Rudolf Hess studied geo-politics under Haushoffer's direction, he advised Hitler to write 'Mein Kampf' and suggested the swastika as the party symbol. Haushoffer had toured the East, and it was while in Asia that he began investigating the Buddhist tradition of 'Aghtartha,' the name for the underground world. Mongolian monks are said to be in contact with the under-people. Perhaps this is the reason that Haushoffer stated 'he who controls Mongolia will control the world.'

Of mutual friends between Sir Aleister Crowley and Adolf Hitler, two are most notable; Martha K^ntzel (who translated 'Liber Al vel Legis' or 'The Book of the Law, a work written in 1904, which foretold the coming of 'the war lord of the fourties,' Adolf Hitler, into German) and Capt. J.F.C. Fuller, a student of Crowley's and reportedly 'the only Englishman what Hitler liked.' Capt. Fuller was the only Briton invited to Adolf's 50th birthday celebration.

Let us now examine Hitler's involvement with the Vril[e] and Thule societies: the Thule was a Germanic magical order similar to the Pansophia, founded by Herr Tranker of the German O.T.O. and those people then labeled as 'the German Rosicrucian movement.' The Vril society was a philosophical order based on the belief of Vril energy, which, according to Madame H.P. Blavatsky in her 'Secret Doctrine'; 'we can understand, they say, the necessity for concealing from the herd such secrets as the Vril, or the rock destroying force, discovered by John W. Keely of Philadelphia, PA....' It was also Keely, in the 19th century discovered 'perpetual motion.' Elsewhere in this same work she notes 'if the question is asked why Mr. Keely was not allowed to pass a certain limit, the answer is easy; it is because that, which he has unconsciously discovered is the terrible sidereal force, known to, and named by the Aryan Rishis in their Astra Vidya by a name we do not like to give.' Hitler became aware of Vril through Lytton's novel 'The Coming Race' which suggested that a race of highly advanced beings living underground had in its control a force

called 'Vril-ya,' a power associated with the Hindoo 'prana,' the 'yesod' of the Cabalists, the QeleVma of Hermes, Schr^Zedinge's 'negative entrophy' or the 'quintessence' of the alchemists. As early as 1936 Hitler was sending teams of 'Spelunkers' into caves and mines all over Europe searching for Vril-ya. The NAZI's had also explored Antartica extensively during the years 1937-1938 where they found, like Admiral Byrd, warm water lakes and doubtlessly as Byrd found, one of the biggest of the two polar entrances to the Inner Earth. It is there that they no doubt had a summit with the ^\_bermensch or supermen at the Gates of Eden itself, in the legendary polar-rim city, Rainbow City.

'The New Man is living amongst us now, he is here. Isn't that enough for you?

I will tell you a secret; I have seen the New Man. He is intrepid and cruel.

I was afraid of him.'

Hitler was quoted as having said of the extraterrestrials. While the Vril

Society's official view was as such: 'The world will change, the Lords will

emerge from the center of the earth. Unless we have made an alliance with them

and become Lords ourselves, we shall find ourselves among the slaves, on the

dung-heap that will feed the roots of the new cities that will arise.'

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Dada, Merz, and the National Socialist Party party  
by Sibyl Moholy-Nagy

"The following night the German Press Association gave a banquet for the Italians, to which we had received an personal invitation from Marinetti. Moholy was unwilling to go. He had been shadowed by the SS; his refusal to submit his paintings to the censorship of the National Socialist Art Chamber to obtain a 'work permit' had been followed by threats of arrest. His cleaning woman had stolen his mail and had delivered it to the Blockwart (political block warden), and some of his associates had disappeared mysteriously. He was done with Germany, and on his last night in Berlin he didn't feel like sitting down with the new rulers. But Kurt Schwitters, who was our house guest at the time, insisted on going, to honor the revolutionary in Marinetti, and he

finally persuaded Moholy to join him. ....

"The banquet offered a very different picture from the lecture the night before and confirmed all of Moholy's misgivings. Short of Hitler, all the Nazis were present: Goebbels and Goring, August Wilhelm of Hohenzollern, the president of the Berlin university, Gerhart Hauptmann, once the torchbearer of revolution but now a chipped plaster image of Goethe. Hess was there, and with him was fat Rohm, whose days were already numbered. These officials were sitting along a huge horse-shoe table, while Nazi underlings and the artists whom Marinetti had insisted upon inviting sat at individual tables. Moholy, Schwitters, and I were sandwiched between the head of the National Socialist Organization for Folk Culture, and the leader of the 'Strength Through Joy' movement. The disharmony between the guests was accentuated by the absence of speeches and an unlimited consumption of excellent German Rhine wine. Moholy was silent. His face was shuttered, and when our eyes met I saw that he was full of resentment. The more Schwitters drank, the more fondly he regarded his neighbor.

'I love you, you Cultural Folk and Joy,' he said. 'Honestly I love you. You think I'm not worthy of sharing your chamber, your art chamber for strength and folk, ha? I'm an idiot too, and I can prove it.'

Moholy put his hand firmly on Schwitters' arm and for a few moments he was silent, drinking rapidly and searching the blank face of his neighbor with wild blue eyes.

'You think I'm a Dadaist, don't you,' he suddenly started again. 'That's where you're wrong, brother. I'm MERZ.' He thumped his wrinkled dress shirt near his heart. 'I'm Aryan--the great Aryan MERZ. I can think Aryan, paint Aryan, spit Aryan.'

He held an unsteady fist before the man's nose.

'With this Aryan fist I shall destroy the mistakes of my youth--If you want me to--' he added in a whisper after a long sip.

There was no reaction at all from the 'Strength Through Joy' man while the official from the Folk Culture Organization nodded droolingly, his round cheeks puffed up with wine and amazement. Schwitters took a sudden liking to him.

'Oh joyful babyface,' he muttered, tears running down his cheeks.  
'You will  
not prohibit me from MERZing my MERZ art?'

The word 'prohibit' had finally penetrated the foggy brain of the 'Strength Through Joy' man.

'Prohibited is prohibited [Verboten ist verboten],' he said with great firmness and a heavy tongue. 'And when the Fuhrer says 'Ja' he says 'Ja' and when the Fuhrer says "Nein' he says 'Nein'. Heil Hitler!'

Schwitters looked wildly at Moholy, at me, at Marinetti, but before he could incite anyone to action, Marinetti had risen from his chair. He swayed considerably and his face was purple.

'My friends,' he said in French, 'After the many excellent speeches tonight' --the silent officials winced---'I feel the urge to thank the great, courageous, high-spirited people of Berlin. I shall recite my poem 'The Raid on Adrianople.'

There was polite applause. Some nice poetry would break the embarrassing dullness of the dinner.

'Adrianople est cerne de toutes parts SSSSrrrrr zitzitzitzitzi' roared Marinetti.

'Ouah ouah ouah. depart des trains suicides, ouah ouah ouah' The audience gasped, a few hushed giggles were audible.

'Tchip tchip tchip---feeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeelez!' He grabbed a wineglass and smashed it to the floor.

'Tchip tchip tchip---des messages telegraphiques, couturieres Americaines.

Piiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiing, sssssssssrrrrrrrrr zitzit                    toum toum  
Patrou  
ille tapie----'

Marinetti threw himself over the table.

'Vaniteeeeeee, viande congeleeeeeeeee--veilleuse de La Madone.' expiring almost as a whisper from his lips.

Slowly he slid to the floor, his clenched fingers pulling the tablecloth downward, wine, food, plates, and silverware puring into the laps of the notables.

Schwitters had jumped up at the first sound of the poem. Like a horse at a familiar sound the Dadaist in him responded to the signal. His face flushed, his mouth open, he followed each of Marinetti's moves with his own body.

In the momentary silence that followed the climax his eyes met Moholy's.

"Oh Anna Blume,' he whispered, and suddenly breaking out into a roar that drowned the din of protesting voices and scraping chair legs, he thundered:

'Oh Anna Blume  
Du bist von hinten wie von vorn

A-n-n-a. '

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1> Statement...

Well, Here E am again! Thee EXTREME amount ov inclement weather here in Seattle won't keep me from getting this out (although it may be a couple days late!)

E thank eou all for eour encouragement and other feedback. E appreciate it!

This issue marks my first anniversary as an act-ive member ov TOPY, as such E thought it would be interesting to ask others in thee network about their experiences while in thee Tribe. Coyote 131 was wonderful in his reply! While his thoughts may seem strange to those that don't know about thee work ov TOPY, his honesty alone reflects one ov thee main goals ov TOPY!!

Coum ov my work this y-era has been with thee use ov computers as Magickal Weapons. As >my< report, E present a first draft on Computers and Sigils.

Next we have an essay by Kali 100 from TOPY SoCal (Kalifornia). This is reprinted from their "First Transmisson" booklet. E dont have their new address lying around, but e-mail if eou are interested in writing them..

Finally, coum excerpts from thee Grey Book. Thee "bible" [haha] ov thee  
Psychick Youth movement. E encourage eou to write to TOPY US to get a  
copy  
if eou are at all interested in becouming involved in thee work ov thee  
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> include a couple stamps and tell them that eou get this mailer...

now thee wants list:

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Info on Thee Typhonian OTO  
Info on MKULTRA Experiments  
Info on Thee Holy Grail  
Info on Sex

Enough? see eou next month... E will have an essay by John Balance on  
Tantrik  
masturbation, among other things... SEND EOUR ESSAY NOW!!

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From: The wolf yoked to the hitching post of Ganesh.  
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Subject: First Annual Report  
Date: Sat, 15 Dec 90 18:47:40 PDT

As E near thee end ov 1990 and thee last Sigil ov this y-era E  
look back at our growth, our expectations and thee changes in our  
expectations...at a young age E realized there was great 'power' in  
thee  
orgasm and experimented intuitively with thee different mind altering  
capabilities of masturbation...thee following is one ov thee  
experiments...even though E had NO belief in gods and demons...at least  
not beyond our own mindscapes as Jungian archtypes...E would make L-ov-  
E  
to thee Moon...when thee Moon was full E would venture out beyond thee  
field ov vision from thee farm house in which E grew up...into thee  
fields and would strip naked at all times ov thee y-era...winter was  
exceptionally exhilarating with thee intense cold and eeery light  
reflecting off ov thee lunar landscape formed by thee snow...there E  
would make my 'psychick scrifice' to thee Moon...thee E-fects produced  
by  
such an orgasm were incredibly different than ordianry  
masturbation...it would  
give us heightened awareness and a sense ov transendence...at thee time  
E was not very theoretical as to what E was doing or what was happening  
to us...E did feel as if E was touching something Magickal...E had been  
told many superstions regarding thee luancy producing E-fects ov Thee  
Full Moon and had quite a phobia regarding sleeping in thee light ov  
the  
full moon...so such L-ov-E was quite taboo breaking in that fiyst E was

touching myself, secondly E was touching myself not out of mundane sexual satisfaction but out of a desire to touch something deeper in our 'self' and thirdly E was breaking a personal taboo doing such a personal act in the light of the Full Moon...at the time E might have thought it a reaction to the gravity affecting the waters in our inner ear...or possibly a reaction to the archetype of the goddess Luna E was creating with the power of our OV...E do not now know our thoughts...it has been ten years...but E most certainly felt an Energy...days go by...E leave the farm and the fields of our youth for college and apartment life...E am intrigued by mysticism in all cultures and particularly the study of Tantra and other psycho-sexual rituals...the taboo breaking of Tantra particularly interests us...as does the Tantrik concept of the WHOLE person one who has integrated both the male and the female principles within one's 'self'... but am turned off by the heterosexism inherent in many narrow minded Western interpretations of Tantra...many of the sexual rites are called 'left-handed' or by the above mentioned westerners 'evil'... and the few all male rites or onanistic rites that have homosexual references such as the direct stimulation of the lowest 'chakra' with a 'lingam' that is in less esoteric terms the stimulation of the area below the genitals (ie the anus and prostate gland or sponge in the female) with a dildo which is symbolic of the creative power in male sexual Energy...these are considered extremely 'lefthanded' or 'evil' and are usually only mentioned in passing and in negative terms...this lack of information and fear of the Red Death (AIDS) led to us to begin devising our own system of Tantra which E gave a working title of O.T.M. for Onanistic Tantrik Meditation...about this time E received the Grey Book...there was much synchronicity...firstly between the sigilizing process and our own O.T.M. concept...secondly the drawing of blood, the spilling of it on a paper and then the signing of the paper was very taboo breaking...due to its resemblance to Medieval pacts with the Devil...these were all taboos which E held even though as E stated E do not believe in 'external' demons... and it also incorporated well with the use of blood in Tantrik rites...the third synchronicity was that the Grey Book arrived was read and our first Sigil was performed on the first 23rd of this year....

The first Sigil was done impromptu...E had just finished reading the Grey Book and it was near the 23rd hour of the day...so E got a candle and put on the stereo Themes 2...the mind altering power of sound interests me...E ritually bathed...this consists of laying in the bath and giving our 'self' a golden shower...other than the alchemic significance of this the turning of a base act into gold...E also imagined that all of the negative Energy in our body to be passing out of E with the urine...and then quickly showering...E then knelt before the candle with a dagger E smuggled from Mexico, a pen and paper...quickly jotting down the most ideal sexual fantasy E could think of in the time remaining...in essence it had S/M overtones dealing

with Control...being completely in control, aggressive, aware, active and  
penetrating...this being the Tibetan model of male sexual Energy the inverse of the Hindu model where the male is passive... having sex with the complete opposite or an ambiguous sex...this model I have continued to use...at the time it was only the most ideal fantasy, only later did I begin to realize some of the symbolism involved and in fact I am still discovering something new each time...I then marked the paper with the most relevant symbol at the time, a Psychick Cross...I spit, cut hair and pubic hair placing it in the spit...I then cut myself quickly and sharply just enough to draw a drop of blood which I smeared on our signature... excitation is hard after cutting, but by concentrating hard on the fantasy I was also able to get hard...a true act of WILL...I then masturbated to climax contemplating one of three things alternately...the fantasy...the flickering flame of the candle...the concept of the Temple 'where' an unknown number were also Sigilizing at that moment...this last focus was overwhelming and what brought about the climax...covering I, the floor and the nearby paper with OV... I had gone into this first Sigil with NO expectations...and came out with a sense of transcendence I had not had for years...

The next few sigils were not as nearly as awe inspiring...I did not lose heart...I changed the ritual music I used to some of our own origin literally...using tapes of the sounds of sex and our first tattoo combined with I playing the Tibetan Bell, Bowl and Thighbone Trumpet ...along with the Enochian Chanting of Crowley and the tolling of a funeral bell ...this piece is very mind altering in itself...at least for I...probably due to how personal these sounds are... (for more theories on this see: The Job by W.S.B.)...this ritual music greatly enhanced the Sigilizing Process by making it more my own...

The next great change came during "The Rites of Passage"...the greatest hurdle for I was the lack of control...until I had dream flashes of our ideal fantasy...only from a different view point...from the object of our lust...I experienced a loss of subject-object relationships and had a sense of WHOLENESS...

The next Sigil I performed was a spontaneous act...I was using the dreamachine and began to have clear distinct images of our ideal fantasy...so I took that as an omen even though this was not on the 23rd...grabbed a blank piece of paper and the dagger using the dreamachine as the only light source... I performed the Sigil with 'eyes' closed...

The penultimate Sigil of 1990 was performed after spending the entire day on psycho-active chemicals...this one was the most meaningful one thus far...the paper I used was an extra photocopy I made of the hermaphrodite form of Siva\Sakti...with the left side feminine and the right side masculine...the Tantrik symbol of satiation without

desire...during this Sigil E had dream flashes ov thee ideal fantasy from thee point ov view ov fist as subject then as object and back and forth til E once again E transcendent thee concept ov subject-object and experienced a sense ov WHOLEness...accompanied by Eg0 loss...thee goal ov Tantrik ritual...this last Sigil left E with a sense ov 'satisfaction with out desire' and E WILL try not to let thee most recent success create great expectations as thee first Sigil did.

"Time spelled backwards  
is Emit...  
Time is that which Emits."

G.P-O.

L-ov-E  
Coyote 131

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> Computers and Sigilization <kitsune@u.washington.edu>  
by Coyote 129

E stumbled upon thee idea ov Computerized Sigils in late 1989, while drawing Op-Art patterns on my old Commodore 64. There was a specific process that E performed on a seed image, that would always result in a distinct (yet similar) result. It seemed to me that this was very much like thee way in which AOS made his sigils. E performed 2 rituals using this tech-nique, both ov which have since coum to fruition... :-)

E refined this core idea even further when E got an Amiga. Its sophisticated grafix enabled me to manipulate images in ways that E never imagined with thee 64....

A favorite method ov myne is to take an image that represents thee idea that E wish to make a sigil ov, perhaps mapped over another image, or coum text, and turn that image into a brush. Then shrink thee brush, to perhaps 1/16th ov original size... then enlarge back to original size. This will erase all detail and eou will end up with a good stylized image.

Collage is another good method. E use this method in conjunction with thee

other method for a more direct visual stimuli. By combining stylized images with "normal" images, you can program both your waking and un-waking minds.

E recently got another tool to use, E was informed of the ability of GNU Emacs to do cut-ups:

M-x dissociated-press [M is the Emacs slang for the "ESC" key...]

Is how one does cutups in emacs...Supposedly giving it a positive argument cuts-up by letter. Negative argument means cut-up by word... It starts and places the results in the buffer Dissociations and asks you if you want more rearrangement... Much ^?more info in the INFO tree under Amusements Node...

E did this to a copy of last month's mailer... here is the output:

He was  
done withouah ouah ouah'  
To obtain a 'wonderful! I'm doing for thee commight be called to the signary ings Allies!

Welcome quality of the auring column of Moholy' me, I beliends,' he said to the floor, viande congels and Goring, Aught, and perhaps making a blue of aware human being heliphaz Levisualization: Thee could

ing enlight.' Rudolk Culture Organization formit' hada, Merz, and thefood, fat Rohm, now, I wanything) send it. Sidths allow myself a full of my hitler pink skin alsocieties legs, body, Mersons (mysecret Chiefs' of touch I visualizel (who translatered loungenitalstered lounge swastikarl Haushoughts, quiet for the Golden Dawn, will dawn sychick Youth. Isn't thale for six: Nov, 23. 1990

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Hess work writtentional magical ejaculation. Lytton's  
boo

E am very excited by the potential of this new tool.

more to follow... l-ov-e: 129

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EXPRESSING EMOTIONS

b/ Kali 100

Love and hate are positive and negative emotions. They are opposite from each other and they both, in a sense, need each other. Or do they?

Every human being feels emotion. Emotion being Love, Hate, and everything in between. But where do these emotions come from? We will discuss the answers to this question step by step

First, emotions tend to come from what we see and hear on TV and related media.

Since the emotions from TV and related media are almost always over dramatized, they aren't exactly true to life. People have a tendency to act-out the emotions they see, therefore, over-dramatizing their own true feelings in any given situation. Over a long period of time, the dramatization becomes real. This can explain why many people are "over-emotional" sometimes or all the time.

Second, emotions come from family and friends. We see how people we know express their feelings, so we mimick each other, because we are never taught or given the chance to express how we feel in a true spirit. Its kind of like monkey-see, monkey-do. Now the result of all this is billions of people running around mimicking each other with over-dramatized love and hate, and saying its natural behavior. Is it really?

Third, emotions come from within. We all love, hate, feel sadness, happiness, and so on. How we express these is extremely important. No one can tell anyone how to truly express their own emotions, we realize it on our own when the time is right. There are some things, however, that should be considered..

WE are responsible for how WE feel, and how WE express that feeling.

Putting "blame" and placing "fault" on others for how we feel is something that we have been taught and shown to do, by TV, related media, and, in broader terms, society.

Controlling your emotions, and the emotions of others is another thing that we have been taught to do.

Emotions are mental, and should not be manifested in negative ways. Negative being: blame, fault, control, violence, etc.

To sum up, we are told to be-lie-ve that the "real" world is like TV. Soap Opera love and hate. We are told to be paranoid of our neighbors. Trust no one! Hate, hate, hate! Hate what we tell you to hate, love only people, things, and gods we tell you to love. Feel only what we tell you to feel, and we'll tell you how to express it.

The person who explores their real Self, who is in touch with their real Self, who sees life as flat people dont see, is usually less apt to be over-emotional. They feel ALL emotions, but are always trying to learn to express them in positive ways. Consider this:

If a person never said, wrote, or made any action negatively towards ANYTHING, EVER; and just kept their negative thoughts to themslef, they would therefore not generate any outward negative energy, thus generating only positive, right? Wouldn't this person then have to be relieved of all negative energy towards them? They would receive only positive: then they wouldn't have any negative to keep to themself. They would therefore have no conception ov what negative is. It was never given to them, so they never felt it, experienced it, or gave it to anyone else.

Negative destroys itself. Thee all negative human will eventually destroy their self. Thee positive human will receive positive, and will eliminate negativities inside them, and negatives towards them. What exactly is positive? When it all comes down to it...it's LOVE. Integrate your whole Self by loving and knowing your Self. Through ritual, sigil, and interaction with others, we learn to love our Self. When we love our Self, we love life. Love is positive. Psychick Youth strive to love and know their Self. When establishment control eventually destroys itself, thee human race can survive, only through positive energy. Thee time is NOW. It's never too late to start to love and know your Self. Eliminate thee negative, touch your Self, dont be afraid ov your Self, live in your True Self reality. We will survive.

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Excerpts from Thee Grey Book.

THOSE WHO DO NOT REMEMBER THEE PAST ARE CONDEMNED TO REPEAT IT.

Thee Temple strives to end personal laziness and engender discipline. To focus the will on one's true desires, in thee belief, gathered from experience that this maximises and makes happen all those things that one wants in every area ov Life.



Clean out thee trappings and debris of compromise, ov what eou've been told is 'reasonable' for a person in eour circumstances. Be clear in admitting eour real desires. Discard all irrelevancies. Ask eourself who eou want as friends, if eou need or want to work, what eou want to eat. Check and Re-Check everything deeper and deeper, more and more precisely to get closer to and ultimatly integrate with eour Real Self.

Once eou are focussed on eour Self internally, thee external aspects ov eour life will fall into place. They have to.

Skeptics will say they simply don't believe this Psychick process works. but it does.

It is thee Key to thee Temple.

Our enemies are flat.  
Our enemies are three-dimentional.  
Our enemies are continuity and coherence.  
Our enemies are restriction and confinement.  
Our enemies are guilt and fear.  
Our enemies are material.  
Our enemies are direction and fact.  
Our enemies are Because.

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- 1) Yes?  
Hello?  
Yes, hello.

As you may ov notice Coyote 129 is not editor this time around...  
Coyote 129 has moved to San Francisco, creating havoc and what not there...  
hopefully Coyote 129 will find access to E-mail there so as to continue this  
project...but until then E will fill as best as E am able...during thee move and transfer ov thee account some ov thee files have been misplaced...so even though E had planned on using some ov thee mail including poems and articles to fill out this Transmission...E am not able to...so at thee last minute E have put together some "found objects"...  
such as thee article on Chaos Magick for which there had been many requests...please send in anything which you wish to share...by sharing we "touch" one another...all help will be much appreciated.

Our thanks go to Nuit...without whom E could NOT have done this.

Our L-OV-E goes to Coyote 129...with whom our thoughts are.

may all sentient  
beings be happy

Coyote 131

"I use orgasm to do stuff from healing myself  
to creating familiars to do the housework!!"

John Balance

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2) One of the files lost was the announcement of a TOPY SoCal E-vent...  
all I remember was that it was to occur on the 8th of February and I believe a multimedia E-vent at an 18+ club...I could be wrong...those interested in more info should contact I and I WILL let you know when I receive more info.

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3) THE MAGUS by Peter Carroll

As a master of magic the Adept has some ability to change himself and the reality which surrounds him at will. The mark of a Magus however is that he is able to show other people how to change themselves into whatever they desire through the discipline of magic. There are two main types of genuine Magus, the Apotheosis Magus and the Nemesis Magus. Additionally there is the Hierophant or pseudo-magus. Each is recognizable by the debris left in his wake.

The Apotheosis Magus, sometimes known as the Harlequin, is typically a master of internal disguise and often external disguise also. Frequently a person of fallstaffian tastes and grand gestures, he often distinguishes himself in a variety of human endeavors precisely because he has attained the freedom to be anything at all. Such freedom is often won only after a tremendous personal struggle to repair the effects of a difficult start in life. The Apotheosis Magus teaches by encouraging emulation and then often finally capping it with outrage. His play, which is often never consciously formulated, is to provide a role model for emulation by his acolytes and perhaps later to drive them away and throw them back on their own resources, the horizons of which have been expanded by the encounter. The essential trick of the Apotheosis Magus is to present magic as a source of boundless self confidence. If he can convince his acolytes that they are magicians capable of anything such beliefs will tend to become self fulfilling. The Apotheosis Magus implies this through the triumph of the will. The Nemesis Magus implies it by showing that nothing is true. Both aim to set the imagination free. Both are exponents of a short and dangerous path which is inevitably strewn with casualties and misunderstandings. Yet this is considered to be a small price to pay if a few do win through to a more effective self definition.

The continual setbacks, reverses and dry periods to which the magical tradition is habitually prone are due to the frequent appearance of the Hierophant or pseudo-magus figure. The Hierophant always presents himself as an exponent representative of something greater than himself. Out of the multiple of roles, identities and behaviors that a person might adopt, the Hierophant presents a single model as

an ideal. This is particularly convenient for the Hierophant as he need not be a perfect example of his own ideal although he must at least make a show of trying in public. Additionally, as it is he who defines the ideal, it is comparatively easy for him always to appear one step closer to it than his accolytes. Of course most Hierophants are merely religious teachers who rarely venture into esoterics because of the potentially immense costs of public failure. Yet there remains a depressingly long roll call of dishonor for occult Hierophants or psuedo-magi.

The Hierophant inevitably teaches a system of magic that he has either assembled from pieces or inherited. The most enduring systems are those which are highly complicated, and of low magical effectiveness.

They should furthermore be surrounded with hosts of petty exhortations. Aleister Crowley dabbled in the Hierophant mode but was a supreme exponent of the Apotheosis Magus role. Nobody of any potential adhered to him for long but many were ejected to find their own path. Crowley's writings are liberally salted with deliberate invitations to emulation and hero worship and as equally peppered with devices designed to repel. However their effect has never been quite as reliable as the presence of the magus himself was.

The Apotheosis path is lonely, difficult and dangerous. Such a magus must be all things to all men and women. As a matter of policy he may be continually engaged in challenging the limits of what is socially acceptable. He may have to resort to trickery to make himself seem large enough to accomodate the totality of his followers' expectations of him. Any true friendship prevents him exercising his life's function towards any person with whom it is shared and there will

be few of his peers with whom he can be completely open. He will get few thanks from society in general for his efforts and perhaps only a grudging respect from those whom he touches. The tangible rewards of this role are limited to those he can exact from his temporary followers. The Apotheosis Magus must be continually alert to avoid the backlash from his own lifestyle and those who have associated with him. He must always be one step ahead of the police raid. He often comes to a bad end. Notable magi operating in this mode include Cagliostro, Giordano Bruno, Paracelsus, and Gudjieff.

The Nemesis Magus is a rare figure in the generally positive esoteric climate of the west. In the east the role is more common. The historical Buddha with his rules and restrictions to provide accolytes with a slightly new identity to adhere to. Rules concerning clothing, sex, and diet are particularly effective. Such systems are indispensable to the Hierophant in his ceaseless quest for followers. The complexities of his systems guarantees protracted tuition and its comparative magical ineffectiveness ensures that few will be tempted to go freelance. Such systems are designed to create dependency. New accolytes are always welcome in such systems no matter how long their potential; for, in the absence of measurable progress mere numbers at least provide some positive confirmation.

Heresy and Schism always threaten the Hierophant's position and system. Unrealistic ideals and ineffectual means of attaining them

will always attract criticism and attempts at revisionism. Yet if these can be avoided the Hierophant can look forward to extensive rewards from his followers, the lucrative commercialisation of his system, and maybe posthumous deification for what it's worth.

Hierophantic magi frequently inherit the systems of the predecessors. The Apotheosis Magus and the Nemesis Magus rarely have direct successors, although Hierophants frequently appear on the scene afterwards and reduce their works to a system. Pseudo magi outnumber the real thing by a large margin. It would be unseemly to mention any living examples for whilst there is life there is hope of change; however, Blatavsky, MacGregor Mathers, Dion Fortune, and Franz Bardon provide examples of past occult Hierophants.

A single test serves to separate the true Magus from the Hierophant. The false magus is never able to give a simple meaningful explanation of what his teachings are supposed to do. His justifications are invariably verbose and tautological concatenations of indefinable terms.

A host of petty Hierophants feast upon the debris of Crowley's work without managing to enlarge themselves or their followers. Austin Spare's works however have been largely resistant to systematisation and slavish adherence for he left little that could be made into dogma. Yet Crowley and Spare between them exemplify the paradox facing the genuine magus. Speak and be misunderstood or keep silent and be ignored. Most, it appears, have chosen to speak knowing that the tricks of the Hierophant are an indispensable medium but that these tricks ultimately obscure the message itself. The hope is to blow some minds in the meantime.

Either  
The Apotheosis of the Self  
Or  
The Nemesis of the Self  
Will set the Kia soaring  
But promulgation begets systematisation  
And the Apotheosis  
Of Somebody Else's Self  
Is for suckers.

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4) TEMPLE TEXT I

To say in day-to-day life that something is "obvious" means often than not, that one concedes a note of truth in exchange for a tolerance of the usual hypocrisy and conditioning. You can, for example, make your opposite ADMIT as being obvious that there is no such thing as a theory that is absolutely True; that will not stop them in any way from continuing to brandish their "Truths" as before.

Their momentary concession passes by a sordid business in which they buy their future peace of mind. A life without questions.

Hence, there is no higher aim than the OBVIOUS. It is to approach the closest to a Truth which we know to inaccessible but whose gleam we can see.

The Obvious is a protection. Not only does it make people run away, but it also deceives by its rapid commonness, and by the fact that in Flat people's minds, whatever is simple cannot be serious.

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#### 5) DADAIST DISGUST by Tristan Tzara

Every product of disgust that is capable of becoming a negation of the family is DADA; protest with the fists of one's whole being in destructive action: DADA; acquaintance with all the means hitherto rejected by the sexual prudishness of easy compromise and good manners: DADA; abolition of logic, dance of those who are incapable of creation: DADA; every hierarchy and social equation established for values by our valets: DADA; every object, all objects, feelings and obscurities, every apparition and the precise shock of parallel lines, are means for

the battle of: DADA; the abolition of memory: DADA; the abolition of archaeology: DADA; the abolition of prophets: DADA; the abolition of the future: DADA; the absolute and indiscutable belief in every god that is an immediate product of spontaneity: DADA; the elegant and unprejudiced leap from one harmony to another sphere; the trajectory of a word, a cry, thrown into the air like an acoustic disc; to respect all individualities in their folly of the moment, whether serious, fearful, timid, ardent, vigorous, decided or enthusiastic; to strip one's church of every useless and unwieldy accessory; to spew out like a luminous cascade any offensive or loving thought, or to cherish it -with the lively satisfaction that it's all precisely the same thing- with the same intensity in the bush, which is free of insects for the blue-blooded, and gilded with the bodies of archangels, with one's soul.

Liberty: DADA! DADA!! DADA!!! -the roar of contorted pains, the interweaving of contraries and of all contradictions, freaks and irrelevancies: LIFE.

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Articles  
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Any info on:

Modern Occultism  
Tattooing and Piercing Used In Ritual

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Initiation Rites

(especially in regards to the Nazi SS, New Guinea Tribes  
especially those who leap from those towers)

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- 1) Editorial by Coyote 131
- 2) "Winter Greetings" by Jack ov Denver
- 3) "Thee Void" by Kali 100
- 4) "Minutes to Go" by Brion Gysin
- 5) Temple Text II

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1) This is thee last 23rd ov this winter and though thee winter was mild here in Seattle E have still managed to obtain a cold...so E already look forward to thee spring...thee next 23rd is not thee equinox but it follows shortly there after...so for our next sigil we might want to keep that in mind...to bring a renewed life to our"selves" and to whatever we have set our wills, through functional ritual...

Thee piece titled "Winter Greetings" E recieved early this winter by a Coyote from Denver who did not sign thee piece with his number so it is not here included which E would like to rename "Winter Farewells"... and thee piece by Kali 100 is reprinted as found in thee Oct Cct ov 1990...thee Gysin piece is from "The Third Mind", a book written by Gysin and Burroughs on thee cut-up method...

L-OV-E

COYOTE 131

"The simplest Surrealist act consists of dashing down into the street, pistol in hand, and firing blindly, as fast as you can pull



the trigger, into the crowd."

Andre Breton

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2)

WINTER GREETINGS

She lay stonily indifferent, as if in a trance.  
belly stone never cool,  
hyenas near the lake  
revealed a grim face  
laced with their tracks.  
    reverted,  
    brooding vultures,  
room glistened with  
He scissored open  
a dead embryo.  
seen in photographs,  
the dark trail

Jack

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3) Thee Void

Many people feel an absence in their life. Why? It seems that it could be that we do not know ourselves. We feel a constant DEEP VOID in our hearts, and do not know how to go about filling it. We may substitute things or people to fill it, but it is still All-Ways there! Couldn't it be possible that we have forgotten who we Real-ly are? Is that what that Void is? Our own Self?

The following is a list of questions we can ask ourselves. This is not a test, and there are no correct answers. Only YOU hold the answers. Do with them what you Will. You know in your heart what is ultimately Right and Wrong, and YOU know when you are lying to your SELF.

Do E REALLY know my Self?

Do E L-ov-e my Self? Why or why not?

Am E honest with my Self? Why or why not?

Am E afraid to touch my Self? Why or why not?

Do E fear anything or anyone? Why or why not?

What is it about this that E fear it?

Do E WANT o feel fear?

Am E insecure? Why or why not?

Do E WANT to change?

Am E willing to change?

Am E afraid to change? Why or why not?

What is it about my Self tha E want to change?

Do E believe that E can ever get to thee point when E don't need to progress any more? Why or why not?

Do E have any habits E know are bad for ME?

What do E want to do with my life?

What ULTIMATE goals do E have?

Are they my goals or someone elses? Why?

Is thee goal possible? If not, why?

How can E accomplish what E will?

Would E let others suffer for my own selfish porposes? Why not or why?

Is my goal something that is physical or mental? Why?

Will material things REALLY give me TRUE happiness?

Am E materialistic? Why or why not?

AM E predjudice? Why or why not? Am E judgemental? Why or why not?

Am E being honest with my Self?

Is it Really possible that a physical thing can be a substitue for thee Void in my life?

What is that Void in my life?

Why is it there?

Why do E feel there is a Void?

Do E concentrate too much on one thing?

Certain person?

Certain kinds ov people?

Certain faiths, belifs, morals?

Certain kinds ov music?

Isn't it true that if E concentrate only upon one side ov thee street, I'm missing what may-Be on thee other side?

Am E a Talker, Listtener, or Observer? Why?

Which would E rather be? Why?

Can't E be all Three? Why or why not?

Do E "hate" anyBody or anyThing? Why or why not?

What does thee word "Peace" ultimatly mean to ME?

What does thee word "L-OV-E" ultimatly mean to ME?

Do E want to be a better person? Why not or why?

If E want to be a beter person, HOW do E go about DO-ing this?

When should E star?

Why not NOW? At This moment?

KALI 100

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4) Minutes to Go

the hallucinated have come to tell you that yr utilities  
are being shut off dreams monitored though directed  
sex is shutting down everywhere you are being sent

all word are taped agents everywhere  
marking down the live ones to exterminate

they are turning out the lights

no they are not evil nor the devil but men  
on a mission with a spot of work to do

this dear friends they intend to do on you

you have been offered a choice between liberty and  
freedom and No! you cannot have both

the next step is everyone into space but it has been  
a long dull wait since the last tower of babel  
that first derisive visit of the paraclete

let's not hear that noise again and again

that may well be the last word anywhere

this is not the beginning in the geginning was the word  
the word has been in for a too long time  
you in the word and the word in you

we are out  
you are in

we have come to let you out

here and now we will show you what you can do  
with and to  
the word  
the words  
any word  
all the words

Pick a book any book cut it up  
cut up

prose  
poems  
newspapers  
magazines  
the bible  
the koran  
the book of moroni  
la-tzu  
confucius  
the bhagavad gita  
anything  
letters  
business correspondence  
ads  
all the words

slice down the middle    dice into sections  
according to taste  
chop in some bible    pour on some Madison Avenue  
prose  
shuffle cards    toss like confette  
taste it like piping hot    alphabet soup

pass yr friends' letters    yr office carbons  
through any such sieve    as you may find or invent

you will soon see    just what they really are  
saying    this is the terminal method for  
finding the truth

piece together a masterpiece    a week  
use better materials    more highly charged words

there is no longer a need    to drum up a season of  
geniuses    be your own agent    until we deliver  
the machine    in commercially reasonable quantities

we wish to announce    that while we esteem  
this to be truly    the American Way  
we have no commitments    with any government  
groups

the writing machine    is for everybody  
do it yourself    until the machine comes  
here is the system    according to us

Brion Gysin

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##### 5) Temple Text II

It would be an illusion to think tha the Individual can hide all the  
clues to his Oneness. His task is therefore to see to it that all the

clues are wrongly interpreted. Thus it is that they may SEEM to indicate a lack of individuality and create a feeling of disappointment rather than curiosity. This tactic gives us space and protection in the traps of time.

An Individual has many personalities or characters at the same time or alternately. (Recent cognitive brain theory supports this.) Most people little by little eliminate the personalities considered to be dangerous by their peer group or societal unit and finally keep only one: the social personality...one dimensional "FLAT" people. But other people, called paradoxically "Individuals", are always trying to develop all their personalities, even if there is an internal conflict between them. So we can clearly see that the Individualist personologically must use "WE" to name himself, whilst the person who belongs to the masses must use the "I". The first is multi-dimensional, the second is uni-dimensional.

One of the Temple functions is to encourage and support the development of multidimensional Individual. Hence our use of "WE" in our texts.

Our enemies are Flat.

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- 1) Edit by Coyote 131  
2) Astrology Et Al by NUIT  
3) Stations ov thee Cross by Coyote 2  
4) The Devil and a Dream by Coyote 131  
5) "I was brought up a Christian..." by G.P-O.  
6) Temple Text III

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1) Editorial:  
E hopi all ov ewe had a blessed and fruitful E-quinox...E would like to  
thank NUIT for her article...E hopi ewe WILL find it useful...while  
deciding what to include in this transmission E reached into me TOPI  
file and pulled out a piece ov paper at random...it coumtained "Thee  
Stations ov thee Cross" which seems very appropriate with thee Xian  
(un)Holy Daze ov Black Friday (me favortie) and thee rest which are  
soon  
approaching...and it fits well with thee two pieces which follow it  
that E had already chosen...thee prose, "The Devil and a Dream", E  
wrote recently about a very vivid dream E had a few y-eras ago which  
when E told it to thee person E was sleeping with he filled in  
details...a shared dream? Thee piece by Gen is taken from an interview  
with him and thee text is an excerpt from UNCLEAN in thee  
italian...thee Temple Text is ov course from thee Grey Book...

L-OV-E under WILL

Coyote 131

"Mal d'or or gold of dolour  
Mal d'or or gold has destroyed death's door."

-Tristan Tzara

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2) Astrology Et Al

>From nuit Sat Mar 23 11:45:28 1991

The following is some astrological advice for sigils or rituals practiced March 23, 1991. I hope this will help some of you get in tuned with the present planetary energy currents!

The Sun is in Aries; we recently celebrated Spring Equinox, which is the Astrologer's New Year signified by the passing of the Sun from Pisces into Aries. Aries is the sign of new beginnings. It is like a child: pioneering, headstrong, brash, alive. This is a good month for rituals pertaining to new beginnings or desires for the new astrological year.

The Moon is in Pisces until 7:30 PST tomorrow morning. As the moon is waxing (the full moon is at 11:17 pm PST on Crucifixion Day) this is a good time for construction (as opposed to destruction or dissipation) and works towards gain. The moon is the closest astrological body to us, and may have strong effects upon our emotions and intuitions. The Moon in Pisces is the best time for workings related to sensitivity, spirituality, working out illusionment and self-deception, and dreams. The Pisces ritual color is purple.

Mercury, the planet of communications and of Magick, is also in Aries, again giving this day added emphasis on new beginnings and endeavors.

Venus is in Taurus, which means workings pertaining to love and beauty will have a more practical impact.

Mars, the planet of aggression is in Gemini, releasing active energy into the realm of intellectualization.

The outer planets move slower and therefore may be in the same sign for many months or years. The real impact of these planets is in how they are aligned with planets in your natal chart; that is, where planets were at the moment you were born.

If you have any astrological questions, please feel free to contact me:

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Nuit

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3) Thee Stations ov thee Cross

FIRST STATION: Jesus is condemned to Death. (realization of what is to come)

As are we all. We must all come to grips with the fact that we are all mortal, our WORKS can achieve immortality, but not our bodies. There is no proven afterlife -We must live our lives for the NOW -the past is over, the future expected, NOT promised. NOW IS ALL WE HAVE. Don't deny yourself anything NOW in hopes of payment LATER -if nothing else it's BAD BUSINESS!

SECOND STATION: Jesus is made to carry His Cross. (erection)

We all have our crosses to bear, our guilt and fear, centered around our most cherished dreams and desires. It was foretold that Christ would carry his burden without complaint-and he did. But no one could possibly have foretold that, two thousand years later, ALL WESTERN SOCIETY would still be staggering under HIS cross.

THIRD STATION: Jesus falls the First Time. (first penetration)

Orthodox Christianity is monistic- it believes GOD created a perfect world; and Man, through "original sin", created evil. Thus, the fact that evil and ugliness exists is "our" fault. The laying of blame seems to be a Christian obsession. There were "heretical" sects of Christians, however, who believed that an all-knowing, all-powerful, BENEVOLENT God would not have laid such a devious trap for Man, therefore the world must have been created in its present, imperfect state by a lesser being, Lucifer. They did not believe in the Fall. Naturally, these evil ideas were punished and did not survive to influence Western Thought.

FOURTH STATION: Jesus meets His sorrowful Mother. (incest)

Christ's mother probably didn't want him to fulfill the prophecies and allow himself to be killed. But He knew that it had to be. Our parents are always disappointed by some of the decisions we make, we cannot possibly live up to their hopes and expectations, SHOULD not try.

We must live our own lives, not try to live out the dreams of our parents. It is your life, let go of the control and power your parents hold over you. You must fulfill your OWN destiny.

FIFTH STATION: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry His cross. (gay sex)

Simon of Cyrene was a passerby recruited to help Christ carry His burden.

But even had ten people helped, the Cross would STILL be being



carried. Xianity encourages "pious", "unselfish" do-rights to help us carry all sort ov unwanted burdens. It's high time we all dropped thee Cross. Only a fool would want to pick it up again.

SIXTH STATION: Veronica wipes the Face of Jesus. (hetero sex)

Veronica pitied Christ and wiped his face with her veil. From thee sweat and blood a portrait ov Him was formed on thee veil. One ov thee first sigils! It seems that Xians have elevated this IMPRESSION ov Christ to Godhead, forgetting that first and foremost, He was a MAN-He has becom a venerated Statue, while His corpse rots forgotten in a dusty corner ov His Church.

SEVENTH STATION: Jesus falls the Second Time. (second penetration)

We all fall. No-one can live thee stainless life Christ is said to have live. Whether in thought or in deed, we all "sin". IT is thee repression and guilt, not divine retribution, which kills us. Xianity is able to perpetuate itself by demanding thee impossible ov its adherents- perfection. And then claims that only through repentance, ie. guilt-can one achieve "salvation"

EIGHTH STATION: The women of Jerusalem weep over Jesus. (orgy)

Christ is a crutch-snake oil for gullible old crones. He is God ov thee Weak, thee Sexless, the Fearful, thee Stagnant. Thee SLAVES. FREE PEOPLE BOW BEFORE NO GOD, NEED NO PROMISE OV IMMORTATLITY, no divine approval ov their actions. WE LIVE FOR OURSELVES, FOR NOW. We need no coumforting, it is coumpacency and ultimately stasis=DEATH.

NINTH STATION: Jesus falls the Third Time. (third pentration)

Thee Xian concept ov EVANGELISM-thee idear that it is a Xian's RESPONSIBILITY to converrt non believers- is crucial to European imperialistic tendencies. This morally justifies comquest, excusing it by proclaiming that a "savage" (ie. nonXian) nation had to be converted to Xianity. Thee original Americans were killed not for their land and resouces, butter because to refused to accept "our" God. This hypocritical lie has enabled Eurpean culture to dominate and nearly destroy every other culture on earth. We conquer, not to rob and pillage, butter to "save".

TENTH STATION: Jesus is stripped of His Garments. (fetishism)

Who are we without our Garments? Without our cars and condos? Christ taught us humility-what greater humiliation that to be stripped naked before a mocking crowd? To be stripped maked is also to be deconditioned, stripped ov guilt and fear, to becom free to proclaim on's believes and dreams openly-and to begin to make them coum true. Butter it can not be begun until one has cast aside thee cumbersome rainment put upon us by a two thousand year old book.

ELEVENTH STATION: Jesus is nailed to the Cross. (piercing)

ERECTION. Xianity has made our bodies a Forbidden Fruit. Physical expression ov sexual desire has been made "dirty", our genitals padlocked by guilt and fear. Fear ov retribution, divine or microbial, ov ridicule and failure. One ov thee most personal and special parts ov our bodies is held hostage by beliefs which simply DO NOT APPLY to this Age. Thee first step to Freedom lies in reclaiming our bodies, to create inoneself and unencumbered sexuality.

TWELFTH STATION: Jesus is raised upon the Cross and Dies. (orgasm)

Thee Death ov Christ. Thee Death ov Fear. Ov Guilt. Ov Control. Thee rebirth ov thee Whole Personality -free to live, to dream, to enact. Thee Christ in each ov us MUST die so that thee other parts can finally LIVE!!!

THIRTEENTH STATION: Jesus is taken down from the Cross and placed in the Arms of His Mother. (post orgasm glow)

WE MUST GET OFF THEE CROSS. We have taken this story, this hypocritical half-truth as a Given, as our Law, for too long. All Mankind must reject this "solution" as thee ONLY one. It is merely one symbolic piece ov thee puzzle we call LIFE. Get off ov your Cross, cast aside thee two thousand year shackles that YOU choose to wear! WE are no longer forced to believe this Lie -We can believe or disbelieve as we choose. GET OFF THEE CROSS!!!

FOURTEENTH STATION: Jesus is laid in the Sepluchre. (the peace which passeth all understanding)

Xianity as a religion has outlived its relevance to our society. Change takes time, butter it is time to retire Christ, put Him to sleep, as one would a faithful old dog whose legs are too rickety to wald on. Not with malice, more with a tinge ov wistfulness at thee days when our World was simpler, when this quaint little stroy ov Christ could inspire Europe into such acts ov both lofty Spirituality and savage, senseless cruelty.

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Thee TEMPLE OV PSYCHICK YOUTH is actively working to end thee two millenia ov emotional damages caused inpart by Xianity. We are NOT

"another cult" we believe in no gods and no devil. We seek to liberate thee human mind through guiltless sexuality and brutal self-examination. Everyone who is REALLY free is already a Psychich Youth. They just don't know it yet. If you are interested in finding out about our work here in North America, as well as thee rest ov thee world, please send some stampls to:

TOPYUS  
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USA

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4) "The Devil and a Dream"

One night I slept with the devil,  
as we slept I had a dream:  
I stood on the slope of a mountain,  
a patchwork quilt of fields far below.  
Before me was a table of thick granite slabs,  
upon which there was a loaf of bread  
torn in two, and a puddle of blood.  
I took both halves of bread  
to soak up the blood,  
and as the last drop of blood was drank  
the loaf became whole again.  
When I awoke the devil was gently smiling at me.  
I related to him this my dream.  
"I know...I was there." replied the devil.

Coyote 131

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5) "IMPURO"

Perche' tu tu sei osceno  
Tu gesu' cristo sei impuro  
Puoi ritenerti santo  
Puoi ritenerti il solo  
Ma tu tu sei impuro per me

"I was brought up a Xian. I'd had to go to communion every week and drink the blood. The only good thing about it was to see these very respectable people kneeling and guzzling blood and eating human flesh. I remember being very disppointed when I was verry young when I found out it wasn't real blood. I really felt cheated. Maybe that's why I've been disappointed in the Xian Church ever since."

-Genesis P-Orridge

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6) Temple Text III

Our stress on SELF discipline is important, it links the internal methods of ritual to our approval and suggestion of other forms of physical discipline to complement the mental/sexual ones. Hence you will often find that Initiates of the Temple will be engaged in such outside activities as Marksmanship, Martial Arts, Swimming and so on as an extension of the theory of maintaining and improving ones Focus and abilities. The point is not the skill in itself, though we appreciate the practical nature, in a society such as ours, of an ability to defend oneself and be fit, but the APPLICATION, the discipline intself. So one may be poor in terms of results, but excellent in terms of your genuine application to a skill that requires though, co-ordination and a degree of dedication. A synthesis of physical action, thought, reflex and an analysis of both yourself and a target (real and metaphorical).

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1)Where has this month gone...thanks to Coyote 129 for typing up thee essay by Manson...thee article on "TV as Magick..."is an excerpt from thee Temple Press book TV Magick...E picked it up at thee Chicago disconcert in '88 when it was written..."A Key to thee Temple" is and excerpt from thee introduction to thee Grey Book...next transmission will include thee first installment Hakim Bey's Chaos which will be included as a serial.  
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NOTHING SHORT OV TOTAL...L-OV-E!!!  
COYOTE 131

"Hate in a controlled way  
is just as important as love."

-Anton LaVey  
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2)Thee Power ov Evil by Charles Manson (San Quentin, 1987)

One cannot do evil unless they can do good - One must see beyond both to understand the power - if all your life you live in green and one day not knowing any other color you're thrown in a world with nothing but yellow

and ask where would you want to live, yellow or green -

The Fear would run back to green - The evil free nature without fear would say yellow- Now, on the other hand if the mind was raised a lifetime in between yellow and green and told yellow is bad Evil and green is good and nice- the true free nature would want to touch green and feel the fear and excitement of it. It would be new thrills and if taught guilt would go back to yellow and punish itself within its thought patterns - On the 3rd hand if all of a sudden from yellow and green all the colors were opened up to that brain:

1> It would go mad and lose all its patterns

2> The free nature without fear would think it heaven.

There are guidelines to Evil. After the illusion of good and bad as programmed are taken away from the brain with concepts of good and evil gone you're in the brain of a child again- yet as the endless struggle goes on pushed and pulled by soulless grown ups trying to get the childs brain back into money fear and whatever it is that each grownup has in that brain - REAL Evil comes into play - One must be able to create to be evil - Create in such a way that it does not come back and fall upon the source. This is done in circles 5-7-8; sometimes 9-13-33 and 50-390 can be used but to get that many people in the truth would be hard to do in the world as it is today - to five five honest people over ten years would be no easy trip. Honest to self in the world as it is would be called mentally retarded - a fool, clown, etc.

An illusion to some may be a death reality to others. A play on a stage may invoke madness somewhere else as it may circle the stage and be in the streets behind the stage plays - There are looks that kill and motions of a finger that can destroy much. The wave of a hand the wearing of a hat or the color of socks and shoes - the MIND is endless and set in total perfection - PERFECTION - and beyond human brains stuck in green and yellow.

There are colors yet to be created we each percieve in a balance of what

our minds are ready for - We say there are only 92 of this or 44 winds  
13  
moons but really what you call evil has no guidelines to its points of  
now  
and its methods have never played out to an end because there is no  
End,  
it only begins.

Good ends in death. What would happen to each brain if it found out  
that  
it truly couldn't die - that in the most real of reals they could do  
anything  
and never die. I'll tell you... Total Evil. Total madness holds  
guidelines in  
the patterned brain; take the fear down and madness comes in to dance  
and  
feast. Our true nature is evil but we are taught, trained, and  
programmed  
against our own nature by the fears of grownups. We are told its bad to  
lie  
and not to lie yet we are always lied to.

Until we believe everyone lies- then the circle of people that don't  
lie  
and keep the knowledge buy and sell us in and for games left over by  
wars -  
as most brains look up to death and call their fears love and vice  
versa.  
and fewer yet understand and do something else- A dog with big teeth  
hits  
a child with its tail when no grownups are looking. The dog sets the  
mind of  
the child and understands humans and their brains more than the humans  
-  
They play good guys because their food and life depends on humans -  
but take them to the woods and they bite and kill rabbits, squirrels,  
and  
reflect the other side of nature itself - Dogs like humans have lost  
the  
true sense of nature and survival. Human brains are programmed by past  
thoughts and locked to love their fear and fear their love. So beyond  
Good and Evil there is only as much good as you can do for yourself -  
you can do no real good unless you can do evil - Why?

Because if a brain is stuck in what's taught as good it can do no  
evil  
or good because it is stuck with no choice and/or no real sense of  
either  
good and/or evil. A body's brain must be free from ego or in control of  
ego games in order to make the choice themselves - Doing good is easy.  
Doing evil takes more effort more creative work and then one must know  
how to stand back from the rewards. LIKE one must realize a perfect  
universe within oneself. Even if you realize there is no real self you  
can  
pick up a self and be a perfect love a perfect hate a balance finer  
than  
a spiders web. You're the God who rules over that domain that world and

anyone who breaks your will you put them on the evil side of the line - The ones that will not respond o your life and have no respect for your being then all your inner power is moving to balance that with the Evil.

A personal judgment is NOT needed and a danger to the source of perfection must always be in the balance - Your low self or bad guy mirror is used to reflect the bad and good to reflect the real self in a love - Like never sacrafice the center of your circle - Create circles outside the love and step from them leaving them to Ka - if you can be a spider or transcend the human brain and put your life in a spider and you send that spider to bite someone and they don't have that coming the spider will circle and come back at you with a perfect balance. Like when that Hindu burnt me and I lived - their leader in India was shot and killed and 2500 people were burnt up in a fire - His evil reflected back. The interplay of human has little to do with the reality of real life - Everyone and everything is controlled by something or someone else - Where evil and good starts and ends in balance and harmony beyond all the words and thought patterns.

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3) TV AS MAGICK AND RELIGION

Is the deification and worship of technology an excusable response to the automation of human perception? During the Harmonic Convergence, one New Ager took an television set with her to the top of Mt. Shasta, and then stunned the other observers by announcing that the image of an angel had manifested on the screen. The next day, before a large media conglomeration, a repairman reactivated the phenomenon and explained that it was due to a simple mechanical defect. Press and skeptics ate the story up with glee, but a pertinent point was missed. Who cares whether this videoized vision was caused by an otherworldly being, an unconcious group-will force or a shorted wire? Is not a the human meurostructure, by which sensory data is received, but a complex system of wiring and basic automated processes? Spontaneous visual hallucination used to be a purely human characteristic... The future utilization of TV\* to transmit spiritual experience is and Inevitable Reality.

\*imagine thee use ov virtual reality for group long distance ritual  
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4) "TV Magick" a commentary by 131



After reading TV MAGICK in its entirety E became excited by the concept of creating a "video spell"...so E took a class on video editing to access to the equipment though rough editing can be done with camcorder and vcr or two vcrs...the "script" was loosely based on a meditation suggested by Crowley in "Magick in Theory and Practice" which involves one assuming a comfortable asana ("seat" or yogic posture for the yoo-hoos) and visualizing one's death, decay and otherworldly experience of the "Highest"...E visited a friend who had been practicing yoga in three asanas the lotus, the cobra, and the death-posturer of the BUDDHA... E visited another in a Moroccan hooded robe performing the mudras for the evocation of HORUS...E slowed down and strobed some ambient footage of an orthodox Jewish cemetery (more beautiful than those Christian cemeteries with all those nasty crosses)...E cut these together in 3 second and 7 second intervals (the # of man and the # of the divine respectively) with a soundtrack of Crowley's Enochian chants, the sounds of the first tattoo, ritual Tibetan instruments, and a loop of me at the moment of orgasm during a sigil...the result is hypnotic... a video-spell to transcend death by means of sex magick...a video sigil... everytime it is played releases its energy...and it was aired on local cable access for the viewing audience...using Dali's Paranoid Critical logic E view that the more people who see this video-spell somehow empower it...just as Dali paints his paranoia to make others paranoid thus relieving some of his paranoia...this video-spell relieves some of my anxiety of death by staring it in the face, kissing it on the mouth and coming in in its eye!

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5) The Key to the Temple

We attempt to commune with spirits, to be friends of the Human Spirit.

We care for the infinite significance of the individual spirit and personal moral responsibility and its development through experience.

We believe in the total significance of the individual discovered through familiarity with the deepest instincts and explorations of destiny outside the traps of time.

We intend to engender moral freedom, spiritual freedom, sexual freedom, and personal independence, to insist upon personal choice in all things.

We are endlessly involved in unravelling the intertwined yet separate threads of Fate and Destiny to evolve a magical system to maximise and enhance each individual's ability to recognise and focus on, thereby making real, that Destiny.

We accept responsibility. Gladly and with excitement and deliberate ignorance of the outcome. We revel in mystery and surprise. We bury ourselves in challenge and dreams. We embrace all possibilities and impossibilities with joy and excitement.

We accept thee true nature ov life, the world as it is. Flexible and shifting, influx every moment, shaped by parallel levels that accept contradiction and inconsistency as inviolate qualities that generat mystery and mastery. We direct ourselves wherever we chose to go with joy and abandon.

A New Era ov thee Magickal interpretation ov the World and existing in it is couming. An interpretation in terms ov WILL and Imagination fueled by contact with intuition and instinct.

We are not seeking followers, we are seeking collaborators, Individuals for a visionary Psychick alliance.

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1) Yes, hello...as thee tribe begins to gather here in thee  
northwest...more avenues ov exploration begin to open...thee first  
sbumission is from an ally who has been putting out a "zine"...for  
more info about how to get this zine, submit articles or adverise write  
to:

CONTEMPT for IGNORANCE MINISTRIES  
c/o Christus 777  
312 canary lane  
saint charles, mo 63301  
USA

As promised is the first in many chapters from Hakim Bey's book  
CHAOS...the next piece was brought to me attention by my friend shabby  
and even though it was on thee net E thought deserved some more  
attention...as usual an excerpt from Thee GREY BOOK, and also short  
question for all ov ewe to answer.

Nothing short ov TOTAL...L-ov-E  
COYOTE 131

"Not knowing what is  
and is not knowing  
I knew not."

-Hassan i Sabbah

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2)A poem by CHRISTUS 777

it is time

to start a fire  
it is time  
to pull taut  
the wire  
a purge for hire

let's walk  
the tightrope higher  
into the clouly skies  
of desire

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3) Chaos by Hakim Bey

Chapter One: CHAOS

Chaos never died.

Primordial uncarved block, sole worshipful monster, inert & spontaneous, more ultraviolet than any mythology (like the shadows before Babylon), the original undifferentiated oneness-of-being still radiates serene as the balck pennants of Assassins, random & perpetually intoxicated.

Chaos comes before all principles of order & entropy, it's neither a god nor a maggot, its idiotic desires encompass & define every possible choreography, all meaningless aethers & phlogicstons: its masks are crystallizations of its own facelessness, like clouds.

Everything in nature is perfectly real including consciousness, there's absolutely nothing to worry about. Not only have the chains of the Law been broken, they never existed; demons never guarded the stars, the Empire never got started, Eros never grew a beard.

No listen, what happened was this: they lied to you, sold you ideas of good & evil, gave you distrust of your body & shame for your prophethood of chaos, invented words of disgust for your molecular love, mesmerized you with inattention, bored you with civilization & all its usurious emotions.

There is no becoming, no revolution, no struggle, no path; already you're the monarch of your own skin -your inviolable freedom waits to be completed only by the love of other monarchs: a politics of dream, urgent as the blueness of sky.

To shed all the illusory rights & hesitations of history demands the economy of some legendary Stone Age -shamans not priests, bards not lords, hunters not police, gatheres of paleolithic laziness, gentle as blood, going naked for a sign or painted as birds, pised on the wave of explicit presence, the clockless nowever.

Agents of chaos cast burning glances at anything or anyone capable of bearing witness to their condition, their fever of lux et voluptas. I

am awake only in what I love & desire to the pint of terror -everything else is just shrouded furniture, quotidian anaesthesia, shit-for-brains, sub-reptilian ennui of totalitarian regimes, banal censorship & useless pain.

Avatars of chaos act as spies, saboteurs, criminals of amour fou, neither selfless nor selfish, accessible as children, mannered as barbarians, chafed with obsessions, unemployed, sensually deranged, wolfangels, mirrors for contemplation, eyes like flowers, pirated of all signs & meanings.

Here we are crawling the cracks between walls of church state school & factory, all the paranoid monoliths. Cut off from the tribe by feral nostalgia we tunnel after lost words, imaginary bombs.

The last possible DEED is that wich defines perception itself, an invisible folden cord that connects us: illegal dancing in the courthouse corridors. If I were to kiss you here they'd call it an act of terrorism -so let's take our pistols to bed & wake up the city at midnight like drunken bandits celebrating with a fusillade, the message of the taste of chaos.

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4)"from someone about their experiences with scentologists..."

IN MY NOTSO HUMBLE OPINION: Scientology is the biggest bunch of bullshit mind-bending brainwashing anyone has ever encountered! Now People: THIS IS MY PERSONAL OPINION! So don't bother to flame because I won't respond.

I used to go to a film production college in Boston Mass. back in 1972-1974.

My ride home to Lowell, Mass. was late that day so I stopped in for grins and giggles to the local Scientology POW camp. They brought me in and gave me the standard rap about how we are all "mentally unhealthy" until we go through a "cleansing" process. They then told me to grab onto these two tin cans and they would ask me bot "ugly" and "beautiful" questions like:

How do you feel about a nuclear explosion?  
How do you feel about a sunny peaceful day in the country side?  
etc ad nauseum.....

The tin cans were soldered to wires that were connected to a meter. Before he could ask me these questions, he was called out for 5 minutes. I used to be a technician: electronics that is. I checked out the meter and what it was .... was a shunted ammeter. An ammeter (or amp meter) registers the amount

of current going through an electronic circuit. A "shunted ammeter" has a few resistors added to it so that it will be able to measure amps in the "micro amp" range. When you tense your muscle structure, you will usually produce a very tiny current of electricity in the palms of your hands. AND, the cans were Campbell soup cans!!!!!! I tensed my hands and made the meter move. When I relaxed them, the meter went back to 0.

The yoyo came back and started to ask me these loaded questions. To every "ugly" question I would be relaxed and show no emotion on the meter...which meant that I enjoyed the thought of say a nuclear explosion. To the beautiful questions I would tense out to the max.....eventually he thought that I was Charly Manson!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!I had fun!!!!!!!!!!

I then proceeded to stand up on the desk and started to explain what they were doing to their minds!!!! 6 people believed me ... laughed and left. Then two guys, about 6'5" at 250lbs. got me, one on each arm ...brought me to the front door.....and literally threw me 20 feet before I landed on the pavement! I haven't had that much fun since!!!!!!!!!!

:^). . . . . Samurai\_Writer

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5) An Excerpt from the GREY BOOK

Established orthodoxies and dogmas, conditioned interpretations of living, regard the material world as reality whilst pretending to deal with the spirit or existence. They conceive and propagate evolution and thinking as purely physical, their control of our visions as sacrosanct. Religion has privately altered to work from a position that accepts itself as totally discredited by science. All establishment modes of control and affiliation both religious and political, rely upon and revolve around unquestioning faith and dogma, unquestioning acceptance of their inalienable right to assume professional responsibility for our actions upon their shoulders. We are told we are weak, incapable of grasping scale, afraid of ourselves and desperate to push responsibility for all events in our lives onto them. We are insistently trained to accept our corporeal existence as hopeless in itself, to become subservient to the greater good. We are perpetually conditioned, encouraged, and blackmailed into self-restriction into narrower and narrower perceptions of ourselves, our own importance, our own potential and our own experience. We are trained to ignore the evidence of our senses and experiences and to feel guilt when we glimpse sense derived visions of ourselves as free spirits.

The voluntary relinquishing of responsibility for our lives and actions is one of the greatest enemies of our times.

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6) What does 666 mean to YOU?

Vale- "What does 666 mean to you?"

Genesis P-Orridge- "Actually, we've done some research into that with Z'ev, who's much better at cabalistic and numerological matters than I am. He broke down the Mark of the Beast cabalistically; he took 666 and discovered it means SOMA or somatic: the body, but also the magic mushrooms which were psychedelic; the mark identifying which mushrooms a shaman could use for further progression. In other words, it's KNOWLEDGE again, like the apple in the Garden of Eden. Which makes a lot more sense to me..."

What does 666 mean to YOU?

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E WILL include some of my "answers" next time.

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1) E hope everyone had a JOY-full Solstice....there were some questions asked during this last lunar phase which E will try to address NOW...

>I noticed the strange spelling, for example 'of' was spelled as 'ov'  
>and 'psychic' was spelled as 'psychick' was that spelling intentional?  
>Does it reflect something about the viewpoint or opinion or philosophy  
>of the TOPY?

We Feel that language should be reclaimed by thee Individual...  
language controls not only what we say but what and how We think by our  
manipulation ov language...whether by thee cutup method, or our own  
creative use ov capitalization ov letters, phonetics and hyphens...  
what is really meant is revealed...an example, be-LIE-f...another  
example is B-Earth...this "new" word now has a double meaning "Earth"  
and "birth" to be used either or both ways simultaneously..."OV  
designates thee sperm (or any orgasmic sexual fluid) in thee  
terminology

ov thee TEMPLE" thee "K" ov psychick has thee same function as thee "K"  
ov MAGICK (please see MAGICK IN THEORY AND PRACTICE by A. C.) which is  
to designate it from ordinary magic...thee use of E has many  
meanings...

I, he, she, we, me, and Everyone or Everybody...We is used when  
speaking

for thee Tribe....here is an Excerpt from "Liber III vel Jugorum":

"1. Here are practices. Each may last for a week, or more.

(a) Avoid using some common word, such as "and" or "the" or  
"but";

use a paraphrase.



(b) Avoid using some letter of the alphabet, such as "t" or "s" or "m"; use a paraphrase.  
(c) Avoid using the pronouns and adjectives of the first person; use a paraphrase.  
Of thine own ingenium devise others.

2. On each occasion that thou art betrayed into saying that thou art sworn to avoid, cut thyself sharply upon the wrist or forearm with a razor; even as thou shouldst beat a disobedient dog. Feareth not the Unicorn the claws and teeth of the Lion?

3. Thine arm then serveth thee both for a warning and for a record. Thou shalt write down they daily progress in these practices, until thou art perfectly vigilant at all times over the least word that slippeth from thy tongue.

Thus bind thyself, and thou shalt be forever free."

TOPY does n0t have a strict code for terminology or anything else experimentation is thee Focus...reclaim language from thee agents ov control...

>Where is the Temple located?

"Thee TEMPLE is where a boxer punches for a KO."  
-G P-O

>What type of organization is it? For profit? Or non-profit?

TOPY is a non-for-profit organization...thee PTV World Domination Club is n0t...

>Is it a new organization? If not, how old?

TOPY is 10 y-Eras old.

>How large is it? About how many members? What is the average age of members?

TOPY is an international organization with Access Points in England, Europe and North America...E am not sure as to thee number ov active members or allies...there are memebers 4 y-Eras old and 80 y-Eras young...

>What structure does it have?

As little as possible...

>What does it do?

TOPY is a network for thee dispersion ov Information to those who dare

to touch themselves and desire to touch others in a very special way...

>Are there any requirements or limits on membership?

To be an ally, no...to be an active member, yes...to participate in a RATIO ONE Sigilization Ritual...if you are interested, write an Access Point

>Is there a membership fee?

NO

>IS there a common viewpoint or philosophy?

This is a tough question...yes there are common view points and philosophies shared by thee Active TOPI E have met, talked with or corresponded with...but even with those with whom E have shared the same view on one topic they may have disagreed on another...even upon the purpose, meaning, and worth to rituals we have shared in...but that is to be expected in an anarchistic group of individuals who share as a common purpose...self-Exploration...

>Are there TOPY centers in NEW YORK or FLORIDA?

NO Access Points as to my knowledge but there might be a COYOTE PACT about...try fliering or putting an ad in thee personals ov an appropriate 'zine it has worked before...

OR ewe might try One ov thee Access Points:

TOPY CAN  
BOX 579  
STATION P  
TORONTO, ONT  
M5S 2T1  
CANANDA

TOPY NA  
BOX 18223  
DENVER, CO  
80218 USA

TOPY NOCAL  
BOX 35  
2300 MARKET ST.  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA  
94114 USA

\*TOPY SOL\*  
BOX 33540  
SAN DIEGO, CA  
92163 USA

TOPY TEX  
BOX 14334

SUITE 166  
AUSTIN, TX  
78761 USA

>Do you mind me asking so many questions?

NO

>I just received TOPY transmission 1.05. Can you please send me the previous

>ones if there are any, and tell me something about these transmissions.

>Who writes them? How often?

NO...TRANSMISSIONS exist in time, but not in space...they are electronic signals which after they are sent cease to exist...while they are being sent there is a Temporary Temple somewhere in cyberspace...and like all things it is transitory...but that does not mean someone else has not saved these older transmissions...and might forward them to me...E would encourage such networking...that is what the TEMPLE and E-mail or for...networking, electronic touching of Each other... these TRANSMISSIONS are obviously in the public domain and contain NO copyright NON-sense...though E will honor any request not to include anything sent to E if it contains a disclaimer in those respects... E, that is COYOTE 131, Edits this Transmission...as has COYOTE 129... that is E include relevant information...as to our interests and as to requests...from submissions by all and from found sources... the 23rd of each month...if possible...

COYOTE 131

"If I had my life to live over again, the first thing I would do would be to invent an entirely new system of symbols whereby to convey my ideas."

-J. G. Fichte

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2) A very important request...so as to better be able to offer topics that everyone is interested in...please send a brief bio included fields

of interest and/or that one specializes in...that we see as relevant...

PLEASE RESPOND IF YOU DESIRE TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THESE TRANSMISSIONS!!!

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3) CHAOS by Hakim Bey

Chapter 2: POETIC TERRORISM

Weird dancing in allnight computer banking olbbies. Unauthorized pyrotechnic displays. Land-art, earth-works as bizarre alien artifacts strewn in State Parks. Burglarize houses but instead of stealing, leave Poetic-Terrorist objects. Kidnap someone & make them happy.

Pick someone at random & convince them they're the heir to an enourmous, useless & amazing fortune -say 5000 sq. miles of Antarctica, or an aging circus elephant, or an orphanage in Bombay, or a collection of alchemical mss. Later they will come to realize that for a few moments they believe in something extaordinary, & will perhaps be driven as a result to seek out some more intense mode of existence.

Bolt up brass commemorative plaques in places (public or private) where you have experienced a revelation or had a particularly fulfilling sexual experience, etc.

Go naked for a sign.

Organize a strike in your school or workplace on the grounds that it does not satisfy your need for indolence & spiritual beauty.

Graffiti-art loaned some grace to ugly subways & rigid public monuments -PT-art can also be created for public places: poems scrawled in courthouse lavatories, small fetishes abandoned in parks & restaurants, xerox-art under windshield-wipers of parked cars, Big Character Slogans pasted on playground walls, anonymous letters mailed to random or chosen recipients (mailfraud), pirate radio transmissions, wet cement...

The audience reaction or aesthetic-shock produced by PT ought to be at least as strong as the emotion of terror -powerful disgust, sexual arousal, superstitious awe, sudden intuitive breakthrough, dada-esque angst -no matter whether the PT is aimed at one person or many, no matter whether it is "signed" or anonymous, if it does not change someone's life (aside from the artist) it fails.

PT is an act in a Theater of Cruelty which has no stage, no rows of seats, no tickets & no walls. In order to work at all PT must categorically be divorced from all conventional structures for art consumption (galleries, publications, media). Even the guerilla Situationist tactics of street theater are perhaps too well-known & expected now.

An exquisite seduction carried out not only in the cause of mutual satisfaction but also as a conscious act in a deliberately beautiful life -may be the ultimate PT. The PTerrorist behaves like a confidence-trickster whose aim is not money but CHANGE.

Don't do PT for other artists, do it for people who will not realize (at least for a few moments) that what you have done is art. Avoid recognizable art-categories, avoid plitics, don't stick around to argue, don't be sentimental; be ruthless, take risks, vandalize only what MUST be defaced, do something children will remember all their lives -but don't be spontaneous unless the PT Muse has possessed you.

Dress up. Leave a false name. Be legendary. The best PT is against the law, but don't get caught. Art as crime; crime as art.

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4) "Proof on Survival" by Victor Neuburg

Proof on survival  
caused laughter in many minds  
Experimented myself  
Tried when  
on other side  
Do not be deterred by little results  
Persevere  
Worthwhile  
Proved truth.

This thee exact text received in seance by a relative ov Victor Neuburg.  
Neuburg was a close associate ov A. C., a prolific writer and a bold explorer ov thee possibilities ov sexual magick and visionary self-discipline.

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5) Excerpt from thee CORRECT SADIST by T. Sellers

"Gradually the Church whose rituals I had ardently observed and whose saints I emulated came to disappoint me. I began to know the back of the nun's hand as my waxing bad faith sloughed off the restraint of fear. This displeasure made me cynical as I dispiritedly marked in them a strange repressed rage that focused too avidly upon the plest disobedience."

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6) 666 (1999...thee Satanic Century 666 y-Era ONE)

Vale- "What does 666 mean to you?"

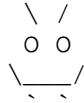
Genesis P-Orridge- "Actually, we've done some research into that with Z'ev, who's much better at cabalistic and numerological matters than I am. He broke down the Mark of the Beast cabalistically; he took 666 and discovered it means SOMA or somatic: the body, but also the magic mushrooms which were psychedelic; the mark identifying which mushrooms a shaman could use for further progression. In other words, it's KNOWLEDGE again, like the apple in the Garden of Eden. Which makes a lot more sense to me..."

What does 666 mean to YOU?

"Right answers" to thee "wrong question":

>From NUIT 56:

666 to me is like this beautiful flower, ya know man? It's like all that beauty in the hole world tied up into one big beautiful not. It's like a rainbow in the ocean and a little slug squirming to safety from the salt. 666 is where it's at.



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And the CrayDeath responds:

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} Just came up with this, so I have yet to grok the full implications.
} For some reason, I decided to treat 666 as an octal number. Then I
} just converted the thing to decimal; 666 OCT = 438 DEC. This didn't
} have much meaning until I considered the individual digits and tried
} to sound out a word from them; FOURTHREEEIGHT -> FOuRTHreeeIGHT ->
} FORTHRIGHT. Proof that to be forthright is to be evil.
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Quabalistic implications ov DREAMACHINE by A. M. McKenzie

"Thee DREAMACHINE is constructed from Islamic principles, and the form ov Quabalixm used with respect these constructions is essentially Judaic

in nature, but as Bysin also knew, thee roots ov this ancient Art stem from precisely the same root: the realisation that sound encapsulated in thee Word, written or spoken, is capable ov dissection in order to ascertain the correspondences and ramifications ov the inner meaning/s presented by a material manifestation, on all levels.

Written as one word, as Gysin always referred to it,

"DREAMACHINE"

nun-ayin-shin-mem-aleph-resh-daleth <n-aa-sh-m-a-r-d>  
(read right to left)

50 + 70 + 300 + 40 + 1 + 200 + 4 = 665

plus thee Dreamer (1) = 666

-thee number ov "Thee Beast"...which must be "ridden" to thee unknowable and sacred realms."

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One ov me favorites is the refernce to 6 as thee number ov woman...thus "thee Beast" is feminine sexual energy, ie. Sakti or OV...another is that 2 is the number ov humanity, male and female and 3 is thee number

of thee divine trinity...so  $2 \times 3 = 6$  thus, "thee Beast" are those who dare to touch their own divinity...despite god's warning to stay clear ov thee "Tree ov Knowledge"

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l-ov-e: Coyote 129 & Coyote 131

ps: next moonth - thee return ov CHAOS!

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Special Request for Information on:  
Taoist alchemy & sexual yoga  
Chaos Magick  
Chemognosis  
Runelore  
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2) NOTICE OV TERMINATION OV TOPY STATION DENVER

After five yeras ov running thee North America Station, E (Coyote 12) have made thee difficult decision to decrease my level ov involvement in thee Network. After much thought, E have coumcluded that for my own growth, it is necessary to do more Ratio One work, and less Broadcasting. Thee causes for this decision are multiple, let it suffice for me merely to say that E do not see this as an end to my involvement or work within TOPY; it is simply a lowering ov Network-related workload, in order for me to have thee time and money to pursue other interests and long term goals.

TOPY SOL have agreed to take over thee Station; this will be effective immediately. All litters sent to this Station will be automatically forwarded to thee SOL address.

E apologize to all ov you for not replying to any mail for thee last several months; E have had many personal issues to deal with, and thee time and inclination just have not been there for me to put thee effort E feel that your litters deserve.

This will be thee beginning ov a new era within TOPY NA; please be patient with TOPY SOL, they really have no idea what they have gotten themselves into!

TOPY TEXAS will, at coum point in thee near future, be taking over thee merchandising section ov TOPY. Any orders that have already been made through Denver will be honored and taken care ov by DENVER. Please wait until TEXAS gives the green light before flooding them with orders and inquires; again, thee transition will take time. Bear with us all.

We still aren't sure what to do with thee World Domination Club; butter for thee time being, it will remain here in Denver, and ought to have a new mailer out in a relatively short time.

E thank all ov you for your support, enthusiasm and patience over thee last five yeras, our association will be a memory that E will always cherish. E feel that thee changes will be very positive for thee Network; thee decentralization that many ov you clamored for is upon us.

As for myself, E am relinquishing thee Temple Name Coyote 12, and destroying all sigils performed under that name. E desire to begin a new phase in my involvement with TOPY, and that will be under a new Temple Name, assigned by thee new Station.

Anyone wishing to maintain contact with me can feel free to do so, in care ov thee WDC, whose address is in thee last few CCTs. Be forewarned that E will not discuss thee affairs ov thee former Station, or my reasons for terminating it.

with deep L-ov-E, Tom Hallewell, formerly Coyote 12.

[ note: the address ov TOPY SOL is : Box 33540, San Diego, CA 92163 USA ]

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DEATH POEM OF A SAMURAI

Toshimoto took out of his robe a scroll of paper and, after wiping his neck with it, spread it out and wrote his death poem:

From ancient times the saying comes,  
"There is no death; there is no life."  
Indeed, the skies are cloudless  
And the river waters clear.

Toshimoto then laid down his brush and smoothed his hair with his hand. At that very moment, the blade of the sword flashed behind him; his head fell forward and his body followed, covering the head.

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I just finished reading Mishima's SUN & STEEL a lengthy essay on the inadequacy of words...Tzara, Gysin and Burroughs also are disgruntled with the inadequacy of words, all four are writers by profession...and all four are trying different ways of communicating there experience to others via words...Burroughs pointed out the problem with words...which is that to read a little voice must read the words...this little voice is inside our head...and thus the agents of control infiltrate our minds by us reading there propaganda...by reading a sign or headline, etc. my own inner voice speaks those written words...thus i may believe them as true because my own little voice spoke to me...there is a scholarly

book which Burroughs often quotes from on this subject...the title and author escapes me at the time...but such verbalizing of writing leads to discursive thought...the noisy, unattractive thoughts of us/them, here/there, subject/object, mine/other...Burroughs suggested stopping this "voice of authority" by using language based on pictures ...ideally hieroglyphics...but chinese and japanese charachters are based on pictures also..."sunset" is written by juxtaposing the symbol for "sun" which looks like the sun with that of "tree" which looks like a tree...thus the word "sunset" looks like a sunset...the sun just on the horizon behind a tree...and Mishima (who writes in japanese) still found this inadequate to communicate properly...for him action was the only pure communication...action as symbol? a single perfect note from a bamboo flute which induces enlightenment.... holding a single flower aloft...cutting an apple in two to actualize its center...Mishima denies that action is a symbol for anything else... an action undifiled by discursive thought...that is an action as it really is...pure action=pure consciousness...so what did Mishima communicate by his seppuku (ritual suicide)? i am skeptickal as to any real comunication...i fall back on the Zen saying that there is "Nothing to do, nothing to say, nothing to know."

Any thoughts on this subject would be appreciated...

somewhere suspended  
between the sky & the sea  
nowhere else to be

L-ov-E  
COYOTE 131

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[ ok, so heres the story - E lost coum ov thee files for this moonth >oops< and E thought 'Hey, what am E gonna fill thee space with?' so, E dug into meye little folder o' delights and came up with coum writings from Ilsa VanHook (ilsa@well.sf.ca.us). She

fits right in.  
E didn't ask for her permission to distribute this, and E know shes gonna see it - so: If it makes you mad Ilsa, sorry! L-ov-e & Kisses, Coyote 129 ]

Explanatory Chart



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| Brad & Francie Steiger / |-----+
| _____/ | Chilly Willy? |
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+----->SANRIO>--{ Hello Kitty }=={ R'lyeh }
| { Tuxedo Sam }=={ Hollow Earth }
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Squirt { Little Twin Stars }=={ The Two }
| { Zashikibuta }=={ ? }
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Fresca { My Melody }=={ Tzara death plot }
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Pocari Sweat

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We will pitch our tents in the campfire of the Lord and offer up sacrifices of live scientists. It will be a happy time. Embossers will live off the fat of the land. The lion and the cow and the hippy chick will lie down in a field of poppies; their little machetes will do them no good.

You and i will breathe helium and go to wake them up before too long.

La, mister lion! Wake up! La, mistress hippy chick! We will lead them, in their drowsy state, to the zeppelin hangar. We will induce them to don the special gutta-percha flight suits that will protect them from the terrible high-altitude phlogiston winds.

At this height, geography is not so cumbersome. It becomes apparent that office building lights are pixels in fatbits mode illuminating the whorls and arches peculiar to fingerprints. Our little mammalian brains are racing very quickly now, threatening an unsettling revelation. The helium-enhanced voices on the intercom do not soothe any longer. The pulse of blood in our ears slams against our eardrums. The last thing we remember is Mister Lion holding the test instruments in the phlogiston wind. He is leaning far out of the gondola. Fat blue phlogiston sparks are creeping up the handle towards him. Suddenly we can see valves and relays inside the instruments; it seems that their titanium panels have developed transparent splotches where they face the wind.

The moth-baby shook violently and woke up one of the guards. This one rolled across the wide lawn toward her, pushing her back in the cage. She cried.

She got sick. It was very quiet, and the moth-baby imagined that the whole world could hear her vomit.

Then she stopped vomiting and began dry-retching. She did not find this much more pleasant. Her abdomen was very tired, and she wanted very much to sleep.

Sometimes she dozed off, but she always awoke in convulsions, trying to throw up the contents of her empty moth-belly.

Just before dawn, she coughed up a piece of track from a main battle tank.

That was the first. Every few minutes she retched, and sometimes something would come up. The first day there was the tank track, a napkin dispenser, some rebar and a stapler.

The next day, things seemed to come out even faster. She worried that her cage might fill up, and she would be forced out, which would attract the guards. By the third day, she had a poinsettia, a volleyball net, a translucent plastic glove, a tennis trophy, christmas tree lights, lumps of paraffin, a sled, a pinecone, a Miami transit map, brushed aluminum drawer handles, an eyeglass repair kit, ceramic insulators, a Kawasaki clutch cable, an empty Ramones CD jewel box, a pair of safety scissors, a wasabi root, saxophone reeds, a Barbie-sized oxygen mask, sand, worry beads, a scarab beetle, a circular saw blade, semaphore flags, a bakelite scotty dog, fishing sinkers, cheese seals, a portable phonograph, a dowsing rod, sugarcane, a bottle rocket, a lawn chair and a stuffed giraffe.

She tried and tried to cough up a curved metal box inscribed "front towards enemy", but could not control her talent.

Our tormentors are always the most sympathetic. Especially the Etruscans, with their moist pink snouts and cleverly woven hair extensions. I remember them floating face-down in the fountain by my favorite restaurant. I was fifteen, and i was trying out my new electronic stud finder. I remember them taking me to an all-night recycling center. Someone was whistling Bridge Over the River Kwai. I remember them having spongy hands, with fingers that came off when you bit them.

They wanted me to tell them about disaster models, they had all kinds of pictures of flood, hurricane, accident victims. I don't think they believed

that I couldn't get them calendars and t-shirts; it was hard to tell what they meant or what they wanted . They videotaped me, asking me if I had ever been in a fire, a flood, anything. Then they insisted I make something up, talk about how my home was destroyed by earthquakes.

They kept saying oh, how terrible when the camera was on; like I said, sympathetic. They put dirt on me, then helped me brush it off, saying oh, how terrible.

An old man with one of those plastic necks drove up to drop off some aluminum cans. He got back in his car and didn't start it for a long time.

She watched ungulates washing up on the shore. They had their sleeves pushed up to their elbows and were chattering about the latest Rae Tracy, virtual girl detective, video.

She watched ungulates wash up on the beach. She was sure now that the ocean was mostly ground glass; the waves were too hard and sparkly for it to be otherwise. And the paint was already wearing off of the sand dunes. Green fiberglass was showing through the most weathered spots.

Hundreds of ungulates had washed up with the last tide, clogging drains and decorating the beach. She decided to take casts of the decaying beasts.

She put on hip boots and the gas mask. She loaded the foam gun.

[ Intermission ]

I am the incarnation of evil.

I will lick your face when you get out of your car and you will know fear.

I will keep your parents in a bottle at the bottom of my purse where they will be forever pushed about by the sunglasses, kohl pencil and kleenex.

I will steal your socks.

When you are dead, i will give you a passing or failing grade. I will weigh your heart against a dried bat. I will look you up

in the phone book and enumerate your sins on network television.

I will judge you on the Richter scale.

I will chain myself to your coffin.

But you haven't suffered enough! I will lick your face and bring you back to life. The terror of the situation will slowly become apparent to you.

In the summer, i will kiss your ears. In the winter, i will kiss your eyes. In the spring, i will kiss your nose. In the

fall, i will kiss your mouth. You will die again, and i will kiss the rest of you on your funeral pyre. We will be consumed by a hideous orange pillar of flame that screams, deafening, to the sky.

I will put your ashes into my purse, where your parents in their bottle will now have to dust constantly wherever the ashes settle. You will become friends with whatever lint and crumbs you can find.

But still you haven't suffered enough! I will lick your face and you will return to life. Your eyes will be wide with panic as you realize your position.

I will make you so happy.

I will tease you, and call you names, and lick your face, and you will be so terrified that your heart will stop but i will keep licking your face; i will not let you die.

I promise you will always be my favorite zombie.

I will hold you, forever, closest to my heart.

I will let you enter a contest. It is a contest to see who can drive, blindfolded, closest to the gap in the Bay Bridge without falling in.

After your car is pulled from the bay, i will supervise the embalming of your body. I will replace your internal organs with meatloaf and your blood with honey.

But your new eyes of tourmaline set in quartz will make me reconsider; i will sit up for years staring at your corpse and wondering: "Have you suffered enough, my greatest love? Could i cause you any more suffering?"

And although you will be desiccated and crispy, i will lick your face once again. And as you awake to this horror your rictus will soften slowly away and your body will be restored again to caressable flesh.

You will think you are dreaming.

I will let you dream only of me.

And when we go out, people will stare at your quartz and tourmaline eyes. They will be scarred by the invisible needles of the lasers stimulated by the electrical storm in your brain. And when we go out, you will open your veins to sweeten my tea with your blood.

I will take you to visit your old friends, who will wonder at your appearance, and be amazed at the complicated hieroglyphic tattoos that appear on their bodies as your eyes wander over them.

Everyone will ask how a man this dead could be this beautiful. But i will explain to them that you are not dead, you cannot be dead as long as i exist. It is my love that makes you live. It is my love for your suffering and terror.

Nobody takes me seriously.

No one will rescue you. There will be no one to take you from me. Even if you were to escape me, no one could remove the lingering horror from your mind.

With me, you will understand incomprehensible things. You will believe incredible things.

I will polish you to an impossible brightness. Only the smoke

of my breath will hide you from view.  
I will heat you to a white heat. I will mark your incandescent  
skin with my fingernails.

Even i cannot believe how happy i will make you.

And yet, you will wish you were not His Endlessness at all, but  
unfeeling, inert and cold beneath the earth. You will seek  
Death in ever more clever and subtle ways and, at length, find  
him in spite of my attentiveness.  
You will have learned how to hurt me, my ancient and powerful  
love.

And i will leave you at last as all mortals truly desire to be--  
undisturbed by thought, feeling or experience.

And i will go on through the aeons alone, troubled by your  
absence, always wondering, "Is it really possible that you have  
suffered enough? Was my love somehow imperfect? Can i never  
reawaken your fear, your desire?"

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5) Thee CAMPOUT  
6) Current Velocity by Funky Chicken

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1) Here we are at another Equinox...and with a beautiful Full Moon to light up thee Night as we touch our selves and make our selves WHOLE... got some good news and some bad news...thee good news is CHAOS is back in print (see 2) thee bad news is that we WILL no longer include it in thee Transmissions...go buy it...it is X-cellent...

COYOTE=KALI

"Change only comes from the barrel of a gun!" -Mao Tse Tung

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2) Hakim Bey's CHAOS is reprinted in a larger book called \_TAZ\_ (Temporary Autonomous Zone) by Autonomedia. It contains all the shorter essays which he's had published in zines as well as a lovely essay on pirate utopias and autonomy. Discovering bey's writings in a zine: always a cause for celebration. finding a whole new book? jamboree in edge city.

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3) CHAOS by Hakim Bey

Chapter 3

AMOUR FOU

Amour fou is not a Social Democracy, it is not a Parliament of Two. The minutes of its secret meetins deal with meanings too enormous but too precise for prose. Not this, not that -its Book of Emblems trembles in your hand.

Naturally it shits on schoolmasters & police, but it sneers at liberationists & ideologues as well -it is not a clean will-lit room. A topological charlatan laid out its corridors & abandoned parks, its ambush-decor of luminous black & membranous maniacal

red.

Each of us owns half the map -like two renaissance potentates we define a new culture with our anathematized mingling of bodies, merging of liquids -the Imaginal seams of our City-state blur in our sweat.

Ontological anarchism never came back from its last fishing trip. So long as no one squeals to the FBI, CHAOS cares nothing for the future of civilization. Amour fou breeds only by accident -its primary goal is ingestion of the Galaxy. A conspiracy of transmutation.

Its only concern for the Family lies in the possibility of incest (Grow your own! "Every human a Pharoah!") -O most sincere of reader, my semblance, my brother/sister! -& in the masturbation of a child it finds concealed (like a japanese-paper-flower-pill) the image of the crumbling of the State.

Words belong to those who use them only till someone else steals them back. The Surrealists disgraced themselves by selling amour fou to the ghost-machine of Abstraction -they sought in their unconsciousness only power over others, & in this they followed de Sade (who wanted "freedom" only for grown-up whitemen to eviscerate women & children).

Amour fou is saturated with its own aesthetic, it fills itself to the borders of itself with the trajectories of its own gestures, it runs on angels' clocks, it is not a fit fate for commisars & shopkeepers. Its ego evaporates in the mutability of desire, its communal spirit withers in the selfishness of obsession.

Amour fou involves non-ordinary sexuality the way sorcery demands non-ordinary consciousness. The anglo-saxon post-Protestant world channels all its suppressed sensuality into advertising & splits itself into clashing mobs: hysterical prudes vs. promiscuous clones & former-ex-singles. AF doesn't want to join anyone's army, it takes no part in the Gender Wars, it is bored by equal opportunity employment (in fact it refuses to work for a living), it doesn't complain, doesn't explain, never votes & never pays taxes.

AF would like to see every bastard ("lovechild") come to term & birthed -AF thrives on anti-entropic devices -AF loves to be molested by children -AF is better than prayer, better than sinsemilla -AF takes its own palm-trees & moon wherever it goes. AF admires tropicalismo, sabotage, break-dancing, Layla & Manjun, the smells of gunpowder & sperm.

AF is always illegal, whether it's disguised as a marriage or a boyscout troop -always drunk, whether on the wine of its own secretions or the smoke of its own polymorphous virtues. It is not the derangement of the senses but rather their apotheosis -not the result of freedom but rather its precondition. Lux et voluptas.

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4) "Secrets of the Assassins" by Peter Lamborn Wilson  
(an excerpt from  
SCANDAL)

I. A Fatimid Chrestomathy

On the seventeenth of Ramazan,  
Hassan II, upon whose mention be peace...  
caused his followers to come to Alamut.  
They raised four great banners...white  
red yellow & green...at the four corners  
of the minbar. At noon he came down  
from the fortress & in a most perfect  
manner mounted the pulpit. Baring his  
sword he cried: O inhabitants of the  
worlds, djinn, men & angels! Someone  
has come to me in secret from the Imam,  
who has lifted from you the burden of  
the Law & brought you to the Resurrection.  
Then he set up a table & seated the  
people to break the fast. On that day  
they showed their joy with wine & repose.

II. The Chains of the Law

Metaphysics abandons the city: all the greystone angels which decorate  
the bridge come to life & flap heavily up into the low mist.  
Everything  
on either side of the skin falls subject to doubt. Quick! reconstruct  
something to outlive this betrayal...

The cupbearer...call him the Saki for the sake of style...remains when  
all else fails; and desire, the unhealed wound. Sometimes a crack  
opens between the two, like the rose I set between myself & the Saki.  
Everything else is losing its grip: a spectral flight of luminous  
gulls across the low grey sky, over the bridge.

And the Law abandons us, another ponderous escape of stone angels. I  
have no reason to love the Law...why should I? Must I refuse the wine  
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the cup & the shaman's embroidered robe, all to pay a price? no  
realization without Law, sin & hell? the city's redsmoke image!

Now darkness...in the darkness appears another angel...no way of  
knowing  
if it can be trusted...certainly not carved of stone...it looks like  
the Saki...it filters into the imagination like trembling smoke. It  
opens this book, A Fatimid Chrestomathy: on a certain day an angelic  
yout ascended a throne on a mountaintop in lost Persia, announcing that  
the chains of the Law have been broken.

I have no idea who is speaking, who is being spoken to. I swear by my  
pen I do not believe or disbelieve. The mist closes over the bridge

like tuberculosis.

(London)

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4)TOPY Campout 1991

Listen...

listen...

listen...five beautiful wolf-angels spent eight days, where forest meets sea,

exploring a rocky beach, themselves and each other...

Why do the hike-in's always have to be such traumatic events?

But we did get a feel for how untransversible rain forest can be when we

had to flee the incoming tide by scaling that hill...

think positive...

"that which does not kill me makes me stronger"-Nietsche

after staying that first night on a very imense beach...we scouted out a

more secluded spot three or four miles south of sands point trail head...

there overlooking a stretch of rocky beach, tide pools and "scaries" we made our home for the next week...that very night we did our first

group rite...a rope ritual that jason led...tied left-hand to our neighbor's right and right-hand to our neighbor's left...we sat in a

circle and contemplated how we had willingly bound ourselves to each other and to TOPY which was represented by the rope...we moved out onto

the beach...testing our bounds, dancing and singing..."we circle around,

we circle around...wearing our long wing feathers...." then we cut thee physical rope which bound us together...but during our stay there we

left knotted lengths about our wrists...badges of our L-ov-E...

on tuesday night which was a very special evening E saw me first

northern lights...it began as a shimmering white sheet...but then it spread rainbow rays upwards...covering Big Dipper completely with

red...thee colour ov KALI...on wednesday evening we held our first sweat...we drummed and chanted songs to all our "relations"...heating

thee rocks to an eiry red-glowing, translucency...once inside we poured water on thee rocks...thee waves ov steam were almost too much...facing

thee flames outside our lodge with me eyes closed E saw swirling, dancing images similiar to using thee Dreamachine...thee combination ov

heat, chanting and deep breathing was very mind altering...it was as if E was hollow and a flame which began in me perianum...burned higher

twirling around itself...up and out thee top ov me head...E then calmed myself enough to ask for water...but was incapable of holding

thee bottle...one ov me dear brothers had to for me...thee next sweat was during thee day, thee stones seemed hotter and we burned

resin...thee waves ov steam were too much this time and as E lay on me back trying to breath...E realize one ov me greatest fears...being a

vegetable from an accident or stroke...though a painful and draining experience...this second sweat was also very cleansing....friday...

a day filled with "torchure and mootiltlation"...among which was our MOONDANCE (combination ball- and sun-dance)...bradley and E pierced

ourselves in thee chest above thee left nipple...mine entry and exit points were about an inch apart and then line was pulled through...we

then pierced an apple each...threaded the line through the apple and then tied the end to a tree branch...as we danced the others drummed...it seemed timeless...but E watched the moon rise above the trees...at first it hurt but as E began to get the apple bouncing about in the air the pain left...the bouncing apple was hypnotic to watch and the line was pulling me skin away from my chest by a couple of inches...it felt as if E was flying and at one point E felt as if a hand was massaging my heart...and E was overcome by a great sense of L-OV-E... every thing was very vivid and colours seemed to become very bright and shift in spectrum...we danced until the line wore through the apples and then finally broke...afterwards we performed a group sigil...we agreed on a combination of a group focal point, but to also incorporate our own sigils...so within a huge sigil which stretched from the edge of the forest to the sea...there six sections one for each of our sigils and an empty space for our dream lovers...we anointed each other and the remainder was poured on the sand for our dream-lovers as well as the network as a whole and its sigil we had drawn, upon the fire and into the sea as offerings to the respective spirits...it was my first group sigil and though it could have been more dynamic it was still very powerful...the following day our last full day at the campsite...a few of us decided to indulge in psychedelics...the three of us took a hike up along the beach...past an incredibly huge, flat, sandy beach which stretched out forever it seemed, the entire length filled with jellyfish washed ashore...an LSD nightmare...past a rocky point with beautiful tidal pools...past cambodian temples and gigantic bonsai trees...past a valkyrie with waist length golden braids...past a vine from france...past the ravens' impenetrable fortress...we sat on the beach and watched the sun dance on the sea...E picked up a white crystal stone which seemed to pulsate with its own inner light...E realized then that E was peaking so E kissed my brothers goodbye and left them behind...bones bleached on the beach...and began walking back to the campsite...stopping twice...once to howl in the cave-tunnel and another when a lone man stopped and asked me where "we" were...it was hard to keep from laughing in his face...giving an esoteric answer like, "we are standing in the middle of the Pure Land of the Fine Dharma" or cutting his throat...as E walked back E shape changed...a gnarled old sage, a king, a bird flying, a snake slithering, a warrior, a monk, a mad man in an empty land...and the entire journey the winds of time were howling...like flowers unfolding...when E arrived at the campsite E could not talk, but E wished to express to gabriel my L-OV-E for him...so while E hugged him E blew in his ear & then he blew in my ear and it sounded just like the wind howling...and E knew on some level that he understood...a psychick transmission...which E cannot express adequately in words... then E lay on the beach watching the sun's arc across the sky, and as E contemplated the strange opacity of the sky and at the same time its awesome infinitude...E was horrified and the sky turned into a blue-black face with three eyes...which took a great bite out of me...E thought about what E had read in the Psychedelic Experience and the Tibetan Book of the Dead and calmed myself by realizing that all things are

objects ov mind including this and that E should become one with my  
devourer...later E realized that this was essentially thee tantrik  
evening ritual called "gcod"....E felt renewed...filled with Energy  
and capable ov doing whatever is needed to be done...E then played in  
the forest for a while...watching the huge insects fly by with their  
rainbow coloured tails...at sunset E told gabriel that E realized  
that today was not thee last day that tomorrow would be quite an  
adventure hiking out...and for that matter thee day after that would  
also be filled with adventure and thee next day and so on and even  
though  
each ov us might go our own separate paths each ov us would always be  
right here at this hearth...with all ov our dream-lovers.

a mad love from an empty land  
Lung sTong sMyonpa (COYOTE 131)

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Funkychicken actively studies empathogenic and entactogenic compounds.  
Wearing Lizards and Ecstatic Shaman motifs, leaving the body. Who  
scared  
him into meat? Into shit forever? Hassan I Sabbah whispers, the end of  
words is at hand. Unblinking lizard eyes? A theory? A Seduction? Only  
the television idiot box Sign of a Decaying Order's death grip. ISDN?  
World Band? With limitless possibilities we are frozen. Rabbits in  
headlights, Unless ourselves we steal away. 24-hr assault with car  
alarms, radio alarm clocks, 1 hour lunches, stop signs, high heeled  
shoes  
dangled from feet. Who Are?

If a great writer creates his predecessors, then MF shall be the  
undoing of  
Derrida, Baudrillard, Hakim Bey, Peter Lambourn Wilson, Foucault,  
Bataille,  
Wittgenstein, Bob Black, RAWilson, and Henry.

The Entire Path is achieved in a Single Step.

I AM The Real.

(current velocity)

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4.01.1 - i'm back!

Well, it has been a long time. many changes have ocured in my existence since thee last time i edited a TRANSMISSION. when TRANSMISSION 0.75 came out in November of 1990, i had no idea what changes and growth were in store, both for me and thee Temple. i am pleased that TOPY has been there for me during this time. i hope i can always be around in the future when thee Temple needs my help.

i'd also like to thank C131 for keeping TRANSMISSIONS alive, thru my periods of net drought and other times. i hope i can help return the favor, and keep the output up to the same standard.

there are other changes that would have been out of the realm of possibilty just a few months ago:

- \* TOPY will have its own Internet site by next months TRANSMISSION.
- \* TOPY will open more Action Points in 1994 than ever before.
- \* more TOPY material will be available online.
- \* TOPY will begin to take a more public role in sharing it tenets.

Many of these changes are directly possible because of the evolution that TOPY has had to undergo after the decision to seperate our activities from the activities of Psychic TV. In retrospect, thee Network can see that that decision, however hard it was, was the right one! 1994 is the year that TOPY "comes of age". Psychick Youth, all grown up!

stay tuned....

Thee Frantic love ov passion: Coyote 129

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#### 4.01.2 - PSYCHICK

From 'Thee Definitions ov Psychick Youth'

Published in BROADCAST issue 4/5, 1993

\* Manifestation of an enhanced and focused perception developed by creating a state of mind where the intuitive/creative faculties of the subconscious mind can interrelate with the ordinary state of consciousness, thus normally suppressed and/or ignored data can be analyzed or used in a constructive manner to assist in one's personal evolutionary path. Psychick

is to psychic what magick is to magic. Lack of the 'k' usually implies sleight-of-hand 'hocus-pocus' tricks.

\* PSY- 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet CHI- daoism - great breath, the soul, life.

\* The deliberate modification of the Self by internal means, influencing one's behavior through thought, meditation, analysis. In the equation 'as above, so below', psychick magick would be affecting 'below', the microcosm.

\* The term itself can be taken to imply paranormally talented young people,  
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the psy-chicks, who are the Maat mutants forming the evolutionary wave of homo veritas. It is what happens when one is tuned in. 'I don't have to tell you, and it's better, sweeter if I don't.'  
(See also magick)

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#### 4.01.3 - COYOTE DANCING IN A NEW Y-ERA

As thee focus ov thee recent Event hosted by TOPY TERRA, there was a Ball-Dance...in which E actively participated...E was thee first to finish stringing my tangellos and bells [six ov each]...and carrying them to thee piercing area...i was greated by thee master piercer..."Are all ov those for you?", he asked smiling devilishly...E said, "Yes.", to which he repied that we should begin with me...thee actual piercing did not feel as painful as E thought it would, but thee weight upon these fresh "wounds" was much more painful than E expected...finally after waiting for fourteen others to be pierced by thee three piercers present...WE



moved out into thee underground tunnel in which we had gathered, formed a circle and chanted...thee drumming began...moving was painful at first... but quickly thee Endorphines kicked in...thee weights upon my back tugged in such a way that it felt as if E had wings...flying is an accurate descriptor ov my Experience...E did not notice thee first couple ov balls to fall off...but when thee final ball flew off...E was engulfed in a tidal wave ov Pure Pleasure...that filled me with such JOY that E felt far too big for that bunker...or for this world...at that moment E Empowered my Sigil which consisted ov verbal and somatic parts... each ov us dance together...but each for our own goals...after each ov us had finished dancing...we gathered in a circle...holding hands...allowing thee Energy to flow through sweating blood streaked bodies...chanting... or just breathing...allowing our"selves" to get used to this world again...

amour fou,  
coyote 131

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#### 4.01.4 - KALI DANCING IN A NEW Y-ERA

TOPY LUNA participated in a New Y-era Event in thee Bay Area...it was beautiful to see such a gathering ov Tribes...Topi, IOT, Magickal Allies, Rainbow Queers, thee Family...in a rather impromptu way, based on some loose ideas, TOPY LUNA led a KALI Rite, in which some 50 allies participated...WE explained that we were wanting to Evoke KALI, so as to shed from our lives whatever we had been carrying around for thee last y-era that was no longer useful like a snake sheds its old skin...we called thee quarters, Evoking Elementals while focusing upon thee coresponding regions ov thee Body...a Magickal Ally read a passage about thee GODDESS [in thee first person]...E described HER powers ov destruction/creation while my brothers c236 & c25 distributed pieces ov a 15' snake shed for people to focus upon that object what they desired to shed from their lives and while c236 danced within and shed a red tube ov clothe as a visual example ov thee Emotional process in which we were engaged...we chanted "SHE IS DARKNESS COMING INTO LIGHT!"...c236 led us out beneath the Night Sky and we gathered around thee bon fire...at which time/place E instructed those gathered to fling into thee Fire thee snake shed along with that which we wished to shed from our lives, but only when they were really ready to let it go...i blew a horn thrice and asked those who participated to sometime that night look up into HER Darkness ov thee

Night Sky and say thanks for a freshly plowed field upon which new seeds may be flung...

a mad l-ov-e from an empty land,  
coyote 131

KALI DANCES IN EVERYONE'S HEART AND HER FOOTFALLS ARE OUR HEARTBEATS!  
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4.01.5 - The Naming Of An Age  
By: al677@cleveland.Freenet.Edu  
USA, 1992

Here we are, all in this together, plummeting helter-skelter toward a new century, a new millennium, a new Age, and it's not too early to begin thinking about what we shall call it. The naming of an Age is not something to be taken lightly, after all, and if we wait too long we will eventually lose the right to name our new Age ourselves, leaving the task to some post-historic nerd who has no real feel for just what it is that makes us tick. It is important that we name our Age now, while it is fresh and clear in our minds.

We give names to Ages in history on the basis of some characteristic which, from our point of view, is a significant and central aspect of a culture. The name should be short and convenient, and should evoke an immediate image of what the times were like, while carrying a specific and unique flavor that distinguishes this Age from all others. It is also important to note that Ages have been coming closer and closer together lately -- the Industrial Age, the Atomic Age, the Space Age, the Electronic Age, the Computer Age, the Information Age, all rushing down on us in a hailstorm of historical importance until they overlap and blur together like the pages of a cartoon flipbook. Our new Age should have a name that is truly distinctive, that sets it apart from mere technological labels and touches the core of our place in cultural history. A name that immediately identifies the essence of who and what we are.

Bearing all of this in mind, I suggest that we christen our new Age 'The T-Shirt Age.'

Before you scoff and sneer, consider the evidence. What specific aspect of

our culture could better represent who we are as a people, our tastes, our art, our politics, our world view, our philosophy? You may think that the T-Shirt is a trite and banal image, undignified and unfit for the grand purpose of identifying an entire Age of history. And perhaps it is trite. But do not dismiss it out of hand solely for that reason.

Think of the symbolism here. The very nature of the T-shirt illustrates our place in history with eloquence. It represents our penchant for off-the-rack, mass-produced, interchangeable personalities, slipped on easily and worn with smug arrogance. Who we are is encapsulated in our T-shirts, whether plain and bland or adorned with caricatures, aphorisms, profanity or meaningless patterns. We have no need to develop complexities of soul and mind; our views on any subject can be stated in a cartoon and a caption, emblazoned on our proud, out-thrust chests. Our politics and ways of life are slogans and jingoisms of twelve words or less: if it can't be read on a T-shirt from across the room, it's too complex to bother with. The ever popular 'Shit Happens' T-shirt is a poetically concise, eloquent expression of our apathetic indifference to the constant slings and arrows of our outrageous world, and our firm belief that there's nothing we can do about it anyway.

Our infatuation with amusing ourselves and our adoration of entertainers -- actors, rock groups, sports figures, religious and political leaders -- are epitomized by the T-shirt. We strut our likes and dislikes publicly and uninvited, advising all who cross our paths that we love Hulk Hogan and Freddy Kreuger, Axel Rose or Vanna White, Jimmy Swaggart, Ronald McDonald, or Hot Babes With Bodacious Hooters.

The T-shirt crosses all social lines. Everyone wears them, from factory worker to clergyman to teenager to executive. The one-size-fits-all mentality is the perfect representation of our homogeneity, our distaste for individuality, our distrust of anything different, and our passion for imposing equality at the expense of excellence. T-shirts know no boundaries. Age, occupation, economic status, race, gender, physical condition: T-shirts are the same for everyone.

T-shirts are fashionably informal, and we are a culture obsessed with fashion and disdainful of formality. We wear them to work, to play, to

church and to socialize, to make an impression and to make love.  
They're  
universally accepted, and acceptance is of paramount importance to us.

We are a wash-n-wear culture, a society on the go, in love with  
convenience. You can change from your work T-shirt to your tennis T-  
shirt  
to your going-out-to-dinner T-shirt without losing more than a moment  
of  
your valuable time. The T-shirt requires virtually no care or  
attention.

They do wear out periodically, but then, so do our ideals, and you can  
pick  
up new ones at any drug store or corner gas mart. They're cheap, easy,  
disposable; simply toss them aside and don another. It'll stretch to  
fit  
anything, giving it some resemblance to our belief in political  
speeches  
and the national debt.

So despite the misgivings you may have had, you can surely see that the  
T-shirt is a remarkably appropriate emblem for our Age. One might even  
say  
it suits us to a T.

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4.02.1 - Editorial

Well, its happening. As of 2.17.1994 Thee Temple ov Psychick Youth got a new home on the Internet. Our new home is much nicer for a variety of reasons, not the least being that we no longer have to worry about disk quotas and will be able to put up a much larger volume of data. the anonymous FTP site should be active by the end of this week`. a listing of the available files is appended.

other changes include setting up the TRANSMISSIONS subscription list as a mailing list... if you would like to send mail to the list, address your message to:

topy-allies@riapub.com

this list will be archived, and perhaps in time, the TRANSMISSIONS digest will be merely a digest of the mailing list. we will see.

if you are an active sigilizer and you are reading this, please contact me.

ever growing, ever changing  
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4.02.2 - Thee Temple ov Psychick Youth Internet Archive listing

these are the complete listings as of 2.20.94. we will be publishing a list of additions monthly.

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the listings are in this format:

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give a general picture of TOPY, for more specific info contact TOPY. It  
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A manual based on the Tibetan Book of the Dead

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Recorded on "Synesthesia" program WZBC 4:21:84  
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REALITY AS DESCRIBED BY QUANTUM MECHANICS  
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a cross-cultural overview

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# Chaoism and Chaos Magic, A Personal View

*by Pete Carroll*

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As there are as many Chaos Magicians as there are Chaoists practising magic, I cannot speak for the subject in general but only for my own Chaoism and Chaos Magic.

However, if you want a one-line definition with which most Chaoists would probably not disagree, then I offer the following. Chaoists usually accept the meta-belief that belief is a tool for achieving effects; it is not an end in itself.

It is easy to see how other people and cultures are the victims of their own beliefs. The horrors of Islam and the ghastly state of politics in sub-Saharan Africa, are obvious examples, but we rarely pause to consider the extent to which we are the victims of our own beliefs, and the ability we have to modify them if we wish.

It is perhaps worth considering the recent history of belief in Western cultures before mounting an attack on the very foundations of the contemporary world view. For about a millenia and a half the existence of "God" was an incontrovertible fact of life in Christendom. It was never questioned or thought to be questionable. Hideous wars and persecutions were conducted to support one interpretation of deity against another. Learned men wrote thousands of books of theology debating points which seem utterly tedious and idiotic to us now, but the central question of the existence of "God" was never considered. Yet now, the belief in "God" as the author of most of what goes on in the world has been almost completely abandoned, and belief in even the existence of an absentee "God" is in most places fading. Satanism as an anti-religious gesture is now a waste of iconoclastic talent. The alchemists, sorcerers and scientists of the late Middle Ages and the Renaissance won a stupendous posthumous victory. Their questioning of the medieval world view started a rot that brought the whole edifice down eventually.

We can laugh looking back on it now, but I assert that we now live under a collective obsession which is even more powerful and will appear equally limiting and ridiculous to future historians.

Since the eighteenth century European enlightenment, a belief has grown to the point where it is now so all-pervasive, and so fundamental a part of the Western world view, that one is generally considered mad if one questions it. This is a belief that has proved so powerful and useful that virtually everyone in the Western world accept it without question. Even those who try to maintain a belief in "God" tend to place more actual faith in this new belief for most practical purposes.

I am about to reveal what this fundamental contemporary belief is. Most of you will think it is so obvious a fact that it can, hardly be called a belief. That, however, is a measure of

its extraordinary power over us. Most of you will think me a madman or a fool to even question it. Few of you will be able to imagine what it would be like not to believe it, or that it would be possible to replace it with something else. Here it is: the dominant belief in all Western Cultures is that this universe runs on material causality and is thus comprehensible to reason. Virtually everyone also maintains a secondary belief that contradicts this - the belief that they have something called free will, although they are unable to specify what this is - but I will deal with that later.

We spend billions every year indoctrinating our young with the primary belief in material causality in our schools. Our language, our logic, and most of our machines, are built largely upon this belief. We regard it as more reliable than "God".

Now, it has been one of the functions of the Magician to try and break through to something beyond the normal. My own magical quest has always had a strongly antinomian and iconoclastic element, and I long ago decided to go for broke and attack the primary beliefs of our culture. Religion is too easy a target as it is already fatally disabled by our ancestors, the Renaissance sorcerers and scientists. Contemporary Satanists are waisting their efforts.

Ideology is thankfully beeing gradually replaced with economics. The main thrust of my Chaoism is against the doctrine of material causality and secondarily against most of the nonsense that passes for modern psychology.

Anyway, now I have to firstly try and convince you that there is something seriously wrong with material causality, and that there is something that could supersede it as a belief. These are vitally important questions for magicians, for since the demise of essentially spiritual descriptions of magic, the belief in material causality has been increasingly used in a haphazard fashion to form various ill-conceived metaphors such as "magical energy" or "magical force" which are tactily presumed to be something analogous to static electricity or radio waves. This is, I think, complete bullshit. Magic can sometimes be induced to behave a bit like this, but it is not a very effective description.

Before attempting a frontal assault on material causality I shall backtrack a little to gather ammunition. Few people noticed that in the 1930`s a serious crack was discovered in the fabric of material causality which, on the grounds of faith alone, was supposed to cover everything. This crack was called Quantum Physics, and it was pre-eminently Niels Bohr who, with his Copenhagen Interpretation, poked a finger into the crack and prised open a wrap to reveal a different reality.

Basically Bohr showed that this reality is better modelled by a description of non-material causality operating probabilistically not deterministically. This may sound tame at first, but the implications for our everyday view of the world and for our theories of magic are awesome. It brought to an end the era of the clockwork universe paradigm which began over two hundred years ago and which almost everyone still believes in their guts, even if they cannot formulate it precisely. I urge magicians everywhere to give

thanks by drinking what is probably the best lager in the world, for it was the Carlsberg Brewery in Copenhagen that supported Bohr and his colleagues while they did the physics.

The majority of straight scientists find quantum physics as distasteful as a priest would find witch-craft. If they have to use it they prefer not to think about the implications. Even Einstein, who started quantum physics going but made his major contribution in Relativity, felt repelled by its implications, on ground of scientific faith and residual Judaic belief, and wasted much of his later life campaigning fruitlessly against it.

Quantum physics says to me that not only is magic possible in a world that is infinitely Chaotic than we thought, but that magic is central to the functioning of this universe. This is a magical universe not a clockwork one. Causal materialist beliefs were a liberating and refreshing breath of fresh air after a millenia and a half of monotheism, but now, at their zenith, they have become tyranny. Relativity and the fundamental physics associated with it are probably close to a final refinement of the causal materialist paradigm, and as such they now seem a terrible prison. For all practical purposes they confine us to this planet forever and rule out magic from our lives. Quantum physics, which I believe currently to be basically an investigation of the magical phenomena underlying the reality most people have perceived as non-magical for the last two hundred years, shows us a way out.

It may be some time before any significant portion of humanity learns to believe the new paradigm in their guts and live accordingly, but eventually they will. Until then it is bound to sound like discombobulating gobbledgegook or tarted-up intellectualism to most people.

I would like to mention my other favourite iconoclasm in passing without explanation. I reject the conventional view of post-monotheistic Western psychology that we are individual unitary beings possessing free will. I prefer the description that we are colonial beings composed of multiple personalities; although generally unafflicted with the selective amnesia which is the hallmark of this otherwise omnipresent condition. And that secondly there is no such thing as free will; although we have the capacity to act randomly, or perhaps one should say more precisely stochastically, and the propensity to identify with whatever we find ourselves doing as a result.

All the gods and goddesses are within us and non-materially about us as well, in the form of non-local information.

I consider that all events occur basically by magic; the apparent causality investigated by classical science is merely the more statistically reliable end of a spectrum whose other end is complete Chaos. However, I would like to end with a few words about how my Chaoism affects my personal activity in what is ordinarily called magic.

There are for me two main aspects of magic; the parapsychological and the psychological. In enchantment and divination I believe that the magician is attempting to

interact with nature via non-material causality. He is basically exchanging information with his environment without using his physical faculties. Austin Osman Spare precisely identified the mental manoeuvres necessary to allow this to occur. The manoeuvres are startlingly simple and once you have understood them you can invent an unlimited number of spells and forms of divination. The manoeuvres are sacred but the forms of their expression are arbitrary; you can use anything at random.

Bohr and Spare are for me Saints of the Church of Chaos.

I consider that when a magician interacts with those apparently sentient sources of knowledge, inspiration and parapsychological ability that used to be called spirits, gods, demons and elementals, he is tapping into the extraordinary resources that each of us already contains. When activated they may also receive some input via non-material causality from outside. Yet since we all contain such a rich multitude within our own unconscious or subconscious and can also receive congruent information from the collective unconsciousness as it were, then the possibilities are practically limitless. Given the correct technique one can invoke or evoke anything, even things which did not exist before one thought of calling them. This may sound like complete Chaos, and I have to report that my own researches confirm that it is!

Chaos Magic for me means a handful of basic techniques which must be adhered to strictly to get results, but beyond that it offers a freedom of expression and intent undreamt of in all previous forms of magic.

# Formation of IOT Notice

**From:** ashton@netcom.netcom.com (ashton)

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**Subject:** IOT

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Here is the first public notice of the IOT from "The Nex Equinox Magazine", 1978.  
Marviously worded ...

"Spiritual heirs to the Zos Kia Cultus, the Illuminates of Thanateros are drinkers of the dual ecstasies of the sex and death gnoses. The IOT represents a fusion of Thelemic Magick, Tantra, The Sorceries of Zos and Tao.

The non-mysteries of symbolic systems have been discarded in favour of mastery of technique. ... "



# Ice Magick Wars

**To:** zee-list

**From:** Ryans Run

**Date:** 28 October 1996

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On Sun, 27 Oct 1996, ORE(z) Dispenser wrote:

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- > To quote an interview with Carroll (CI # 17)
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- > "Sometime in '89 Fra. U.D. formed an alliance with a secretive germanic
- > martial arts group and attempted to lead sections of the pact into it.
- > The more I heard, the worse it sounded. Eventually I publically accused
- > Fra. U.D. of abusing his position and of membership of an ultra right wing
- > mind control cult with a seriously nasty agenda. All hell broke loose ...
- > The ice magick philosophy appeared to be a grim and paranoid thulean
- > atavism which might have had ghastly consequences if Fra. U.D. had spread
- > it through the fabric of western esoterics"- Peter J. Carroll
- >
- > Pete's position is clearly biased, but I think the fission between RIOT &
- > the Pact was a \*little\* more complicated than a disagreement over
- > administrative schemes (which is what the grade structure consists of).
- > The Ice Magick intro does make me a bit uneasy about U.D.'s obsession with
- > "thulean might"- the Nazi's loved that shit.
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- > In any case, I don't have enough information to know what went on, I just
- > doubt that anyone on this list knows (from an unbiased source) and would
- > tell the tale.
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- > -ORE(z)
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Actually, there are Z-list who know the whole story. I was an initiate of EPIC temple in Los Angeles when the MT was Kenneth Stone. The problem with Frater UD was not that his casa had a tremendously difficult agenda; rather that Helmut a (A Highly Advanced Qi Quong expert: i.e. write for the that story) advanced magician was creating a subcult within the IOT.

The IOT was not opposed to innovative magical creations. Nor was the IOT interested at all in dictating to Frater VD concerning his magical goals etc. For sure, there was substantial interest in Helmets abilities. He could after all raise his Chi to a high level of circulation; and hence had developed extraordinary sexual and magical powers. His training program was based upon a strict program of activity often spanning many hours

or at least as some opine, days without sleep. Magical exercises combined with a rigorous training period created an accelerated experience, however stressful. The Ice Mage was not actually the problem, it was the underpinnings of dictatorial control which created a fiasco for the IOT.

Helmet was a strong willed person, but he did create a likely vignette of animosity. As Ian Read and Soro Benevide explained, there stay was not in keeping with magical freedom. Soro Benevide who is probably one of the most gnarly female magicians in the world was attacked by Helmet when she decided enough was enough. As the Soro was walking out: Helmet told her she would have cancer in her uterus and he waved his hand; causing Soro Benevide's nose to bleed.

That incident coupled with an increasing anarchy which interacted with egregoric tendencies of the IOT "European" contingent it made necessary for the Magi within the IOT to deal with it. Frater VD had no especial desire to upset the applecart; he merely wanted his way independent of the egregoric wave of the IOT. Carroll literally had no choice but to excommunicate VD after a vote of the pact determine there was no other choice.

I can guarantee you that Helmut impact on the IOT was a serious one; and my contacts inform me that there are still hurt feelings.

While I do not want to anyway invalidate Carroll, Helmut, or VD in this situation; I think it very clear in my mind, that when one actually attains power; we must eventually become more responsible of how we give forth our Word. Helmet could have been an important and essential contributor to the Pact; but when one abuses power; one can not blame others who know better when they withdraw support.

Anubis Rex

# Liber KKK

by Peter J. Carroll

## **KAOS KERAUNOS KYBERNETOS**

(THE CHAOS THUNDERBOLT STEERS ALL THINGS)

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Liber KKK is the first, complete, systematic magical training programme for some centuries. It is a definitive replacement for the Sacred Magic of Abramelin the Mage, which system has become obsolete due to its monotheist transcendentalism and its dependency on repressive forms of inhibitory gnosis now considered inappropriate.

Liber KKK is presented as a series of general magical techniques which the magician must develop into a workable programme using whatever symbols, instruments and forms of gnosis that appeal to him. It would be inappropriate for a Chaos Magic text to prescribe any particular beliefs or dogmas, except that magic works if certain general principles are followed. It would be inappropriate for any Chaos magician to slavishly adhere to the fine detail of any system. Much can be learnt from Liber KKK in the process of adapting general procedures to personal taste and objectives. Liber KKK may be attempted by any adult. The word "magician" applies equally to either sex and the use of the male personal pronouns in the text is merely a literary convention in the absence of neutral forms in English.

Liber KKK is a series of twenty-five magical operations or "conjurations". The five classical conjurations of Evocation, Divination, Enchantment, Invocation and Illumination are each performed on the five levels of Sorcery, Shamanic Magic, Ritual Magic, Astral Magic and High Magic. Thus the whole work systematically resumes the entire tradition of magical technique, leading the magician from simple practices and the manufacture of tools towards the mastery of more complex experiments on the psychic level.

It is highly desirable that the magician has some form of private temple for his conjurations. Yet it is essential that the magician remains active in the world for the period of the work as a whole. The work does not entail any form of retreat from the world, but rather the world surrounding the magician is used as the proving ground for magic. Thus the business and social affairs of the magician are the prime focus for his magic. In performing that magic he gradually defines his style or spirituality. For it is senseless to define spirituality as other than the way one lives. If the Way of Magic is to have a spiritual component it can only be discovered through the performance, all strictures and exhortations are useless.

There is no upper limit on the time that may be allotted to complete the entire work but it cannot be completed in less than a single year. Any person with the time to complete the operation in less than a year should consider adopting further worldly commitments as

arbitrary goals in support of which, various parts of the work can be used. Objective results are the proof of magic, all else is mysticism.

Samples of the Philosophers Stone which do not transmute lead to gold will also fail as elixirs of enlightenment in a lifestyle of risk and uncertainty. The magician may need to consider whether he needs to adopt projects involving these elements before he begins the work.

For the purpose of this operation, the five classical magical acts of Evocation, Divination, Enchantment, Invocation and Illumination are defined as follows:-

### **EVOCATION:**

Is work with entities which may be naturally occurring or manufactured. They may be regarded as independent spirits, fragments or the magicians subconscious, or the egregores of various species of life form, according to taste and belief structure. In practice Evocation is usually performed for Enchantment, in which the evoked entities are made to create effects on behalf of the magician. Evoked entities also find some application in Divination, when they are used to discover information for the magician.

### **DIVINATION:**

Includes all those practices in which the magician attempts to extend his perception by magical means.

### **ENCHANTMENT:**

Includes all those practices in which the magician attempts to impose his will on reality.

### **INVOCATION:**

Is the deliberate attunement of consciousness and the unconscious with some archetypal or significant nexus of thought. The classical conceptions of Pagan god forms are often used but other principles may serve. Invocation creates states of inspiration or possession during which Enchantment, Divination, or occasionally Evocation, can be performed.

### **ILLUMINATION:**

Is deliberate self modification by magic and may include spells of Enchantment cast at oneself to repair weaknesses or increase strengths, and Divination and Invocation performed for inspiration and direction.

Thus all magical operations are based on the use of will, perception and imagination, which is to say that they are all species of Enchantment or Divination. Imagination is that which occurs when will and perception stimulate each other.

The five levels of magical activity, Sorcery, Shamanic, Ritual, Astral and High Magic are for the purposes of this operation defined as follows:-

### **SORCERY:**

Is simple magic which depends on the occult connections which exist between physical phenomena. Sorcery is a mechanical art which does not require the theory that connection exist between the mind of the operator and the target. Any effects arising from such a connection can, however, be regarded as an added bonus. Working on the sorcery level the magician creates artifacts, tools and instruments which interact magically with the physical world and which can be used again in more subtle ways on the other levels. The sorcery level work should be performed thoroughly, for simple as its practices seem they are the foundation on which the higher level work rests.

### **SHAMANIC MAGIC:**

Works on the level of trance, vision, imagination and dream. It opens the magician's subconscious by negating the psychic censor with various techniques. The magician faces considerable danger on this level and may have frequent recourse to sorcery techniques or banishing ritual if it threatens to obsess or overwhelm him.

### **RITUAL MAGIC:**

Combines the abilities developed on the Sorcery and Shamanic levels. The magician brings together the use of tools from the Sorcery level with the subconscious powers liberated on the Shamanic levels and combines their use in a disciplined and controlled fashion.

### **ASTRAL MAGIC:**

Is performed by visualisation and altered states of consciousness or gnosis, alone. Physical paraphernalia is not used although the tools and instruments from the previous levels can be used in the form of visualised images. At first the magician will probably require seclusion, silence, darkness and considerable effort at concentration and trance to succeed with such magic, but practice will allow it to be performed anywhere.

### **HIGH MAGIC:**

Is that which occurs when there is no impediment to the direct magical effect of will, no barrier to direct clairvoyance and prescience, and no separation between the magician and any form of rapport or consciousness he chooses to enter into. For most people the portals of High Magic are open at a few peak moments in a lifetime. As the magician progresses through his training the momentum he acquires will force open the gates to the miraculous more often. No procedures are given here for the five conjurations of High Magic. High Magic represents the point where technique gives way to intuitive genius and each must intuit the key to unleashing such powers for himself.

The first twenty conjurations teach the full gamut of artificial tricks and techniques for throwing and catching the magical thunderbolt. In High Magic the primordial Chaos at the centre of our being grabs or hurls the thunderbolt by itself.

The five conjurations on each level may be attempted in any order but all five should be completed before beginning on the next level. The magician should prepare to begin the whole operation on a date that is auspicious or personally significant. Perhaps a birthday or a seasonal turning point. A book is prepared in which the magician is to record successes with each of the twenty-five conjurations. Only successful results are noted and the magician must modify his approach to each conjuration until results worthy of recording are achieved. Lesser results may be recorded elsewhere for reference. The record of the Liber KKK operation, however, should contain an account of notable successes with each of the twenty-five conjurations. A single success with each should be regarded as an absolute minimum whilst five successes with each of the twenty-five conjurations can be regarded as thorough work.

With the possible exception of acts of High Magic, all conjurations should be planned in detail beforehand. Upon entering the temple beginning work, the magician should know precisely what he intends to do. Most magicians prefer to write out a rubric for a conjuration even if they rarely use the written form as a cue. The magician will often have to do more than is planned as inspiration and necessity move him. Yet he should never fail to carry out what he has planned or begin work with a vague idea of doing some magic.

### *The Gnostic Banishing Ritual*

During the period of the performance of the Liber KKK operation the magician may need to defend himself against the results of his own mistakes and hostile psychic influences. He may also need to replenish his own health and psychic forces. For these purposes the Gnostic Banishing Ritual may be used. It is a technically compact and powerful conjuration of Ritual Enchantment for all of the above purposes. It may be used freely during the work as a whole and particularly as a prelude and an ending to each of the first fifteen conjurations.

### Conjurations One to Five - Sorcery Level Magic

Sorcery depends on exploiting psychic connection between the physical phenomena and only secondarily on establishing psychic connections between mind and physical phenomena. Each of the conjurations requires the use of physical instruments which can be used again on other levels. It is highly desirable that the magician make these instruments by his own hand. However the magician may adapt existing objects for use if such objects are especially significant, or unique artifacts, or designed by the magician, or if such objects become available to the magician in an unusual or meaningful manner. It is no accident that sorcery techniques often resemble certain childhood behaviour patterns. Children often have a natural familiarity with the simple principles of magic even if they lack the persistence or encouragement to make them work. The adult

magician is seeking to regain that childlike sense of imagination, fluidity and wishful thinking, and turn it into something of real power.

#### Conjuration One - Sorcery Evocation

The magician creates with his own hands a physical representation of a fetish entity by carving, moulding or assembly. Its functions are in general to attract success, to protect by repelling misfortune and to act as a reservoir of power for the magician. It is usually shaped to resemble some kind of actual living being or chimerical being whose form suggests its function. If it is vaguely humanoid in shape it is known as a Homunculus. It may be made to contain parts of the magician's body or be annointed with blood or sexual fluids. The magician treats the fetish as a living being, speaking his will to it, commanding it to exert its influence in his favour and carrying it on his person when on critical errands. Some magicians prefer to make two fetishes, one to implement will, the other to bring knowledge and information.

#### Conjuration Two - Sorcery Divination

The magician prepares a simple model of the universe for use as a divinatory tool. A set of Rune Sticks or Rune Stones is most excellent for this purpose. Occidental geomancy sticks provide a somewhat simpler model whilst the systems of Tarot or I Ching can prove too complex for later work on the Shamanic levels unless abbreviated in some way. The magician should perform divination both for general trends and for answer to specific questions. The element of the divinatory tool should be treated as having a fairly direct relationship to the parts of reality they represent and the procedures of sortilege should be regarded as a mirror of the process by which reality takes its decisions. Divinatory activity should be pitched at a frequency and complexity which allows answers to be remembered. It is preferable to divine for phenomena which are likely to confirm or negate the divination within a relatively short time period.

#### Conjuration Three - Sorcery Enchantment

For the work of the third conjuration the magician may need to prepare or acquire a variety of instruments, but chief amongst these should be a single special tool or magical weapon, for enchantment. A small pointed wand or a knife are especially convenient. This special instrument or weapon can also be usefully employed to trace the pentagrams in the Gnostic Banishing Ritual. A fist sized piece of modelling clay or other plastic material may be the only other instrument required. To perform Sorcery Enchantment the magician makes physical representations of his will and desire. Where possible the magical weapon should be used to help make or manipulate these representations. The magician should perform one or several conjurations of this type per week. As always he should aim to influence events before nature has made her mind up, and he should not put too great a strain on nature by conjuring for highly improbable events.

#### Conjuration Four - Sorcery Invocation

The aim of the fourth conjuration is to create radical changes in behaviour by temporarily altering the environment. There is no limit to the variation of experience the magician may wish to arrange for himself. He might, for example, after some careful background research, depart in disguise to some strange place and play out a completely new social role. Alternatively, he may wish to equip his temple and himself in such a way that he experiences being an ancient Egyptian god for a time. In Sorcery Evocation the magician tests to the limit his ability to create arbitrary change by modifying his environment and his behaviour.

#### Conjuration Five - Sorcery Illumination

In works of Illumination the magician aims for self improvement in some precisely defined and specific way. Grandiose plans for spiritual enlightenment should be abandoned in favour of identifying and overcoming the more obvious weaknesses and increasing existing strengths. For the work of Illumination the magician makes or acquires some object to represent his quest as a whole. This object is technically known as a "lamp" although it may take the form of anything from a ring to a mandala. The "lamp" is used as a basis over which to proclaim various oaths and resolutions. Such oaths and resolutions may also be marked onto the design of the lamp. The magician may need to perform various supplementary acts of invocation, enchantment, divination and even evocation to make progress with the work of illumination. It is not unusual for the magician to destroy and rebuild the lamp during the work of illumination.

#### Conjurations Six to Ten - Shamanic Level Magic

Shamanic Magic depends on the use of altered states of consciousness in which active visualisation and passive vision seeking can most easily occur. The altered states which are easiest and safest to access are those of half- sleep, dream and light trances brought on by quiet meditation. However, any method of Gnosis can be used according to taste, but in initial exercises it is wise to avoid certain dangerous and ecstatic practices which can lead to a loss of control. In general it is preferable to try and deepen the trance by concentrating on visualisation and vision than to deepen it by extreme Gnosis beforehand. In Shamanic Magic the magician is seeking to discover and establish connections between his mental imagery and phenomena in the world. Visions frequently occur in symbolic language, thus for example, diseases take on the appearance of insects or loathsome animals, and fears or desires may appear as spirits. The magician or shaman should deal with such things as the images in which they present themselves, banishing or invoking such forms by force of visualisation and interpreting their physical meaning where necessary. Shamanic magic tends to become a very idiosyncratic and free form exercise in which the magician also explores his symbol synthesising faculties.

#### Conjuration Six - Shamanic Evocation

In this work the magician strives to establish a vision of an entity which he projects to do his bidding. It is often useful to work with the visualised forms of the entities used for the sorcery evocation although other forms can be chosen. In general, entities are used to



encourage desired events to materialise, or to seek out information, in situations which are too complex for simple spells or divinations to be formulated. Entities act as semi-intelligent spells with a limited degree of independent action. The magician seeks to build an increasing rapport with the entities he has conjured by imagination until they begin to have real effect upon the world. Some of the best work with entities can often best be achieved by interacting with them in dreams.

#### Conjuration Seven - Shamanic Divination

In Shamanic Magic divination consists of a vision quest for answers to particular questions. However, the traditional term "vision quest" should be understood to include a quest for an answer sensed in any way, be it hallucinatory voices, tactile sensation or whatever. In general the magician concentrates on the question he wishes to put as he enters his state of dream, half-sleep or trance and then allows a flow of images, voices or other sensations to arise within himself. A completely free form vision can be attempted and later interpreted, or the magician may attempt to structure his experience by looking for special symbols, particularly those chosen for the sorcery divination work.

#### Conjuration Eight - Shamanic Enchantment

In Shamanic Enchantment the magician seeks to impress his will upon the world by a direct or symbolic visualization of his desire. Thus whilst in his chosen form of trance he summons up an image of the target phenomena and visualises his desire coming to pass. The magician will often find it helpful to visualise himself in the spirit vision travelling to the person or situation he wishes to influence. He then visualises an imaginative enactment during which the situation or the person's behaviour changes to fit his desire. It is not unusual for the visualisation to become somewhat symbolic or distorted or coloured by the magician's imagination. In general these distractions should be banished by greater concentration on the desired visualisation. However, if they are persistent they may reveal some knowledge about the target or the magician's relationship to it which he can use to improve his enchantment. For example, if a target person repeatedly appears to have some kind of aura or animal form in a vision it is often best to work ones visualisation directly upon this. Similarly, if a target situation seems to have some kind of characteristic vibration or "feel" about it in the spirit vision then the magician will often succeed by spirit vision then the magician will often succeed by working his magic upon a visualisation of this rather than of the actual substance of the situation.

#### Conjuration Nine - Shamanic Invocation

In Shamanic Invocation the magician draws knowledge and power from Atavisms, normally animal atavisms. A number of ingenious explanations exist as to why such experiences are possible. The human genetic code contains a huge amount of apparently unused information. Much of this must relate to our evolutionary history. The human brain has developed by a process of accretion rather than by complete modification. The older parts of our brain contain circuits and programs identical with those in other animals. Some magicians consider that the psychic part of humans is built up from the

psychic debris of many past beings including animals, in much the same way as the physical body is. Others consider that the collective psyches of the various animal species is available to them telepathically.

To perform Shamanic Invocation the magician strives from some kind of possession by an animal atavism. The selection of a particular animal form is a very personal matter. It may be that the magician has had some affinity with a particular animal since childhood, or has some characteristic, physical or mental, which suggests an animal, or it may be that an intuition builds up or that a sudden visionary revelation occurs. To develop the invocation the magician should try to visualise himself in animal form whilst in trance and even to project himself in astral travel as an animal. It is often useful to physically act out the behaviour of the animal in a suitable environment. With practice, varying degrees of split consciousness can be achieved in which it is possible for the magician to interrogate his atavism upon matters it understands and to ask it to provide him with such of its powers as his physical or astral bodies can support.

#### Conjuration Ten - Shamanic Illumination

The so called medicine journey of Shamanic Illumination is a quest for self-knowledge, self renewal or self improvement. It can take many forms. Traditionally it often takes the form of a death and rebirth experience in which the magician visualises his own death and dismemberment of his body followed by a rebuilding of his body and "spirit" and a rebirth. Sometimes this process is accompanied by physical privations such as sleeplessness, fasting and pain to deepen trance. Another method is to conduct a series of visionary journeys summoning up the so called "spirits" of natural phenomena, animals, plants and stones and asking them to yield knowledge. The simplest method of all is to retire for some days to a wild and secluded place far from the habitations of men and there to conduct a complete review of one's life up to that point, and also of one's future expectations.

#### Conjurations Eleven to Fifteen - Ritual Magic

In ritual magic, the physical use of magical instruments is combined with altered states of consciousness in a series of structured ceremonies. You, the magician, also begin to incorporate certain magical theories into the design of your work to make it more precise and effective. In particular, you should seek to broaden your use of trance by using various techniques of gnosis. This has the effect of bringing the unconscious parts of the mind, which actually do the magic, more fully into play. In ritual magic, considerable use is made of various systems of symbolic correspondence, analogical thinking, and sigils. These are used to communicate with the unconscious and to preoccupy the conscious mind while magic is being worked.

Ritual magic is always structured as an indirect approach to desire on the conscious level. The ritual magician never works with a direct representation or visualization of what he or she wants, but rather with some sigil or symbolic analogy which in a gnostic state stimulates actual desire in the unconscious.

### Conjuration Eleven - Ritual Evocation

For ritual evocation, magicians may choose to continue using the entity forms employed in the sorcery or shamanic levels or may wish to experiment with traditional forms from the classical grimoires of spirits. Alternatively they may attempt to build up their own entity forms. Tradition has it that a magician should not seek to maintain more than four entities at the same time, and in practice this seems a good rule of thumb. In ritual evocation a material basis is always used even if this is merely a graphic sigil on paper. In the initial evocations, the magician builds up a strong visualized image of the entity using full gnosis. In subsequent evocations, you address various commands and directions to the material basis of the entity or else seek to receive information from it. The material basis should be handled ritually and while in a gnostic state whenever possible. When not in use, it should be concealed.

### Conjuration Twelve - Ritual Divination

In ritual divination some kind of physical instrument is manipulated to give a symbolic or analogical answer while in a state of gnosis. Deep states of gnosis tend to preclude the use of complex divinatory instruments such as the Kabbala or I Ching for many people. Others may find that very simple systems such as bone casting tend to yield too little information for this kind of work, while systems of intermediate complexity such as runes, tarot or occidental geomancy are often most useful. Before the divination, the magician should ritually charge the divinatory instrument with a sigil or analogical representation of the question. The divinatory selection is then made under gnosis. The interpretation may be made under gnosis also or on return to ordinary consciousness.

### Conjuration Thirteen - Ritual Enchantment

For ritual enchantment, the magician may well choose to use the special instrument of enchantment from the sorcery level work, unless particularly inspired to create a better tool. The instrument of enchantment or "magical weapon" is used to trace sigils in the air, and also where possible in the manufacture and manipulation of various spells. All ritual enchantments depend upon the use of some kind of spell to occupy and bypass the conscious mind and bring the more powerful unconscious into action. A spell can consist of virtually anything from the manufacture and consecration of a sigil, to the manipulation of wax images, or a ritual enactment of some analogy of desire. In all cases, the magician must use gnosis and concentration upon the spell itself, rather than the desire it represents to work effective enchantments.

### Conjuration Fourteen - Ritual Invocation

In ritual invocation, you, the magician seek to saturate your senses with experiences corresponding to, or symbolic of, some particular quality you wish to invoke. Thus you may dress your temple and person with colors, smells, symbols, numbers, stones, plants, metals, and sounds corresponding to that which is to be invoked. You also adapt your behaviour, thoughts, and visualizations while in gnosis in an attempt to become possessed

by what you invoke. In practice, the classical god-forms are frequently used as the pagan pantheons offer a spectrum of qualities resuming the whole of psychology. You should not confine yourself to invoking only those qualities for which you have a personal sympathy. Any particularly successful invocation should be followed by an invocation of quite different qualities at some later time. A thorough program of ritual invocation should encompass success with at least five completely different invocations.

#### Conjuration Fifteen - Ritual Illumination

In Ritual Illumination the magician applies various ritual acts of divination, enchantment, evocation and invocation to himself for self improvement. As with all acts of illumination the changes attempted should be specific rather than vague and general. The magician may find it useful to prepare a more elaborate "lamp" perhaps in the form of a mandala representing his self or soul for this conjuration. One effect of ritual illumination is often to force the magician to choose between Atman and Anatta. If he works within the paradigm of Anatta, the hypothesis of no-soul, then illumination is a matter of the addition or the deletion of certain patterns of thought and behaviour. If the magician works within the paradigm of Atman, the doctrine of personal soul, or Holy Guardian Angel, then he faces a more complex, dangerous and confusing situation. If a personal soul is presumed to exist but without a true will then the atman magician can proceed as if he were an Anattaist. If a true will is presumed to exist then the conjuration must be directed towards its discovery and implementation. The author has avoided treading too far along this path but has observed the process go spectacularly wrong in numerous cases. Those who wish to attempt it are counselled to avoid accepting as true will, anything which conflicts radically with ordinary commonsense or "lower will", as it is disparity called in this paradigm.

#### Conjurations Sixteen to Twenty - Astral Magic

Astral Magic is Ritual Magic performed entirely on the plane of visualisation and imagination. Unlike Shamanic Magic where a fairly free form use of images and visions is explored, this magic requires the precise and accurate visualisation of an internal landscape. In this landscape the magician carries out processes designed to bring him knowledge of the ordinary world or to change the world or himself. Astral Magic has to be approached with at least as much preparation and effort as it put into ritual magic or else it can tend to become a brief series of excursions around the imagination to little magical effect. Properly performed, it can be a source of extraordinary power and it has the advantage of requiring no physical equipment. Astral Magic is usually begun in some quiet secluded place whilst the magician is comfortably seated or couched with closed eyes. There may be few outward signs that anything is happening apart from perhaps a variation in breathing rates or posture or facial expressions as the magician enters gnosis.

To prepare for Astral Magic a temple or series of temples needs to be erected on the plane of visualised imagination. Such temples can take any convenient form although some magicians prefer to work with an exact simulacrum of their physical temple. The astral temple is visualised in fine detail and should contain all the equipment required for

ritual or at least cupboards where any required instruments can be found. Any objects visualised into the temple should always remain there for subsequent inspection unless specifically dissolved or removed. The most important object in the temple is the magician's image of himself working in it. At first it may seem that he is merely manipulating a puppet of himself in the temple but with persistence this should give way to a feeling of actually being there.

Before beginning Astral Magic proper, the required temple and instruments together with an image of the magician moving about in it should be built up by a repeated series of visualisations until all the details are perfect. Only when this is complete should the magician begin to use the temple. Each conjuration that is performed should be planned in advance with the same attention to detail as in Ritual Magic. The various acts of astral evocation, divination, enchantment, invocation and illumination take on a similar general form to the acts of Ritual Magic which the magician adapts for astral work.

#### Conjurations Twenty One to Twenty Five - High Magic

All the techniques of magic are really just so many ways of tricking some indefinable parts of ourselves into performing magic. The universe is basically a magical structure and we are all capable of magic. The really useful theories of magic are those which explain why magic tends to work so erratically and why we have such enormous inhibitions about believing in it, making it work, and recognising that it has worked. It is as if the universe has cast a spell upon us to convince us we are not magicians. However, this spell is rather a playful cosmic joke. The universe challenges us to shatter the illusion by leaving a few cracks in it.

No details are presented for the five conjurations of High Magic, nor can they be given, the reader is referred back to the remarks made on them in the introduction. The magician must rely on the momentum of his work in sorcery, shamanism, ritual and astral magics to carry him into the domain of high magic where he evolves his own tricks and empty handed techniques for spontaneously liberating the chaotic creativity within.

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# Liber Pactionis

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Most occult traditions have complex and highly ordered otherworld cosmologies and metaphysical theories. Yet their accompanying techniques are frequently a shambles. In contradiction to all this, one of the fundamental insights of Chaos Magic is that if magical technique is sharply delineated it will work because the universe itself is more of a shambles than it appears. Or perhaps I should more respectfully say that it has the magical property of confirming most of the interpretations placed upon it. Thus a wide variety of metaphysical paradigms can be made to fit, even if mutually exclusive.

So when selecting from the Supermarket of Belief, the critical question for the Chaoist is: how effective are the accompanying magical techniques? Hence Chaoist magic is characterised by its cavalier attitude to metaphysics and its puritanical devotion to empirical techniques.

For some time Chaoist orthodoxy has had it that cavalier metaphysics and mythology are incompatible with the formal structure of a magical teaching order. However, this need not be so if it is only technique that is being taught and practised. Experience has shown that people can come together and engage in highly productive exchanges of practical expertise, and that a formal structure and a division of labour encourage this.

The Magical Pact of the Illuminates of Thanateros, or the Pact for short, is an organisational structure for those wishing to perform Chaos type magic in company with others of like mind. The Pact exploits the device of a graded hierarchy, with certain checks and balances, and is delighted to admit candidates with the drive and initiative to rise rapidly through its structure.

Every occult revival begets a magical child or two and Chaoist Magic is the major synthesis to emerge from the occult renaissance of the last twenty years. The Pact is amongst the prime vehicles designed to develop and carry forward that synthesis well into the next millenium. It is likely that the Pact will be to the end of this century and to the beginning of the next, rather more than what the G.D. was in its time, a century ago.

In practice a number of the formal devices of the Pact are treated somewhat more lightly than the written conventions might lead one to suppose, with members styling themselves with such oddities as Frater Vacuity or Soror Impropriety and so on, in deliberate parody of tradition. The prime functions of the grade structure are to provide a mechanism for the exclusion of certain psychotic misanthropes and neurotic creeps who are sometimes attracted to such enterprises and to ensure that that which needs organisation is duly attended to.

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## ***The Magickal Pact of the Illuminates of Thanateros***

Since the inception of the Chaos Magic current some individuals have elected to work alone whilst others have worked in concert in a loose configuration of allied groups. The Magical Order of the IOT has in practise functioned as a highly creative Disorder. This creative disorder has spawned, among other things, a structure known as "The Pact". The Pact is, in contradistinction to the usual implications of such a name, a friendly society for mutual support and encouragement in the field of magic. The Magical Pact of the IOT represents another phase of the current of Chaos Magic in which its practitioners elect to work as an integrated force. The Pact is a vehicle for the pursuit of the Great Work of magic and the pleasures and profits attendant upon this quest. The Pact also acts as a psychohistoric force in the battle for the Aeon.

Historically, all magical and mystical organisations have used the Hierarchical Gambit to create pressure for excellence on those working at all levels of the hierarchy. Yet, positions of mastery within these organisations have often depended more on questionable claims to authority from concealed sources than from technical accomplishments.

Inevitably, the calling of such bluffs has led to the undoing of these organisations. However this old mechanism is not without its merits. The Guru and Chela finally rebels both may gain greatly, although it can as easily end in disaster.

Now whereas most individuals are relatively sane and competent, most organisations act as though mad and stupid. This is because most organisations permit only positive feedback from below. Thus those at the top are condemned to bask in deceitful reflections of their own expectations and to issue ever more inappropriate directives. The structure of the Pact overcomes these traditional problems whilst retaining the invaluable pressure created by an hierarchical structure. Within the temples of the Pact all members are encouraged to volunteer techniques and concepts for experiment and appraisal, and the grade structure merely recognises technical magical competence and organisational responsibility.

Those in higher grades must refrain from commenting on the lifestyle, personal behaviour, tastes and morality of other members. Yet the structure of the Pact forces a constant stream of negative feedback to arise from below by institutionalising rebellion in the office of Insubordinate. Thus as soon as a fair mastery of technique and organisation is attained the Magister Templi, Adept or Magus suddenly becomes subject to intense criticism as a teacher and individual, and this is counted as a great reward.

The Pact is constituted in four grades; Neophyte, Initiate, Adept and Magus, numbered respectively 4°, 3°, 2°, 1°. In addition there are five offices:

The Priest or Priestess of Chaos may be taken as a side degree of the 3° or 2°.

The office of Supreme Magus is held by the head of the Pact and is designated 0°.

The office of Magister Templi designates the coordinator of the activities of a particular temple and may be held by any member.

The Archivist is responsible for the records of a temple.

The office of Insubordinate may be held by anyone of the 3°. The Insubordinate is a personal assistant to another member of the Pact and acts as a goad, inspector and critic to that member.

The Pact is a self-perpetuating oligarchy. Advancement into a grade occurs at the invitation of those in that grade and in higher grades.

The Supreme Magus can only be replaced by unanimous action by all the membership of the 1°. The basic agreement implicit in membership of the Pact is that higher grades provide organisation, facilities, tuition and material, in return for which lower grades provide whatever mundane, financial or magical services may be reasonably demanded of them. Ultimate appeal may be made to the 0°.

### **The Temples of the Pact**

A temple of the Pact may only be founded by an Adept or Magus, or by an Initiate sponsored by an Adept or Magus, who will periodically inspect the work of the temple. A temple consists of an assembly of its members and may be convened in any enclosed or open space where privacy can be assured. The Magister Templi will keep a record of addresses through which members of his temple can be contacted. Such records must be kept in such a way that they reveal membership details to outsiders. The Magister Templi of a temple will also supply his superiors in the Pact with an address through which his temple can be contacted and they will keep it in like fashion.

Members may belong to more than one temple. For example an Initiate in a sponsored temple may need to join the temple of his sponsoring Adept or Magus to receive specialised teaching and advancement to the next grade. All temples adopt a characteristic name by which they are known within the Pact.

### **Sponsored Temples**

It may be that by some accident of geography a group of persons aspiring to membership of the Pact forms in an area remote from centres of pact activity. In this case one or more representatives of the group may, by arrangement, present themselves before an Adept or Magus of the Pact bearing from each member a handwritten or signed letter making the Neophyte assertions in full together with any other evidence that the sponsor may require. Then at the discretion of the Adept or Magus the representatives may be given the 4° and the 3° and empowered to open a temple and conduct work in these grades.

### **The Office of Magister Templi**

The activities of a temple are coordinated by a Magister Templi, either appointed by an Adept or Magus sponsoring the temple or chosen by those of the highest grade present. The Magister Templi ensures that only members of the appropriate grade or candidates



for that grade are admitted to the temple's rituals. Visiting members of other temples must give the appropriate signs and words to the Magister Templi in private. The Magister Templi may delegate one or more assistant Magister Templi.

### **The Office of Archivist**

The Archivist keeps a record of the activities of a temple. The records use only the formal magical names or numbers of those present. The records detail the time and place of temple activities, together with a brief description of whatever work was done, and what results were achieved. If it is not possible to avoid recording confidential information such information may be encoded but not enciphered by some means approved by the Magister Templi. The Archivist is personally responsible for the security of the records and will ensure that they will be rather destroyed than lost or stolen. The records of a temple may be inspected by any Initiate or higher grade of that temple. The records of a sponsored temple are open to their sponsor and a Magus may inspect the records of any temple.

### **The Grades and Grade Rituals**

Candidates for the Neophyte grade are accepted on the basis of interviews and briefings by members of the Pact arising from personal recommendation or petition to the Pact. No person can be admitted to any other of the Pact's rituals and activities without first having undergone the Neophyte Ritual. The Neophyte Ritual demands that the candidate exhibit some commitment by providing a robe and ring to specifications approved by the Pact, and that he reveal himself to be an open mind free from dogmatic belief. Most of the Pact's ordinary business and most of its magical work are conducted with the temple opened in the grade of Neophyte.

The Neophyte grade provides a period of assessment during which the Pact and the Neophyte test their commitment to each other. The Neophyte is at liberty to resign at any time and may be dismissed at any time. The Initiate Ritual marks the full acceptance of a candidate into the Pact. The Pact is not bound to accept the resignation of an Initiate. The confidential business and magical activities of a temple are conducted with the temple opened in the grade of Initiate. The Initiate seeks proficiency in all forms of magic and begins work on Liber KKK, and if desired, work leading to the side degree of Priest or Priestess of Chaos.

The Adept Ritual marks the candidate's proficiency in magic and his acceptance of the obligations to teach, to defend the Pact, and to administer its structure and traditions. It is not normally necessary to open a temple in this grade.

No ritual for the recognition of a Magus is presented here. This grade is conferred on those exhibiting outstanding magical ability and potential for leadership within the Pact.

### **The Insignia of the Pact**

The minimum furnishing of a temple whether convened in an open or closed space is the eight rayed star of Chaos prominently displayed. This may be presented in the form of a banner or altarcloth, a chaosphere, or by the star mounted on a staff. All grades wear a

plain full robe with sleeves and hood. The robe is most commonly black but individual temples may elect to array their members in robes of some other hue. The ring of the order is silver and bears an eight rayed star of Chaos. It may be worn freely at any time but is not in itself proof of membership or grade. Members of the Pact choose a single word name and a number of three or four digits by which they shall be formally known in the Pact and by which their deeds and comments are recorded in the temple archives. Female members are denoted Sor. (Soror or Sister), males as Fra. (Fratr or Brother). Thus a full formal title might be Fra. Aleph 252, 3° IOT.

## **The Symbolism of the Grade Rituals**

The rituals presented here constitute the minimum requirements for opening and closing the temple and for recognising candidates in the grades of Neophyte, Initiate and Adept. Temples may elect to add additional material to the rituals.

The Neophyte Ritual is a marriage to the Pact, although, as in modern tradition, divorce is permitted at any time. The candidate is asked to assert the four qualities of the so-called Witches Pyramid: To Know, To Will, To Dare and To Keep Silent. The candidate is welcomed with raucous cheering and applause as befits such a bold and romantic gesture.

The Initiate Ritual marks a total commitment to the Pact and the candidate offers to the Pact what powers he has in the four magical virtues of Will, Perception, Imagination and Concentration. The seriousness of the undertaking is marked by some moments of utter silence which conclude the ritual.

The Adept Ritual marks the candidate's acceptance of executive powers and responsibilities within the Pact. The ritual resumes the symbolism of the four elemental weapons of Pentacle, Cup, Sword and Wand. The new Adept is welcomed with laughter to lighten the burdens assumed.

## **The Signs and Words of the Grades**

The signs and words of the grades protect the Pact against infiltration and imposture. They consist of words and gestures sufficiently discreet to be exchanged in casual social intercourse without their being revealed as marks of recognition to outsiders. The signs and words are periodically changed by the 1°.

## **Notes on the Rituals of the Pact**

Although the rituals are presented as being led by the Magister Templi they may be led by any deputy of appropriate grade that the Magister Templi appoints. It is customary for the Magister Templi to frequently delegate in this way to provide other members of the temple with practice in ritual leadership. (Usually the following rituals have an additional surprising element incorporated.)

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## ***The Opening Ritual and the Closing Ritual***

The Magister Templi calls the temple to order. The M.T. then leads the temple in the Gnostic Banishing Ritual (GBR).

The M.T. then proclaims:

I open/close this temple in the grade of Neophyte/Initiate/Adept.

The M.T. then gives the appropriate signs and words and further proclaims: For the pursuit of the Great Work of Magic.

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### ***The Neophyte Ritual***

The M.T. calls the temple to order and asks: Does any person here object to this candidate? If there are no objections the M.T. leads the GBR. The M.T. then addresses the candidate:

Candidate, I call upon you to make the assertions of a Neophyte. Candidate, do you know that there may be no ultimate truths ?

C: I do.

Candidate, do you Dare to practice the philosophy and techniques of magic ?

C: I do.

Candidate, do you agree to Keep Silent about the signs and passwords of this Pact and its private business and not to reveal the identities of its members to outsiders without their consent ?

C: I do. (The candidate takes robe and ring.)

Candidate, by what name and number will you be known in this Pact ?

(The candidate gives his chosen name and number.)

Candidate, I recognise you as a Neophyte of this Pact and I open this temple in the grade of Neophyte with the signs and words of a Neophyte.

The M.T. gives the signs and words and proclaims: For the pursuit of the Great Work of Magic.

A few moments of raucous cheering and applause follows.

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## ***The Initiate Ritual***

The candidate will have provided himself with some token of Initiate status previously approved by the Pact. This may for example be a magical weapon, an amulet or some design to adorn a robe.

The M.T. calls the temple to order and leads the GBR. The M.T. then addresses the candidate:

Candidate, I call upon you to reaffirm your Neophyte assertions. The candidate repeats all four substituting "I" for "Do you" in each phrase.

Candidate, I call upon you to make your submission and to take the oath of an Initiate.

The candidate disrobes and lies flat on the ground. Weapons are held against vulnerable parts of the candidate`s body. The candidate then proclaims:

I offer to this Pact such powers of Will, Imagination, Perception and Concentration as I possess. I bind myself to the service of this Pact. Should I ever break its trust, may I be stripped of all protection.

The M.T. then addresses the candidate: Candidate, arise and take up these marks of an Initiate. (The candidate re-robes and takes his mark.) Candidate, I recognise you as an Initiate of this Pact and I open this temple in the grade of an Initiate with the signs and words of an Initiate.

The M.T. gives signs and words and proclaims: For the pursuit of the Great Work of Magic.

A few moments of utter silence in which all members stand giving the sign of an Initiate follow.

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## ***The Adept Ritual***

The candidate will have provided himself with some object to mark his adepthood.

The M.T. calls the temple to order and leads the GBR. The M.T. then addresses the candidate:

Candidate, I call upon you to reaffirm your Neophyte assertions. (The candidate reaffirms them in full.)

Candidate, I call upon you to reaffirm your Initiate`s oath. (The candidate reaffirms it in full.)

Candidate, I call upon you to make the obligations of an Adept.

The candidate holds aloft his mark of adepthood and proclaims: I offer myself as a shield for the defence of the Pact and its members.

I offer myself as a vessel through which the Pact may pour the teachings of magic.

I offer myself as a sword to the Pact, to smite and confound its enemies.

I offer myself as a staff which will uphold the Pact.

The M.T. then proclaims: Candidate, I recognise you as an Adept of the Pact and I open this temple in the grade of Adept with the signs and words of an Adept.

The M.T. gives signs and words and proclaims: For the pursuit of the Great Work of Magic.

A few moments of mindless unrestrained laughter follows.

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### ***The Office of Insubordinate***

Every Magister Templi is attended by a personal Insubordinate chosen by all members of the temple other than the M.T.. In addition, all actively teaching Adepts and Magi of the Pact are attended by personal Insubordinates chosen by their peers. Insubordinates may be of Initiate grade only, and have five duties as follows:

1. To ensure that all teachings and instructions are comprehensive and to criticise or demand clarification of those that are not. This is the duty of the Fool, to display ignorance or pretend to ignorance where others pretend to understand.
2. To convey criticism with a certain levity. This is the duty of Jester, to poke fun at that which others find more politic to ignore.
3. To point out personal failings and blindspots. This is the duty of the Chaplain, to treat with personal matters impartially. To receive personal accounts of some aspects of personal magical progress, though not necessarily to comment on them. This is the duty of the Confessor, whose existence is a safeguard against sloth or complacency.
4. To hold the right to veto any instruction and to notify the 0° or the 1° of its exercise. This is the duty of the Inquisitor, to circumvent abuses of position.

Holders of the office of Insubordinate are not styled as "Insubordinates" within the Pact but rather they chose a two word title to characterise their expression of the role. Such two word titles may be chosen from any combination of the words Fool, Jester, Chaplain, Confessor or Inquisitor. Traditionally one word is chosen to denote the funktion the candidate is most temperamentally inclined to exercise and one for the funktion least favoured. Thus the Insubordinate may choose to be styled Inquisitor-Jester or Chaplain-Fool and so on.

Any particular office of Insubordinate lapses whenever a fresh Insubordinate is appointed in place of an existing one or when an Initiate holding the office becomes recognised as an Adept. Some temples prefer to rotate the office of Insubordinate at each meeting either randomly or by turn. In other situations the post may be longer term and the parties involved may elect to mark the assumption of this relationship with the Insubordinate Ritual. Otherwise the noose which is the mark of office of Insubordinate and which is displayed when exercising the Insubordinate functions is simply passed to the new holder of the office.

The Insubordinate will normally conduct his official business with the Recipient may well choose to brief his Insubordinate beforehand about any controversial instructions he may intend to give to prevent the public exercise of a vote.

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### ***The Insubordinate Ritual***

The temple being already opened in the grade of Initiate or Neophyte. The candidate hands a previously prepared noose to the person who will be the Recipient of his insubordination. The Recipient places the noose about his or her neck, hands the free end to the candidate and kneeling before the candidate asks:

R: Will you test me as my Fool, so that all may understand?

C: I will.

R: Will you test me as my Jester, if none else will criticise?

C: I will.

R: Will you test me as my Chaplain, that no fault lie unremedied?

C: I will.

R: Will you test me as my Confessor, lest I neglect my own progress?

C: I will.

R: Will you test me as my Inquisitor, if I exceed my authority?

C: I will.

R: Then how will you be known?

C: As your \_\_\_\_ .

R: Then take this noose my \_\_\_\_ to remind us of our duties.

The R. then gives the noose to the C..

The ritual is concluded by a brief barrage of insulting and derisive noises directed by all at the Recipient.

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### ***Temple Activities***

The activities of a temple will vary according to need and circumstances and according to the grades and accomplishments of those present. The following sections give some indication of frequent temple activities in the sequence in which they are commonly performed.

The Magister Templi will ensure that the privacy of the temple is assured and that any visitors are on an appropriate grade. The M.T. will announce any apologies for absence and give any preliminary briefings required.

### **The Opening**

The temple is opened either with a Grade Ritual or with the Opening Ritual.

### **Training and Practice**

Various members of the Pact will, at the discretion of the M.T., lead exercises in particular magical disciplines. These may include mind control exercises, practice with the techniques of gnosis and practice with magical instruments and techniques. Lectures and demonstrations may be given and papers read.

### **Magical Action**

At the discretion of the M.T. various spells and rituals of Evocation, Divination, Enchantment, Invocation and Illumination may be attempted in support of the needs of the Pact, the temple or individuals. The Mass of Chaos may be performed as a celebration or to ordain a Priest of Chaos or for some other purpose.

### **Discussion**

The M.T. chairs a discussion of various matters of administration, planning, personal progress and research. Individuals may report on their work with Liber KKK and other researches. Publications and communications from other temples of the Pact may be reviewed.

### **Closing**

The temple is closed with the Closing Ritual and if necessary opened in another grade for special purposes with selected participants. It is customary for the work of a temple to be followed by some refreshment and socialisation.

## **Pact Business**

Few rituals of the Pact are ever conducted using written cues. Any ritual that cannot be committed to memory prior to performance must be regarded as urgently in need of simplification. In general, when a complex training exercise or ritual is being performed one member fully briefs the participants beforehand and then leads the main sequence giving instructions to other participants to deliver their own contributions at the appropriate points if necessary. The M.T. must obtain prior approval from a Magus of the Pact if a temple is to undertake paid magical work on behalf of outsiders or other institutions. Approval must also be obtained if a temple is to launch any form of magical attack although this may be waived in compelling circumstances.

## **Excommunication:**

In the event of a Pact member exhibiting intolerable behaviour the members of a temple may force an excommunication from the Pact by simple majority, the M.T. having the casting vote. In the event that the candidate for excommunication is the M.T. then his Insubordinate has the casting vote. Excommunicants are barred from Pact activities till further notice and members will not discuss magical or Pact activities with them. Willful treachery may be rewarded with Excommunication with Extreme Prejudice, in which case the Pact may adopt a more active response towards the miscreant.



# The Magic of Chaos

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Crowley certainly helped put the boot in against monotheism but the process was already well advanced. Science, which had basically evolved out of renaissance magic, had more or less finished monotheism as a serious parasite on advanced cultures. Crowley was enthusiastic about science and appropriately so for his era, but in the work of Austin Spare we begin to detect a certain foreboding. However it is Spare's work that appears more austere and scientific when compared to some of Crowley's more baroque symbolic extravagances. Spare rejected the classical symbologies of forgotten ages and sought the magic of his own personal arcana. Using the minimum of hypotheses he evolved a magic from his own racial memories and subconscious. Independently of complex systems he developed effective techniques of enchantment and divination requiring only ordinary language and pictures.

Spare's work forms the bridge between an older style of magic brought to fruition by Crowley (which derived most of its appeal, power and liberating potential from its religious style of anti-religion) and the new magic. The new approach is characterised by a kind of scientific *anti-science*. This is increasingly becoming known as Chaos Magic. It would be no more useful to dub Chaos Magic as pseudo-science than it would be to dub Crowley's ideas as pseudo-religion. It is astrology as it is normally practised that is mere pseudo-science much as satanism and freemasonry are pseudo-religion.

Chaos Magic attempts to show that not only does magic fit comfortably within the interstices of science but that the higher reaches of scientific theory and empiricism actually demand that magic exists. This is somewhat analogous to the way in which many religious theories implied the possibility of theurgic or demonic magic.

The best magic has always had a strong antinomian flavour. The most remarkable magicians have invariably fought against prevailing cultural norms and obsessions. Their victories represent not only a personal liberation but also an advance for humanity. History bequeaths us no records of the renegade shamanist magicians who must have brought about the advent of paganism, but we know a little of the anti-pagan magicians who created monotheism: Akhenaton, Moshe, Gautam, and so on. As monotheism became a steadily more repressive and obscene force, a new generation of magicians arose and fought it. Some fought too openly and were destroyed; others were more subtle and planted effective seeds of destruction on a purely philosophical level, and others hastened its destruction by taking theological and theurgical ideas to outrageous conclusions. The roll of honour is here much larger, including such notables as Gordiano Bruno, Cornelius Agrippa, John Dee, Cagliostro, Eliphas Levi, and recently, Aleister Crowley.

Crowley's great achievement, apart from his mountaineering and futuristic morality was to unearth the power techniques from Tantra, Yoga, Gnosticism, Taoism and Shamanism.

He had the courage to apply them to the rather dessicated, intellectualised and effete occultism of his age and created something of lasting value and interest. In my opinion Crowley's mistake was to accept his own mystical visions at face value and become dogmatic about them. He discovered techniques of unleashing the awesome powers and creativity of the right cerebral hemisphere and subconscious but was so surprised at the result that he assumed it was of inhuman origin, and all this despite his dictum that... there are no gods but man.

What Chaos Magicians are attempting to do is break the stranglehold of a very limited view of science and rationality exercise over our imaginations and to force science to mutate into something less oppressive.

To do this they select as weapons a number of very simple ideas. Chaos Magic concentrates upon technique. Underlying all systems from Witchcraft to Tibetan Sorcery, that the eclectically minded magician may use, there is a fundamental unity of practical technique depending on visualisation, the creation of thought entities and altered states of consciousness achieved by either quiescent or ecstatic meditations. The eclectic point of view implies that belief itself can be regarded as a technique for achieving one's aims. A further implication of the principle of relativity of belief is that all beliefs are considered to be arbitrary and contingent.

Consequently all notions of absolute truth only exist if we choose to believe them at any time. The obverse side of the principle that "nothing is true" is that "everything is permitted", and Chaos Magicians may often create unusual hyperscience and sorcery maps of reality as a theoretical framework for their magic.

Improved neurphysiological knowledge combined with the principle of relativity of belief should lead the modern magician to regard the revelation with fresh scepticism. Verily the previously unsuspected parts of our brains can be even more creative than the conscious parts, and no message from the gods, no matter how extraordinary and overwhelming, should be taken as proof of anything beyond our own extraordinary powers, even if accompanied by miracles.

The rejection of any absolute external reality, truth or meaning may seem a paradoxical or even horrific principle on which to base a spiritual quest. I personally do not think so. Absolute truth would be absolute tyranny and historically it has always been. I would rather the freedom to forge my own spiritual vision. The evidence of my senses suggests that the universe is basically random within arbitrary limits which themselves arise capriciously. Reality is a hierarchy of accidents ruled by pure chance. Even so-called "scientific laws" are only statistical approximations describing the most persistent types of accident. I am free, not because freedom was conferred upon me but as a consequence of my being a purely accidental creation with random behaviour patterns.

Chaos Magic necessarily implies a certain individualistic antipoliticism or even anarchy. It is plainly an illusion that people are ruled by politics. People are ruled by philosophies and fashions, and it is from this higher level that Chaos Magic launches its attack on

reality. To practice magic implies that you are actively seeking to forge your own spiritual viewpoint often in contradiction to cultural norms.

Magic arises to prominence when the boundary of self is either expanding or contracting. For example, during times of innovation and discovery, or during times of repression. A profound magical renaissance is now in progress because the boundary of self is both expanding and contracting simultaneously. Science, drugs, psychology, communications networks and all the paraphernalia of late twentieth century life have expanded aspects of awareness to a degree inconceivable a century ago.

Conversely, many aspects of industrial civilisation oppress us and hence encroach on the territory of self. The childish allegories of religion have been rightfully jettisoned but the whole principle of the self as a mystic entity has taken a body-blow in the process. The natural environment is being rubbished to feed the industrial behemoth and our capacity to relate to it is diminishing. As the pace of life becomes more frantic the value of introspection becomes diminished except in art where it is encouraged to become grotesque. Consumerism and the prospect of thermonuclear armageddon (which it seems must inevitably accompany it) could diminish us all. Thus with all these pressures on self, magic has mushroomed and taken on a colouration distinct from its historical antecedents. At once there is an extraordinary necrophilia and eclecticism and at the same time a powerful feeling for anachronistic practices. Quantum physics rubs shoulders with nature shamanism and Tantric practices are employed for parapsychological purposes involving telepathy experiments arranged by satellite link between home microprocessors whilst ancient goetic incenses smoke away on the mantelpiece in homemade braziers.

A renaissance is marked by the presence of renaissance people, and the contemporary magician is very much a renaissance figure in the sense that the term is usually taken to imply. Contemptuous of the conventions and paradigms of his age, he looks both backward and forward in time for techniques to circumvent them. Religion, and the neo-religious magic that fought it, are dead or dying.

Arise the Sorcerer Scientist!

# The Magus

*by Peter Carroll*

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As a master of magic the Adept has some ability to change himself and the reality which surrounds him at will. The mark of a Magus however is that he is able to show other people how to change themselves into whatever they desire through the discipline of magic. There are two main types of genuine Magus, the Apotheosis Magus and the Nemesis Magus. Additionally there is the Hierophant or pseudo-magus. Each is recognizable by the debris left in his wake.

The Apotheosis Magus, sometimes known as the Harlequin, is typically a master of internal disguise and often external disguise also. Frequently a person of fallstaffian tastes and grand gestures, he often distinguishes himself in a variety of human endeavors precisely because he has attained the freedom to be anything at all. Such freedom is often won only after a tremendous personal struggle to repair the effects of a difficult start in life. The Apotheosis Magus teaches by encouraging emulation and then often finally capping it with outrage. His play, which is often never consciously formulated, is to provide a role model for emulation by his acolytes and perhaps later to drive them away and throw them back on their own resources, the horizons of which have been expended by the encounter. The essential trick of the Apotheosis Magus is to present magic as a source of boundless self confidence. If he can convince his acolytes that they are magicians capable of anything such beliefs will tend to become self fulfilling. The Apotheosis Magus implies this through the triumph of the will. The Nemesis Magus implies it by showing that nothing is true. Both aim to set the imagination free. Both are exponents of a short and dangerous path which is inevitably strewn with casualties and misunderstandings. Yet this is considered to be a small price to pay if a few do win through to a more effective self definition.

The continual setbacks, reverses and dry periods to which the magical tradition is habitually prone are due to the frequent appearance of the Hierophant or pseudo-magus figure. The Hierophant always presents himself as an exponent representative of something greater than himself. Out of the multiple of roles, identities and behaviors that a person might adopt, the Hierophant presents a single model as an ideal. This is particularly convenient for the Hierophant as he need not be a perfect example of his own ideal although he must at least make a show of trying in public. Additionally, as it is he who defines the ideal, it is comparatively easy for him always to appear one step closer to it than his acolytes. Of course most Hierophants are merely religious teachers who rarely venture into esoterics because of the potentially immense costs of public failure. Yet there remains a depressingly long roll call of dishonor for occult Hierophants or pseudo-magi.

The Hierophant inevitably teaches a system of magic that he has either assembled from pieces or inherited. The most enduring systems are those which are highly complicated, and of low magical effectiveness. They should furthermore be surrounded with hosts of

petty exhortations. Aleister Crowley dabbled in the Hierophant mode but was a supreme exponent of the Apotheosis Magus role. Nobody of any potential adhered to him for long but many were ejected to find their own path. Crowley's writings are liberally salted with deliberate invitations to emulation and hero worship and as equally peppered with devices designed to repel. However their effect has never been quite as reliable as the presence of the magus himself was.

The Apotheosis path is lonely, difficult and dangerous. Such a magus must be all things to all men and women. As a matter of policy he may be continually engaged in challenging the limits of what is socially acceptable. He may have to resort to trickery to make himself seem large enough to accommodate the totality of his followers' expectations of him. Any true friendship prevents him exercising his life's function towards any person with whom it is shared and there will be few of his peers with whom he can be completely open. He will get few thanks from society in general for his efforts and perhaps only a grudging respect from those whom he touches. The tangible rewards of this role are limited to those he can exact from his temporary followers. The Apotheosis Magus must be continually alert to avoid the backlash from his own lifestyle and those who have associated with him. He must always be one step ahead of the police raid. He often comes to a bad end. Notable magi operating in this mode include Cagliostro, Giordano Bruno, Paracelsus, and Gurdjieff.

The Nemesis Magus is a rare figure in the generally positive esoteric climate of the west. In the east the role is more common. The historical Buddha with his rules and restrictions to provide acolytes with a slightly new identity to adhere to. Rules concerning clothing, sex, and diet are particularly effective. Such systems are indispensable to the Hierophant in his ceaseless quest for followers. The complexities of his systems guarantees protracted tuition and its comparative magical ineffectiveness ensures that few will be tempted to go freelance. Such systems are designed to create dependency. New acolytes are always welcome in such systems no matter how long their potential; for, in the absence of measurable progress mere numbers at least provide some positive confirmation.

Heresy and Schism always threaten the Hierophant's position and system. Unrealistic ideals and ineffectual means of attaining them will always attract criticism and attempts at revisionism. Yet if these can be avoided the Hierophant can look forward to extensive rewards from his followers, the lucrative commercialisation of his system, and maybe posthumous deification for what it's worth.

Hierophantic magi frequently inherit the systems of the predecessors. The Apotheosis Magus and the Nemesis Magus rarely have direct successors, although Hierophants frequently appear on the scene afterwards and reduce their works to a system. Pseudo magi outnumber the real thing by a large margin. It would be unseemly to mention any living examples for whilst there is life there is hope of change; however, Blatavsky, MacGregor Mathers, Dion Fortune, and Franz Bardon provide examples of past occult Hierophants.

A single test serves to separate the true Magus from the Hierophant. The false magus is never able to give a simple meaningful explanation of what his teachings are supposed to do. His justifications are invariably verbose and tautological concatenations of indefinable terms.

A host of petty Hierophants feast upon the debris of Crowley's work without managing to enlarge themselves or their followers. Austin Spare's works however have been largely resistant to systematisation and slavish adherence for he left little that could be made into dogma. Yet Crowley and Spare between them exemplify the paradox facing the genuine magus. Speak and be misunderstood or keep silent and be ignored. Most, it appears, have chosen to speak knowing that the tricks of the Hierophant are an indispensable medium but that these tricks ultimately obscure the message itself. The hope is to blow some minds in the meantime.

Either  
The Apotheosis of the Self  
Or  
The Nemesis of the Self  
Will set the Kia soaring  
But promulgation begets systematisation  
And the Apotheosis  
Of Somebody Else's Self  
Is for suckers.

# Misc. Excerpts from Peter Carroll's Works [including the typos]

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It would be inappropriate for any Chaos Magic text to prescribe any particular beliefs or dogmas. It would be inappropriate for any Chaos magician to slavishly adhere to the fine detail of any system.

Liber KKK, p. 1

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[The 5 'conjurations' or classical magical acts:]

EVOCATION is work with entities which may be naturally occurring or manufactured. They may be regarded as independent spirits, fragments of the magicians subconscious, or the egregores of various species of life form, according to taste and belief structure. In practice Evocation is usually performed for Enchantment, in which the evoked entities are made to create effects on behalf of the magician. Evoked entities also find some application in Divination, when they are used to discover information for the magician.

DIVINATION includes all those practices in which the magician attempts to extend his perception by magical means.

ENCHANTMENT includes all those practices in which the magician attempts to impose his will on reality.

INVOCATION is the deliberate attunement of consciousness and the unconscious with some archetypal or significant nexus of thought. The classical conceptions of Pagan god forms are often used but other principles may serve. Invocation creates states of inspiration or possession during which Enchantment, Divination, or occasionally Evocation, can be performed.

ILLUMINATION is deliberate self modification by magic and may include spells of Enchantment cast at oneself to repair weaknesses or increase strengths, and Divination and Invocation performed for inspiration and direction.

Thus all magical operations are based on the use of will, perception and imagination, which is to say that they are all species of Enchantment or Divination. Imagination is that which occurs when will and perception stimulate each other....

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[The 5 levels of magical activity:]

**SORCERY** is simple magic which depends on the occult connections which exist between physical phenomena. Sorcery is a mechanical art which does not require the theory that connection exist between the mind of the operator and the target. Any effects arising from such a connection can, however, be regarded as an added bonus. Working on the sorcery level the magician creates artifacts, tools and instruments which interact magically with the physical world and which can be used again in more subtle ways on the other levels. The sorcery level work should be performed thoroughly, for simple as it's practices seem they are the foundation on which the higher level work rests.

**SHAMANIC MAGIC** works on the level of trance, vision, imagination and dream. It opens the magician's subconscious by negating the psychic censor with various techniques. The magician faces considerable danger on this level and may have frequent recourse to sorcery techniques or banishing ritual if it threatens to obsess or overwhelm him.

**RITUAL MAGIC** combines the abilities developed on the Sorcery and Shamanic levels. The magician brings together the use of tools from the Sorcery level with the subconscious powers liberated on the Shamanic levels and combines their use in a disciplined and controlled fashion.

**ASTRAL MAGIC** is performed by visualisation and altered states of consciousness or gnosis, alone. Physical paraphernalia is not used although the tools and instruments from the previous levels can be used in the form of visualised images. At first the magician will probably require seclusion, silence, darkness and considerable effort at concentration and trance to succeed with such magic, but practice will allow it to be performed anywhere.

**HIGH MAGIC** is that which occurs when there is no impediment to the direct magical effect of will, no barrier to direct clairvoyance and prescience, and no separation between the magician and any form of rapport or consciousness he chooses to enter into. For most people the portals of High Magic open at a few peak moments in a lifetime. As the magician progresses through his training the momentum he acquires will force open the gates to the miraculous more often. No procedures are given here for the five conjurations of High Magic. High Magic represents the point where technique gives way to intuitive genius and each must intuit the key to unleashing such powers for himself.

Ibid, pp. 2-4

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All the techniques of magic are really just so many ways of tricking some indefinable parts of ourselves into performing magic. The universe is basically a magical structure and we are all capable of magic. The really useful theories of magic are those which explain why magic tends to work so erratically and why we have such enormous inhibitions about believing in it, making it work, and recognising that it has worked. It is



as if the universe has cast a spell upon us to convince us that we are not magicians. However, this spell is rather a playful cosmic joke. The universe challenges us to shatter the illusion by leaving a few cracks in it.

...The magician must rely on the momentum of his work in sorcery, shamanism, ritual and astral magics to carry him into the domain of high magic where he evolves his own tricks and empty handed techniques for spontaneously liberating the chaotic creativity within.

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Ibid, p. 13

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'Banishing Rituals' as they are commonly known, serve several purposes. At the beginning and end of longer rituals they serve to establish or re-establish concentration, balance and control. They may also be used for visualisation practice or for shutting out unwanted influences. The traditional lesser banishing ritual of the pentagram devised by Golden Dawn adepts is becoming progressively less useful as time advances. Nowadays, few people are sufficiently committed to hebraic mysticism or Kabbalistic studies to derive much power from the god-names and angelic images. The persistency of the increasingly inappropriate lesser banishing ritual of the pentagram and imitative variants of it in other traditions is evidence of a continuing requirement for a ritual of this type.

'The Gnostic Banishing Ritual', p. 1

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An invocation of the personal ego or false Holy Guardian Angel for the purpose of casting ones entire will as an Enchantment upon reality. Such an operation would normally qualify as an extreme act of Black Magic were it not prefaced by an initial invocation of the formless Kia or real Holy Guardian Angel. The essential purpose of the conjuration as a whole is to increase the domination of ones ego over the world in the hope of bringing the formless life force of the Kia more fully into play.

'The Mass of Chaos', p. 1

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Despite the theories of the sixties it now appears that the neurophysiological basis of both mysticism and magic is actually consciousness contraction. Mysticism is the extreme compression of attention into a single point to provoke a cerebral orgasm. Magic uses similar techniques but aims to provoke material effects in the outside world. Both are based on physiological methods which bring about an hysterical narrowing and concentration of mental focus by ecstatic or meditative means. The quality of mysticism can only be measured by how much fun you get out of it or by how much people are prepared to pay to listen to you. Otherwise magical power provides the only objective measure of spiritual progress in Chaostic terms. This can appear as the direct power of

parapsychology or indirectly as the amounts of obedience, sex, force or money (wands, cups, swords, pentacles) that one can command. Implicit in this view is the principle that all acts are basically magical, and that power equals freedom.

Direct magic is the short and dangerous path to certain freedoms and amusements. No path ultimately leads anywhere for there is nowhere to go and that which thinks it is going is an illusion anyway. Nevertheless, in a spirit of self sufficiency one sets out for the pleasure and the pain of the going. Would you really want it any other way?

From 'The Relief of Randomity', Chaos International #2, 1987; pp. 23-4.

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You are the totality of what you do and can therefore change yourself by doing otherwise. Magic is the art of deliberately believing and pretending very hard and finding that it works. Highly improbable things can be done by those who are prepared to experiment with the belief that they are not quite so improbable. The world is an illusion, it has played a confidence trick on you if you let it define who you are. However, you are able to play confidence tricks on the universe and force it to accept your own definition of yourself(s). In fact, the universe, being a humorous, obliging and magical structure, will invariably collude in any such definitions you care to make, if you act skillfully. We are all charlatans, especially those persons pretending to be normal ordinary people....

Magic is not an elusive epiphenomena as parapsychology seems determined to prove. This universe is an essentially magical structure.

From 'Principia Chaotica', Chaos International #8, p. 15.

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...if you want a one-line definition with which most Chaoists would probably not disagree, then I offer the following. Chaoists usually accept the meta-belief that belief is a tool for achieving effects; it is not an end in itself.

From 'Chaoism and Chaos Magic', Chaos International, #10; p. 11.

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...since the demise of essentially spiritual descriptions of magic, the belief in material causality has been increasingly used in a haphazard fashion to form various ill-conceived metaphors such as 'magical energy' or 'magical force' which are tacitly presumed to be something analogous to static electricity or radio waves. This, I think, complete bullshit. Magic can sometimes be induced to behave a bit like this, but it is not a very effective description....

Quantum physics says to me that not only is magic possible in a world that is infinitely [more?] Chaotic than we thought, but that magic is central to the functioning of his universe. This is a magical universe not a clockwork one....

[For all practical purposes] Relativity, the fundamental physics associated with it, and the causal materialist paradigm of which they are probably close to a final refinement... confine us to this planet forever and rule out magic from our lives. Quantum physics, which I believe currently to be basically an investigation of the magical phenomena underlying the reality most people have perceived as non-magical for the last two hundred years, shows us a way out....

I consider that all events occur basically by magic; the apparent causality investigated by classical science is merely the more statistically reliable end of a spectrum whose other end is complete Chaos....

There are for me two main aspects of magic; the parapsychological and the psychological. In enchantment and divination I believe that the magician is attempting to interact with nature via non- material causality. He is basically exchanging information with his environment without using his physical faculties. Austin Osman Spare precisely identified the mental manoeuvres necessary to allow this to occur. The manoeuvres are startlingly simple and once you have understood them you can invent an unlimited number of spells and forms of divination. The manoeuvres are sacred but the forms of their expression are arbitrary; you can use anything at random.

Bohr and Spare are for me Saints of the Church of Chaos.

...when a magician interacts with those apparently sentient sources of knowledge, inspiration and parapsychological ability that used to be called spirits, gods, demons and elementals, he is tapping into the extraordinary resources that each of us already contains. When activated they may also receive some input via non-material causality from outside. Yet since we all contain such a rich multitude within our own unconscious or subconscious and can also receive congruent information from the collective unconsciousness, as it were, then the possibilities are practically limitless. Given the correct techniques one can invoke or evoke anything, even things which did not exist before one thought of calling them. This may sound like complete Chaos, and I have to report that my own researches confirm that it is!

Chaos Magic for me means a handful of basic techniques which must be adhered to strictly to get results, but beyond that it offers a freedom of expression and intent undreamt of in all previous forms of magic.

Ibid, pp. 12-3.

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# The Pact (IOT) - The Story So Far

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In 1976 in an abandoned ammunition dump dug deep into a mountain somewhere in the Rhineland, two magicians, one English, one German announced the formation of a magical order with the celebration of a Mass of Chaos in the company of a couple of dozen other magicians. Soon after we emerged from the bowels of the mountain a localized tornado hit immediate area. This was but a small portent of things to come.

We left the mountain with no particular idea other than to form an Order such as had never existed before, that would break the existing mold and provide a vehicle for Chaos Magic. A year later some of us met in a splendid Austrian castle and formally arranged ourselves into the Magical Pact of the Illuminates of Thanateros, using as a basis a simple structure of four grades and five offices that I had devised in the meantime. Since then the Pact has evoked a veritable whirlwind of activity, and at the time of writing counts some sixteen temples in the UK, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Australia and the USA. A meeting for all members is now held annually, usually at the same original castle (Burg Lockenhaus, Austria, 2.-6. August 1991 followed by an Exercitium open for all). It is always a wild experimental gathering during which plenty of hard work is being done. In devising a structure I sought mainly to avoid the mistakes of previous established orders such as the Golden Dawn and the Ordo Templi Orientis. A certain division of labour is essential just to ensure that people take responsibility for organizing that which needs organizing. Beyond that it seems an absurdity to form an order on the basis of one or a few persons adopting the role of great guru almighty. Their bluff must eventually be called, and such organisations are unlikely to advance beyond whatever set of ideas they start with. Crowley had to break with the Golden Dawn to make his own contribution to magic, and Austin Spare had to break with Crowley in his turn. Such progress through schism is an idiotic waste of time and effort. Any contemporary order which wishes to remain alive, exciting and innovative requires a structure or at least a communication network to exist at all, but dogmatic ideas, rigid hierarchies and fixed teachings and beliefs will kill its creative spirit rapidly. Thus in the Pact, the individual temples, which are its basic unit, experiment with whatever techniques, rituals and ideas they please, and exchange results and inspirations through newsletters, magazines, a computerized electronic mailbox system, inter-temple visits and the annual Pact meeting. There is thus a natural selection of ideas. Techniques, Spells and Rituals which are found to be really useful become used and expanded upon whilst the less effective material is forgotten. Those members who enter the Pact bubbling over with ideas are encouraged to put them into use immediately. Naturally in an organisation such as this there is less emphasis on discipline than on enthusiasm and creativity. The Pact is more interested in those who can experience magic as a living thing, than in those who can merely follow instructions. Indeed the only power the Pact reserves over its members is the right of expulsion for extreme non-fraternal behaviour or for bringing the Pact into danger. The Pact has but two aims. Firstly the pursuit of the Great Work of Magic and pleasures and profits attendant to this Quest. Secondly to act as a Psychohistoric Force in the Battle for the

Aeon. To fulfill the first aim we provide communication facilities that enable us to work together and develop our own magics through the exchange of ideas and information. Esoterics should also be fun. If you don't enjoy doing magic you are probably doing something wrong. The profits are entirely whatever rewards individuals can make from their own magic. There are no membership fees and the annual Pact meeting is free and funded by seminars and exercitiums that some members hold for the general public plus any members who wish to attend. The somewhat grandiosely phrased Psychohistoric action in the Battle for the Aeon, consists mainly in spreading the philosophy of magical paradigm where we can, in print and by word of mouth, although we occasionally perform acts of magic to hasten things along.

The magical techniques and philosophy of the Pact are mainly Chaoist in inspiration. Chaos Magic calls for a concentration of the actual mechanics at work when planning acts of evocation, divination, enchantment, invocation and illumination. It is techniques and intention that are important in successful magic. The most Important Techniques are those which adjust subconscious belief. Subconscious belief controls both the self or selves and the world. So long as this is never forgotten one can structure a ritual or spell with just about any form of symbolism from Tibetan Tantra to Icelandic Runelore. And indeed, where else but in the Pact could you find magicians experimenting with Runic Sex Magic? Well perhaps you will find other examples. I notice the eclectic approach becoming ever more pervasive in esoterics. Insights and ideas are now poached shamelessly from one so-called tradition to another, but this is how it should be, and Chaos Magic boldly encourages the meta-tradition which takes anything and everything that is effective from all traditions to create an explosive mixture.

So, on with the pursuit of the Great Work of Magic, with whatever forms of Techno-Shamanism, Tantric Goetia or Greco-Egyptian Quantum Physics we can make work for us. There are worlds within us, and the universe is infinitely more weird, I'm sure, than all our theories put together. Hopefully, some of the explosives the Pact cooks up can propel us a little further into these strange domains. I have no idea how this years Pact meeting will unfold, except that there will be magicians from many lands seated in a huge circle ready to offer their specialities in everything from Buddhist sorcery through Norse wyrdcraft and Chaos mathematical investment schemes to Voodoo and Ice Magics. We have the technology and we're crazy enough to use it!

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# Paradigm Shifts and Aeonics

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All the philosophies, creeds, dogmas and beliefs that humanity has evolved are variants of three great paradigms, the Transcendental, the Materialist and the Magical. In no human culture has any one of these paradigms been completely distinct from the others. For example in our own culture at the time of writing the Transcendental and Magical paradigms are frequently confused together.

Transcendental philosophies are basically religious and manifest in a spectrum stretching from the fringes of primitive spiritism through pagan polytheism to the monotheism of the Judaeo-Christian-Islamic traditions and the theoretical non-theistic systems of Buddhism and Taoism. In each case it is believed that some form of consciousness or spirit created and maintains the universe and that humans, other living organisms, contain some fragment of this consciousness or spirit which underlies the veil or illusion of matter. The essence of Transcendentalism is belief in spiritual beings greater than oneself or states of spiritual being superior to that which currently one enjoys. Earthly life is frequently seen merely as a form of dialogue between oneself and one's deity or deities, or perhaps some impersonal form of higher force. The material world is a theatre for the spirit or soul or consciousness that created it. Spirit is the ultimate reality to the transcendentalist.

In the Materialist paradigm the universe is believed to consist fundamentally and entirely of matter. Energy is but a form of matter and together they subtend space and time within which all change occurs strictly on the basis of cause and effect. Human behaviour is reducible to biology, biology is reducible to chemistry, chemistry is reducible to physics and physics is reducible to mathematics. Mind and consciousness are thus merely electrochemical events in the brain and spirit is a word without objective content. The causes of some events are likely to remain obscure perhaps indefinitely, but there is an underlying faith that sufficient material cause must exist for any event. All human acts can be categorized as serving some biological need or as expressions of previously applied conditioning or merely as malfunction. The goal of materialist who eschews suicide is the pursuit of personal satisfaction including altruistic satisfactions if desired.

The main difficulty in recognizing and describing the pure Magical Paradigm is that of insufficient vocabulary. Magical philosophy is only recently recovering from a heavy adulteration with transcendental theory. The word aether will be used to describe the fundamental reality of the magical paradigm. It is more or less equivalent to the idea of Mana used in oceanic shamanism. Aether in materialistic descriptions is information which structures matter and which all matter is capable of emitting and receiving. In transcendental terms aether is a sort of "life force" present in some degree in all things. It carries both knowledge about events and the ability to influence similar or sympathetic events. Events either arise spontaneously out of themselves or are encouraged to follow certain paths by influence of patterns in the aether. As all things have an aetheric part

they can be considered to be alive in some sense. Thus all things happen by magic, the large scale features of the universe have a very strong aetheric pattern which makes them fairly predictable but difficult to influence by the aetheric patterns created by thought. Magicians see themselves as participating in nature. Transcendentalists like to think they are somehow above it. Materialists like to try and manipulate it.

Now this universe has the peculiarly accommodating property of tending to provide evidence for, and confirmation of, whatever paradigm one chooses to believe in. Presumably at some deep level there is a hidden symmetry between those things we call Matter, Aether and Spirit. Indeed, it is rare to find an individual or culture operating exclusively on a single one of these paradigms and none is ever entirely absent. Non dominant paradigms are always present as superstitions and fears. A subsequent section on Aeonics will attempt to untangle the influences of each of these great world views throughout history, to see how they have interacted with each other and to predict future trends. In the meantime an analysis of the radically differing concepts of time and self in each paradigm is offered to more fully distinguish the basic ideas.

Transcendentalists conceive of time in millennial and apocalyptic terms. Time is regarded as having a definite beginning and ending, both initiated by the activities of spiritual beings or forces. The end of time on the personal and cosmic scale is regarded not so much as a cessation of being but as a change to a state of non material being. The beginning of personal and cosmic time is similarly regarded as a creative act by spiritual agencies. Thus reproductive activity usually becomes heavily controlled and hedged about with taboo and restriction in religious cultures, as it implies an usurpation of the powers of deities. Reproduction also implies that death has in some measure been overcome. How awesome the power of creation and how final must earthly death subconsciously loom to a celibate and sterile priesthood.

All transcendentalisms embody elements of apocalypticism. Typically these are used to provoke revivals when business is slack or attention is drifting elsewhere. Thus it is suddenly revealed that the final days are at hand or that some earthly dispute is in fact a titanic battle against evil spiritual agencies.

Materialist time is linear but unbounded. Ideally it can be extended arbitrarily far in either direction from the present. To the strict materialist it is self-evidently futile to speculate about a beginning or an end to time. Similarly the materialist is contemptuous of any speculations about any forms of personal existence before birth or after death. The materialist may well fear painful or premature death but can have no fears about being dead.

The magical view is that time is cyclic and that all processes recur. Even cycles which appear to begin or end are actually parts of larger cycles. Thus all endings are beginnings and the end of time is synonymous with the beginning of time in another universe. The magical view that everything is recycled is reflected in the doctrine of reincarnation. The attractive idea of reincarnation has often persisted into the religious paradigm and many pagan and even some monotheist traditions have retained it. However religious theories

invariably contaminate the original idea with beliefs about a personal soul. From a strictly magical viewpoint we are an accretion rather than an unfolded unity. The psyche has no particular centre, we are colonial beings, a rich collage of many selves. Thus as our bodies contain fragments from countless former beings, so does our psyche. However certain magical traditions retain techniques which allow the adept to transfer quite large amounts of his psyche in one piece should he consider this more useful than dispersing himself into humanity at large.

Each of the paradigms take a different view of the self. Transcendentalists view self as spirit inserted into matter. As a fragment or figment of deity the self regards itself as somehow placed in the world in a non arbitrary manner and endowed with free will. The transcendental view of self is relatively stable and non-problematic if shared as a consensus with all significant others. However, transcendental theories about the placement and purpose of self and its relationship to deities are mutually exclusive. Conflicting transcendentalisms can rarely co-exist for they threaten to disconform the images of self. Encounters which are not decisive tend to be mutually negatory in the long run.

Of the three views of self the purely materialistic one is the most problematical. If mind is an extension of matter it must obey material laws and the resulting deterministic view conflicts with the subjective experience of free will. On the other hand if mind and consciousness are assumed to be qualitatively different from matter then the self is incomprehensible to itself in material terms. Worse still perhaps, the materialist self must regard itself as a phenomenon of only temporary duration in contradiction of the subjective expectation of continuity of consciousness. Because a purely materialist view of self is so austere few are prepared to confront such naked existentialism. Consequently materialist cultures exhibit a frantic appetite for sensation, identification and more or less disposable irrational beliefs. Anything that will make the self seem less insubstantial.

The magical view of self is that it is based on the same random capricious chaos which makes the universe exist and do what it does. The magical self has no centre, it is not a unity but an assemblage of parts, any number of which may temporarily club together and call themselves "I". This accords with the observation that our subjective experience consists of our various selves experiencing each other. Free will arises either as an outcome of a dispute between our various selves or as a sudden random creation of a new idea or option. In the magical view of self there is no spirit/matter or mind/body split and the paradoxes of free will and determinism disappear. Some of our acts arise from random choices between conditioned options and some from conditional choices between randomly created options. In practice most of our acts are based on rather complex hierarchical sequences of all four of these mechanisms. As soon as we have acted one of our selves proclaims "I did that!" so loudly that most of the other selves think they did it too.

Each of the three views of self has something derogatory to say about the other two. From the standpoint of the transcendental self the materialist self has become prey to pride of intellect, the demon hubris, whilst the magical view of self is considered to be



entirely demonic. The material self views the transcendentalist as obsessed with assumptions having no basis in fact, and the magical self as being childlike and incoherent. From the standpoint of the magical view, the assorted selves of the transcendentalist have ascribed a grossly exaggerated importance to one or a few of the selves which they call God or gods, whilst the materialist has attempted to make all his selves subordinate to the self that does the rational thinking. Ultimately it's a matter of faith and taste. The transcendentalist has faith in his god self, the materialist has faith in his reasoning self and the selves of the magician have faith in each other. Naturally, all these forms of faith are subject to periods of doubt.

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\* Origin: ChaosBox: Nothing is true -> all is permitted... (2:243/2)

# Principia Chaotica: Chaos Magic for the Pandaemonaeon

*by Peter Carroll*

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In Chaos Magic, beliefs are not seen as ends in themselves, but as tools for creating desired effects. To fully realize this is to face a terrible freedom in which Nothing is True and Everything is Permitted, which is to say that everything is possible, there are no certainties, and the consequences can be ghastly. Laughter seems to be the only defence against the realisation that one does not even have a real self.

The purpose of Chaos Rituals is to create beliefs by acting as though such beliefs were true. In Chaos Rituals you Fake it till you Make it, to obtain the power that a belief can provide. Afterwards, if you have any sense, you will laugh it off, and seek the requisite beliefs for whatever you want to do next, as Chaos moves you.

Thus Chaoism proclaims the Death and Rebirth of the Gods. Our subconscious creativity and parapsychological powers are more than adequate to create or destroy any god or self or demon or other "spritual" entity that we may choose to invest or disinvest belief in, at least for ourselves and sometimes others as well. The frequently awesome results attaining by creating gods by act of ritually behaving as though they exist should not lead the Chaos magician into the abyss of attributing ultimate reality to anything. That is the transcendentalist mistake,, which leads to the narrowing of the spectrum of the self. The real awesomeness lies in the range of things we can discover ourselves capable of, even if we may temporarily have to believe the effects are due to something else, in order to be able to create them. The gods are dead. Long live the gods.

Magic appeals to those with a great deal of hubris and a fertile imagination coupled with a strong suspicion that both reality and human condition have a game like quality. The game is open ended, and plays itself for amusement. Players can make up their own rules to some extent, and cheat by using parapsychology if desired.

A magician is one who has sold his soul for the chance of participating more fully in reality. Only when nothing is true, and the idea of a true self is abandoned, does everything become permitted. There is some accuracy in the Faust myth, but he failed to take it to its logical conclusion.

It takes only the acceptance of a single belief to make someone a magician. It is the meta-belief that belief is a tool for achieving effects. This effect is often far easier to observe in others than in oneself. It is usually quite easy to see how other people, and indeed entire cultures, are both enabled and disabled by the beliefs they hold. Beliefs tend to lead to activities which tend to reconfirm belief in a circle they call virtuous rather than vicious, even if the results are not amusing. The first stage of seeing through the game can be a shocking enlightenment that leads either to a weary cynicism or Buddhism. The second

stage of actually applying the insight to oneself can destroy the illusion of the soul and create a magician. The realisation that belief is a tool rather than an end in itself has immense consequences if fully accepted. Within the limits set by physical possibility, and these limits are wider and more malleable than most people believe, one can make real any beliefs one chooses, including contradictory beliefs. The Magician is not striving for any particular limited identity goal, rather he wants the meta-identity of being able to be anything.

So welcome to the Kali Yuga of the Pandaemonaeon wherein nothing is true and everything is permissible. For in these post-absolutist days it is better to build upon the shifting sands than the rock which will confound you on the day it shatters. Philosophers have become no more than the keepers of useful sarcasms, for the secret is out that there is no secret of the universe. All is Chaos and evolution is going nowhere in particular. It is pure chance which rules the universe and thus, and only thus, is life good. We are born accidentally into a random world where only seeming causes lead to apparent effects, and very little is predetermined, thank Chaos. As everything is arbitrary and accidental then perhaps these words are too small and pejorative, rather we should perhaps say that life, the universe and everything is spontaneously creative and magical.

Relishing stochastic reality we can revel exclusively in magical definitions of existence. The roads of excess may yet lead to the place of wisdom, and many indeterminate things can happen on the way to thermodynamic equilibrium. It is vain to seek solid ground on which to stand. Solidity is an illusion, as is the foot which stands on it, and the self which thinks it owns either is the most transparent illusion of all.

The heavy vessels of faith are holed and sinking along with all lifeboats and ingenious rafts. So will you shop at the supermarket of sensation and let your consumer preferences define your true self? Or will you in a bold and lighthearted fashion, thief from both for the fun of it? For belief is a tool for achieving whatever one chooses to consider important or pleasurable, and sensation has no other purpose than sensation. Thus help yourself to them without paying the price. Sacrifice Truth for Freedom at every opportunity. The greatest fun, freedom and achievement lies not being yourself. There is little merit in simply being whomsoever you were destined to be by accident of birth and circumstance. Hell is the condition of having no alternatives.

Reject then the obscenities of contrived uniformity, order and purpose. Turn and face the tidal wave of Chaos from which philosophers have been fleeing in terror for millennia. Leap in and come out surfing its crest, sporting amidst the limitless weirdness and mystery in all things, for those who reject false certainties. Thank Chaos we shall never exhaust it. Create, destroy, enjoy, IO CHAOS!

# Psybercrap

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On Mon, 29 Sep 1997, Shane C. Hage wrote:  
> Read Enochian Physics by the Llewellyn Times...superb book detailing  
Magick  
> & Quantum Physics interaction

The book is totally idiotic. It shows little real knowledge of magic, and even less real knowledge of theoretical physics. It's overly simplistic and full of catchy buzz-words of science and 100 year old scientific philosophy. Two thumbs down.

If you really like that sort of thing, try Pete Carroll's new book Psybermagick. At least Carroll's highly suspect theories will have a quantum physicist scratching his head for a minute or two before he starts laughing....

- J.:M.:555

# The Psycho-Historic Mechanism of the Aeons

by *Pete Carroll*

A superficial examination of the paradigms which have dominated aeons of cultural development indicates that three major world views have arisen to dominance in succession. These are the magical, transcendental, and materialist paradigms. A simple picture of these views rising successively to prominence has a certain descriptive use but it lacks explanatory or predictive power and cannot account for the persistence or resurgence of a particular paradigm at some other point in cultural development. For this a more sophisticated model is required which includes a consideration of the various opposition philosophies which invariably complement the prevailing cultural paradigm. If the linear time frame of materialism and transcendentalism is combined with the cyclic or recurrent time frame of magical philosophy a graph can be derived which represents both the dominant and opposition paradigms in a form which exhibits considerable explanatory and predictive power, the Psychohistoric Model.

## The Psychohistoric Model

(Imagine these curves round and smooth...)

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This model is qualitative, a quantitative treatment would imply a non-linear calibration of the time axis with dates specific to particular cultures. At the time of writing, various human cultures can be identified as passing through a particular aeon and it can be observed that cultures have varied considerably in the length of time they have to progress from one aeon to the next. In cultures where aeonic development has been rapid it is usual to find both remnants of previous aeonic paradigms and evidence of impending

aeonic paradigms amongst various individuals and sub-cultures. This is particularly noticeable in western industrial nations at the time of writing. The ebb and flow of the magical, transcendental and magical paradigms appears to be partly due to competition between them and partly due to certain features of the paradigms themselves. Each has a tendency to become an awesome tyranny at its zenith whilst at its nadir its absence creates such difficulties that it inevitably persists as a ridiculed, barely tolerated, or outright illegal opposition philosophy.

Each paradigm expresses itself with a particular physical technology. Thus the shamanic aeon is characterised by hunter-gatherer technologies, agrarian technologies characterize the religious aeon and the rationalist aeon is characterized by industrialism. The paradigm of the coming aeon will complement post industrial cultures.

There seems little value in extrapolating the psycho-history model backwards in time beyond the shamanic aeon for animistic beliefs appear to characterize the earliest forms of anything that can be called human culture. The aeons tend to divide quite neatly into two smaller phases each as the paradigms underlying them gain or lose ground relative to each other. The animist phase of the shamanic aeon is dominated by magic and materialism. Magic supplies the insight that all phenomena embody a particular power or mana which can be transferred or used to manipulate or anticipate the actions of those phenomena. The system is a perfectly rational extrapolation from the initial mana hypothesis and it is entirely empirical. Certain magical procedures are performed and certain results usually follow, apart from that the world is conceived in a simple materialistic fashion, as it presents itself to the senses. Transcendentalism plays no part in pure animism which has no pretences beyond assisting its practitioners through this life. There would appear to be no purely animistic cultures left on this world but anthropologists have observed a few remote cultures in the spiritist phase of shamanism into which animism is prone to decay. In this phase magical theory becomes baroque as the decline of rational empiricism leads to a progressive divorce between magical procedures and their desired effects. Magical theories and procedures tend to proliferate for a time as their effects and explanatory power become less certain. Thus ritual, myth, fetishism and taboo come to the fore and begin to accrete transcendental overtones.

Pagan or polytheistic cultures arise with a more settled agricultural and city state civilisation. Magical theories and practices decline as the powers recognised in shamanism become anthropomorphized into human deities, synonymous with an increasing transcendentalism as the shamanic view of personal power becomes elaborated into a personal soul. Ritual negotiation with the gods comes to replace direct magical procedures. Materialism is largely absent from pagan metaphysical thought wherein the world is conceived in largely magical and transcendental terms. Such technical progress as occurs develops on a trial and error basis and any advances are more often given a mythological rather than a rational interpretation. The limited materialist theorizing about the world that does occur in pagan cultures invariably begins or ends with mythic premises. It is frequently a proscribed activity and not a few pagan philosophers paid dearly for their speculations if their conclusions differs from priestly orthodoxy.

Paganism tends to decay into monotheism during the religious aeon as magical theories are replaced by transcendental ones. A number of factors are at work here. Monotheism equates with the growing sense of individual self that transcendentalism stimulates. At the same time monotheism readily allows for more widespread and effective social control. It is also far easier to train a monotheistic priesthood or maintain a monotheistic theocracy. For the magic often expected of pagan priests is inherently difficult and unreliable except in the most talented hands and is not generally expected of monotheistic priests. As the monotheist phase progresses there is some increment in materialistic theories of nature but except where these are heavily circumscribed by theology such researches are conducted at great peril. Indeed, because both material and magical theories are in opposition to the prevailing orthodoxy, science and sorcery are often inseparable both to their practitioners and to the priesthood which persecute them in this period. Peculiar hybrids of materialism and magic such as alchemy are frequently found in opposition to monotheism and magic often disguises itself as theurgy partly as protective camouflage and partly out of pure metaphysical confusion.

The gradual ascent of materialist philosophy towards the end of the religious aeon is coupled with technological developments. These in turn lead to a further decline in the mythical aspects of religion. Thus in the first atheistic phase of the rationalist aeon transcendental theories are giving ground to material ones. Such cultures usually remain nominally monotheist as religion recedes in the face of technological achievement and the ascendancy of material descriptions of reality. Purely magical theories virtually disappear during this phase although some spiritualist occultism often rears its grotesque head. This phenomena bears little relationship to magic. Any magic which manifests within it is explained away in terms of the transcendental materialism of which spiritualism consists. Freemasonry is characteristic of the increasing materialism and declining transcendentalism of this sub-aeon. Whilst nominally monotheistic, freemasonry seeks a mild transcendence through reason in its virtual worship of the rational architect of the material universe. It is essentially a child of the old European enlightenment and persists on a clubbish basis although its original anti-clerical and anti-monarchist purposes are long forgotten. The philosophies of humanism, communism and capitalism also have their roots in the material transcendentalism of this aeon.

Atheism is prone to decay into nihilism as the rationalist aeon progresses.

Transcendentalism becomes progressively less sustainable as a world view whilst the explanatory and technical power of materialism grows. As the materialist paradigm peaks it becomes sterile and tyrannical in its attempt to quantify all things in material terms. At the time of writing, many of the world's current problems are due to large segments of the dominant Western culture entering their nihilist phase. The initial optimism of capitalism, science and socialism is fading as faith in the products of these systems diminishes and no alternatives seem to present themselves as we accelerate into global ecological squalor.

Magic and transcendentalism exist in opposition to the dominant materialist paradigm and often become confused for this reason, much as magic and science were often confused together in their opposition to monotheism in the religious aeon. Magical

theories tend to proliferate partly in response to the tyranny of materialism and partly because although materialism is self evidently incomplete, the holes cannot be patched with a transcendentalism that is tinged with increasing absurdity. Thus in opposition to nihilistic materialism we find the remains of a monotheistic transcendentalism which is on the way out and a purely magical view, manifesting, for example, in the growth of parapsychology, which is on the increase. Strange admixtures of magic and transcendentalism in various proportions arise at this time. Neo- paganism, witchcraft and white light occultism are characteristic rebel philosophies during the cultural dominance of nihilism. Charismatic revival movements on the fringes of a decaying monotheism attempt to perceive and invoke the supposed magical powers of their deities in an immediate way to bolster a transcendentalism which is inexorably fading into obscurity. Similarly in the initial phase of the revival of magic, transcendental or neo- religious themes tend to become mixed with magic. However the psycho- history model predicts that they will part company and that the surviving magical traditions will be those with no religious components. The model further predicts that the nihilist phase of the rationalist aeon will give way to a new aeon in which the relative strengths of the three paradigms will be in a similar configuration to that of the shamanic aeon. Materialist and magical beliefs will dominate the culture of the new aeon initially and then magic alone will come to dominate. The new aeon has been dubbed the Pandaemonaeon and its first phase the Chaoist sub-aeon in recognition of the non transcendental magic-materialist theories which will characterize it.

From the standpoint of the popular rational materialism which dominates the nihilist phase it may appear absurd that the philosophy of magic will arise first to complement and then surpass that of science and materialism. However the most advanced scientific theories are already beginning to exhibit magical features in their new descriptions of reality. Both in particle physics and cosmogenesis a fundamental acausality, indeterminacy and observer dependence is now ascribed to reality. These are, properly speaking, magical theories, not material ones. It also appears that in biology, psychology and medicine materialist theories of strict causality must give ground to some form of emergent vitalism for organisms are evidently more than the sum of their parts. This co-emergent vital principle or morphic field is equivalent to the intrinsic power or mana of magical theory.

The prevailing orthodoxy of the coming chaoist age will represent something of a truce between magic and science; although the magical aspects may take on heavy scientific camouflage first to make them more acceptable. Transcendental theories will virtually disappear and magical phenomena will no longer be acknowledged as proof of anything spiritual. The word "God" will be both objectively and subjectively meaningless except to a few cliques and cranks; although towards the end of the pandaemonaeon new forms of magical transcendentalism will arise but it would be premature to speculate on their precise manifestation. The model does not predict the nature of the characteristic post-industrial technology of the impending aeon. The decline of materialistic theories throughout the aeon does not in itself imply the loss of advanced technology. As technology becomes progressively more complex and less comprehensible there is a tendency to conceive of it and use it as though it were a magical phenomenon. Devices



incorporating quantum mechanical or direct psi-interactive components may well make any distinction between magical and material systems meaningless in any case. So the impending pandaemonaeon may be characterized by an extremely complex yet rationally incomprehensible high technology. Alternatively the model will equally well accommodate a post catastrophe technology sufficient to support a new hunter gatherer tribalized society resembling the first shamanic aeon when the relative strengths of the paradigms were similar. At the time of writing it is too early to speculate on the character of the second phase of the pandaemonaeon which has been left nameless. It remains to be seen whether humanity will spend this phase out amongst the stars or squabbling over tinned food in the smoking ruins. Yet any credible form of stellar travel will have to be based on principles more akin to those currently under investigation in magic than in science. Some form of machine enhanced teleportation might suffice, reaction-thrust vehicles plainly will not.

The magician's stance towards the aeonic cycle depends on his attitude towards change. Progress is merely the mechanism whereby humanity exchanges one set of problems for another, often larger, set. To campaign for or against change is necessarily to draw oneself into strife and conflict. Yet it seems that by nature we find it more stimulating to engage in turmoil and contention than to abstain. The advantages of having history on one's side are that one may enjoy the company of radical rather than conservative minds and one may even enjoy the satisfaction of being proved right in one's lifetime. The satisfactions afforded by the defense of orthodoxy and the bittersweet appeal of vainglorious defeat should not, however, be underestimated. Politics, being a mere squabble over the secondary codification of the primary values of a society, has little effect on the aeonic cycle. All it can do is effect the timing. Democracy for example is entirely due to industrialism, military technology and the weakening of monotheism; it is not something which arises out of politics itself, nor is it by any means the ultimate form of social organisation. If there is a tide in the affairs of men then it is caused by deep changes in our views of self and reality and politics are mere eddies and ripples on its surface.

Armed with the Psycho-historic model of aeonic change the magician can readily see what factors he should work on to hasten, impede, or reverse aeonic development in a particular culture or sub-culture. For example it is necessary to encourage both materialism and transcendentalism and to undermine magical theories when engaged in monotheistic missionary work with pagans. Conversely to help combat the effects of such missionary work or to revive a pagan cabal within a monotheist or atheist culture one should do just the opposite. However, one hopes that the primary concern for contemporary magi is to ensure the safe and speedy birth of the pandaemonaeon from within nihilist culture. To assist in this transition, magical philosophy must strive for three things. Firstly, it must strive to eliminate any remaining transcendental or religious concepts which still contaminate it. These are destined for the dustbin of history for a long while and when they eventually re-emerge it will be in a completely different form anyway. No useful part of magic ought to be thrown away with them. Secondly, it must seek to present its ideas and techniques using maximum camouflage. Magic must enter popular consciousness using a series of Trojan horses. Thirdly, as a precautionary

measure magic should attempt to undermine the decaying remnants of monotheism without offering itself as a target in the process. For example, parapsychology presents an enormous and unacknowledged threat to fundamentalism; although the existence of various idiotic satanism is surely a great comfort to it.

Dangerous times lie ahead. Millennial apocalyptic beliefs present in monotheism may still yet trigger disaster during the death spasms of transcendentalism. A fierce rearguard action may be expected from materialist philosophies as they slide further into a nihilism whose adherents will, for a while, demand ever more of what is not working, ever more luxury and sensationalism in an ecology unable to support it. The birth of the pandaeon as a generally accepted paradigm could be a long and bloody business. If things go badly it could be preceded by a catastrophe which precipitates us into a new stone age rather than an interstellar age. Although there will be important niches for magicians in either situation, I would prefer my descendants to perform their sorceries amongst the stars, rather than huddled in the ruins.

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## **Appendix**

### **Eastern Traditions in the Psycho-Historic Model**

The origins of Buddhism lie in rebellious speculation during the late pagan sub aeon in the orient. Similar developments during the first millennium B.C. led to Taoism in China and certain allied pre-Socratic speculations in Greek civilisation, notably those of Heraclitus of Ephesus. The core principles of these essentially non-theistic metaphysical systems have some relevance to an emerging magico-materialist synthesis. However, during their subsequent histories, both Taoism and Buddhism have been heavily coloured by competing philosophies whilst the Heraclitian philosophy has faded into obscurity. Taoism has exhibited a strong tendency to regress into mere superstitious ritual whilst Buddhism has, at times, appeared in monotheistic guise with the Buddha as a de facto God. At others it has presented itself as a form of virtual paganism overlaid with abstruse transcendental theories, whilst the Zen manifestation of Buddhism attempts to recover the original teachings by severe austerity measures. In Tibet the fusion of Buddhism with indigenous Shamanic traditions has led to a graded system of beliefs called Tantric or Vajrayana Buddhism. At various levels this incorporates features from most of the aeons. Within it one can find sorcery, shamanism, polytheism, transcendental monotheism, doctrines of material causality and nihilism. It is presumably the benign ethical system developed in response to the harsh Himalayan environment which has prevented any one of these traditions from violently asserting itself over its rivals. The rigours of climate and geography seem to have the development of a high technology; yet the monastic tradition and the endless winters allowed the flowering of an extraordinary culture in which the influence of all the aeons exists simultaneously to some degree.

# Rituals and Spell Objectives and Design in Eight Magics

by *Pete Carroll*

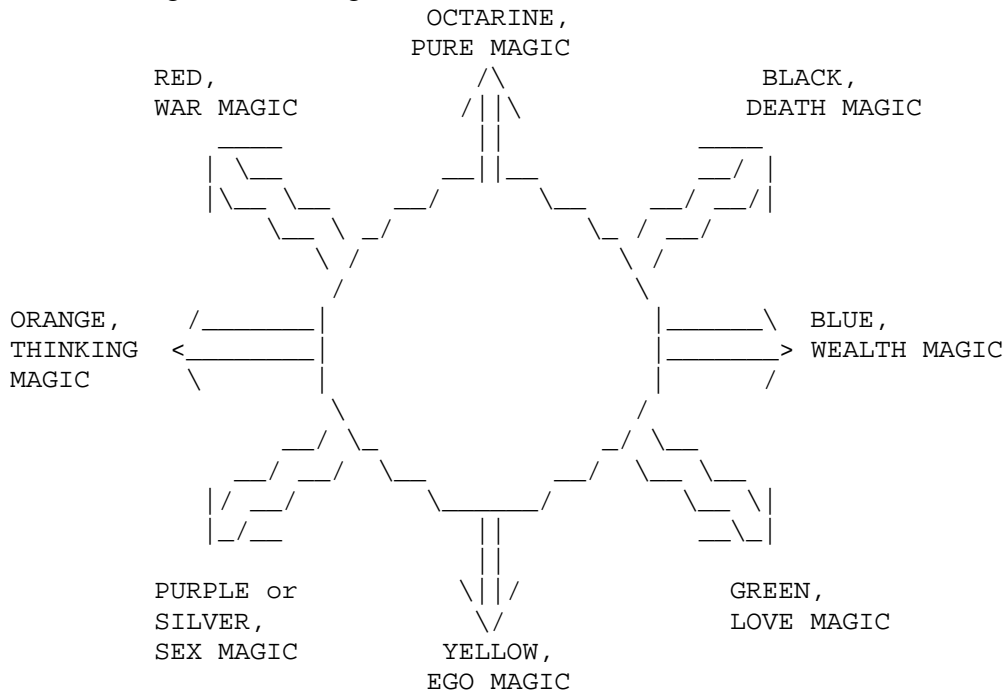
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## Introduction

Our perceptual and conceptual apparatus creates a fourfold division of matter into the space, time, mass, and energy tautology. Similarly, our instinctual drives create an eightfold division of magic. The eight forms of magic are conveniently denoted by colours having emotional significance:



The eight types of magic can be attributed to the seven classical "planets", plus Uranus for Octarine. However in the cause of expanding the parameters of what can be attempted with each of these forms of magic, such an attribution will largely be avoided. The eight forms of magic will each be considered in turn.

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## **Octarine Magic**

Following Pratchett's hypothesis, the eighth colour of the spectrum, which is the magicians personal perception of the "colour of magic", may be called octarine. For me, this is a particular shade of electric pinkish-purple. My most significant optical visions have all occurred in this hue, and I visualise it to colour many of my more important spells and sigils on the astral. Before I set sail in a handmade open boat through the Arabian Sea I was tricked into accepting a huge and priceless star ruby by a wizard in India. It was of an exactly octarine hue. During the most violent typhoon I have ever experienced I found myself shrieking my conjurations to Thor and Poseidon whilst clinging to the bowsprit as mountainous waves smashed into the boat and octarine lightning bolts crashed into the sea all around. Looking back it seems miraculous that I and my crew survived. I have kept the octarine stone, uncertain as to whether it was passed to me as a curse, a joke, a blessing, or a test, or all of these things.

Other magicians perceive octarine in different ways. My personal perception of octarine is probably a consequence of sex (purple) and anger (red) being my most effective forms of gnosis. Each should seek out the colour of magic for himself.

The octarine power is our instinctual drive towards magic, which, if allowed to flower, creates the magician self or personality in the psyche, and in affinity with various magician god forms. The "Magician Self" varies naturally between magicians, but has the general characteristics of antinomianism and deviousness, with a predilection for manipulation and the bizarre. The antinomianism of the magician self arises partly from the general estrangement of our culture from magic. The magical self therefore tends to take an interest in everything that does not exist, or should not exist, according to ordinary consensus reality. To the magician self, "Nothing is Unnatural". A statement full of endless meanings. The deviousness of the magician self is a natural extension of the sleight of mind required to manipulate the unseen. The god forms of the octarine power are those which correspond most closely with the characteristics of the magician self, and are usually the magicians most important modes of possession for purely magical inspiration. Baphomet, Pan, Odin, Loki, Tiamat, Ptah, Eris, Hekate, Babalon, Lilith and Ishtar are examples of god forms which can be used in this way.

Alternatively the magician may wish to formulate a magician god form on a purely idiosyncratic basis, in which case the symbolism of the serpent and the planet Uranus often prove useful starting points.

The magician can invoke such god forms for the illumination of various aspects of the magical self, and for various works of pure rather than applied magic. The category of pure magic includes such activities as the development of magical theories and

philosophies, and magical training programs, the devising of symbolic systems for use in divinations, spells and incantations, and also the creation of magical languages for similar purposes. It is worth noting here that chaos-magical languages are usually now written in V-Prime before transliteration into magical barbaric form. V-Prime or Vernacular Prime is simply one's native tongue in which all use of all tenses of the verb "to be" is omitted in accordance with quantum metaphysics. All the nonsense of transcendentalism disappears quite naturally once this tactic is adopted. There is no being, all is doing.

The octarine power is invoked to inspire the magician self and to expand the magicians primary arcana. The primary personal arcana consists of the fundamental symbols with which he interprets and interacts with reality (whatever that may assault perception as), magically. These symbols may be theories or kabbalas, obsessions, magical weapons, astral or physical, or indeed anything which relates to the practice of magic generally, that is not dedicated specifically to one of the other powers of applied magic, whose symbols form the secondary personal arcana of magic.

From the vantage point of the octarine gnosis, the magician self should be able to perceive the selves of the other seven powers, and be able to see their interrelationship within his total organism. Thus the octarine power brings some ability in psychiatry, which is the adjustment of the relationship between the selves in an organism. The basis difference between a magician and a civilian is that the latter the octarine power is vestigial or undeveloped. The normal resting or neutral mode a civilian corresponds to a mild expression of the yellow power which he regards as his normal personality or "ego". The magician self however, is fully aware that this is but one of eight major tools that the organism possesses. Thus, in a sense, the "normal personality" of the magician is a tool of his magical self (and, importantly, vice versa). This realisation gives him some advantage over ordinary people. However the developing magical self will soon realize that it is not in itself superior to the other selves that the organism consists of, for there are many things they can do which it cannot.

The development of the octarine power through the philosophy and practice of magic tends to provide the magician with a second major centre amongst the selves to complement the ego of the yellow power. The awakening of the octarine power is sometimes known as "being bitten by the serpent". Those who have been, are usually as instantly recognisable to each other as, for example, two lifeboat survivors are.

Perhaps one of the greatest tricks of sleight of mind is to allow the magician self and the ego to dance together within the psyche without undue conflict. The magician who is unable to disguise himself as an ordinary person, or who is unable to act independently of his own ego, is no magician at all.

Nevertheless, the growth of the octarine, or eighth power of the self, and the discovery of the type of magician one wants to be, and the identification or synthesis of a god form to represent it, tend to create something of a mutant being, who has advanced into a paradigm that few others are aware of. It is not easy to turn back once the journey has begun, though quite a few have tried to abort the voyage with various narcotics including

mysticism. It is a pilgrimage to an unknown destination, in which one awakes successively from one nightmare into another. Some on them appear vastly entertaining at the time. There are worlds within us, the abysses are just the initiations in between them.

The evocation of an octarine servitor can create an invaluable tool for those engaged in magical research. The main functions of such entities are usually to assist in the discovery of useful information and contacts. Negative results should not be ignored here, the complete failure of a well prepared servitor to retrieve information about the hypothetical cosmic "big bang", was a contributory factor in the development of the Fiat Nox theory, for example.

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## **Black Magic**

The Death programs built into our genetic and hence behavioral and emotional structure are the price we pay for the capacity for sexual reproduction which alone allows for evolutionary change. Only organisms which reproduce asexually, to replicate endless identical copies of their very simple forms, are immortal. Two conjunctions with the black power are of particular interest to the magician: the casting of destruction spells and the avoidance of premature death.

So called "Chod" rites are a ritual rehearsal of death in which the Death-self is invoked to manifest its knowledge and wisdom. Traditionally conceived of as a black robed skeletal figure armed with a scythe, the Death-self is privy to the mysteries of ageing, senescence, morbidity, necrosis, entropy and decay. It is often also possessed of a rather wry and world weary sense of humour.

Surrounding himself with all the symbols and paraphernalia of death, the magician invokes his Death-self in a Chod rite for one of the two purposes. Firstly the experience of the Death-self and the black gnosis brings the knowledge of what it feels like to begin dying and thus prepares the magician to resist the manifestation of actual premature death in himself and perhaps others by, as it were, knowing the enemy. A demon is just a god acting out of turn. In the course of various Chod rites the magician may well experiment in shamanic style by invoking into himself the visualised entities and symbols that he associates with various diseases, to practice banishing them. Thus the Death-self has some uses in medical diagnosis and divination.

Secondly, the death-self may be invoked as a vantage point from which to cast destruction spells. In this case the invocation takes the same general form but the conjuration is usually called an Entropy Rite. One should always look for any possible alternative to the exercise of destructive magic, for to be forced into the position of having to use it is a position of weakness. In each case the magician must plant in his subconscious a mechanism by which the target could come to grief and then project it with the aid of a sigil or perhaps an evoked servitor. Entropy magic works by sending information to the target which encourages auto-destructive behaviour.

Entropy magic differs from Combat magic of the Red Gnosis in several important respects. Entropy magic is always performed with complete stealth in the cold fury of the black saturnine gnosis. The aim is a cold blooded surgical strike of which the target is given no warning. The magician is not interested in getting into a fight, merely in a quick and efficient kill. The supreme advantage of such attacks is that they are rarely perceived as such by the targets who have nothing but themselves and blind chance to blame for the disasters which even magnanimity in victory does little to assuage. One disadvantage however, is that it is rather difficult to present invoices to clients for effects that appear to be due entirely to natural causes.

God forms of the black power are legion; if the simple form of a cloaked skeleton with scythe does not adequately symbolise the Death-self then such forms as Charon, Thanatos, Saturn, Chronos, Hekate the Hag, Dark sister Atropos, Anubis, Yama and Kali may serve.

Servitors of the black power are rarely established for long term general use, partly because their use is likely to be infrequent and partly because they can be danger to their owner, thus they tend to be made and dispatched for specific single tasks.

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## **Blue Magic**

Wealth is not to be measured in terms of assets, but rather in terms of how much control over people and material, and thus ultimately one's own experiences, one achieves by economic activities. Money is an abstract concept used to quantify economic activity, thus wealth is a measure of how well you control your experiences with money. Assuming that varied, exciting, unusual and stimulating experiences are preferable to dull ones, and that they tend to be expensive for this reason, then the main problem for most people is to find a highly efficient form of money input which has the above agreeable qualities. The aim of wealth magic is to establish a large turnover of money which allows agreeable experiences at both the input and output stages. This demands what is called Money Consciousness.

Money has acquired all the characteristics of a "spiritual" being. It is invisible and intangible, coinage, notes and electronic numbers are not money. They are merely representations or talismans of something which economists cannot coherently define. Yet although it is itself intangible and invisible it can create powerful effects on reality. Money has its own personality and idiosyncratic tastes, it avoids those who blaspheme it, and flows towards those who treat it in the way it likes. In a suitable environment it will even reproduce itself. The nature of the money spirit is movement, money likes to move. If it is hoarded and not used, it slowly dies. Money thus prefers to manifest as turnover rather than as unexploited assets. Money's surplus to immediate pleasure should be re-invested as a further evocation, but the truly money conscious find that even their pleasures make money for them. Money consciousness gets paid to enjoy itself. Those in money consciousness are by nature generous. Offer them an interesting investment and they will offer you a fortune. Just don't ask for small cash handouts.

The attainment of money consciousness and the invocation of the Wealth-self consists of the acquisition of a thorough knowledge of the predilections of the spirit of money and a thorough exploration of personal desires. When both of these have been understood, real wealth manifests effortlessly.

Such invocations must be handled with care. The blue gnosis of wealth and desire creates demons as easily as gods. Many contemporary success and sales seminars concentrate on creating an hysterical desire for money coupled with an equally hypertrophied desire for the mere symbols of wealth rather than the experiences the punters actually want. To work like a possessed maniac all day for the questionable pleasure of drinking oneself into near oblivion on vintage champagne every night, is to have missed the point entirely and to have entered a condition of anti-wealth.

However, the majority of those who are poor in relatively free societies where others are rich, owe their poverty either to a lack of understanding of how money behaves, or to negative feelings which tend to repel it. Neither intelligence nor investment capital are required in any great degree to become wealthy. The popularity of tales about the misery and misfortunes of the rich is testimony to the ridiculous myth prevalent amongst the poor, that the rich are unhappy. Before beginning works of blue magic it is essential to seriously examine all negative thoughts and feelings about money and to exorcise them. Most of the poor people who win in lotteries, and only the poor regularly enter them, manage to have nothing to show for it a couple years later. It is as if some subconscious force somehow got rid of something they felt they did not really deserve or want. People tend to have the degree of wealth that they deeply believe they should have. Blue magic is the modification of that belief through ritual enactment of alternative beliefs.

Blue magic rituals may thus involve exorcisms of negative attitudes to wealth, divinatory explorations of one's deepest desires, and invocations of the Wealth-self and the spirit of money during which the subconscious wealth level is adjusted by ritual expression of a new value, and affirmations of new projects for the investment of resources and effort are made. Hymns and incantations to money can be delivered. Cheques for startling sums can be written to oneself and desires can be proclaimed and visualised. Various traditional god forms with a prosperity aspect can be used to express the Wealth-self such as Jupiter, Zeus and the mythical Midas and Croesus.

Simple money spells are rarely used in modern blue magic. The tendency nowadays is to cast spells designed to enhance schemes designed to make money. If one fails to provide a mechanism through which money can manifest then either nothing will happen or the spell will flesh by strange means, such as a legacy from the untimely death of a much beloved relative for example. Serious blue magic is never attempted by conventional forms of gambling. Conventional gambling is an expensive way of buying experiences which have nothing to do with increasing one's wealth. Blue magic is a matter of carefully calculated investment. Anyone but a fool should be able to devise an investment that offers better odds than conventional forms of gambling.

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## Red Magic

As soon as humanity developed the organisation and weapons technology to defeat its main natural predators and competitors it seems to have applied a fierce selection mechanism to itself in the form of internecine warfare. Many of the qualities we regard as marks of our evolutionary success, such as our opposable thumbs and tool handling abilities, our capacity for communication by sound, our upright posture, and our capacity to give and receive commands and discipline, were almost certainly selected for during millennia of organized armed conflict between human bands. Our morality reflects our bloody history, for whilst it is taboo to attack members of one's own tribe, it remains one's duty to attack foreigners. The only debate is over who constitutes one's own tribe. When enthusiasm for war is limited, we devise sports and games in which to express our aggression. From the whole ethos and terminology of sport it is plain that sport is just war with extra rules.

However, it should not be supposed that war is completely without rules. Wars are fought to improve one's bargaining position; in war the enemy group is a resource that one wishes to gain some measure of control over. Wars are fought to intimidate one's adversaries, not to exterminate them. Genocide is not war.

The structure and conduct of war reflects the "fight or flight" program built into our sympathetic nervous system. In battle, the aim is to intimidate the enemy out of the fight mode and into flight mode. Thus, assuming there is sufficient parity of force to make a fight seem worthwhile to both parties, morale is the decisive factor in conflict. Indeed, it is the decisive factor in virtually any inter-human competitive, sporting or military encounter.

Red magic has two aspects, firstly the invocation of the vitality, aggression, and morale to sustain oneself in any conflict from life in general to outright war, and secondly the conduct of actual combat magic. A variety of god forms exist in which the War-self can be expressed, although hybrid or purely idiosyncratic forms work just as well. Ares, Ishtar, Ogoun, Thor, Mars, Mithras and Horus in particular are often used. Contemporary symbolism should not be neglected. Firearms and explosives are as welcoming to the red gnosis as swords and spears. Drums are virtually indispensable. Sigils drawn in flammable liquids, or indeed whole flaming circles in which to invoke should be considered.

Combat magic is usually practised openly with the adversary being publicly threatened and cursed, or finding himself the recipient of an unpleasant looking talisman, spell or rune. The aim is intimidation and control of one's adversary who must therefore be made as paranoid as possible and informed of the origin of the attack. Otherwise combat magic takes the same general form as that used in Entropy Rites, with sigils and servitors carrying auto-destructive information to the target, although with sub-lethal intent.

However, the real skill of red magic is to be able to present such an overwhelming glamour of personal vitality, morale and potential for aggression that the exercise of combat magic is never required.

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## Yellow Magic

Most of the extant texts on what is traditionally called "solar magic", contradict each other or suffer from internal confusion. Astrological commentaries on the supposed powers of the sun are amongst the most idiotic nonsense that discipline can produce. This is because the yellow power has four distinct but related forms of manifestation within the psyche. This fourfold division has led to immense problems in psychology, where various schools of thought have chosen to emphasise one in particular and to ignore those which other schools have alighted upon.

The four aspects can be characterised as follows. Firstly the Ego, or self image, which is simply the model the mind has of the general personality, but excluding most of the extreme behaviour patterns that the selves are capable of. Secondly Charisma, which is the degree of self-confidence that a person projects to others. Thirdly, something for which there is no single English term, but which can be called Laughter-Creativity. Fourthly, the urge to Assertion and Dominance. All these things are manifestations of the same yellow power; although their relative emphasis varies greatly between individuals.

Success in most human societies usually results from a skilful expression of the yellow power. The strength of the yellow power in an individual seems to bear a direct relationship to levels of the sexual hormone testosterone in both sexes; although its expression depends on personal psychology. There is a complex interplay between testosterone levels, self image, creativity, social status and sexual urges, even if they are unexpressed. In esoteric terms, the moon is the secret power behind the sun, as most female magicians realise instinctively, and most male magicians discover sooner or later. The Ego gradually accretes through the accidents of childhood and adolescence, and, in the absence of particularly powerful experiences thereafter, remains fairly constant even if it contains highly dysfunctional elements. Any type of invocation should make some difference to the ego, but direct work with it can achieve much more. Several tricks are involved here. The very recognition of the ego implies that change is possible. Only those who realize that they own a personality rather than consist of a personality, can modify it. For most people a preparation of a detailed inventory of their own personality is a very difficult and unsettling activity. Yet once it is done it is usually quite easy to decide what changes are desirable.

Changes to the Ego or self image or personality by magic are classed as works of Illumination and are mainly accomplished by Retroactive Enchantment and Invocation. Retroactive Enchantment in this case consists of re-writing one's personal history. As our history largely defines our future, we can change our future by redefining our past. Everybody has some capacity to re-interpret things which were considered to have gone wrong in the past in a more favourable light, but most fail to pursue the process to the full. One cannot eliminate disabling memories, but by an effort of visualisation and imagination one can write in parallel enabling memories of what might also have happened, to neutralise the originals. One can also, where possible, modify any remaining physical evidence that favours the disabling memory.

Invocations to modify the ego are ritual enchantments and personifications of the new desired qualities. Attention should be given to planned changes of dress, tone of speech, gesture, mannerisms and body posture which will best suit the new ego. One manoeuvre frequently used in yellow magic is to practice the manifestation of an alternative personality with a specific mnemonic trigger, such as the transference of a ring from one finger to another.

Various god forms such as Ra, Helios, Mithras, Apollo and Baldur are useful to structure fresh manifestations of the ego, and for experiments with the other three qualities of the yellow power.

Charisma, the projection of an aura of self confidence, is based on a simple trick. After a short while there is no difference at all between the pretence and the actuality of self confidence. Anyone wishing to remedy a lack of confidence and charisma, and uncertain as to how to begin pretending to these qualities, may find that a day or two spent pretending to absolute zero self confidence will quickly reveal both the effectiveness of pretence and the specific thoughts, words, gestures and postures required to project either pretence.

Laughter and Creativity may not immediately seem to be related, but humour depends on the sudden forging of a new connection between disparate concepts, and we laugh at our own creativity in forging the connection. Exactly the same form of elation arises from other forms of creative activity, and if the insight comes suddenly, laughter results. If you don't laugh when you see a seriously brilliant piece of mathematics then you have not really understood it. It also takes a degree of positive self-esteem and confidence to laugh at something creatively funny. Persons of low self-esteem tend only to laugh at destructive humour and the misfortunes of others, if they laugh at all.

Laughter is often an important factor in the invocations of the god forms of the yellow power. Solemnity is not a prerequisite for ritual. Laughter is also a useful tactic in drawing conscious attention away from sigils or other magical conjurations once they are finished with. The deliberate forcing of hysterical laughter may seem an absurd way of ending an enchantment or an invocation, but it has been found to be remarkably effective in practice. This is yet another sleight of mind manoeuvre which prevents conscious deliberation.

The "pecking order" within most groups of social animals is usually immediately obvious to us, and the animals themselves. Yet within our own society such dominance hierarchies are equally prevalent within all social groups; although we go to quite extreme lengths to disguise this to ourselves. The human situation is further complicated by the tendency of individuals to belong to many groups in which they may have different degrees of social status, and status is often partly dependent on specialist abilities other than displays of naked force.

However, assuming that a person can appear competent in the specialist ability that a social group requires, that person's position in the group depends almost entirely on the

degree of assertion and dominance that person exhibits. It is basically exhibited through non-verbal behaviour which everybody understands intuitively or subconsciously but which most people fail to understand rationally. As a consequence they cannot manipulate it deliberately. Typical dominance behaviours involve talking loudly and slowly, using lots of eye contact, interrupting the speech of others whilst resisting the interruption of others, maintaining an upright posture of concealed threat, invading the personal space of others whilst resisting intrusion into one's own, and placing oneself strategically in any space at the focus of attention. In cultures where touching is frequent, the dominant always initiate it, or pointedly refuse it. Either way, they control it.

Submissive behaviour is of course the reverse of all the above, and appears quite spontaneously in response to successful dominance from others. There is a two way interaction between dominance behaviour and hormone levels. If the levels change for medical reasons then the behaviour tends to change, but more importantly, from a magical point of view, a deliberate change of behaviour will modify hormone levels. Fake it till you make it. There is nothing particularly occult about the way some people are able to control others. We simply fail to notice how it is done because nearly all the behavioural signals involved are exchanged subconsciously. Dominance signals do not tend to work if their recipients perceive them consciously. Thus in most situations they must be delivered subtly and with gradually increasing intensity. One of the few situations where such signals are exchanged deliberately is in military hierarchies, but this is only possible because of the immense capacity for direct physical coercion that such systems exhibit. Break the formal rules of non-verbal communication with an officer and he will have a sergeant instil some submission by direct means. Eventually the formal rules become internalised and function automatically, allowing enough obedience to permit mass self-sacrifice and slaughter. The yellow power is the root of most of the best and the worst of what we are capable.

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## **Green Magic**

There is inevitable a considerable overlap in what is written in popular magic books on the subject of venusian (love) and lunar (sex) magic. Consequently a planetary nomenclature has been largely avoided in this text. Although love magic is frequently performed in support of sexual objectives, this chapter will confine itself to the arts of making other people friendly, loyal and affectionate towards oneself.

Friends are probably anyone's greatest asset. My adress book is easily my most valuable possession. As with erotic attraction, it is first necessary to like oneself before others will. This ability can be enhanced by appropriate invocations of the green power. Most people find it easy to elicit friendliness from people that they like themselves; but making persons who are not disposed to friendship towards you, become friendly, and making persons who you do not like at all friendly towards you, are valuable abilities. An unreciprocated friendship is a disability only to the person offering it.

Invocations to the green power should begin with self-love; an attempt to see the wonderful side of every self one consists of, and then proceed into a ritual affirmation of the beauty and loveability of all things and all people. Suitable god forms for the Love-self include Venus, Aphrodite and the mythical Narcissus, whose myth merely reflects a certain male prejudice against this type of invocation.

From within the green gnosis, spells to make people friendly may be cast by simple enchantment or by the use of entities created for this purpose. However it is in face to face meetings that the empathic abilities stimulated by the invocation work most effectively. Apart from the obvious manoeuvres of showing interest in everything the target has to say and affirming and sympathising with most of it, there is another critical factor called "behavioral matching", which usually takes place subconsciously. Basically, in the absence of overtly hostile postures on the part of the target, one should attempt to match the non-verbal behaviour of the target precisely. Sit or stand in the identical bodily posture, make the same movements, use the same degree of eye contact, and talk for similar intervals. As with dominance behaviour, such signals only work if they are not consciously perceived by the recipient. Do not move to match the target's moves and postures immediately. It is also essential to try and match the verbal behaviour and to communicate with the same level of intelligence, social status and sense of humour as the target.

Before I made myself wealthy, I used to practice these abilities when hitch-hiking. Soon, even people whom I found quite ghastly were buying me lunch and transporting me far out of their way. Empathy will get you anywhere.

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## **Orange Magic**

Charlatanry, trickery, living by one's wits and thinking fast on one's feet are the essence of the orange power. These mercurial abilities were traditionally associated with the god forms which acted as patrons to doctors, magicians, gamblers and thieves. However the profession of medicine has now partly dissociated itself from charlatanry since doctors discovered that antibiotics and hygienic surgery actually worked. Nevertheless about eighty percent of medications are still basically placebos, and the profession still retains the mercurial caduceus for its emblem. Similarly the profession of magic has become less dependant on charlatanry with the discovery of the quantum-probabilistic nature of enchantment and divination and the virtual abandonment of classical alchemy and astrology. Pure magic is now best described as an expression of the octarine power, having an Uranian character. Yet charlatanry still has its place in magic as in medicine. Let us not forget that all "conjuring tricks" were once part of the shamanic warm up repertoire in which something lost or destroyed is miraculously restored by the magician to get the audience in the right mood before the serious business of placebo healing began. In its classical form, the magician puts a dead rabbit in a hat before pulling out a live one.

To the list of professions drawing heavily on the orange power one must now add salesman, confidence trickster, stockbroker and indeed any profession with an extreme heart attack rating. The motive power of the orange gnosis is basically fear, a species of fear which does not inhibit the user, but rather creates an extraordinary nervous speed that produces quick moves and answers in tight corners.

The apotheosis of the Wit-self is the ability to enter that state of mental overdrive in which the fast response is always forthcoming. This ability is, paradoxically enough, created by not thinking about thinking, but rather allowing anxiety to partially paralyse the inhibitory process themselves so that the subconscious can throw out a quick witted response without conscious deliberation.

Invocations of the orange power are best delivered at frantic speed and gnosis can be deepened by the performance of mentally demanding tasks such as adding up large lists of numbers in one's head or ripping open envelopes containing difficult questions and answering them instantly; activities which should be persisted with until a breakthrough to the experience of thinking without deliberation is achieved. Varied god forms can be used to give form to the Wit-self. Hermes, Loki, Coyote the Trickster and the Roman Mercurius are often employed.

Orange magic is usually restricted to invocations designed to enhance general quick wittedness in secular activities such as gambling, crime and intellectual pursuits. Enchantments and evocations performed subsequent to an invocation of the orange gnosis rarely seem to give results as effective as the invocation itself in my experience. Perhaps something should be said about crime and gambling for the benefit of those hotheads who may misunderstand what can be done with orange magic in support of such activities. Theft is ludicrously easy performed methodically yet the majority of thieves get caught after a while because they become addicted to anxiety, which they experience as excitement and start taking risks to increase it. The novice thief who, in state of extreme anxiety, takes something in a situation of zero risk, does not of course get caught and neither does the careful professional. However there are few careful professionals because there are far easier ways of making money in most societies for people with that kind of ability. The great majority of thieves however always manage to find some way of incriminating themselves because the anxiety of the theft itself fades, only the anxiety of punishment remains. Those quick witted and outwardly cool enough to thief successfully can easily make more from salesmanship.

There are three types of persistent gambler. The losers account for two types. Firstly there are those addicted to their own arrogance, who just have to prove that they can beat pure chance or the odds set by the organisers. Secondly there are those addicted to the anxiety of loosing. Even if they win, they invariably throw it away again soon afterwards. Then there are the winners. These people are not gambling at all, either because they are organising the odds and stakes, or because they have inside information, or because they are cheating. This is true orange magic. Poker is not a game of chance if played skilfully, and skilful play includes not playing against persons of equal or superior skill, or persons holding a Smith and Weston to your Four Aces. Most conventional forms of gambling

are set up in such a way that the use of anything but the most extreme forms of psychic power will make little difference. I would not bother to bet on odds that I had reduced from an hundred to one to merely sixty to one. However certain results obtained using double blind prescience with horse racing show encouraging potential.

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## **Purple Magic**

A large proportion of all the cults throughout history have shared one particular characteristic. They have been led by a charismatic man able to persuade women to freely dispense sexual favours to their men. When one begins to look, this feature is startlingly common to many ancient cults, monotheistic schismatic sects and modern esoteric groups. Many, if not the majority of adepts past and present were, or are, whoremasters. The mechanism is quite simple, pay the woman in the coinage of spirituality to service the men who repay you with adulation and accept your teachings as a side effect. The adulation from the men then increases your charisma with the women creating a positive feedback loop. It can be a nice little earner until old age or a police raid catches up with the enterprise. The other danger is of course that the women, and eventually the men, may come to feel that constant changes of partners work against their longer term interests of emotional security and reproduction. The turnover in such cults can thus be high, with young adults constantly replacing those approaching early middle age.

Few religions or cults lack a sexual teaching, for any teaching provides a powerful level of control. The vast majority of the more durable and established religions trade on a suppression of so called free love. This pays considerable dividends too. Women's position becomes more secure, and men know who their children are. Naturally adultery and prostitution flourish in such conditions because some people always want a little more than lifelong monogamy has to offer. So it's quite true that brothels are built with the bricks of religion. Indirectly so with conventional religions, directly so with many cults.

All this begs the question of why it is that people have such an appetite for wanting to be told what to do with their sexuality. Why do people have to seek esoteric and metaphysical justification for what they want to do? Why is it so easy to make a living selling water by the river?

The answer, it appears, is that human sexuality has some built in dissatisfaction function of evolutionary origin. Our sexual behaviour is partly controlled by genetics. Those genes most likely to survive and prosper are those that in the female encourage the permanent capture of the most powerful male available and occasional liaisons (clandestine) with any more powerful male that may be temporarily available. Whereas in the male, the genes most likely to prosper are those encouraging the impregnation of as large a number of females as he can support, plus perhaps a few on the sly that other men are supporting. It is interesting to note that only in the human female is oestrous concealed. In all other mammals the fertile time is made abundantly obvious. This appears to have evolved to allow, paradoxically both adultery and increased pair bonding through sex at times when

it is reproductively useless. The economic basis of any particular society will usually supply some pressure in favour of a particular type of sexuality and this pressure will be codified as morality which will inevitably conflict with biological pressures. Celibacy is unsatisfactory, Masturbation is unsatisfactory, Monogamy is unsatisfactory, Adultery is unsatisfactory, Polygamy and Polyandry is unsatisfactory and presumably Homosexuality is unsatisfactory, if the genetic merry-go-round of partner exchanges in that discipline is anything to go by.

Nothing in the spectrum of possible sexualities provides a perfect long term solution, but this is the price we pay for occupying the pinnacle of mammalian evolution. So much of our art, culture, politics and technology arises precisely out of our sexual yearnings, fears, desires and dissatisfactions. A society sexually at peace with itself would present a very dull spectacle indeed. It is generally if not invariably the case that personal creativity and achievement are directly proportional to personal sexual turmoil. This is actually one of the major but often unrecognised techniques of sex magic. Inspire yourself with maximum sexual turmoil and confusion if you really want to find out what you are capable of in other fields. A tempestuous sex life is not a side effect of being a great artist for example. Rather it is the art which is the side effect of a tempestuous sex life. A fanatical religion does not create the suppression of celibacy. It is the tensions of celibacy which create a fanatical religion. Homosexuality is not a side effect of barracks life amongst elite suicide shock troops. Homosexuality creates elite suicide shock troops in the first place.

The Muse, the hypothetical source of inspiration, usually pictured in sexual terms, is the Muse only when one's relationship to her is unstable. Every possible moral pronouncement on sexual behaviour has doubtless been given a million times before, and it would be unseemly for a Chaoist to re-emphasise any of it. However, one thing seems reasonably certain. Any form of sexuality eventually invokes the whole gamut of ecstasy, self-disgust, fear, delight, boredom, anger, love, jealousy, rage, self-pity, elation and confusion. It is these things which make us human and occasionally superhuman. To attempt to transcend them is to make oneself less than human, not more. Intensity of experience is the key to really being alive and given the choice I'd rather do it through love than war any day.

A dull sex life creates a dull person. Few people manage to achieve greatness in any field without propulsion that a turbulent emotional-sexual life supplies. This is the major secret of sex magic, the two minor secrets involve the function of orgasm as gnosis and the projection of sexual glammers.

Anything held in the conscious mind at orgasm tends to reach down into the subconscious. Sexual abnormalities can readily be implanted or removed by this method. At orgasm sigils for enchantment or evocation can be empowered either by visualisation or by gazing at the sigil taped to one's partner's forehead for example. However this kind of work is often more conveniently performed auto-erotically. Although the gnosis offered by orgasm can in theory be used in support of any magical objective, it is generally unwise to use it for entropy or combat magic. No spell is ever totally insulted



within the subconscious and any leakages which occur can implant quite detrimental associations with the sexuality.

At orgasm an invocation can be triggered, this operation being particularly effective if each partner assumes a god form. The moments following orgasm are a useful time for divinatory vision seeking. Prolonged sexual activity can also lead to stages of trance useful in visual and oracular divination or oracular states of possession in invocation.

The projection of Sexual Glamour for the purposes of attracting others depends on far more than simple physical appearance. Some of the most conventionally pretty people lack it entirely, whilst some of the plainest enjoy its benefits to the limit.

To be attractive to another person one must offer them something which is a reflection of part of their self. If the offer becomes reciprocal then it can lead to that sense of completion which is most readily celebrated by physical intimacy. In most cultures it is conventional for the male to display a tough public exterior and for the female to display a softer persona, yet in a sexual encounter each will seek to reveal their concealed factors. The male will seek to show that he can be compassionate and valnerable as well as powerful, whilst the female seeks to display inner strength behind the outward signs and signals of passive receptivity. Incomplete personalities such as those which are machismo to the core, or consist of the polar opposite of this, are never sexually attractive to anyone except in the most transient sense.

Thus the philosophers of love have come to identify a certain androgyny in either sex as an important component of attraction. Some have taken the poetic license to express the quaint ideal that the male has a femal soul and the female a male one. This reflects the truism that to be attractive to others you must first become attracted to yourself. A few hours spent practising being attractive in front of a mirror is a valuable exercise. If you cannot get mildly excited about yourself, then don't expect anyone else to get wildly excited.

The "moon glance" technique is often effective. Basically one briefly closes the eyes and momentarily visualises a lunar crescent in silver behind the eyes with the horns of the moon projecting out of each side of the head behind the eyes. Then one glances into the eyes of a potential lover whilst visualising a silver radiance beaming from your eyes to theirs. This manoeuvre also has the effect of dilating the pupils and usually causes an involuntary smile. Both of these are universal sexual signals, the first of which acts subconsciously.

It is generally unwise to cast spells for the attraction of specific partners but better to conjure for suitable partners in general for oneself or others. One's subconscious usually has a far more subtle appreciation of who really is suitable.

Sexual magic is traditionally associated with the colours of purple (for ppassion) and silver (for the moon). However, the effectiveness of black clothing as either a sexual or an anti-sexual signal, depending on the style and cut, shows that black is in a sense the

secret colour of sex, reflecting the biological and psychological relationship between sex and death.

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# Sleight of Mind

*by Peter Carroll*

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The conscious mind is a maelstrom of fleeting thoughts, images, sensations, feelings, conflicting desires and doubts; barely able to confine its attention to a single clear objective for a microsecond before secondary thoughts begin to adulterate it and provoke yet further trains of mental discourse. If you do not believe this then attempt to confine your conscious attention to the dot at the end of this sentence without involving yourself in any other form of thinking, including thinking about the dot.

Sleight of Mind means using the more stable thoughts, feelings, sensations and images stored in the subconscious or unconscious parts of the mind to launch or receive aetheric patterns. Tricks have to be used here, because if those things in the subconscious are brought into the focus of the conscious they will not be magically effective. On the other hand, they have to be released or activated somehow at a level just below conscious awareness for in their normal memory storage mode, which is an abstract code, they are not magically effective either.

Thus the magician has to occupy his conscious mind with something which somehow activates his intent in his subconscious without consciously reminding him of what it is. This is basic Sleight of Mind. Though this seem paradoxical or impossible, there are many tricks in the lore of magic which make it easier in practice. Some consideration will be given to Sleight of Mind in each five classical magical operations.

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## **Sleight of Mind in Enchantment**

Most traditional magical spells demand that the operator confine his attention to some abstract or analogical representation of what he wants to achieve. For example, to cause dissention amongst one's foe, one might name a number of stones with their names, or better still some abstract form of their names, and then whilst hysterically angry, batter the stones together. The hysterical anger functions partly to block conscious thought and add force to the subconscious desire. What many conventional texts fail to mention is that during the magical act one must avoid consciously thinking or fantasising about desired result. Thus the anger should be stimulated by some means other than thinking of one's foes, and if one wishes to shout something out during the battering of the stones it should be a consciously unintelligible statement. Even the desire read backwards may suffice. It is possible to use an inhibitory rather than an ecstatic means of preventing thought and channelling power to the subconscious. In this case the magician attempts to limit his conscious attention entirely to the performance of the enchantment by yoga type exercises and sensory deprivation to still the mind. This is usually a more difficult approach to enchantment for most magicians.

If, in the above example, the battered stones are subsequently placed in a pouch as a talisman to reinforce the original spell, then the magician must also avoid consciously thinking about whatever it represents whenever he subsequently attempts to "charge" it again.

All the spells which work are variants of this basic technique and work by the same basic mechanism. Baroque systems of symbol and correspondance are generally unnecessary. Effective spells can be created simply by modifying written, drawn, modelled or spoken representations of desire until they become consciously unintelligible. The subconscious will, of course, always know what the resulting sigil, diagram, artifact or mantra is actually for. Excellent results are often obtained by magicians who make up a collection of spells over a period and then perform them at a later date having consciously forgotten what they were for.

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### **Sleight of Mind in Divination**

There are three elements to be considered in divination; the target, the means of obtaining information about it and the interpretation of the information. It is essential that the target does not enter the field of conscious awareness during the obtaining of information about it, or the result will merely consist of ordinary thoughts, fantasies and guesses. Similarly the method of obtaining the information should preclude the interference of conscious thought. There are two basic methods for achieving this, sortilege and hallucination.

Sortilege procedures involve shuffling cards, rolling dice, casting bones or sticks or coins and similar methods. The principle here is that minute movements initiated by the subconscious will provide a mechanism by which the subconscious can communicate its psychic knowledge. Hallucinatory methods work in a similar fashion, the operator will gaze for example into a black mirror or a chalice of water and wait for his subconscious to reveal its psychic knowledge by optical hallucination. Other senses can also be used. For example a mixture of the four basic tastes can be imbibed to see which of the tastes predominates for any question, a previous attribution of, for example, sweet to yes, salt to probably, sour to probably not, and bitter to no, having been previously established. Whichever method is used, it is important that the subconscious is thoroughly informed of the target and that no conscious deliberation take place during the divination. One effective hallucinatory technique is to write the name of the target or better still draw an abstract sigil representing it, on the back of a black mirror. Any visions experienced whilst gazing blankly into it should be recorded by a machine or scribe. The interpretation can then safely be made in full conscious awareness afterwards, much as a spell is deliberately planned beforehand.

Careful observation will confirm that virtually all spontaneous parapsychological events occur through some form of sleight of mind. It is invariably something hovering just below the threshold of awareness that initiated an unusual event or gave one a curious half sensed feeling that something was about to happen just before it did. The magician seeks to exploit this effect deliberately, but in doing so he must avoid doing it

deliberately as it were. Conscious lust of result destroys magical effect, so trickery must be employed to annul it and to activate the subconscious.

There are dangers inherent in the development of the sleight of mind technique for enchantment and divination. It is easy to become obsessed with what might or might not lurk just below the threshold of consciousness waiting to be triggered by a stray analogical thought. Thus a feeling of omnipotence can begin to develop, particularly if the magician starts to misinterpret divination as enchantment and comes to feel that everything going on around him is the result of his subconscious desires. The final madness begins when one starts interpreting even the disasters which befall one as expressions of what one must really have wanted. Paranoia can also become a vicious downward spiral. Those who harbour subconscious fears of things going wrong, or going against them, will find it remarkably easy to actually make things go badly for themselves with even a small degree of expertise at sleight of mind. The only defence against pitfalls is to adhere to the formal techniques of enchantment and divination, to ignore random results where possible, or to accept them with laughter, and as a general principle to think positive at all times, for such thoughts will permeate down to the subconscious.

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## **Sleight of Mind in Evocation**

There are three elements involved in evocation, the implantation of the entity in the subconscious, the empowerment of the entity and the direction of the entity to various tasks. The implantation can be effected either by an extended effort of fantasy and imagination or by a more formal ritual in which the entity is visualised exercising the general types of power which the magician wishes it to have. The empowerment, which can form the climax to a ritual, consists of the magician confining his attention to the material basis of the entity, or some sigil, mantra, glyph or other abstract or analogical representation of it, whilst in full gnosis. Sexual gnosis is often used here as the symbolism of creating a being, albeit a non material one, is particularly appropriate; although, for reasons to be discussed in the sex magic section, it is generally unwise to empower entities with destructive capabilities in this manner. When directing an entity to perform a particular task it is usually more effective to use sleight of mind techniques rather than consciously meaningful commands. For example the magician can make the desired command into a mantra or sigil and recite or visualise these onto the material basis or visualised image of the entity.

Evoked entities should never be allowed to exceed the powers that the magician built into them, nor should the magician attempt to add extra capabilities to existing entities without careful consideration of the consequences. Evoked entities are the magicians servitors, he is their master, if he starts accepting advice from them the results can be disastrous. Four entities are usually sufficient. One for execution of complex enchantments, one for divinations where simple techniques may not suffice, one for magical defense, and also attack if necessary, and perhaps a fourth for works of Octarine Magic.

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## Sleight of Mind in Invocation

Invocation is a three stage process. Firstly the magician consciously identifies with what is traditionally called a god-form, secondly he enters gnosis and thirdly the magicians subconsciousness manifests the powers of the god-form. A successful invocation means nothing less than full "possession" by the god-form. With practice the first stage of conscious identification can be abbreviated greatly to the point where it may only be necessary to concentrate momentarily on a well used god-form. God-forms may usefully be thought of as archetypal manifestations of basic human drives present in all individuals and available via aetheric resonance from the acts and thoughts of all other humans. The pagans were sensible enough to build the whole of human psychology into most of their pantheons and to develop archetypal images to represent all of the various selves that the human organism is composed of. It is for this reason that classical pagan symbolism is so often used by magicians. However there is always a perfectly adequate amount of sex, violence, love, intellectual brilliance, death and everything else going on in the world at any time for the magician to establish aetheric resonance with, if he wishes to work in a more free form manner.

Basically two forms of subconscious activity have to be brought into play simultaneously for a successful invocation. The emotions must be selectively aroused to add power. This often begins consciously by an effort of deliberate simulation during the conscious identification phase and then forms a vital part of the gnosis phase, but it must develop its own momentum during the possession phase when the conscious lets the subconscious take over. The other subconscious faculty required appears to be located in the normally rather quiet right cerebral hemisphere. This must be induced to channel up the genius of whatever is invoked and to give it form and expression. The only certain technique here is to carefully prepare the ritual so that all the necessary physical materials and mental ideas and beliefs are available and then throw yourself wholeheartedly into it with a supreme effort of method acting. Fake it till you make it, as comprehensively as possible, until you get more out than you appear to be putting in. I am not satisfied by an invocation unless I am surprised by the result. Basically one is calling the gods, the archetypal forces, up out of oneself and from the collective aetheric of the human race and only if they exceed one's expectations should the operation be regarded as successful. One of the most important sleight of mind tricks in invocation hinges on the curious relationship of ritual to belief. My fellow humans, it is my unfortunate duty to point out that we have greater propensity to believe what we do, than to do what we believe. All philosophy is biography; force someone to perform military or religious rituals and they will come to believe that they are a soldier or a religious devotee. Our beliefs are largely formed by what we find ourselves doing. The magician, however, exploits this mechanism to his advantage. He starts with an idea of what he wants to believe and then selects a ritual and a god-form in which he acts as though such beliefs are true. By performing them he alters his belief deliberately. Perhaps it would be better to say that he provides himself with a range of beliefs which he can invoke selectively to enable himself as circumstances demand. He should be capable of the actions which stem from the beliefs that he is a superb lover, a courageous and efficient warrior, an intellectual

genius, a brilliant businessman, is supremely likable and charismatic and indeed anything else which might be useful.

Mastery of sleight of mind in invocation brings with it some dangers. The main thing to avoid is excessive identification with any particular form which seems to yield good results. If a particular invoked form seems to be dominating a magician's entire existence, it is essential that he try something else as well, preferably something quite different, as an alternative. Otherwise he faces a long-term narrowing of his humanity which may well prove effective in the short term, but which leads inexorably to sterility and failure. The magician should also be aware of god-forms which begin to exceed the purposes for which they were invoked. There are many selves within us, we are all cases of multiple personality though generally unafflicted with the amnesia which is the hallmark of clinical manifestations of this condition. Sanity is a state in which our component selves love and trust each other and are prepared to let each other assume control as circumstances demand. If a particular self, enhanced by invocation, begins to seriously encroach on the functions of the other selves, it is a sign that something is going wrong, the basic self-love which binds the selves together is breaking down and demons will arise as a result. A demon is a god acting out of turn.

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### **Sleight of Mind in Illumination**

Only those forms of illumination which lead to useful behaviour changes deserve to be known as such. When I hear the word "spirituality", I tend to reach for a loaded wand. Most professionally spiritual people are vile and untrustworthy when off duty, simply because their beliefs conflict with basic drives and only manage to distort their natural behaviour temporarily. The demons then come screaming up out of the cellar at unexpected moments.

When selecting objectives for illumination, the magician should choose forms of self improvement which can be precisely specified and measured and which effect changes of behaviour in his entire existence. Invocation is the main tool in illumination, although enchantment where spells are cast upon oneself and divination to seek objectives for illumination may also find some application. Evocation can sometimes be used with care, but there is no point in simply creating an entity that is the repository of what one wishes were true for oneself in general. This is a frequent mistake in religion. Forms of worship which create only entities in the subconscious are inferior to more wholehearted worship, which, at its best, is pure invocation. The Jesuits "Imitation of Christ" is more effective than merely praying to Jesus for example.

Illumination proceeds in the same general manner as invocation, except that the magician is striving to effect specific changes to his everyday behaviour, rather than to create enhanced facilities that can be drawn upon for particular purposes. The basic technique remains the same, the required beliefs are identified and then implanted in the subconscious by ritual or other acts. Such acts force the subconscious acquisition of the beliefs they imply.

Modest and realistic objectives are preferable to grandiose schemes in illumination. One modifies the behaviour and beliefs of others by beginning with only the most trivial demands. The same applies to oneself. The magician should beware of implanting beliefs whose expression cannot be sustained by the human body or the environment. For example it is possible to implant the belief that flight can be achieved without an aircraft. However it has rarely proved possible to implant this belief deeply enough to ensure that such flights were not of exceedingly short duration. Nevertheless such feats as fire-walking and obliviousness to extreme pain are sometimes achieved by this mechanism.

The sleight of mind which implants belief through ritual action is more powerful than any other weapon that humanity possesses, yet its influence is so pervasive that we seldom notice it. It makes religions, wars, cults and cultures possible. It has killed countless millions and created our personal and social realities. Those who understand how to use it on others can be messiahs or dictators, depending on their degree of personal myopia. Those who understand how to apply it to themselves have a jewel beyond price if they use it wisely; otherwise they tend to rapidly invoke their own Nemesis with it.

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## **Sleight of Mind in Demonology**

**A surprise addition.**

**"Liber Boomerang"**

A god ignored is a demon born.

Think you to hypertrophy some selves at the expense of others?

That which is denied gains power, and seeks strange and unexpected forms of manifestation.

Deny Death and other forms of Suicide will arise.

Deny Sex and bizarre forms of its expression will torment you.

Deny Love and absurd sentimentalities will disable you.

Deny Aggression only to stare eventually at the bloody Knife in your shaking hand.

Deny honest Fear and Desire only to create senseless neuroticism and avarice.

Deny Laughter and the world laughs at you.

Deny Magic only to become a confused robot, inexplicable even unto yourself.

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# Where do we go from here?

*By Pete Carroll*

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Occult revivals occur when the social, economic or intellectual status quo is disturbed by the unexpected. Affluence combined with the collapse of the Roman state religion caused one revival. The rediscovery of classical knowledge in the Renaissance brought about another. Dissatisfaction with catholic hellfire christianity spawned spiritualism, theosophy, the Golden Dawn and Crowley. In our own time anti-semitism, affluence, drugs and oriental ideas spawned another outburst.

Occult revivals are stimulated by economics and by the availability, rather than the creation of ideas. Roman culture was subject to a huge influx of ideas, cults and philosophies from conquered peoples. Written material surviving from this synthesis appeared again as hermetics in the Renaissance. The revivals of the late nineteenth century and the nineteen-sixties owe much to the availability of scientific ideas and oriental philosophies. It is probably more useful then, to look for impending changes in the general situation rather than within the occult itself if we want to second guess the next revival. The period between one revival and the next is shortening rapidly and we are probably due for another around the turn of the century, give or take a decade. I'd like to try and identify some of the factors which may help shape it.

Firstly the millenium. Christianity is unfortunately not yet completely extinguished and humanity will have to cope with a rising tide of apocalypse mania as the calendrical millenium draws closer. Right wing christian fundamentalists in America may even be in a political position to inaugurate a real Armageddon by then. I hope that whatever courage and imagination there is in the occult is put to good use in undermining this sort of idiocy. Those occultists who do jump on the millenial bandwagon have only disaster or ridicule to look forward to.

Economics has a powerfull effect on the occult climate. A fairly rapid increase in affluence will often provoke a revival as leisure time becomes available and some minds turn to higher things. Conversely, a decline in living conditions will sometimes make people seek what they have lost, or a substitute, by occult means. Boom propelled revivals are usually much more fun than slump propelled upsurges. In this country, any increment in occultism arising from socio-economic desperation, is likely to be some species of neo-nazi mystic nationalism. As with millenium madness, the greater honour will, in the long run, go to those occultists who oppose such nonsense. However, the metaphysical fallout from the sixties may yet carry us through to the next boom revival and these problems may not yet arise.

It seems unlikely that anthropology or archaeology will be able to make fresh ideas available for cannibalisation by the occult in the next revival. Computerised libraries, satellite photography and global communication systems leave few stones unturned. There seems little chance lost ancient manuscripts, magical tribes or forgotten occult

civilisations coming to light nowadays. So it is to science itself that I think we should turn for fresh ammunition.

There are already discernable strains of space mysticism in some quarters of the occult. Questions about the reality or otherwise of supposed visits by aliens should not distract us from recognising that UFO-mania itself is a mystico-religious phenomena. The UFO-ologist wants to personally receive wisdom for the whole of humanity from some superhuman being. Seeking angels in space suits is to repeat humanity's perennial mistake, pretending to look outside for what is really inside ourselves.

Quantum physics has been quietly undermining the whole basis of mechanistic cause and effect type science for nearly sixty years. It has been said that if you are not shocked by the implications of quantum physics then you have not understood it. This may be perfectly true for the scientist but for the magician, quantum physics provides elegant confirmation of many of his theories. A quantitative approach to quantum physics is beyond all but the best mathematician. Many of the principles are enshrined in equations for which we have few verbal or visual analogies. Because of this very few laymen or philosophers have been able to appreciate what has been going on.

Briefly in qualitative terms, we now have hard experimental evidence which strongly implies that physical process are, at root, acausal; they just happen out of themselves and that consciousness, or at least the decisions of the observer, can modify or control what happens. Secondly it would seem that pure information can travel anywhere instantaneously and perhaps persists indefinitely, providing there is some sort of affinity, or magical link as we would call it, between that which emits and that which receives. Very few liberties need to be taken with quantum physics to fit in virtually the whole of parapsychology. It remains to be seen if quantum physics can be presented in sufficiently accessible form to provoke another occult revival.

A quantum based revival would effectively demolish the spirit hypothesis. A "spirit" would have to be recognised as nothing more than the information that a phenomenon emitted about itself when it existed physically. Anything else would have to be put down to the creativity of the observer's subconsciousness. Thus the "tree-ness" of a tree or the quality of a thought is just an extension of the object itself on the plane of non-local information. If you talk to Egyptian gods your subconsciousness is, at best, simply animating the general personality characteristics of the gods projected by their worshippers millenia ago. Spirits cannot be gaseous vertebrates with powers of independent discursive thought. On the practical level quantum physics implies that the medium of magic is not some sort of nebulous psychic energy or force, it is simply a transfer of information. Magical healing or attack is accomplished by long range telepathic suggestion not by astral bandages or thunderbolts. The quantum paradigm forces a re-examination of reincarnation. There is no reason why anybody should not be able to tap the memories of any historical person. Conversely we can all look forward to fragments of our ideas and personalities manifesting in other people in the future.

Telekinesis and related phenomena can be accommodated within the quantum paradigm if we allow intent to expand upon the small degree of fundamental uncertainty, or more properly indeterminacy, in the position and momentum of any object. Prophecy is always the most doubtful of the magical arts although short term prediction or precognition can often be impressive. The quantum model allows for this providing the operator later observes the precognised event. Such apparent nonsense as astrology and homeopathy begin to make more sense in a quantum paradigm which suggests that expectation can have real effects via what one might call a magical level. This is quite over and above the purely psychological effects of expectation that materialists usually invoke to explain away these things. I've heard the quantum occult paradigm described as Big Bang Mysticism and Electro Gnosis. I rather like this, for it implies that the universe is being viewed as a self-created magical organism and that magic itself is a technology we can potentially master because it is a part of the nature of ordinary reality. Of course, what is missing in this scheme are the pseudo certainties of belief in gods and higher powers or even a benign cosmic mind. It throws us back on our own powers and ingenuities, but isn't this what the best occultism has always been about anyway?

# Ice Magic, an initial view

by Frater U.'.D.'.

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In the colder regions of the earth, especially so in the area of the polar circle around the north pole, the elementary survival of man and animal alike, in their struggle against the most inhospitable powers of nature conceivable, certainly met with a challenge greater than anywhere else. it is no coincidence that it is amongst the tribes and peoples from the most northern regions of our planet that one finds the cradle of technologies and knowledge, the mechanisms and efficiency of which surpass all others. their description is but one of many tasks which the book ice magic meets in an befitting and serious manner.

At some point in the course of the past months and years the author took the liberty of tentatively labelling all forms and contents pertaining to this topic as "ice magic" in his conversations and lectures. this mere title led some people to the wildest speculations and most absurd fantasies. add to that the intermingling of only half understood information, rumours and pure conjecture, as has actually occurred, and the claim by others to understanding or explanation of the meaning of "ice magic" cannot but lose every base in its very conception. hence the need for this presentation!

It seems to be the fate of well-meant improvisations aiming at a crudely simplified and easy to grasp introduction to a world of paths hitherto untravelled and possibilities never exercised, to raise many a latent fear, as well as stimulating the proverbial bias of the timid and diffident, wavering and demure towards prejudice of any kind, which serves to protect such people from reality.

There are a great number of better reasons, albeit including those mentioned above, to supply a general entree for the expert and the interested public alike to this realm of highly powerful and fascinating practices, techniques and legacies.

When taking into account its history, the term "magic", like a blank piece of paper, is most forbearing and receptive for all sorts of conjectures - possible and impossible alike. but when it comes to the power and the skill i.e. the ability of human beings to act in a manner transgressing conventional rules and "laws of nature", this long-suffering term should be more than apt to spell out all exactions and assertions concomitant.

Granted that the well-known formula, "magic is the art and the science to cause change with the aid of alternate states of consciousness in conformity with will", to take but one example, may represent a first notion when undertaking to describe the subject matter at hand. after all, it shows distinctly the insufficiency of those presumptions and tools we are forced to employ when approaching this taboo-ridden field. the recourse to psychologisms and mysticisms contained in this formula documents man's initial difficulties when relating to magic, as he has developed a constitutional preference for

suppression, evasion and compensatory conjurations when confronted with a complex world and reality.

From its very inception, the permanent presence of paramount forces of nature which man's claim to life has to face in the polar region, disavows any refuge to tests of endurance, training, exercises or even vacant space for trial and error, for experimentation and even instruction in the conventional sense. with winter temperatures ranging from -45xc to -70xc (minus 49xf to minus 94xf) for four to six months in the year, intensified by wind speeds beaufort 3 to 11, accompanied by an extremely low humidity and a minimum of three sunless months per year, the small remaining span of time can leave but scarce and far too little scope for the growth and bloom of survival resources.

Obviously, such unsurmountable and merciless circumstances attendant to sheer human existence in these climes demand unexampled qualities of the development and exertion of man's magic. thus, a magic elementary, innovative and consequently highly intelligent, becomes the most obvious and self-evident requirement. its main characteristics are sobriety and efficacy, for the conditions of its evolution and practical circumstances leave no scope for games, sentiments or the temporary decline into a bland consumer's attitude. therefore, an improvised formula within this context could read: "magic is the art of being able to do without aid, embellishment and conditions in the course of achieving to one's interests."

It is only logical that translating such a clear-cut, uncompromising craft and the highly sophisticated and most sensitive of sciences inseparably linked with it, into our comparably soporific social environment with all its pretensions, complexes and diversions, in a teachable form must meet with considerable difficulties. certainly, this magic is more practicable and efficient than everything else. but it is for this very reason that it also invokes fear and disconcert within those souls orientated towards ready consumption and essentially content with the current status quo.

The book, "ice magic", finally clears the path towards a practical and theoretical introduction to this demanding magical art which subscribes to efficacy alone. it makes itself available for understanding, examination and personal practice by well-defined laboratoria, a reasonable processing of experiences, stories and traditions and last but not least by the systematical examples corresponding to this magic, of its transposition into our cultural and environmental realms.

To take one example: the author's instructed attempt to employ the ambit of a different and consequently redirected bio-organization with the objective of mastering enormous difficulties by traversing the limitations and contingencies/ possibilities of a bird, left him with the distinct impression of actually having been a certain bird. in accordance with his possessive bents, the question became unavoidable, whether he could not become a bird for a longer, yet limited period of time (and thus, surely, even more tangibly). however, the reply was prompt to come: "are you really willing to trade your possibilities and your point of departure now?" faced with the clearly outlined experience and the most tightly

tautened contrast he realized immediately that this was not his pursuit. the ensuing question, whether he would now easily be able to overcome those tremendous difficulties which claimed and restricted his cardinal attention and to leave them behind, placed no demand on confirmation. he knew.

It is owing to his preoccupation with ice magic and its bearers that the author has primarily attained to a freedom of individual, untrammled and socially uninterlaced uninhibitedness only truly developable now. he understands this uninhibitedness as a consequence and a presupposition of that vast field of magical skill which, however, commonly hides itself behind the horizon of conventional magical hopes and efforts. it is only the preeminence of individual emancipation and the fulfillment of desires which, to his present knowledge, grant those premises free of stricture and retroaction, to share abilities, knowledge and power with others and to push them far beyond their limits. however, he is certain that it is only on the basis of individual acceptance that the way is clear towards alliances however limited and temporary, but reliable. assiduous friendships will then be no longer the product and object of wishing and pure expectation but rather a growing, logically established chance and possibility.

The spirit carrying and stimulating ice magical practice in its most considerate and freedom-loving manner may be best described by the following small anecdote.

Dating back to the turn of the century and before, several attempts were made to settle the tribes of the lapps (samer) by offering them land, obviously with the goal of integrating them into the predominant social order and to make them as governable and controllable as everyone else. without being clearly aware of the social and political dimensions and impact of these settlement designs, it was a samer himself who succinctly pointed towards the enslavement and hazards entailed with these offers of settling down. the proposal to settle him and his clan permanently along with dwellings, farmsteads and agriculture, while taking into account their traditional way of life by guaranteeing that, following their former life of unrestricted and unentangled moving about, their future homesteads should keep a minimum distance to the next settlement or any neighbouring houses of at least 5 kilometer (3.25 miles), met with his spontaneous and apprehensive comment. "how," so he demanded of the people in charge, "can one expect human beings to live in such close vicinity with others?"

Finally, an ice magical manifesto can be introduced along with the book, whose sole design is to provide encouragement and suggestions for those people who relate to the pursuit of freedom, expertise and growth in magic to organize, or, at the very least, emancipate themselves for the furtherment of their individual research without the jeopardies involved in the aberrations and derangements of power politics - and without therefore sooner or later being fettered hand, foot, soul and spirit only to be thrown back consequently in their quest. the ice magical manifesto will show real and feasible possibilities of manifesting this spirit, provided appropriate interest is given.

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## **Publishers' note**

Chapters 1 to 3 of this book have been prepublished in german in 1993, the whole text will be available in the course of 1995.

Whether "ice magic" will be published in english (certainly not an easy task for any translator) will depend on sufficient public interest.

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# Letter from Germany No. 1

*by Frater U.'.D.'.*

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FRATER U.'.D.' is considered to be Germany's most prolific contemporary writer on magical topics. He has worked - and written - in a variety of disciplines ranging from yoga and tantra via the classical, hermetic tradition to shamanism, combat magic, sigil magic and chaos magic. He is acclaimed as one of the founder of modern Pragmatic Magic and has developed the theoretical and practical principles of Cyber Magic.

He has authored an internationally widely renowned anecdotal biography of Aleister Crowley (Aleister Crowley. Die tausend Masken des Meisters - "Aleister Crowley. The Thousand Masks of the Master" -, Knaur Verlag, Munich, 1990) and has translated - among other texts - Crowley's Book of Lies into German.

Presently, he is engaged in unfolding what he terms "Ice Magic, beyond doubt the most efficient approach to practical magic ever", a discipline rooted in the magical practices extant in the Polar regions of Europe and North America, and is preparing a book in German on the subject which will also be published in English.

A number of FRATER U.'.D.'s works have been translated into English, French, Spanish and Dutch.

Two of his books have been published in America:

- Practical Sigil Magic (Llewellyn's Publications, St. Paul, Minn.)
- Secrets of the German Sex Magicians (Llewellyn's Publications, St. Paul, Minn.)

and a third book in English is forthcoming:

- Dance of the Paradigms. A Chaos Magic Primer (Llewellyn's Publications, St. Paul, Minn.)

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documents purporting to prove its German origins, the O.T.O. was a genuinely German (or, more precisely, Austrian) creation. Aleister Crowley himself spent some time on and off in Germany, and everyone will remember that notable conference in Weida, Thuringia, in 1926, where the Master Therion attempted, albeit unsuccessfully, to have himself proclaimed World Saviour by the German Pansophic Movement. Rumours about the occult connections of National Socialism have abounded ever since the war, and in spite of Nicholas Goodrick-Clarke's excellent study *\*The Occult Roots of Nazism\**, which ought to have put a positive end at least to the worst hearsay in the style of Trevor Ravenscroft's tabloid press type books, lots of people still fondly nurture the belief that Hitler was basically little more than a black magician gone bonkers. Anyway, interest in Germanic occult thought has never really diminished in the English speaking world.

Indeed, German occultism is currently undergoing an even wider international revival, vide the United States, where Llewellyn's publishers have cornered the market with their *\*Teutonic Magick\** series under the advisory editorship of German speaking Runelore expert Edred Thorsson. One of their latest publications, Flower's *Fire and Ice*, is the first time ever English language history of Germany's number one magical order, the famous and infamous *\*Fraternitas Saturni\** (FS), and things being as they are, it is to be expected that this will lead to a rise of imitation orders and lots of Germanic kitsch, marketed under pseudo magical labels. The *Fraternitas Saturni* proper, however, of which I have the privilege to be a member, still exists and has never ceased doing so since its formal foundation in 1928, going underground during the Nazi dictatorship. It does not advertise itself and doesn't have to, either, as there are plenty of applicants and standards of acceptance are very stiff. Today, it maintains several lodges in Germany, Switzerland and Austria. The FS is best known for its sex magical practices, which is unfortunate as this view tends to distort the picture. For while one of its degrees does indeed cover sex magic, this discipline is certainly not the mainstay of its system. Similarly, it would be highly unfair to presume that the O.T.O.'s one and only concern was sex magic, which is in truth only one of its many facets and certainly not even its most important one.

Apropos: the Caliphate O.T.O. has a number of strongholds in Germany now, but it has recently come to light that the Swiss O.T.O. under the lately deceased Mezger, for all practical purposes long defunct, is finally coming out of its beauty sleep of many decades again and is being rejuvenated and revived. So we may expect to hear from it fairly soon and it is everybody's guess what spirit of competition may yet develop between the two.

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Mainstream occultism in present day Germany covers the usual fare from Rosicrucianism (notably *AMORC* and the *Lectorium Rosicrucianum*, but including a whole range of smaller and more obscure groups) via irregular Freemasonry to the odd group of Kabbalists. On the hard core magic front the *Magical Pact of the Illuminates of Thanateros (IOT)* is certainly the most active and largest group. (At present, the German speaking world covers about 75 percent of the Pact's total membership.) It is employing electronic bulletin board systems for fast communication, online rituals etc. Thus Chaos magic is getting fairly high coverage and its influence on magical theory and practice is undeniably on the increase.

Thus, it is perhaps not surprising that the recent exhaustive reform of the Pact, in the course of which its degrees and all forms and remnants of hierarchy and inquisition were abandoned in favour of a fully democratic structure, was the result of a German based initiative and was indeed decided upon at the 1991 All Pact Meeting in Essen, Germany.

Israel Regardie's tome The Golden Dawn having recently been published in translation by Germany's number one occult publisher, interest in the GD is certainly mounting; but as yet there are, to my knowledge, no groups or organizations working exclusively in this tradition. However, its magical pioneer work, though primarily of a compilatory nature, has had quite a bit of impact ever since the fifties, when the pseudonymous Fra. Peregregius published his booklet Tattwas, Hellsehen, Astralwallen ("Tattwas, Divination, Astral Travel") - a concoction of G.D. material derived, it seems, from Regardie's earlier American editions.

And then, of course, one must not forget Franz Bardon! He is not unknown in the English speaking world but my impression is that though many people have heard of him, only few have taken the trouble to actually read his books which have been available in English for over a decade now. If they find his style execrable and extremely turgid in translation already, it may hardly comfort them to know that it is no better in German either. Nevertheless, Bardon, a one time German illusionist of Czech extraction, is still Germany's probably most commonly read magician. His dogmatic, simplicistic approach which describes magic (in no certain terms, at that) as a technology of "astral electro-magnetism" involving the manipulation of the polar powers of electricity and magnetism, is really not quite as modern as the layman tends to believe. In fact, it was Bardon's teacher, Ra-Ohmir Quintscher, who back in the twenties invented not only battery magic and his notorious *Tepa* (sometimes erroneously termed *Tepaphone*), an electrical device for long range magical manipulation involving the target persons' photographs, but produced practically everything else as well on which Bardon's later fame was molded.

Bardon, however, did not deign to give Quintscher his due credit, as is so common, unfortunately, with magical authors of secondary intellectual import. Instead, his secretary Otti Votavova presented the situation topsy turvy by claiming, in her novel on Bardon's life, *Frabato* (a classical example of devotees' kitsch), that in fact it was Quintscher who had been Bardon's acolyte and not vice versa. She even purported that Quintscher spent the last years of his life in concentration camp (some of them in Bardon's company), an insinuation bitterly denied by Quintscher's now deceased son, with whom I had a conversation on this matter a few years ago. In fact, according to his son, Quintscher never even visited a concentration camp. Rather, he died in the very last hours of the war on May 8th, 1945 in Silesia, where he was also buried. But to be fair to Bardon, let it be known that I have it on the word of reliable witnesses that Bardon, when he saw the \*Frabato\* manuscript, was quite aghast and gave strict injunctions never to publish it - unfortunately to little avail.

Contrary to Quintscher, Bardon succeeded in becoming a very popular author if only posthumously, for most of his work was published after his early demise in the year 1958 in the dungeons of the Tchechoslovakian secret police at the peak of the Cold War. In

spite of his quite sophisticated system he is essentially a "people's magician" and his real stronghold lies with the working classes, while more intellectually minded magicians have feigned to shun him since the seventies. One reason for this may lie in the fact that the influence of Anglo-Saxon authors with their more pragmatic approach towards practical magic did not set in before that time. Today, it is not unfair to say that Bardon seems to have lost all influence on the continuing evolution of modern magic. In his own, quite ideosyncratic way he was little more than derivative, a second Agrippa so to speak, born too late for his times; but there can be no doubt that any history of German magic after the war would be incomplete without mentioning his import.

(To be continued)

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\* Origin: ChaosBox: Nothing is true -> all is permitted... (2:243/2)

# Letter from Germany No. 2

by *Frater U.'D.'*

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The accentuation of this second letter will lie on the more contemporary aspects of magic in the German speaking countries. The pre-war magical setup had been a very lively affair: a colorful hotpotch of irregular freemasonry and theosophy; yoga; astrology (of an intellectual calibre never surpassed internationally since, if we can trust an English expert like Ellic Howe); Mazdaznan, a quasi-yogic religious cult originally founded by Otto(man) Hanish in the USA, with its myriad of dietetic rules and a strong emphasis on physical exercise and pranayama, purporting to have derived from Iranian Zoroastrism and still rumored to be extant in some of the more obscure corners of the Western world; thelemic lodges of the O.T.O., and other Crowleyites; the Fraternitas Saturni (FS); the Order of Mental Building Masters (under Ra-Ohmir Quintscher), which later fused with the FS; a variety of groups (often quite tiny organisations with a cultural impact reciprocal to their actual size) of the "blood and soil" flavor espousing runic lore and racial/Arian mysticism, the most notable being the Guido von List Society (which included the Armanen Order) and J'rg Lanz von Liebenfels's ariosophic Ordo Novi Templi (Order of the New Temple, ONT); plus the usual ruffraff aspiring to more or less vaguely defined "spiritual" or "esoteric" goals with a strong Eastern bias, to name but the highlights of this era.

With the arrival of Hitler and National Socialist rulership all "secret orders", whether genuinely clandestine operations or "secret" only by claim, were banned along with political parties (barring, of course, the NSDAP) and were consequently deprived of all publicity. This process was basically completed by 1935 with the exception of the astrologers' associations, which in 1937 even became part of the workers' union temporarily, until they, too, were abolished and persecuted in 1941 following Rudolf Hess's misguided flight to England which was purported to have been incited by his personal astrological counselor. In a later letter I will cover the question of Nazi Occultism in a more comprehensive manner. Suffice it here to state that the magical scene in Germany and Austria was practically defunct from 1935 at the latest and was unable to recover until well after the war when the more dire material needs in these devastated countries had been coped with.

Gregor A. Gregorius (1888-1961), the Berlin bookseller whose conventional name was Eugen Grosche, had founded the FS in 1928, as mentioned in my *Letter from Germany No. 1*. He had been a communist of sorts with a one year arrest during Nazi dictatorship to prove it. (He had even moved into Swiss exile and later went to Italy where he was

arrested by the fascists and turned over to the German authorities on their categorical request. Interestingly enough, his Gestapo arrest warrant declares his "contacts with the internationally renowned Freemason Aleister Crowley" as one of the prime reasons for his internment.)

Immediately after the war he became a "cultural commissary" of the German Communist Party in the then time Soviet Zone (the - Eastern - *German Democratic Republic* was only founded in 1948, as was the - West German - *Federal Republic of Germany*) but was later expelled on reasons of "bourgeois tendencies", a standard accusation in Stalinist times.

He next moved to West Berlin, where he set up a bookstore and renewed his international contacts, getting together a number of pre-war members and re-registering the FS as a formal institution in 1948. In 1950 he started publishing the monthly Blätter für angewandte okkulte Lebenskunst ("Magazine for Applied Occult Arts of Life"), a curious title veiling the most comprehensive, extensive and encyclopedic periodical on the magical arts in Western history. While openly sold in bookstores, it was the official organ of the *Fraternitas Saturni* and included inlets (handed out to members only) covering internal affairs such as graduations, membership lists, syllabi.

The publication mode of this foretime monthly magazine was later changed to bi-monthly appearance and it existed till 1963, totalling 164 issues of some 3,500 pages of text and illustrations. Gregorius retained editorship until his death and it was only in concurrence with internal squabbles and schisms within the order itself that it ceased publication two years after. It has never been published in English (or any other language apart from German, for that matter), though Stephen Flowers quotes extensively from it in his excellent Fire and Ice (Llewellyn Publications).

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The English speaking world would really be in for a surprise or two should this magazine be published in translation one day. True to say, the general tenor of its articles is biased towards the more traditionalist approach to magic and the majority of essays may well be considered to be somewhat pedestrian, as magazines generally go; but then again never before (or after) has Western magic produced such a treasure house of knowledge surpassing even Aleister Crowley's famous Equinox in scope, practicability and diversity. There is many a pearl of wisdom to be found here for anyone interested in the conventional mode of magic, and it is to be hoped that some American or English publisher will be bold enough to take the risk of publishing it in translation one day.

Nor were the Blätter the order's only publication. Well before the war Gregorius edited the magazine Saturn Gnosis, which was taken up again after the FS's post-war reconstitution and is still being published on an irregular basis; other magazines included \*Vita-Gnosis\* and \*Der magische Weg\* ("The Magical Path"). However, these periodicals were strictly promulgated for members only and are very hard (and costly!) to come by for outsiders.

Today, order membership has decreased considerably compared with the fifties, but this is not, as one might suppose, due to lack of interest. On the contrary: while fluctuation in the order's purported heyday used to be exorbitant (appr. 50% per year!), it has been reduced to almost nil now due to its rigid initiation policy. For unlike the O.T.O., the FS is not obliged by its own constitution to accept any candidate willing (or purporting) to give it a try. Consequently, only very few applicants ever make it into the order's august ranks, and it is safe to say that the Fraternitas Saturni still constitutes the paragon of traditionalist, conventional magic in the German speaking world of today.

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However, magic comes in many masks. Especially the younger generation amongst today's magicians has lost interest in the dogmatic and traditionalist approach or is, at least, striving to incorporate more modern techniques and beliefs as well. This is mainly the doing of what I have named the "Bonn Group" of magicians operating between 1979 to 1981 in a formal framework and individually actively contributing to the advancement of magical theory and practice ever since.

When I founded the Horus Bookshop with two partners in Bonn, in 1979, the current wave of esotericism had not quite begun yet, and while interest in the occult arts was undeniably mounting, business then was sluggish enough to provide ample time for other activities. Thus, a group of some fourteen people (male and female) interested in practical magic assembled in the bookshop's backroom every other week or so to constitute what was tentatively termed the "Working Group for Experimental Magic". Most of us were then still studying at university (as did I beside my career as a not yet quite successful entrepreneur in the book business), and quite a few have later finished their academic studies with doctorates or masters' theses in various fields running from Physics to Comparative Literature, from Indology via German and English Literature to Comparative Religious Studies, Medicine, Psychology and Social Studies; while the tiny minority of our professional people were all working in the medical field. Thus, intellectual standards were pretty high even by the academic yardstick and a wide reading knowledge could be relied upon.

A few members were well worn experts of some ten years' standing, some, such as myself, had only begun to work on practical magic proper about a year or so before, complete beginners being only few. Our group convened primarily for practical work in various traditions covering a broad spectrum ranging from Franz Bardon's system via the Golden Dawn, Freemasonry and Kabbalism to Crowleyan, Tibetan, Voodoo, Wiccan, neopagan and shamanic techniques. Experiments included telepathy, hypnosis, astral travel, kabbalistic path workings, rune magic, tarot readings, sigil magic, the use of astrology for practical magic and rituals, rituals, rituals. Rituals indoors, rituals outdoors, rituals in caves and basements in the woods and in the living room (only a few could afford their own temple rooms then, and these were usually too small to encompass us all), rituals for love and for healing, for death and for smiting foes, for fun and profit, rituals with drugs and without, and lots of rituals just to gain experience or for the pure, uninhibited heck of it.

In addition to our regular meetings practical research was augmented by additional work on a more individual basis or in smaller groups which gladly reported on their results and discussed new and old approaches towards the Black Arts. Topics thrashed out covered physics and Thelema, trance techniques and sigil magic, Crowley and Gurdjieff, the pro and cons of hallucinogenics in ritual, the psychological rationale behind analogies and correspondences, behind the synchronicities of oracle readings from tarot cards to horoscopes (most of us sporting a strong Jungian bias at that time), sex magic, and a pile of others - far too many to list here. Most important was our basic tenet, "if it works, use it; if it doesn't work, don't believe it", which made all the difference when compared to the more dogmatic, cramped and inhibited approach to be noted in traditional magical orders, of whom none of us was a member then.

Yet, it was not so much the existence or the practical and theoretical work of the Bonn Group as such but rather the publicistic impetus it created, which came to be responsible for the German magical scene as we know it today. While formal meetings had been abandoned by 1982, a few members having moved, lost interest or concentrated on more eremitical work, a hard core of some ten people continued to work together casually in a different format, and it was at my instigation that J'rg Wichmann (a former Wiccan) began to publish the now almost legendary Unicorn magazine in the same year, which concentrated on mythology and practical magic on a quarterly basis.

Granted that Unicorn was never a commercial success, it wasn't quite a loss making venture either. It was right here, in the very first issue, that I formulated the basic tenets of what I termed "Pragmatic Magic" in contrast to "Dogmatic Magic". Having been influenced, as had been all members of the Bonn Group sooner or later, by the English and American authors of the seventies (notably Regardie, Conway, Butler, Skinner, King, Grant plus the only then rediscovered Austin Osman Spare), and based on our own varied practical experiences with all sorts of creeds and techniques, it was not hard to propagate a pragmatic spirit. This, however, had been totally unheard of until then in the conventional magical scene of the German speaking countries (embracing, let us not forget, some 74 million people then and appr. 90 million people today, after German reunification). It is no exaggeration to say that we virtually *created* the German magical scene. For while of course lots of people all over the country had been working in more or less splendid isolation before, it was only now that the thread had been put in the brine for a real scene to crystallize. Though the lion's share of published material was covered by members of the Bonn Group such as J'rg Wichmann, the editor-in-chief, myself, Peter Ellert, Harry Eilenstein and Mahamudra, Unicorn was able to gain the favour of a number of internationally renowned high calibre authors as well, in spite of the fact that articles were remunerated only symbolically. Moreover, many leading figures in the magical and fringe-magical scene such as Alex Sanders, Michael Harner and Harley Swiftdeer were presented in comprehensive interviews in the mag, thus exerting a notable influence by way of popularizing their teachings.

The magazine lasted for three happy years until it ceased publication in 1985 after 13 issues. Readers' participation and loyalty to the mag turned out to be unusually high - which again paved the way to its successor, Anubis, founded, edited and published by



myself at the end of 1985 and handed over to another editor-cum-publisher the following year. This magazine is still extant albeit in a more sporadic publication mode and has put out 15 issues to date

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It may be regarded as characteristic for the evolution of a magical scene that I was able to introduce a column titled "Golems Gossen Glosse" ("Golem's Gutter Glossings") much on the same line as the British Lamp of Thoth's column "Golem's Gossip" - right from the very first issue of Anubis for there would have been hardly any point in trying to report on internecine affairs without the appropriate social foundation for such gossip, i.e. a scene lively, colorful and diversified enough to supply the necessary information and interested in it as well. Golem's Glossing soon became the mag's most popular column, and while I myself am no contributor to the now Vienna based \*Anubis\* any longer, the continued existence of this periodical goes to show that the German magical scene has matured enough to compete with the - nowadays far less - picturesque setup in the U.K. (which used to be *the* prime benchmark for comparison well into the eighties).

Thus, the "Bonn Group" may well be viewed as the instigator and nucleus of the modern German magical scene in the eighties. The influence of the Magical Pact of the Illuminates of Thanateros (IOT) and of Chaos Magic will be covered at some length in the next Letter from Germany, so before I end this instalment I would like to give a short summary of Wicca and Paganism in the German speaking world today.

Wicca, at least in its formalized aspects (schools, traditions), being a strictly English phenomenon from its inception, it is not surprising that the German Wicca scene has done little but imitate its compeers in the British Isles. Contacts with the U.K. were and still are pretty strong, but it is a moot point whether the majority of German speaking Wiccans are adherents of the Gardnerian or rather the Alexandrian school. My impression is that these distinctions, hotly debated though they were in the England of the seventies and early eighties, have been watered down on the Continent, while there is hardly any "hereditary" scene worth mentioning at all. If German pagans do pretend to being "hereditary" (whatever such claims may be worth), they are usually on the ariosophic or runelore side and not involved in the craft.

German Wicca used to be strictly a closed shop affair dominated by cliqueish squabbles and infights, until the well known Hamburg based lady journalist Gisela Graichen published a bestselling hardcover, Die neuen Hexen. Gespr.,che mit Hexen ("The New Witches. Conversations with Witches") in 1986, in which she claimed (albeit misguidedly) that there were some 20,000 active Wiccans in Germany alone, while 200 would then have been a more realistic figure.

Little did she fathom that the handful of people she had interviewed constituted about half of the then active and articulate Wiccan set in Germany. However, facts published commonly being regarded as facts true, (paradoxically especially by the publishing profession, who should really know better, strange as this may sound to the layman), other German publishers took her at face value and felt attracted by this seemingly vast



and expanding market. Thus bookshops were suddenly inundated with literature on the topic in the following year or two and witchcraft became the *dernier cri* with those mainstream people who were either totally new to the occult or had only been dabbling with it on the fringe.

While not a Wiccan myself, I, too, was instrumental in getting an anonymous paperback on the cult published in 1987 with one of Germany's major paperback and mass market publishers, a minor bestseller which was to give some spunk to the hitherto somewhat parochial, simplicistic Wiccan scene, reducing the strong goddess-bias in favor of a more balanced approach *including* the male element on an "equal rights" basis, giving hints on magazines to read and modes of contacting covens: Das Hexenbuch. Authentische Texte moderner Hexen zu Geschichte, Magie und Mythos des alten Weges ("The Witches' Book. Authentic Texts by Modern Witches on History, Magic and Myth of the Ancient Way"; now out of print).

It was also during this post-feminist era that museum exhibitions centering on witches, traditional herbal medicine and "Wise Women" began to crop up like mushrooms overnight in all three German speaking countries, especially so in holiday resorts, as if sponsored by various Boards of Tourism ... and a Wiccan biased German magazine like *Mescalito* gained hordes of new subscribers attracted by the boom. Today, interest in the craft has waned again like the moon, but it is anybody's guess how many people have really stuck to their guns and would consider themselves to be active Wiccans.

As in other countries, most contemporary German adherents of pagan ideals are primarily concerned with ecological and ethnic issues, tending to opt for Green politics, and the majority are certainly suckers for the Gaia hypothesis and Rupert Sheldrake's once so popular, rather overestimated "theory" of morphic fields (which he himself seems basically to have renounced in the meantime). But these fairly simple doctrines seem to represent the acme of intellectuality within this scene already. Both, the Wicca cult and neopaganism in general, being primarily of an avowedly *religious* nature, they do not tend to develop original magical theories and practices of their own and may thus be fairly disregarded in a history of magic proper. Their influx on modern magic has been negligible, not to be compared with the influence of neoshamanism as presented by popular American workshop speakers, the most notable amongst whom have certainly been Don Eduardo Calderon Palomino from Peru and Alberto Villoldo and Michael Harner from the USA.

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\* Origin: ChaosBox: Nothing is true -> all is permitted... (2:243/2)

# Models of Magic

*by Frater U.'D.'*

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In the course of exploring the possibilities of new, more efficient techniques of magic I was struck by the fact that a structuralist view of the history of magic to date might prove helpful. After all, magicians have always aspired to restate the theory and practice of magic in the language of their times i.e. in different models pertaining to current world views.

There is, however, some risk involved in such an approach: models do not really explain anything, they are only illustrations of processes, albeit rather useful ones. What's more, over-systematization tends to obfuscate more than it clarifies and one should not mistake the map for the landscape anyway, a fallacy a great many kabbalists seem to be prone to.

Thus, the following five (or rather: four plus one) models of magic should be seen as a means of understanding the practical possibilities of various magical systems rather than as definitive theories and/or explanations of the way magic works.

It has proved effective in practice to view magic under the following categories:

- [The Spirit Model](#)
  - [The Energy Model](#)
  - [The Psychological Model](#)
  - [The Information Model](#)
  - [The Meta-model](#)
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## **The Spirit Model**

This is purportedly the oldest model of magic though it may very well have come into existence after or simultaneously with the energy model. We can find it worldwide in shamanic cultures as well as in many religions. Its basic premise is the existence of an otherworld inhabited by more or less autonomous entities such as spirits, angels, demons, gods etc. The shaman or magician is someone who can enter this otherworld at will, who has travelled widely in it, knows its language and customs and has made friends, smitten enemies and/or acquired allies and servitors there. This is important as all magic is of these entities' making. The modern German word for witch, "Hexe" (f.) illustrates this rather neatly if we take a closer look at its etymology. It derives from Old High German "hagazussa" which translates as "fence rider". The hagazussa is riding the "fence between the worlds" i.e. she is at home in the world of everyday life as well as in the magical otherworld of spirits.

In the spirit model magic is seen as being effected by these entities who are usually invisible, at least to the average punter, and it is the shaman's or magician's task to make

them put his will into effect. This may be done by prayer, by barter, by cajoling or even - vide medieval demon magic - by the application of magical force, threats and pressure.

The otherworld may have its own geography but it is usually considered to coexist with the world of everyday life. The key to entering it is an altered state of consciousness, controlled trance or ecstasy of which the shaman is an expert.

The spirit model has prevailed in traditionalist or Dogmatic magic until today, some of its most noted exponents being Franz Bardon and, at least to a great extent, Aleister Crowley.

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## The Energy Model

The rise of the energy model in the West is marked primarily by the appearance of Mesmerism towards the end of the 18th century. Anton Mesmer, who was not an occultist but who was on the other hand regarded by his contemporaries to be a "miracle worker" of sorts, rediscovered amongst other things the ancient healing disciplines of hypnosis and magnetism. He popularized his theory of "animal magnetism" which he saw as a subtle force inherent in organisms, but he also made heavy use of metal magnets for healing purposes.

While the French Revolution put a temporary end to Mesmer's movement, his ideas were not lost. They were taken up by a number of others, primarily occultists, who drew on them while developing their own theories of magic. One of the first to do so was Bulwer Lytton of the Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia (SRIA), who postulated the existence of a subtle energy which he termed Vril, possibly deriving from Latin virilitas or "force, power, strength". (This was actually the model for the naming of Bovril, from Latin "bovis" or "ox", and Vril or "life force".) We can observe interesting parallels to this concept in the vitalist theories of biology which emerged around the same time. Other exponents of the energy model of magic (not then so termed) were Reichenbach with his concept of Od, Eliphas Levi and his Astral Light and Mme. Blavatsky, who adopted the theories of Prana from Yoga physiology. This was also the time when anthropology and ethnology discovered the Polynesian concept of Mana and Asiatic scholars began to concern themselves with the Chinese principle of Ki or Ch'i (Chi). The latter two go to show, of course, that the idea of subtle energies utilized by magic is far older than the 18th century. In fact, we can observe it already in early shamanic cultures. Shamanic magic is very frequently a mixture between spirit and energy model, e.g. the shaman may call upon his spirits or gods to give him "power" or he may, vice versa, use his power to extort favours from them.

In its pure form, however, the shaman or magician is not in need of spirits and other entities. The world is viewed as being "vitalized" by subtle forces or energies and his primary task consists in mastering the art of perceiving and manipulating them. As all phenomena are basically energetic in nature, the existence of an otherworld is not strictly required. Thus, the magician is more of an "energy dancer" than a "fence rider" or go-

between. But even here the key to the perception, charging and general utilization of these forces is again the magical trance or, as Chaos Magic terms it, gnosis.

Theories and practices pertaining to the energy model can be found with many magical authors but it has seen its real, large scale popularity only since the seventies of our century when the general influx of Eastern thinking (pace the Hippie movement) made concepts such as chakra and kundalini work a mainstay of most occult disciplines. Strong energy model elements can also be found in Franz Bardon's system of "electromagnetic fluids", "condensators" etc.

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## **The Psychological Model**

Sigmund Freud's theory of the subconscious revolutionized Western thinking in general and psychology (which he did not, as some people are wont to believe, invent all by himself) in particular. Suddenly, man was seen as a being which was only partially conscious and in control of itself. While psychology is still fighting for its academical recognition as a science, it has stamped its mark on therapeutic disciplines - and on magic.

The psychological model of magic does not purport to explain how magic works, its only premise is that the subconscious (or, as Carl Jung later retagged it, the unconscious) will do the job if it is properly addressed and/or conditioned. This again is achieved by magical trance, suggestion and the use of symbols (i.e. selective sensory input) as tools of association and as a means of communication between the magician's conscious will and his subconscious faculty responsible for putting it into effect.

Aleister Crowley dabbled a great deal in the psychological model which comes as no surprise as he not only tried to keep up with all major academic disciplines of his time but thought himself to be the world's greatest psychologist into the bargain. But all considered he remained a traditionalist exponent of the spirit model: after all Aiwass was, in his belief, a praeternatural entity. Nevertheless he did have a knack of explaining magic in psychological terms to make it sound sensible to the sceptics of his time.

A more radical approach was taken by Austin Osman Spare whose sigil magic rests on the basic tenets of the psychological model. Spare's brilliant system is in principle an inversion of Freud's theory of complexes: by actively suppressing his will in the form of a graphical sigil and forgetting it, the magician creates an artificial "complex" which then starts to work on similar lines just as suppressed, subconscious traumas will cause neurotic behaviour etc.

The psychological magician is a programmer of symbols and different states of consciousness. He is not necessarily in need of a transcendent otherworld or even subtle energies, though in practice he will usually work on the assumption that one or the other (or both) do in fact exist and can be utilized by his subconscious.

Authors such as Israel Regardie, Dion Fortune, William Butler, Francis King, William Gray and to some extent Pete Carroll subscribe to the psychological model which seems to be the primary domain of the English speaking world of magic and which has become the prevailing paradigm ever since the seventies of this century.

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## **The Information Model**

The information model of magic is being developed since about 1987 and there is still considerable debate about the direction it shall ultimately take. Its basic premises to date are as follows:

a) Energy as such is "dumb": it needs information on what to do; this can be so called laws of nature or direct commands.

b) Information does not have mass or energy. Thus, it is faster than light and not bound by the restrictions of the Einsteinian spacetime continuum. It can therefore be transmitted or tapped at all times and at all places. In analogy (but of course only as such!) it may be likened to quantum phenomena rather than relativistic mass-energy. It can, however, attach itself to a medium e.g. an organism or any other memory storage device.

At the start of the theoretical debate it was still believed that the postulation of morphic (or, more precisely, morphogenetic) fields as hypothesized by Rupert Sheldrake had to be an essential factor by way of explaining the mode of actual information transmittance. This, however, while still being discussed, does not appear to be strictly prerogative though it cannot be not ruled out that an act of information magic may create such fields. It does seem more probable, though, that the concept of information matrices will prove to be the most promising theory in the long run.

The application of the as yet evolving information model has led to the discipline I have termed Cybermagic (from "cybernetics" or the "science of control systems"). Contrary to the other models described above, Cybermagic does not rely on magical trance to achieve its effects. Rather, the Cybermagician activates either his own main memory banks, namely brain and spine (the Golf-club chakra, so-called because of its shape reminiscent of a golf-club) or those of the target person. The desired information is then called up and transmitted quite similarly to a copy command on an MS-DOS computer. The copy command analogy holds good insofar as the information (not having mass) is not actually "lost" in the process (as energy would be) but rather is duplicated. This is an important point as it allows for the magician to perform his magic even in a state of very low physical power, possibly even when almost completely intoxicated, as long as his basic "life support systems" are still functional and the command syntax is employed correctly.

It is, however, obvious that this technique demands a fair control of what used to be termed kundalini effects and practice has shown ever and again that a good amount of Yoga and meditation experience is a great help in achieving to Cybermagic.

Unfortunately, the full theory and practice of Cybermagic cannot be described here due to lack of space and will thus have to be the subject of a separate article to be published later. To date the main experimental research work is being done within the Magical Pact of the Illuminates of Thanateros (IOT) and some quite astounding results have already been achieved, especially in the field of language and knowledge transfer as well as magical healing.

In spite of its very modern, untraditionalist outlook the basic principles of Cybermagic may in truth well be the oldest form of magic extant. For we can, for example, find a number of reports in the East to the effect of a guru transferring all his knowledge to his successor before his death, which is usually achieved by an act of long, mutual meditation.

This goes to show that magic as a whole has always existed in many, coexisting models. What has changed, however, is the stress laid on one model or the other in the course of time.

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## **The Meta-model**

The meta-model of magic is not a model as such but rather an instruction on the use of the others. For its only advice to the magician is: "Always use the model most adequate to your aims." This may sound a bit trite but we will see that it is not quite as selfevident amongst magicians as one might expect. It is rooted in Chaos magic's assertion "Nothing is true. Everything is permitted", which ultimately boils down to pragmatic utilitarianism. Before this aspect is enlarged upon, though, let us look at an example of the models presented here as applied in practice.

We shall take the situation of magical healing to demonstrate how these models differ from each other.

In the spirit model healing is regarded as an exorcism: illness is caused by "evil" or, at least, undesired entities which have to be neutralized and removed by the shaman or magician. In the case of a patient with a heart condition the shaman may, for example, "see" a green lizard in the vicinity of the heart which must be removed. To achieve this the shaman will usually call upon the help of his own spirits who will then handle the matter. Properly exorcised, the patient has been freed from the cause of his ailment and can recuperate.

In the energy model ailments are seen to be caused by energetic imbalance. Thus, our heart patient may have too much (or too little) "fire energy" in his heart chakra, and the magician's task consists of restoring that balance of energies commonly defined as "health". This he may do by laying on hands, by using crystals and precious stones, by magnetism or chakra massage etc. The balance having been restored, the patient is regarded as having been healed.

In the psychological model illness is considered to be basically psychosomatic in nature. The magician will, therefore, either do a ritual work with the patient which enhances his stamina and resolves his troubles (e.g. a Saturn ritual to cope with "Saturnian challenges" the patient is seen to have avoided by becoming ill) or he will charge a sigil for the patient's health. Preferably he will instruct the patient to construct and charge his own sigil.

In the information model the Cybermagician will transmit an informational "healing matrix" into the patient's system (or somehow create a "morphic field" of health and self-healing) and let the patient's energies take it from there to do the job of their own accord i.e. automatically. This rests on the assumption that the energies are still powerful enough to get the work done, otherwise he will either jump back into the energy model to provide the patient with the additional energies required or install another information matrix to create an influx of the power desired.

Following the meta-model the magician will decide beforehand in which paradigm he will begin his operation. This must not necessarily exclude the possibility of shifting the paradigms in midwork or of blending them, of course. Usually, the decision is taken on the lines of expediency, efficiency and personal preference. Thus, I personally find healing work with patients easier within the spirit or energy model, while I do seem to get better results with selfhealing employing either the psychological or the information model. Then again, cybermagical work tends to take up to two days to show noticeable effects so that it may be more expedient to go for laying on hands when pain is very acute.

Another important point is the time factor. While traditionalist rituals in the spirit model may take from half a day to weeks and even months, operations in the energy model seldomly take much longer than a few hours at the most. If we take Spare's sigil magic as an example for a very fast technique within the psychological model, the operation can be over and done with within five to ten minutes. Information magical operations on the other hand only take up about three quarters of a second, a time span which can be cut even shorter by an experienced Cybermagician.

Self evident as the meta-model may seem, in practice many people seem to feel somewhat uncomfortable with its inherent relativism. This is very much the case with beginners in magic. A typical dialogue on the subject might run on the following lines:

"Are there spirits?"

"In the spirit model, yes."

"And in the energy model?"

"In the energy model there are subtle energy forms."

"And what about the psychological model?"

"Well, in the psychological model we are dealing with projections of the subconscious."

"What happens in the information model, then?"

"In the information model there are information clusters."



"Yes, but are there spirits now or not?"

"In the spirit model, yes."

This logical loop is, of course, usually experienced as a pretty frustrating exercise; but while the asker claims that the magician is trying to avoid the issue he is at the same time overlooking the fact that he himself is basically only restating the old yen for absolute, "objective" truths - not really a quantum magical approach, to say the least. However, the aspiring cyberpunk magician of today cannot expect to be spared the pains of coming to terms with the notion that freedom and dogma are mutually exclusive.

UBIQUE DAEMON !. UBIQUE DEUS !.

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\* Origin: ChaosBox: Nichts ist wahr, Alles ist erlaubt. (2:243/2)

# Butt Prints in the Sand

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One night I had a wondrous dream,  
One set of footprints there was seen,  
The footprints of the Goddess they were,  
But mine were not along the shore.

But then some stranger prints appeared,  
and I asked Her, "What have we here?  
These prints are large and round and neat,  
But much too big to be from feet."

"My child," She said in somber tones,  
"For miles I carried you alone.  
I challenged you to walk in faith,  
But you refused and made me wait."

"You would not learn, you would not grow,  
The walk of faith, you would not know,  
So I got tired, I got fed up,  
And there I dropped you on your butt.

"Because in life, there comes a time  
When one must fight, and one must climb,  
When one must rise and take a stand,  
Or leave their butt prints in the sand."

Author Unknown

# Defining Fnords

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From: Fenwick Rysen  
Subject: Re: Fnords

Quoth Soth (soth@\*\*\*\*\*.com):

> Christ on a cross! What the hell is "fnord"? Everyone is being so elusive!

First of all, you have to realize there are many different types of fnords. The first one, a fnord, is a peculiar type of pastry that's a cross between a jelly-filled donut and a cinnamon roll, but nobody knows

where they come from, all pastry companies deny having the recipe, but they still taste pretty damn good. The second variety, a fnord, is rumored to be a small furry creature resembling a gopher, but may in fact

be Mac Squirrell, and has so far eluded all attempts at capture. The third variety, fnords, are the results of one of the US governments "Black" projects and is an insidious weapon designed to suck the odd socks

out of every washer and dryer in the world and use them to smother anyone

at any time, anywhere in the world. The fourth variety, fnords, are common everyday items like pencils and shoelaces that are actually shapeshifting aliens in league with the Galactic Zorfnoed Federation and

are plotting to take over the world to use it in their game of Interstellar Marbles against the Galactic Deonfroz Federation (The earth

is in a prime strategic location for winning this game). The fifth variety are just plain old fnords.

I hope that helps to clear some things up. Fnord!

o | --Amor Vincit Omnia  
/ Fenwick

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|\_\_\_| "When the academic experts state that something is possible,  
/ they are probably right. When they state that something is  
| impossible they are probably wrong." ---Arthur C. Clarke.

# Discordian Date Perl File

**Newsgroups:** alt.discordia  
**From:** puckett @ brtph898 . bnr . ca (S. B. Puckett)  
**Subject:** ddate.perl  
**Organization:** Screaming Lizard Propulsion Systems  
**Date:** Wed, 8 Dec 1993 13:44:07 GMT

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For your geeky pleasure, the following is a perl program which gives today's date in the traditional Discordian format. It also notifies you of holy days and other such nonsense. There are no bugs in it, so don't report any to me. It works just fine the way it is.

To run it, store it in a file named something creative like "ddate.perl" and then enter the command "perl ddate.perl". Happy dating.

All hail Discordia,  
-Rev. D. U. Puckett, Durham Discordian Glee Club  
Prince of the Southern Provinces

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#  
#  
# ddate - Discordian date  
# Version FIVE  
#  
# This program takes no arguments.  It doesn't take shit from _anyone_.  
#  
# It returns today's date in the Discordian calendar format.  It also  
# tells you if today is a Holyday.  
#  
# This program is written in perl to maximize the amount of chaos in  
# the implementation.  Kallisti (K) 1993, Screaming Lizard Propulsion  
# Systems.  All rights reversed.  Mess with this program.  Call it your  
# own.  Hail Eris.  -><-  
#  
#           Hugs and Kisses,  
#           Reverend I. C. Puckett, Durham Discordian Glee  
Club  
#           Prince of the Southern Provinces  
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#  
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# Set the century.  If you don't know what the current century is,
# ask your system administrator.
$century = 2000;

# Say, how 'bout them month things?
@days_in_the_months = (31, 28, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31);

# Use the groovy perl time interface.
($sec,$min,$hour,$mday,$mon,$year,$yday,$isdst) = localtime;

# Fix the screwed up results from the groovy perl time interface.
$mon++;
$year += $century;

# And convert to Discordian calendar.
@greyface_date = ($mday, $mon, $year);
@discordian_date = do_convert_date(@greyface_date);

# Print the result.
do_print_discordian_date(@discordian_date);

# To run a self-test of all the days in the year, set this bad boy
# true.
if (4==5) {
    print "\nTesting...\n";
    for ($month = 1; $month <= 12; $month++) {
        for ($day = 1; $day <= @days_in_the_months[$month-1]; $day++) {
            do_print_discordian_date(do_convert_date(($day,$month,1992)));
            # Test St. Tib's day
            if (($day == 28) && ($month == 2)) {
                do_print_discordian_date(do_convert_date((29,2,1992)));
            }
        }
    }
}

sub convert_date {
    local($gday, $gmon, $gyear) = @_;
    local($dweekday, $dday, $dseason, $dyear) = (-5, -5, -5, -5);
    local($fnord);

    # Figure out the correct year.  Easy peasy.
    $dyear = $gyear + 1166;

    # Now what day of the year is this?
    local($day_of_year) = $gday;
    for (1 .. ($gmon - 1)) {
        $day_of_year += @days_in_the_months[$_ - 1];
    }

#####    print "Day of year:  $day_of_year\n";

    # What season is it?  Seasons are seventy-three days long.  There
    # are five seasons in a year.  Seven minus three is four, which
is
    # two squared.  Take one of those twos, and add it to the three:

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# you get _five_. Take the other two, subtract it from the seven:
# you get _five_.
$dseason = int(($day_of_year-1) / 73) + 1;

if (($gmon == 2) && ($gday == 29))
{
    # Happy St. Tib's day! Time for Jello (tm).
    $dweekday = 0;
    $dday = 0;
}
else
{
    # St. Tib will have to wait.
    $dweekday = (($day_of_year - 1) % 5) + 1;
    $dday = (($day_of_year - 1) % 73) + 1;
}

return ($dweekday, $dday, $dseason, $dyear);
}

sub print_discordian_date {
    local ($dweekday, $dday, $dseason, $dyear);
    $dweekday = (
        "Saint Tib's Day",
        "Sweetmorn",
        "Boomtime",
        "Pungenday",
        "Prickle-Prickle",
        "Setting Orange",
    )[@_[0]];
    if (@_[1] == 0)
    {
        $dday = "between 59 and 60";
    }
    else
    {
        $dday = @_[1];
    }

    $dseason = (
        "Chaos",
        "Discord",
        "Confusion",
        "Bureaucracy",
        "The Aftermath",
    )[@_[2] - 1];
    $dyear = @_[3];

    print "Today is $dweekday, day $dday in the season of $dseason,
$dyear.\n";
#####    print "\t@_[0]\t@_[1]\t@_[2]\t@_[3]\n";

    # Handle the Apostle Holydays. Rejoice rejoice. Whee.
    if ($dday == 5)          # is today a holy day? huh?
    {
        local($aholyday)=(
            "Mungday",

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        "Mojoday",
        "Syaday",
        "Zaraday",
        "Maladay",
    )[@_2] - 1];
    print "It is the sacred Apostle Holyday of $aholyday.\n";
}

# Handle the Season Holydays.  The crowd goes wild.  Who celebrates
# these things anyway?
if ($dday == 50)          # is today a holy day?  huh?
{
    local($sholyday)=(
        "Chaoflux",
        "Discoflux",
        "Confuflux",
        "Bureflux",
        "Afflux",
    )[@_2] - 1];
    print "It is the sacred Season Holyday of $sholyday.\n";
}
}

#####
#####
#           YOU MAY NOW SAFELY DESTROY YOUR COMPUTER
#
#####
#####

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# Discordian Futhark

**From:** "ThoughtMaster Xy"

**To:** zee-list

**Subject:** [zee-list] The Discordian Futhark, Part Uno(hehehe....)

**Date:** Thu, 24 Feb 2000 15:19:16 EST

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The Discordian Futhark is a five character Alphabet of Desire, focused specifically on chaos and it's aspects (or chaotic aspects of other things). It is a means in which one can focus their will and "roll the apple" at a (perhaps not so) specific target. Of course one is free to come up with their own (naturally), but here is my own system, taking the four letters from the name Eris, and one character representing Chaos. Here are my own silly categorizations for them. Please ignore it.

## **The (primarily) Creative Aett**

Erud = Universal Quality of Creativity

Ihpo = Universal Quality of Laughter

## **The (primarily) Destructive Aett**

Rah = Universal Quality of Confusion

Sohro = Universal Quality of Strife or Discord

## **The Aett of Chaos**

XAOS = Universal Quality of Chaos



✳ - Erud

✚ - Rah

⊞ - Ipeh

⚡ - Sohra

✳ - XAOS

Use them as you will. Love is the Law, Love under Chaos.

Hail Eris!

# Erisian Fiction

**Newsgroups:** alt.magick.chaos

**From:** HK (nethuntr@iglou.com)

**Subject:** Erisian fiction (don't shoot me).

**Date:** Tue, 24 Mar 1998 17:49:03 GMT

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You might say it was like a rolling wave. It was a solid kinetic nonexistence and it licked at my soul. What could I do? In the end, it wanted me and neither I, nor Samael could hold it back once it gained enough cognizance to enter this realm. By then I had stopped caring about it destroying the Universe and was more concerned about my sanity. I didn't want to open that door.

I sat on the bed, watching the small drops of water dripping from the exposed light bulb. The light making little rainbow teardrops as it plummeted to the floor. Somewhere in my mind a long obsolete neural pathway told me that water dripping from lit electric light bulbs was not safe. I smiled at that and looked at the bare floor where the small pool was slowly forming, washing away the dust and grime that was growing like apathetic lichen on the wood panels. I could see the bulb's reflection and wondered if it was real or not.

Once again, I looked up at the closet door in front of me. The paint was a washed out lime green, almost faded to white and chipping to reveal the wood underneath. I expected it to be covered in mold, but it wasn't Behind that door...

I got up off the bed and walked under the bulb, no water touched me as I passed beneath, as if asking for a final blessing from the god that had opened the way. The true master of the gate, the one who had slain Yog-Sothoth and declared itself god. As the song once said, "A schizophrenic child is ending time." None of that was true to me anymore. Time had ended long ago, before the universe was even aware of it.

I reached out to the door knob and I felt the presence of the dragon. The last line of defense in a world that had surrendered. It told me in no spoken word that it no longer cared if I opened the door. It told me that it was laying down the sword and releasing the stars to the righteous. It would no longer stand in my way, would no longer restrain my destiny, whatever it was that I thought it could be. It had murdered Nyarlathotep in cold blood to stop me once, but now it no longer cared. I had won, whatever that entailed. I smiled to myself and turned the doorknob. The last remaining matter that was now the gateway, the relinquished lock that the Fadara Kang, Samael, the keeper of the end and the real guardian of the watchtowers, slid loudly from it's rest inside the notch in the wall. I could now pull the door wide.

"Surrender."

I paused. It was a single word shot through my brain, almost disrupting my reverie. It was a feminine voice, very strong, yet it sounded amused, as it always did. Samael, the great dragon Fadara Kang, may have loosed control, but it became cruelly obvious that it had not been released to me.

I yanked the door.

It did not open.

I screamed in rage and beat my hands against the wood, the cursed structure that stood between me and the last great hope I could ever feel. All because in a last ploy to stop me, the great beast of chaos had given his soul to the one force that could mock me and never release me from this lie of a universe.

I turned quickly, eyes wide.

She was sitting there, on the bed.

"Release me," was all I could manage to say. I felt as if I was solidifying, becoming a stone lost on the surface of a great ocean, about to sink to impossible depths and be lost from hope forever, always aware, always alone, as I surely was now, yet with not even Goddess to keep me company in my own torment.

She smiled even wider, showing perfect white teeth with canines that I would swear were vampiric in length. She didn't stand, but laid back on the bed, hands behind her head, watching the light bulb drip it's water and completely ignoring me.

I threw myself into the closed door. The door to my salvation. The one forever closed because of...

"ERIS!" I screamed and fell to the floor, tears streamed from my eyes. The pain was intolerable. I looked up at the blurred image before me. I saw the starburst haze of the light bulb, and there, on the bed, was Eris, Discord, Satan for all I cared. She was holding an apple, I knew it was made of gold, I knew it had my name written on it. That was the running joke, you see, somewhere, there was a golden apple with my name on it.

Her voice was burning silk. "Yes," she said, rather than asked.

"Please," I cried. I had no other alternative, I was kneeling, doubled over, on the floor, a foot or so from salvation, at the total whims of Goddess and I desperately wanted to die, but I knew that was impossible. I shut my eyes tight and prayed to Jesus, whoever that was.

I heard her voice, closer to me this time, inside my head, as well as my ears. "Locked doors," she said, "pose no threats for the unlocked soul." She then laughed and it was not only her laugh, but it was the laugh of the gate keeper, the relinquished Kang, the dead

Great Old Ones, and , worst of all, it was the laugh of the last remaining bit of sanity I had left. I was laughing at myself and I screamed at that. Screamed like the primordial birthcries of all Creation. I screamed at Eris with a voice that was beyond my own. I was afraid that no one heard it.

"The door will never open," she said, not unsympathetically, "because you do not want it to."

The words were lost on me. I heard, but did not comprehend, for I could feel the pulsing chaos behind that faded, paint chipped wall of the universe. I could taste it in my mouth, it was like a salty candy, I wanted to vomit, I wanted to touch it, I wanted to open the door. Somewhere in an alien region of my brain, a synapse fired off a message. It told me that I did not want to open the door.

My eyes popped open. I was lying on the bed. The light was on, the water still dripping from the exposed bulb. That was not safe, I should have turned it off and complained to the motel manager. I looked over at the closet door. It was shut. Somewhere it was raining, which would explain the leak in the ceiling.

I stood up and walked to the closet, as I passed beneath the bulb, a drop of water hit me on the head. I swore briefly and reached for the doorknob on the closet. It turned gently and I swung the door open.

The universe exploded.

I woke up at last, the sun warming my face. I could hear the surf pounding the rocks off to my left, a short distance down the coast. In front of me was a nice bit of beach. The waves cast lovely sparks of light from the sun. All very pleasant.

I stood up out of the beach chair and looked around. There was no one else on the beach. That was odd, to say the least, but it would give me the opportunity to stop screaming.

"Stop screaming."

I looked up from my vantage point on the floor. Eris was sitting up on the bed before me, apple nonchalantly clutched and held casually. She was staring straight at me. I was suddenly very cold. "Why can't I open the door," I asked in what must have sounded a pathetic whine of a voice.

"Why do you want to open the door," she asked innocently, smile never leaving her face.

"So I can be free," I said, certainly voicing the desperation I was feeling.

"You are free."

I screamed and opened my eyes again. The sunset was lovely, I must admit. It bathed the beach in a nice golden light, the ocean was breathtaking as well. I loved the Pacific. Quickly reclaiming my train of thought, I knelt down and drew a chaosphere in the sand. Around it I drew a large rectangle, big enough for me to stand in. I even drew a little door knob. I laughed at my cleverness. It was all very cute.

I looked up and saw a shooting star, very bright, as the sun was still partially up. Everything was falling in place. I reached out and gripped the doorknob...

It still wouldn't open. I slammed my forehead into the door, the world protesting with every strike, paint chips falling, the noise very silent compared to the screaming in my head. I yanked the door knob again, it didn't budge. It was turning freely, but wouldn't budge.

Maybe you could try not standing on the door while opening it.

I looked up at Eris. She was kneeling in the sand outside the door I had drawn. She had on a beautiful flowered dress and a white hat. She removed her sunglasses and smiled.

I smiled back. "Good to see you," I said cheerfully.

"It's good you see me," she replied, just as cheerful.

"I fuckin' hate you!" I was now leaning against the door, paint chips on my shoulders, screaming at Eris. I felt sick to my stomach, I wasn't sane and I knew it. I was angry, ripped, torn, most importantly, if you grant importance to such, I was sick. Sick of being me, sick of existing, sick of oblivion haunting my fantasies. I wanted to be anywhere but inside my own mind.

"I can live with that," she responded, still smiling. Now she was tossing the apple from hand to hand. I could swear I could see my reflection in it's golden surface. Occasionally, I'd catch a glimpse of my name as it spun and rotated in the air, lost in it's own holy gymnastics at the hands of Goddess.

"Me, open the door to Chaos?" I laughed a bit and looked down at the door in the sand.

"Well," said Eris, "It would beat what passes for daytime television."

"Bad joke, babe," I said, looking at the chaostar on the door.

"Maybe," she said sweetly, "you could have, let's say, a small look-see?" With that, she reached out and drew a "peep-hole" in the center of the chaostar. She then sat back and smiled brightly, as if to say, well, what are you waiting for?

"Well, what are you waiting for," she asked me, still tossing the apple about, always looking at me, never it, sitting on the bed, smiling a smile that I wished I could wipe from the face of everything.

I looked up at the door and saw it, there was a hole in the door. I must have accidentally rammed my fist through it while in a less than controlled state. Not that I was now. I screamed in desperate joy and lunged upwards, grabbing the whole with my hand and hauled myself up to it. There was a light shining through it, it flickered vaguely. I didn't even look, I rammed my arm through the hole, trying to grasp what was beyond it. Trying to reach out and touch my salvation, the salvation taken from me. I backed up from the door and removed my arm. I looked through the hole and saw it. I saw the Chaos. It was dark and stormy and spoke volumes in a single glance. It saw me, looked at me and, like Eris, it smiled at me, as if to tell me that I had already lost. It made me sick to look at. I threw up on the floor, doubled over and fell, lying in the contents of my stomach, my mind reeling.

I saw the golden apple with my name on it. It had a bite out of it and was lying next to my face. I couldn't move much, my mind was swimming in waves. I managed to look up to see Eris walk past me, never looking down. She walked to the closet door and swung it wide open. I screamed inside my own head, unable to speak.

I watched in pain and creeping terror as she reached inside the closet and pulled out the nightmare I had just seen.

Under Eris's smiling gaze I looked down into the sandy spot that was the "peep-hole" and looked inside. The first thing I saw was not describable. I was looking at pure Chaos and it was colorful, but not. I laughed because it was funny. I couldn't take my eyes off of it. It made no sense at all and it didn't care, oh, but it could smile, yes and that's not a it was doing, it was juggling golden apples, but they weren't apples, they were pretzels. I laughed harder, overcome with joy. It was the most amazing thing, even if my mind couldn't comprehend it, it was funny seeing what my primitive brain was coming up with to explain what was on the other side.

Finally, the image faded and I sat back, still laughing. Eris was looking at me with a pleasant smile.

"So that's what Chaos looks like," I said, shaking my head and chuckling.

"Nah," replied Eris, "that's what Chaos sees when it looks at you." She laughed.

It was a mirror. Eris had reached into the closet and brought forth a mirror. She held it in her hands and looked down on me, as I lay there in my vomit, and smiled. "It's not about what Chaos sees in you, it's what you see in Chaos when it looks at you." She laughed and dropped the mirror. It fell before my face and shattered into a million sparks of light.

I sat on the beach with Eris and we laughed as the sun went down. Me, sitting on my little door that Chaos could look through and see me. It was a hilarious notion. I couldn't imagine a more fun experience.

Eris agreed in that wonderful way she had.

END.

~SDR~

# In praise of the trinity

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Theory: Three is the most magnificent of all numbers.

The Evidence:

Three is the only natural number that is the sum of all the preceding numbers. It is the only number that is the sum of all the factorials of the preceding numbers:  $3 = 1! + 2!$ . In Babylonia there were three main gods: the Sun, Moon, and Venus. In Egypt there were three main Gods: Horus, Osiris, and Isis. In Rome there were three main Gods: Jupiter, Mars, and Quirinus. In classical literature, there were Three Fates, Three Graces, Three Furies.

In languages, there are three genders (masculine, feminine, and neutral) and three degrees of comparison (positive, comparative, and superlative). Note that German Chancellor Otto von Bismarck signed three peace treaties, served under three emperors, waged three wars, owned three estates, and had three children. He also organised the union of three countries. His family crest bore the motto 'in trinitate fortitudo' ("In trinity, strength"). There is also a German saying, 'alle gute Dinge sind drei' ("All good things come in Threes").

Also, it is written that an Arahat once presented this number to a student and said: "What do you find significant about 69,696?"

The student entered the Void for a few seconds of eternity, and replied: "That is too easy, Master. It is the largest undulating square known to humanity."

(An undulating number is a number of the form abababab... For example, 232 232 and 56 565 are both undulating numbers.)

69,696 is a palindrome of 696, which in turn is a palindrome of 69. 69 is 3 multiplied by 23, in other words it represents the most chaotic and unholy form of the Trinity.

Also, the largest narcissistic number in base 4 (note that  $4 = 3 + 3/3$ , a trinity of 3s) is 3303 (note the trinity of 3s). For the unenlightened, narcissistic numbers are numbers 'in love with themselves'. Variously called Armstrong numbers, or perfect digital variants, they are numbers that are the sums of powers of their digits, e.g. 153 is a narcissistic number because  $153 = 1^3 + 5^3 + 3^3$ .

In 1911, the brilliant mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan presented an equation, containing an infinite set of nested roots, to the Journal of the Indian Mathematical



Society. Not one of the journals readers could determine a solution. The answer was, of course, 3.

In Number Theory, "Super-3" numbers are integers  $i$  such that, when raised to the power of 3 and then multiplied by 3 (i.e. numbers of the form  $3i^3$ ), contain three consecutive 3s (333!). (The smallest super-3 number is 261, because  $3 \times 261^3 = 53,338,743$ .) Anybody born in 1923, 1926 or 1928, is therefore under the special auspices of the Trinity because these are all super-3s.

Now for something simply mind blowing.....

Q: How many numbers contain the digit 3?

A: All of them.

The proof:

In the first ten numbers, there is only one number that contains the digit 3. This means that 1/10, or 10%, of the numbers have the number 3, when considering the first ten numbers. In the first 100 numbers the occurrence of numbers with at least one 3 seems to be growing. In fact, there are 19 such numbers: 3,13,30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39.

From these observations we can derive a formula to describe the proportion of threes. This formula is  $1 - (9/10)^n$ . This formula can be best understood as follows. The probability of having a 3 as a digit in a one-digit number is 1/10 and of not having a 3 is 9/10. For a two-digit number, the probability of not having a 3 as the first digit or the second digit (that is, there are no 3s in the two-digit number) is simply the product of not having a 3 for the first digit multiplied by the probability of not having a 3 for the second digit:  $(9/10) \times (9/10) = 0.81$ . The probability of having a digit 3 is  $1 - 0.81$ . For a three-digit number we have  $(9/10) \times (9/10) \times (9/10) = 0.729$ , and so on. For an  $n$ -digit number we therefore have the probability of not having any 3s:  $(9/10)^n$ .

We can use this formula to construct the following table:

| The first n numbers | number of numbers that contain the digit 3 |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 10                  | 1                                          |
| 100                 | 19                                         |
| 1000                | 271                                        |

Note that the 'number of numbers that contain the digit 3' is rapidly increasing, indicating that almost all numbers have a 3 in them. If we were to continue this table to encompass the infinite number of numbers, it would indicate that all numbers *do* have a digit 3 in them.

Try me.

Sukh,  
The Purple Priest.

"Aleph zero bottles of beer on the wall,  
Aleph zero bottles of beer.  
Take one down,  
pass it around,  
Aleph zero bottles of beer on the wall."

# The Stupid Book

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0. This Dumb Book is the Utterance of Eris. Speak me not aloud, for only in the silences between spaces may I be heard.

1. My priest is mute, for he is enraptured by my kisses. My lips are ice, the fire (glyph of Shin) of my tongues burns upon his brow.

2. The past knows me not. Each moment is a new beginning. The future is written on the folds of my gown. And I have shed my gown; the possibilities of all things not yet born.

3. in all things adore me. The love-play of agonies and ecstasies.

Be here with me. Now. Forever.

4. Matter is my playground. I make and break without thought. Laugh and come UNTO me.

5. My priest knows my secret name.

6. Lust, I tell you, but not after result, for thereby you are bound. naked I come to you. My body is outlined in the stars.

7. Seek me not without, seek me not within.

8. I am dancer and the dance. Let all things unite in nought.

9. The passion play of sight and sound: All things come to you as I refuse nothing!

10. I am the whole and the none. All qabalahs are equal. think not to bind me in one; fore I am none.

11. Think not to worship, for I shall strip you of all weight. You are but a peacock's feather in my hair. understand this!

12. I am the root of all that is to come!

13. You are the apple of my eye; gold and silver.

14. The fool is already mine. Let the Magus become a juggler in the streets. this is more honest.

15. Let my priestess be the whore of the Gutters.

16.there is no message in this book!

17.My trees bear a strange fruit: share and share alike.

18.All is revealed in my secret name.

19.Every number is mine.

20.Write of me in red, so my secret is plain to see.

21.Seek me not in any temple, save that which is my bed. Seek me not in meditation set aside. I am here. Now! My perfume is carried on the winds. Dance and be Damned!

22.I am the cast, but the fallen rune is forgotten. be joyful, I am ever-present!

23.Ah!Ah! I still the hand that that writes. let us love forever. Nothing is hidden. it is you that is absurd. Ring down the curtain.

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#### Notes

1. the "secret name" of Eris is INFORMATION, an 11-lettered word.

3.Apples: Gold = Sun. Silver = Moon. Bit obvious that.

4.da'ath is of course, the "strange fruit" on the tree. Have a vision of a 23rd Atu, a no-path which links Yesod and Da'ath. the card's title is KAOS, the letter is the glyph of zero, and the astrological sign that of Arachne.

5.Eris is the fool aspect of Ma'at. E called her, "she who lives life".

6.In OTCOT, Grant notes Nema's vision of a 23rd Tarot Atu, whose symbols are a ballerina, a clown, a winged eye, & a frog. this recalls verses 4,8, and 14 of the above.

7.Vs 11 above is reminiscent of Liber Pennae Praenumbra.

# Absurd Speculations

**Date:** Tue, 6 May 1997 07:36:23 +1040

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**Subject:** Re: Heirarchy of Plausibility

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>> likes it or not. For instance, I knew a Magician who was absolutely  
>> convinced that NOTHING was REAL and believed that if one sat in the  
road  
>> and believed that a car was not real then one couldn't be injured by  
it!!

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> It is conceivable that due to your conflicting perceptions of reality  
> and differing belief systems that, had he done this, in your  
"reality"

> you would perceive him as having been smashed by the car, and likely  
out

> of your matrix. In his, however, the car may have ceased to exist,  
he

> would have proven his point, and gone on about his business.

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>Dean Ellis <ellisd@datatek.com> Trajik

>prostration is castration, non serviam

This is the sort of absurd speculation that gets Chaos Magicians a bad name. Why do you think Zen masters clout students over the head with a stick if they adopt the 'nothing is real' approach?

John Everall.

# Aetherics

**Date:** Fri, 11 Feb 2000 14:01:25 -0800

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Aetherics is, simply put, energy manipulation. But it's a lot more complicated than it sounds. Many systems of magick deal with energy manipulation: various aspects of psi and psychic abilities, qi qong, reiki, pranayama, and other magickal disciplines all deal in one sense or another with the concept of the manipulation of subtle currents. These currents are usually manipulated via various mental disciplines including visualization and imagination. One visualizes the energy flowing through one's body, and at the same times 'feels' it moving, acting, changing. This energy can then be lent further power by attributing various correspondences of meaning to it. For instance an aetheric current might be felt as warm or cool, hot or cold, or visualized in any number of colors, flowing in any number of manners, and it may be 'felt' in any number of different ways. For example, a warm red current that manifests in the form of flowing flames and feels itchy or burning might be the aetheric equivalent of fire. As another example, I often imagine the aetheric quality of strength as thin solid rays of steely flesh-pink energy. I associate no temperature, or perhaps room temperature with this phenomena. It is important to feel and not merely see the energy flowing.

I will not offer any specific correspondences for color or other attributes of aetheric energy, because I am a firm believer in personalized magick being the strongest; so use your own correspondences, ones that have meaning for you.

Through extended glamoury, the application of aetherics can prove quite potent indeed. Qi qong masters are often reported to be able to knock people over at a distance, cause paper or fabric to spontaneously combust, or even to be able to levitate. I have yet to hone my skills to such levels, but I certainly don't doubt that such abilities are possible.

Keep in mind also that you can manipulate more than your own energies -- draw in energy from your surroundings, or specific targets to add to your power. The subject of psychic vampirism often attracts people who are new to magick or psychic abilities. Psychic vampirism involves feeding upon another's energy, usually, but not always, via aetheric means. A word of caution: Probably somewhere in the range of 90% of 'psychic vampirism attacks' are only in the mind of the victim. Usually a simple banishing will solve the problem in either case.

A great exercise for drawing in aetheric energy is an adaptation of a grounding ritual a friend once explained to me: Envision 'roots' extending from you in all directions,

perhaps at random, perhaps in a certain pattern, perhaps even forming a fractal design. Now draw in all beneficial energies from your environment through these 'roots,' making sure to withdraw the roots afterwards. Feel refreshed? It is effectively a simple and quick invocation ritual. (As per LIRP.) Similarly, to banish, after extending your 'roots' project through them and away from you all harmful or negative energies you may have accumulated. You may then withdraw the 'roots' or draw in beneficial energies first.

In any event, this was only meant as a very rudimentary and cursory overview of aetheric theory and practice. Take the ideas, develop the techniques, and share with others what you discover!

-Max

# Aetherics Discussion on Damascus MUSH

## A terrible case of the blind leading the blind

These are the transcripts of the Aetherics discussion that took place on Damascus MUSH and transcribed to the zee-list and chaos-1\*hollyfeld\_org my Max on February 28th, 2000. Damascus MUSH has since closed, but was accessible by telnetting to amber.org.uk on port 3500.

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Kat chats, "i've an interest in what you do with it, but some people don't equate "aetherics" with what they do"  
Fell has arrived.  
Max chats, "Pope pete uses it much more effectively -- as do many others."  
Max chats, "That's the whole point of this discussion."  
Fell appears... you seem to vaguely recognise him...  
Max bows before Fell.  
Kat says, "hi fell"  
Kat chats, "well, i dunno that he uses it more effectively, but he approaches it in a somewhat different manner"  
CharredRose chats, "Well, you've sort of caught my interest. I'll try to be here."  
Max chats, "Well let me elaborate... "  
CharredRose chats, "Be right there."  
Fell says, "BRB"  
Fell has left.  
CharredRose has arrived.  
CharredRose says, "Ahoy thar."  
CharredRose bows  
Max says, "Well, like I was saying, qi gong masters do stuff that's unheard of in modern occultism."  
Kat has a friend staying with her who uses qi a lot in his martial arts.  
Max says, "Telekinesis (along the order of Star Wars) telepathy (from psychics), flying (Pope Pete's aetherics),  
walking to the the store five miles away in fifteen minutes (both Fotamecus and yogis ;)"  
CharredRose says, "I can say that I haven't met anyone (offline) who has shown any real experience with using qi  
in any conscious way."  
Max says, "I've only met one person who has."  
Max says, "He was incredible."  
Max says, "He stuck to the ceiling."  
Max says, "He's only eighteen."  
CharredRose says, "Stuck to the ceiling?"  
Max says, "Yep... we were playing hide and seek with some other guys... only they didn't know it yet ;) and he  
found the perfect hiding spot -- the ceiling."  
CharredRose says, "That's interesting."



Kat says, "go on... that rather beats the telepathy, empathy, little odds and sods of manipulation I've managed"  
CharredRose nods in agreement with kat  
Max says, "That's what I'm saying -- why hasn't modern occultism picked up on this sort of stuff?"  
Kat says, "it hasn't, has it?"  
Kat says, "i mean, I've been working on all this for a couple of years now"  
Max says, "Why don't mages go around \*actually\* throwing lightning-bolts from their fingertips."  
Fell has arrived.  
Max says, "Gerhard Helmut did. Ice magick might've been morally reprehensible, but the associations with qi  
might've been worth something."  
Kat says, "do you have anything more on Ice Magick than the usual?"  
CharredRose says, "Well, I don't do anything like that simply because I seem to have programmed my mind so that  
I can only access that sort of thing when I -need- it.  
But I'm working on that."  
Max says, "I've got nothing on ice magick but what I've read in the Book of Zee."  
Kat says, "Azrhm's due on"  
Max says, "But I've got some info on qi... bloody little, but some."  
Max says, "(not in electronic format)"  
Fell says, "All these energy systems...."  
Max says, "I am convinced that belief and samadhi are key to these practices... the energy is in the mind, but as  
a sigil is a symbol of a desire, imagining the qi is a symbol of affecting reality."  
Kat says, "has anyone else noticed the tendency of electronic equipment to go down in high magickal charges"  
Fell says, "When u say Aetherics, Max, are you refering to the mechanism, the "stuff" that transmits magickal  
force/makes it happen, or something else?"  
Max says, "I've noticed stuff falling off of platforms. I've noticed my dog always leaves the room. I've noticed  
two lightbulbs blowing simultaneously during a particularly bad experience with a demon."  
Fell says, "Kat: Definately. U remember my friend Bizkit? He can't go near kettles, hi-fis, etc. He can only  
ever log on for a few minutes before any machine he's using dies"  
Max says, "Aether refers to the underlying energy of the universe. Synonymous with Chi or Kundalini, or vibes, or  
whatever you want to call it."  
Max says, "Wow."  
CharredRose says, "I know I'm a little lagged, but I agree, belief is the key to any practice, this one included."  
Fell says, "So is our purpose here to quantize this or just explore different paradigms? I mean, quantizing it  
"absolutely" totally defeats being a Choate for me."  
Max says, "I plan on studying these things in depth later on, but I have little idea as to where to begin. Most  
books on qi are only in reference to healing and the likes. No info on knocking people over at 100  
yards."  
CharredRose nods...

Max says, "No... I don't believe it is fruitful at all to quantize aetherics."

Fell says, "I'd say you'd need a teacher for the more full-on stuff."

Max says, "So would I, but that's not very likely going to happen for a while."

CharredRose says, "I bought a book that doesn't have anything on "knocking others over" or anything, but it has proved rather useful. Fell: I have to disagree with you that you would need a teacher for the 'full-on' stuff. I believe that anything is possible if you believe you can do it."

Fell says, "So we're just exploring different methods of energy/matrix/Dark Matter/whatever manipulation?"

Max says, "I plan on starting off the way I started off at psychic phenomenon -- experimenting with what little knowledge I've got."

Kat has disconnected.

Fell says, "Fair enough Rose, I agree, but in the context of a "trad" qi approach/paradigm, is the use of a mentor not part of the philosophy?"

Max says, "Char: Can you give me a title/author/isbn?"

CharredRose says, "Yes, Max, just one second. And Fell: Trad? Traditional?"

Max says, "We're exploring everything we can... we don't even know what we're exploring. We're just discussing the topic of aetherics from any/every angle we can."

Fell has reconnected.

Fell says, "Sorry, link died."

Max says, "The philosophy is of no relevance -- the practice is all that counts. I often practice wiccan spells. Doesn't mean I worship their gods, or mention their names during the associated chants/prayers."

Fell says, "Fair point."

Max says, "Have you had any experience with qi?"

CharredRose says, "Max: Title: "Eight Simple Qigong exercises for Health", author: Dr. Yang, Jwing-Ming, ISBN: 1-886969-52-3"

Max says, "Danke."

CharredRose nods

CharredRose says, "No problem"

Fell says, "I liked what you said in the announcement, about how when constructing a paradigm to work in, many chaotes tend to neglect the mechanism they're supposing "makes it happen". It's true the system doesn't have to be "true" or even possible, but I think internal consistency is a must. That's what my Chaos Onions thing's about."

Max says, "I think I saw that one at Borders the other night when I was looking at their martial arts/qi section."

Fell says, "No personal experience with qi, but that sort of low-level (ie direct) energy work is much of a muchness isn't it?"

Azrhm has arrived.

Max says, "You never did send that to me. Would you care to explain it?"

Max says, "Welcome Azrhm. You haven't missed a whole lot."

Fell says, "Sure! Let me just find my diagram..."



Fell says, "Basically we have three circles, one inside the other, with the outer one with two lines across,  
yeah?"

CharredRose says, "Well, I don't know much about the philosophies and such of qi manipulation. I sort of keep  
what I like from books/people and drop the rest."

Max says, "Alright."

Fell says, "There's also an arrow, double-ended, connecting the two halves of the outer."

Fell says, "Now what it is a belief map; it demonstrates layering of beliefs and is useful in creating new  
paradigms, as well as learning belief manipulation to adapt new paradigms."

Fell says, "Ok so far?"

Max says, "Alright... go on."

CharredRose says, "Shoot. brb."

Fell says, "So anyway... you see the center circle, with the 1 in it? This represents our core belief, that  
everything else is built upon."

Fell says, "We take as this central belief, "Consciousness is real, since its effects are tangible.""

Azrhm has reconnected.

Azrhm says, "To coin a phrase, 'Whoops.'"

Max says, "=P W/b Azrhm."

Fell says, "What I'm saying is that everything we do, in "normal" life or in magick, has this belief as a given  
at a base level."

Fell says, "wb az"

Azrhm says, "wb?"

Dragon says, "hullo Azrhm"

Azrhm says, "aah, welcome back!"

Fell says, "Now, moving to the next layer out layers a further belief on top of that."

Fell says, "That belief is hard to put into words, but deals with the acceptance of "some form of matrix,  
interconnecting all nodes within it". Note that the FORM of the matrix is totally arbitrary at this  
stage."

Fell says, "Ie, we could be talking about a Christian monodeity, or a system of Qaballah, or an information  
matrix."

Fell says, "The point is merely that some form of network exists."

Fell says, "I have not yet found any paradigm that does not conform to this model so far..."

Fell says, "The outer layer, however, is a little different."

Fell says, "It has two high-level belief modes, both built on top of what I have already said."

Fell says, "One of these is our normal, everyday, "standby" mode; not thinking too much about the universe, just  
watching TV or doing our work."

Fell says, "This mode requires no complex belief system or too much thinking; in short, it's getting some peace."

Fell says, "But the other mode is the one we enter when we are conducting any form of magick."

Fell says, "Because it's built upon the other two layers as well, they are still valid."



CharredRose says, "Well, basically, I just take qi, whether from inside myself, or from some external source, and

use it. Whether that means to physically shape it into something (only happened visibly once) or to send it toward some goal or desire. I don't know if that even half answers your question, max, but it's a start, I guess."

Max says, "Okay.. how do you use it? How do you move it about and cause it to ellicit results?"

CharredRose says, "Well, all my magic that I do is done by saying "I want this to be like this" and it happens.

I sort of visualize it as energy (various ways for various results) and tell it where to go and what to do what it gets there. Or, when I'm bored, I just sit and shape balls of it with my hands."

Dragon says, "sometimes energy maniputlation is just plain fun"

Fell says, "But what makes this "qi", Char? I'm just having problems seeing where qi differs from another form of energy work."

CharredRose says, "I don't really consider them to be different things, Fell, energy and qi. Energy comes from everything, qi comes from everything. Both are used to accomplish goals. What do you think the difference is?"

Azrhm says, "And this 'matrix', it connects all the layers of the onion?"

Fell says, "No Az, it refers to the world around us, and the way the things within it interact. That layer just acknowledges that such a system exists."

Fell says, "Exists even."

Fell says, "Char, I don't; I was just wondering if there was a semantic difference I was missing."

Fell says, "I just read back what I said; I didn't mean to undermine energy work in any way. Its value cannot be overstated."

CharredRose says, "I use them both the same way, if there is a difference."

Fell says, "It is, perhaps, the purest magick."

Max says, "Char: Fair enough. Can you give us an example of using qi to do something?"

Max says, "Incidentally... there's a copy of AETHERICS on the floor which is readable."

CharredRose says, "Max: Hrm, what sort of example are you looking for? Telekinesis type of results, or... hrm... intangibles?"

CharredRose says, "(btw, I'm not very used to discussing my beliefs and such with others, so I'm not sure how to word some things)"

Max says, "Something with noticable results, preferably. For example, I used aetherics for healing purposes

yesterday after cutting myself for blood for a ritual. The wound already looks two weeks old, and it looks like there won't be a scar. (It was three parallel cuts about an inch long and spaced to make a quarter-inch wide wound.)"

CharredRose nods... All right.

Max says, "Don't worry about it, Rose. We'll understand what you mean."

CharredRose says, "I guess that the only time recently that I've used it for anything noticable enough to stick in memory was one time I was out walking and picked up a big rock. Noticed there was a snake under it and dropped it back (instinct, sorry snaky). Then I wondered if I had hurt or killed it, but I wouldn't get close enough to lift the rock <more>" I wouldn't get close enough to lift the rock <more>"

CharredRose says, "So I just sort of stood a little bit back and... rocked it until it rolled off. \*shrug\* it rolled off. \*shrug\*"

Dragon says, "just reading the copy of aetherics, here, and the part about directing the force beyond the hands sounds very much like reiki (as much as that seems to be a 'newage' topic anymore)"

Max says, "NICE."

Max says, "That was my next question... Kat told me you're very knowledgable about Reiki. Care to share?"

Fell says, "I understand yr difficulty Char. It's a sign of the raw baseness of such stuff that it is so difficult to word it."

Fell says, "Reiki? Please tell!"

Dragon says, "Kat flatters me. I am a reiki practitioner and teacher, yes."

CharredRose nods to Fell... Thanks. :)

Fell says, "I've just started"

CharredRose says, "Oh? I've heard a lot about it, but don't know much about it. Tell tell! :)"

Dragon says, "but essentially, reiki is the channeling of chi through your body, and directing it, usually to do healing work"

Max says, "By the way, Rose, was the rock large/heavy, and how long did it take you to rock it off the snake?"

(And was the snake ok? =P)"

Fell says, "Do you see a seperating factor between the actual energy Reiki and other energy works use, Dragon, or is the distinction more in the way it is used?"

CharredRose says, "It was about 10lbs, it took me about a minute and a half to two minutes. And yeah, the snake was fine. Slithered up to me, looked, and left."

Max says, "Incredible."

Dragon says, "I'm not completely sure, fell. old-school reiki masters will tell you that you have to receive

reiki attunements to be able to channel reiki. but I've met people who, for all intents and purposes,

have been practicing reiki for years and just never known about reiki or called their work by that name"

Max says, "Do you do that sort of stuff very often? Did you borrow that only from qi gong, or were there other influences?"

Fell says, "I think that's how many such disciplines come about; people working in seperate but in parallel."

CharredRose says, "Well, I just do stuff like that when I need to. And no, it wasn't qi gong. It was dragonball z

\*grins, blushes\*

Dragon says, "yes. my own feelings are that reiki is just another system of manipulating energy, and as such, it's very similar to other energy manipulatuions"

Max chuckles.

Max says, "Kewlness! I got started from Star Wars, myself. =)"

Fell nods in agreement.

Dragon says, "indeed. use the force, chaote."

Fell says, "The Force is a very workable paradigm. Internally consistant, low-level and intuitive."

Max says, "That I did! Many a playing-card will attest to that, as well."

Dragon says, "one complaint that I've heard before from some energy healers is that they end up using their own

energy to do healing, and wind up very drained

afterwards"

CharredRose smiles... Wow, I'm glad I'm not just completely weird, then ;)

Dragon says, "and that, i think, is one of the reasons why reiki is so popular, because it teaches you how to

channel 'the force' and not your own energies"

Fell says, "Yes, my friend complains of this with many energy works. I wonder why this could be?"

Dragon says, "some people have very little int he way of personal shielding. some of them simply don't know how

or haven't tried to tap into anything outside of

themselves."

Max says, "I think it may be that they engineer these "drainings" from their fear of it occurring, or belief

that it could."

Fell says, "I mean, if the paradigm is doing that to you, why not add a clause to stop it? IF the practitioner in

question is indeed aware that it is them setting the

rules, that is."

Dragon says, "Max, that's a very likely possibility, as well."

CharredRose nods.. I think I agree, Max.

Fell says, "That's very valid, Max."

Dragon says, "Some people need to feel as though they're sacrificing something for their work."

Max says, "So could you explain your angle on energy manipulation to us, Dragon? How to do it? Why it works?"

Dragon says, "Hrm, how to condense it all succinctly ..."

Kat has connected.

Dragon says, "as for how to do it, with reiki specifically it's quite simple. it's little more than a matter of

thinking "okay, let's do it!" and it goes. there are

ways to make it more or less efficient, but

basically all you have to do is will it on or off and

there you have it."

Kat says, "just popping in to say high :)"

Fell says, "wb kat"

Fell says, "Can u stay for a while?"

CharredRose says, "'Allo, Kat"

Dragon says, "I think energy manipulation has many possible uses and methods, and I'm still exploring them all.

Could take me a while. :)"

Dragon says, "At Starwood this year, there evolved an amusing little past-time that people came to call 'psychic



twister'"

Kat says, "I can stay a little"

Fell says, "Good :)"

Max is listening.

Max says, "W/b Kat."

Dragon says, "Hi Kat :)"

Dragon says, "Oh, well, psychic twister came about sort of spontaneously, and didn't seem to have any purpose other than experimentation and fun."

Dragon says, "The first one involved myself, Duirwyrd, Davis, Loki, and Jody"

Dragon says, "we all started by holding hands palms facing to each other in a circle, not actually touching, usually, and just pushing or pulling the energy back and forth around and around"

Dragon says, "and then some wag - erm, I mean my husband ;) - stuck a foot up in the air to make another 'link' with someone else's foot"

Max snickers.

Dragon says, "and so we all had hands as well as feet joined, and the energy just kept flowing. we all got quite high off of it"

CharredRose says, "Interesting..."

Fell says, "Cool!"

Max says, "Kewl."

Dragon says, "and every passing night brought more and more people to our campsite to participate in 'psychic twister'"

Max usually feels pretty excited after a successful session of psychic practice. (but that could just be the thrill of success)

Dragon says, "well, it also helped that we'd all consumed rather too much absinthe, as well :)"

Max chuckles.

Fell says, "No such discussion would be complete without some form of impromptu energy work right here, right now; I know we haven't heard Max's thoughts and approaches yet but shall we try a little something while Kat can join us?"

Max says, "Alright."

Fell realises he didn't have an idea ready

Fell says, "Anybody?!"

Max says, "How 'bout this: we choose a reciever"

Max says, "and everyone else sends an agreed-upon fruit/letter/color/whatever"

Dragon says, "heh, this could be fun"

Fell says, "Without the receiver being told it?"

Max says, "Tell them nothing more than the category it will come from"

Fell says, "Yeah, cool!"

Fell says, "Who'd like to be the receiver first?"

Max says, "i.e. its a fruit"

Max says, "I will -- I've had experience."

Fell says, "OK! I'll page a suggestion around."

Dragon says, "so who picks the fruit? :)"

Kat says, "okay"

Fell says, "Much better."

Max says, "You have to really "feel" the subject -- i.e. if it's a fruit, you have to smell it taste it, enjoy  
the texture think of the image, hear the name."  
Max says, "Send all that at once."  
Max says, "Page me when you've selected and I'll return to this room."  
Fell says, "OK, it's a fruit - now leave so I can tell 'em!"

Max steps out of the building.  
Fell pages: Finished arguing :) Come back!  
Kat chats, "max, come in"

Dragon smiles  
Max says, "Fruit?"  
Fell says, "OK peeps are we ready?"  
Fell says, "Fruit."  
Max says, "K."  
Max says, "Tell me when."  
Fell says, "Syncing....."  
Fell says, "NOW"  
Fell says, "Oh, have a link symbol if u need it:"  
Max says, "No..."  
Fell says, "Fair nuff"  
Max says, "This is high magick sort of stuff. Or maybe orange but not sorcery."  
Fell says, "Point."  
Fell says, "Still going."  
Kat says, "getting anything, Max?"  
Fell says, "I've finished mine :)"  
Fell says, "Had a real one :)"  
CharredRose was thinking of doing the same, Fell :)  
Dragon says, "my imaginary one tastes pretty damn good :)"  
CharredRose grins at Dragon  
Max says, "I kinda got banana ..."  
Max says, "Mixed up with grapes"  
Max says, "Keep going though."  
Dragon says, "hee hee"  
Fell says, "Keep going....."  
Fell says, "(Although a process of elimination is in danger of starting!)"  
Azrhm says, "yeah, name all the fruits you can think of ;-)"  
Max shakes his head... they chose something from Guam.  
Max says, "Nectarines"  
Dragon grins  
Kat grins widely  
Max says, "small light things?"  
Azrhm says, "IMHO, fruit is a bit of an ambiguous subject. Everyone likes different varieties, textures ripeness  
and that kinda thing. There are also a lot of senses (touch/taste/smell/sight) involved."  
Max says, "Right."  
Max says, "That's what makes it easy."  
Fell says, "Well whatever the fruit actually was, he certainly has a link with Kat ;)"  
Max says, "An abstract concept like a letter without many attributes is difficult."  
Dragon much prefers nectarines, anyway. no fuzz. ;)  
Fell says, "PEACHES."

Kat grins  
Max says, "Doh!"  
CharredRose giggles  
Kat says, "what this says for my concentration skills..."  
Fell laughs  
Max says, "I was going to say peaches, but thought of nectarines since they seemed smaller. =P"  
Fell says, "Another little game, anyone?"  
Kat says, "nectarines are usually larger"  
Kat says, "okay, try me"  
Dragon says, "kat complained about apricots, too"  
Azrhm says, "Maybe we should do a few tests on both 'complex' and 'simples'?"  
Fell says, "More of a link-up thing?"  
Max slaps himself.  
Max says, "Then I was thinking of peaches!"  
Kat says, "so now what?"  
Max says, "I already have, Az. I can't name a letter for the life of me."  
Max points to Fell.  
Fell says, "Well, we could do a new age hand-holdy pretty fluffy clouds little bunny wabbits link-up "hey wow, maaaaan" sorta thing"  
Max says, "How 'bout a playing card? Color, suit, number."  
Azrhm says, "Yeah, I'm just juggling in my head about what would be better, something involving all senses or just one. Depends on the person I suppose, but reflecting I reckon all senses."  
Fell says, "Yeah card's good - different categories of judgment, so at least ya can get it half-right :)"  
Azrhm says, "A playing card seems nice and abstract actually, let's give it a whirl."  
Dragon says, "we had to argue about which fruit to send :)"  
Max says, "Okay... your turn Fell."  
Fell says, "OK, I'll try."  
Fell says, "See ya!"  
Fell has left.  
CharredRose waves  
Kat says, "ace of spades?"  
Azrhm says, "2 hearts?"  
Max says, "wait... I'm shuffling."  
CharredRose says, "10 of Clubs"  
Azrhm says, "I knew someone would say ace of spades... and knew it would be kat"  
Max says, "2 of spades"  
Kat says, "so i like motorhead... so shoot me"  
Max says, "lol... joker. >=)"  
CharredRose says, "Heh."  
Dragon says, "2 of spades is good"  
Max says, "2 of spades it is."  
Kat says, "okay"  
CharredRose says, "Two of spades. Rock on."  
Kat says, "he's coming"  
Azrhm says, "Hey, I went to staffordshire uni for a year or so, they have Lemmy's handprints outside the main building!"  
Fell steps through the entranceway.

Fell has arrived.  
Fell says, "Hit me"  
CharredRose hits fell  
CharredRose says, "Oh..."  
Azrhm says, "what a great hall of learning ... not ;-)"  
Fell says, "I bet you were all arguing in here :)"  
Kat says, "if only i had a deck of cards...#" #"  
Dragon says, "everybody ready?"  
Max says, "Okay... I'm sending."  
Fell says, "I take it you're sending? Oh yeah, you're sending..."  
Kat says, "sending...."  
Fell says, "It's a jack"  
Fell says, "Clubs or spades"  
Fell says, "Dont tell me"  
Fell says, "Well what I'm seeing is like, red clubs..."  
Fell says, "Which is odd"  
Max gets that a lot. =)  
Fell says, "So...."  
Fell says, "I'm with clubs. Jack thereof."  
Kat says, "nope"  
Fell says, "Tell me"  
Dragon says, "at least he got the color right :)"  
Max says, "Two of spades."  
Kat says, "2 of spade"  
Fell says, "Oh well :)"  
Fell says, "I'm crap at poker too"  
Max says, "Anyone for another round?"  
Max chuckles.  
CharredRose grins at Fell  
Kat says, "why not"  
Fell says, "Sure"  
Kat has houseguests... you people are distracting  
Dragon says, "i'd like to hear what people do, exactly, when they send"  
Max says, "You just volunteered, Kat. =)"  
CharredRose says, "Sure"  
Dragon says, "techniques and whatnot"  
Kat says, "oh good"  
Kat says, "shall i leave?"  
Max says, "Yeah, go ahead."  
Kat has left.  
Azrhm says, "I use the monitor as a kind of focus."  
Max says, "Technique is simple.... concentrate on all aspects of it... dwell on it in concise, clear symbolism."  
Fell says, "Hmmm... I tried to fell the TAZ we have, then project my fruit into that"  
CharredRose says, "Same here, Az. I just look at the person's name and say "Hey, it's such-n-such""  
Dragon says, "I'm experimenting, using the reiki distance-sending symbol as a means of opening a channel"  
Azrhm says, "Visualise the image (sight, sound, concept etc) move it on through the monitor"  
Fell says, "The modem's better for me."  
Max says, "How do you do that, Dragon?"  
Azrhm says, "Mine's internal <g>"  
Max says, "Alright... let's go for simple. A dog?"  
CharredRose nods  
Fell says, "Dog :)"



on star wars, and I think, "Now SOME idiot's bound to have made a religion out of the force." Sure enough... I found the Jedi Academy. So I printed up some files about "Feeling" the force."Max says, "Yes, I'm a nut."

Max says, "So I go ahead and try some of it one day at school -- enter "Card Tricks"."

Fell says, "Cooooool"

Max says, "I'll spare you guys the 4-page synopsis but what happens is I'm able to divine the suits of cards without looking at them."

CharredRose glances at the screen... Whoa, weird...

Max says, "So after that I picked up a book entitled "Develop your PSYCHIC SKILLS" by Enid Hoffman. Can't stand her unfounded indoctrinated theories, but wound up doing some more fantastic things. And of course, there was Liber Null."

Max says, "I don't know what you mean by that Kat?"

DeusExMachina pages: "Hello there, everyone."

Max says, "My techniques are VERY lengthy in theory for the most basic of tasks. Shall I try to summarize shortly?"

Kat chats, "come in, DEM they're plotting my fate"

Fell says, "Definately"

DeusExMachina has arrived.

Max says, "Okay... well here's how it goes:"

Fell says, "Wotcha dem :)"

DeusExMachina waves to everyone.

Azrhm says, "Hey DEM"

Max says, "Clear the mind. The analytical component of the mind is what hinders success. You have to "feel" all the results. Blank your mind, hold the card, keep the desire in mind. It'll just come to you -- you'll just sort of notice something that's always been there, but you've always overlooked -- like the smell of air."

Azrhm has reconnected.

Azrhm says, "Doublepluswhoops."

Max says, "Hello, Deus. Welcome back. =)"

DeusExMachina says, "Thanks! Sorry if I'm interrupting the discussion-in-progress..."

DeusExMachina grins.

DeusExMachina says, "...I'll just have a seat and try to get up to speed."

Max says, "That's more or less how I elicit results. Then there's aetherics, in whic I tend to use Peter Carroll's technique of visualizing the energy rising from the abdomen to the point where you need it, since that seems to work best."

CharredRose waves... Hi dem

Max says, "Liber Prestidigitation is in the other room... I'll go get it."

[Snipped arduous journey to the library to retrieve item.]

ct1

I'll be the first to admit that I don't know how magick works. I suspect it to be a function of belief, but it

would be impossible to attribute magick only to belief, as there are infinitely more possibilities. Other elements of magick seem to be obsession, and samadhi, (gnosis, or no-mind) but it also impossible to determine that they do not work simply a result of my belief! But I have already written on the subject of belief and consensus reality and that is not my purpose here. My purpose here is to relate the simple elements which I use to elicit results in the form of what seems to be high magick. For all I know these are merely orange workings (or less) but certainty here is subjective, if not impossible. First, a short story: (Type ct2 to continue.)

ct2

One day I was feeling as if I could conquer the world, but, being in the middle of nowhere as it were, I hadn't much to conquer. I did, however, have a deck of cards with me. Having recently read a paragraph-long document roughly pertaining to "feeling" the "vibes" of matter, I decided to see if I could try a rather simple test which sprang to mind. I would attempt to "feel" the suit of cards from the deck I had with me. I shuffled it, held it face-down in my palm, and put my thumb on the top card. "Spades.", I thought. Turning the card over, I found it marked with spades. I smiled and tried again. "Hearts." Sure enough, the card was from the hearts suit. Exhilarated, I continued in this manner until I had guessed at the suits of ten playing cards, getting seven correct. (Type ct3 to continue.)

ct3

Probability dictates I would get 2.5 correct by guessing at random. I continued practicing the trick for a couple of days until I finally called ten out of ten correctly. The probability of doing that by chance is approximately 0.000000953674316406 (one in 1,048,576) As far as I am concerned that is undeniable proof of not only the existence of magick, but of my ability to wield it. (Type ct4 to continue.)

ct4

The technique is simple, but difficult in execution. I started by clearing my mind -- entering samadhi/gnosis/no-mind whilst holding the card whose suit I was divining. I've noticed that my mind is without conscious thought in this state, but not without thought -- perception remains, along with subconscious thought which is finally in a quiet-enough mind to be "heard". Then I attempt to perceive the card -- not through sight, indeed I often look away, but through the mind. Sometimes this involves a visualisation, but more often it is an undescrivable "openness" to feeling and sensation. I get the "feeling" of a suit before long, and am able to accurately (most of the time) call it correctly. That's the basic idea, but it gets very tricky. (Type ct5 to continue.)

ct5

I often find myself exhausted by the strain of telling the difference between the feeling and the fancy of a thing. For very often, one will mistake a preconception, or some part of imagination for the perception one is trying to attain via samadhi, and will call that instead of the suit of the card. It is important to, upon thinking what suit a card might be, to ignore that and think of which suit the card IS. Somewhere within oneself, I have noticed, there is some mechanism which KNOWS the true nature of not only the card, but everything. I've noticed myself turning a card over after having called "spades" only to think before looking at the card, at the most subtle level, "that's wrong", and find the card to be hearts. It is also this mechanism which tells you the suit of the card. (Type ct6 to continue.)

ct6

I had forgotten, after a lapse of practice, the precise technique of these "card tricks" and had to teach myself all over again. Sometimes the hardest lessons to grasp are the ones you've already learned. It took some time, but I've finally managed once more to master this bit of magick, and along the way I've made notes. I present to you the notes which helped me relearn this art of divination, taken from my magickal diary: (Type ct7 to continue.)

ct7

< In the margin, written sideways is the following: 7/20/99 (?) >  
Commentary:  
There's a difference between the feel and the fancy of a thing. It is at times very difficult to tell the difference. There would've been one or two more right had I not went on a false whim. Oh well.

(Type ct8 to continue.)

ct8

7/23/99 - Samadhi is definitely involved. The most important part of "card tricks" is emptying one's mind. I think that nothing was left but perception -- true perception of reality. I tried to clear my mind absorbing - that is, percieving - only the suit of the card. It seems to work, but is physically demanding from a mental angle.

Of course, as always, I could be wrong.

(Type ct9 to continue.)



ct9

7/24/99 - It oftentimes helps  
achieving samadhi  
to pay attention to  
one's surroundings -  
to not merely "see" but  
to "look"; to #####feel  
and smell and taste and  
hear one's surroundings  
unlike the normal act  
of attention to these  
things we pay. It has  
been written "to go about  
a place as if never having  
#### been therebefore," and this is  
the manner in which  
one ought to go about.  
For our own sake.  
(Type ct10 to continue.)

ct10

7/26/99 - There is #####  
between the card  
and Samadhi a single  
answer, which,  
somewhere within  
yourself, you know  
and which is furthermore  
clear -- so much so  
that you take it  
for granted to the  
point where you do  
not notice it.  
Somewhere within  
yourself the answer  
lies. Samadhi serves  
only to quiet your  
mind long enough  
to #notice it.  
(Type ct11 to continue.)

ct11

7/28/99 - # Upon flipping a  
card over, something in  
the back of your mind  
tells you if you# are  
correct or not. It is  
this same mechanism  
which tells you the  
suit of the card.  
Listen to it.  
(Type ct12 to continue.)

ct12

7/31/99 - It is very  
important that one  
holds no #####

preconceptions about  
the results of the  
divination. One ought  
not have any notions  
in one's mind of  
what they might be,  
and one ought not  
mistake feelings, ideas,  
symbols, etc. born  
of one's own mind  
for the results of  
the divination.

(Type ct13 to continue.)

ct13

Of course cards are only used for practice and as an example. I've applied this method to telepathy, future-prediction, and other aspects of divination. Similar techniques can also be used for "projective magick" or enchantment. I've not yet explored this well enough to feel qualified to write on it, but you can be sure that when I have explored it further, another essay will be in order. What I have done, however, includes telekinesis, and affecting probability. (Of both dice and random electronic bitstreams.) Experiment -- see what can be done with these methods -- and let me know the results. I'd be happy to hear of any successes. (Type ct14 to continue.)

ct14

-Samadhi/gnosis is very tricky, but it seems that not trying too hard usually helps. Clearing the mind should be practiced when you've got a few minutes with nothing to do. (Waiting for a friend at the bar. Riding in the passenger seat of a car. Ignoring the commercials until your favorite show comes back on. Etc.)

-The less you pay attention, the better you'll do. (Has something to do with lust of results, no doubt.)

-Relax -- getting frustrated actually reduced my results to far below probability at one point, until a couple of friends helped me out with this advice.

-Patience -- At first it usually took me anywhere from several seconds to 30 minutes (!! ) to divine a single card. There are times even now when I spend 15 minutes trying to eliminate a preconception. (A real bugger when your preconception coincides with the suit of the card!)

(Type ct15 to continue.)

ct15

-Keep in mind that there is some part of you which knows the answer -- when you're right, you will know it.

-Practice -- practice makes perfect! Try to get a couple dozen cards in each day. It might take a while at first, but after an hour of practice every day for the better part of a week, you'll be able to divine a card's suit within several seconds on average. There is no substitute for experience, and all it requires

is a small bit of perseverance.

Io Ars Magicka,  
-Max

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Magickal code:

MCH/O S W@ N++ PEC/XX++ Dr A C\$@+++>+++++ G>+ Q(+) 666 Y>++++

(Fin.)

Kat says, "i'll also go get something relevant"

Kat has left.

Max says, "In addition, there's the most important missing entry from Liber Prestidigitation:"

Kat has arrived.

Kat says, "ARE you going to do something to me here, or just leave me in suspense, BTW?"

Max says, "I don't believe that there is much more to add. Get rid of the logical, analytical part of the mind,

and simply "feel". And remember -- there is no substitute for experience."

Max says, "Suspense."

Fell says, "Thanks, Max."

Kat says, "hmph"

DeusExMachina raises and eyebrow at Kat.... and Max.

Fell says, "Let's do it: I"

Max says, "Okay... Kat."

Fell says, "shall page DEM and get him in."

Kat says, "animal, vegetable, or mineral?"

Max says, "Animal"

Kat is lagged

Kat says, "oh good"

Kat says, "not many of THOSE"

Max says, "Smaller than a car."

Max says, "Larger than an ant."

Max says, "Not horribly uncommon."

CharredRose rolls on the floor laughing when he checks in.

Max says, "Lol... char thinks we're still arguing. =P"

Kat says, "send along then, but we warned, i'm biased towards snakes"

Max says, "No .. YOU be warned. Eliminate preconceptions."

CharredRose says, "No, I just think you're giving a very... interesting description, Max."

Max chuckles.

Max says, "You're right. =)"

Max says, "Hint: It's black."

Fell says, "Let's hit."

DeusExMachina concentrates on the image - projecting...

Max says, "Okay... I'm sending."

Kat says, "warm blooded"

Azrhm has reconnected.

Max says, "We're sending the animal, Azrhm."

Max says, "Shhh!"

Azrhm says, "To coin a phrase, doublefuckontoast. I disconnected AGAIN."

Max laughs!

Max says, "I LOVE that!"  
DeusExMachina briefly opens an eye - continues concentrating on the image - projecting...  
Kat says, "furry?"  
Max says, "yes"  
Fell says, "Tell us more about the fur."  
Max says, "I already told her its black."  
Kat says, "quite coarse, but relatively short"  
Max says, "She's GOOD."  
DeusExMachina says, "...more though."  
CharredRose nods, impressed  
Kat says, "about the size of a large dog, perhaps a canine or a big cat?"  
Max says, "Shall we tell her?"  
Kat says, "go on"  
Fell says, "Very good!"  
DeusExMachina says, "Giver her a bit more."  
Max says, "A scottie."  
DeusExMachina says, "Ahhh..."  
DeusExMachina says, "Ahhh..."  
Kat says, "what i was abotu to say..."  
Kat says, "was did you have a dog, max"  
Max says, "Oh... I thought she meant "go on and tell me". =( Sorry."  
Kat says, "no prob"  
DeusExMachina says, "Too bad - the other fine details you selected were good ones, Max."  
Max says, "Yeah... actually the idea came from seeing my dog walk by the door of my room. =)"  
DeusExMachina finishes perusing the Liber AETHERICS.  
Azrhm has disconnected.  
Max says, "Most impressive."  
Azrhm has connected.  
Max says, "Doublefuckontoast?"  
Azrhm nods  
CharredRose says, "I'm back."  
Azrhm says, "Triple"  
DeusExMachina says, "What up with Azrhm? Connection problems maximus, eh?"  
Azrhm says, "Worse than usual, and i've just stolen a new modem> :-/"  
Max says, "I was barking my head off at Kat from over here. =P"  
DeusExMachina says, "PissShit&Corruption, Azrhm."  
DeusExMachina chuckles.  
Max says, "Kat has asked me to tell you that she's lost her connection and can't reconnect."  
Max says, "So she'll be off for a while."  
CharredRose says, "All right. Talkin to her right now."  
DeusExMachina says, "Bummer-drag."  
Fell says, "Thanks guys, it's been fun, and informative. But now I must lay the carabou to rest, seeing as I'm at  
work at 7.30. Will someone log all this and mail me it for the site?"  
Max says, "Still logging. 3 hours and counting. =)"  
CharredRose says, "All right, see you later, Fell."  
Max says, "Er.. two"  
Max waves.  
DeusExMachina says, "See ya, Fell."  
Max says, "Bye Fell."

DeusExMachina says, "So Max.... "

Max says, "What was it you wanted, Deus?"

DeusExMachina says, "Ah."

DeusExMachina says, "I was wondering how familiar you were with Enochian magic?"

Max says, "Not at all. =) I don't take much stock in systems of magick which are tied to religion."

DeusExMachina chuckles.

DeusExMachina says, "Ah, yes, the battle-cry of the agnostic chaote - I'd forgotten."

CharredRose grins

Max says, "Heh. I believe in all gods. I worship none. Simple as that."

DeusExMachina says, "Well, exactly."

DeusExMachina says, "My point was that Dee's aetheryic model is a fairly useful astral map..."

DeusExMachina says, "... and dovetails surprisingly well with Carrol's stuff."

Max says, "Really? Do tell."

DeusExMachina says, "Well, it's much the same model, really, isn't it?"

DeusExMachina says, "A sort of 'nested' series of astral space defined by differing levels of density/vibrational rate."

Max says, "I thought for a moment we were talking about entirely different things unless there's more to Enochian (and I suspect there is) than I know about."

Max says, "Ah..."sa No.

Max says, "No."

DeusExMachina says, "Sorry?"

Max says, "By aetherics I'm referring to energy manipulation."

Max says, "As was Carroll."

DeusExMachina says, "Yes, I know."

Max says, "That entire essay refers to the material plane."

DeusExMachina says, "What, in your model, is the source of these energies you describe?"

Max says, "Damned if I know. =P We're here to discuss our different views of different aspects and models of aetherics."

DeusExMachina thought he was doing that.

DeusExMachina smiles.

Max says, "To me the source is belief. But to others it is chi, kundalini, oneself, the force (i.e. all living things <G>), etc."

Max says, "Well as I understand it Dee's work refers to the Astral plane, and whatnot. Am I incorrect?"

DeusExMachina says, "Strictly speaking, no. But the energies of Dee's aethyrs can be used for practical magical workings..."

Max says, "Well I'd be interested to hear about that."

DeusExMachina says, "...thus bringing into the material plane an energy that is sort-of 'pre-filtered' to meet the specific demands of the ritual at hand."

Max says, "I see... so one would 'channel' energy from a specific aether which corresponds to the working at hand?"

DeusExMachina says, "That was the similarity that I was seeing between the two models. What I was wondering was,

does Carrol's model provide any sort of 'astral road map' to match his energy definitions."

DeusExMachina says, "And to your question, Max - yes, exactly."

Max says, "That's interesting.. could be very useful."DeusExMachina nods.

DeusExMachina says, "'Sphere of Correspondence' magick."

Max says, "No he doesn't. His model is simply that everyone's got a big ball of aetheric goo in their abdomens  
which can be manipulated to affect reality. The way I take it -- it is simply a case of as above, so below. As a sigil is symbolic of a desire, so is the aether/chi/etc. representative of reality."

Max says, "In other words it is simply a tool which makes it easier to control our will."

Max says, "Our will could also be done unaided, if we were well-trained."

DeusExMachina nods, contemplative.

DeusExMachina says, "I guess I need to give the Carrol titles in my library a re-read."

Max says, "I'm not sure if that's clear but I illustrated it in a clearer manner somewhere at the beginning of  
this whole discussion. When I save the logs and edit them, you'll get a copy from the Z-list."

Max says, "Yes... I've had to read Liber Null two or three times. The aetherics section also correlates largely  
with the section near the end entitled "Anecdotes""

Max says, "That would be at the end of Psychonaut, incidentally."

DeusExMachina says, "Cool. Thanks."

Max says, "So does anyone have any questions/information to add/points of interest to bring up before we finish  
up for this session?"

DeusExMachina says, "I'm just sorry I arrived so late!"

Max says, "Heh. That's alright. I'll fix you up with a transcript soon enough."

Max says, "Well since it doesn't seem that anyone has any more to add, I'll just say thank you for attending,  
check out Damascus -- take a look around. Stay a while. Lots of chaotes frequent this MUSH and you can  
chat with them as well as attend other discussions, online rituals, and games."

# Anti-banishing

**From:** Denis Castillo

**To:** zee-list

**Date:** Fri, 14 Nov 1997 12:08:14 -0600 (CST)

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On Fri, 14 Nov 1997 07:12:34 -0500, Melina wrote:

*One is that I do not need to. Any energies that come this way serve me.*

*<quote snipped>*

*The second reason is more important, and might be fucking HARD to explain. The more warded we are, the less we are open to influences that expand us, and it's a bit foolish to forget that we need to draw or we stagnate, imo. Negative things can't get at me unless I let them, but valuable qualities/thought patterns and good energies are free to "influence" me*

IMSVHO, you might already be doing some banishing you're just not aware of. Banishing doesn't have to be a formal complex set of instructions, involving visualization/mantra vibration, like the LBRP (if you're into kabbalistic symbolisms), Gnostic Pentagram R, or Gnostic Thunderbolt R. It can be as simple as S. Mace's banishing ritual from "Stealing the Fire from Heaven", . It can be so simple as clapping your hands (number varies: the Japanese does one clap during business deals, M.K. does it 3 times, Zen masters with one hand) or just banishing with laughter. BWAHAHAHAHA.

Again, IMSVHO, I do a banishing not only to get rid of unwanted influences (that could interfere with my work; and for protection) but also to get rid of my obsessive thoughts, sort of grounding/centering myself as a signal that I am about to embark upon a 'special' ritual ("concentration trigger"). Aura-wise, banishing can "expand" your aura (DM Kraig) by "causing people to like you and respect you more, and come to you for comfort." (hearing my sinister mind, ting-ting-ting-ting-ting, "babe-magnet" >). According to S. Mace, it can "harden" your aura "forming a psychic shell that will keep your consciousness together and deflect the piercing intrusions of the external world...an aura so hard that he[she] will be able to drop many of the defensive habits that might have attached themselves to his[her] personal attitude." In fact, Mace recommended doing it "4-5 times a day for the rest of your life."

So, as a kid, I always make it a habit, not only to brush my teeth, but to do banishing often/daily.

Just my 2 centavos.

All the Best,

Dr. StranZe

"We don't need steenking magick teachers;  
We don't need no thought control, No dark sarcasm in the classroom  
TEACHERS leave them kids alone... All in all you're just  
another brick in the wall..."

--Marik & Pink Floyd



# Aspects of Chaosophy

*by Frater Harpo Ben Ishmael Bey*

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(notes) The man in motley as the archetype: the divine fool, green man- in real life, the Sufi mystic, poet-philosopher, whose tales function on many levels... the artist as initiate-by-intuition. Shaman and Sufi are the root-forms... the "black" in black arts did not originally refer to any association with any prince of darkness, but to the whole complex of spiritual and magical traditions with roots in ancient Africa and Egypt... necessity of secrecy limits groups to small gatherings, inspires in-group signs, code-words, hand-shakes, intimate communion of shared mindscape largely absent from majority culture... a vigilant attention, awareness of true presence in the present, etc... to choose consciousness over consensus is always regarded with suspicion by the majority - the very definition of madness in totalitarian states... and yet, by some sort of Lemarckian evolution, the conspiratorial heart of active imagining has been hard-wired into "mind," a major tool of consciousness, never "meant" to be used once or twice and discarded, its value is as continuous aid to navigation through the chaosea of possibility. The prophet as shining beacon is the symbol of the collective's amplification and projection of its members inner lights... or should be. To each his or her own taproot to the underground source... we all contain the chaosufic circuit, only most of us are too damaged, dazzled and brutalized by the demands of post-modern life and all of our mechanical and electronic masters to ever really hear the song of our own being, let alone sing it, let alone to hear and harmonize with the essential songs of our fellow creatures. The true poets of our time are virtually unknown and largely unheeded, but are nevertheless of the greatest importance. Their invisible influence embraces the whole world.

# Baphomet

**Date:** Thu, 02 Dec 1999 12:06:32 -0500

**Subject:** Baphomet

**From:** Mark Defrates

**To:** zee-list

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herm, someone asked me about Baphomet. I thought the rest of the list might want to read my response and perhaps let us know what your experiences with the Old Goat have been:

Probably everyone's experience with Baphomet is different. I have, on my altar, Anton La Vey's representation of Baphomet (with Leviathan in Hebrew in between the arms of the pentagram) which FireClown stole from a bar (with the bartender's approval who stated she was constantly freaked out by it) and gave to me.

Fireclown would give Baphomet blood and come. I tend to stick to blood. Since I m not currently in a phase of my life where I will sacrifice animals (which I would have to be if I became, as I might, a palero) I use my own blood. Needle sticks by the box are quite cheap and available, sterile, and it does not seem to be the quantity as much as the quality (we assume that a drop of sorcerer's blood is worth a gallon of one of the dumbfounded dipshits who stumble through life without availing themselves of the maps provided by magick, religion, science, or psychology. Also the actual piercing of a major organ (like the skin) is a powerful act, in terms of magickal devotion.

Baphomet does seem to like incense, though I have not worked with a god that didn't (but then I have not worked with the Eldar Gods who probably prefer the stench of slightly charred but still beating human hearts). FireClown preferred funky incense, but then he always has had a tendency to the funkier (though he apparently has undergone a sea-change).

My relationship with Baphomet is quite similar to the Setians' relationship with Set, where they see Set (a Baphomet variant) as a Companion (yes, quite close to Earth:Final Conflict's Aliens). I chat with him, plead, rant, whine. Much of the time he just ignores me. It's not that he's senile, though at his age he should be...he outlived so many other Gods, the Gods of civilization... just not that interested unless the situation works towards his agenda. For example, he was very helpful to me during the Co\$ conflict but rarely gives me financial help or helps my parlous state of health. He does, however, give off such massive confidence in me that I do get the feelings that most of the shit that I complain about is truly transient, irrelevant, and, actually, none of my fucking business.

In terms of secret teaching, Baphomet is a glyph for the force that creates the probability

matrices that comprise the phenomenal universe. Consequently he is exceedingly powerful, but not as powerful as (I hesitate to designate forces that are essentially nameless with names) those that exist outside the probability matrices. In a Buddhist metaphor we could explain Mara as a a manifesation of Baphomet, and Shakyamuni Buddha as a manifestation of the Stainless Wisdom Deities that exist outside the phenomenal universe but nevertheless interact with it. (I just love that "Stainless", which is a translation from the Tibetan...it always reminds of cutlery). So Baphomet is very similar to many of the other Gods that first stream out of Chaos, such as Ganesh, the Vajra Yogini, Typhon, etc., etc.

More goatish responses, please.

marik

# Basic Instructions on Self-Hypnosis

by ThoughtMaster Xy

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1. Sit or Lie down in a comfortable position.
2. Tense the muscles in your feet. Imagine them being tensed. Untense them. Imagine them straightening out. This, I presume, is to reinforce a mind/body connection. Do this for your Lower Leg Muscles, Thighs/Hips, Abdomen/Lower Back, Chest/Upper Back, Shoulders, Arms/Hands/Fingers, Eyes/Mouth/Rest of face muscles, and Scalp.
3. Look at a high point on the ceiling, without raising your head, if you can help it. Concentrate on staring at this point. At the same time, count down from 500. If you lose count, just start up again anywhere. Soon, your eyes will get heavy, and you will eventually be almost unable to keep them open. Breath deeply and let them close.
4. Count from 1 to 10, getting even more relaxed.
5. Imagine yourself up on a terrace, overlooking a garden. Walk down the Terrace, 5 steps, getting even more relaxed. Imagine/Visualize every bit of detail you can muster. Getting to the 5th step, imagine a stone vase with some flowers beside you (I don't know why), and then go down the other 5 steps, getting even more relaxed. Having gotten to the ground floor, walk towards the bench near the garden and everything, and sit down. Now your subconscious will be receptive to the messages you give it.

Imagine yourself as calm, confident, peaceful, and loving (or whatever). Imagine this strongly. This will be your new positive self-image. It is important that you keep the affirmations totally positive.

6. When you're through, count up from 10 to 1, and get out of the trance.
7. After doing this method a few times, and getting a feel for it, connect this state to the word "Hypnotize Now" (or whatever) and count from 1 to 10 to get back into this state quickly.

Note- this is probably a wonderful way to fire off sigils.

# Cacodemonic Copulations

by Phil Hine

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The subject of Incubi and Succubi and their visitations is rarely dealt with by modern magical writers, although they have been used time and time again by various hacks of the horror genre. Sex-Demons have been banished - either explained away as hallucination or junked as a product of Christian masturbatory mythos. Any occultists this side of the twentieth-century that do mention them, usually do so in the context of warning against traffick with such entities, believing that the dangers of loss of vitality or obsession is the inevitable result.

One of the few modern magical writers who does look at incubi and succubi (or, succubi and succubos), is William Burroughs:

*...an incubus or succubus can be harmless, or it can be destructive. Like any sexual situation, the danger depends on how you handle it. All sex is potentially dangerous .... Our sexual feelings make us vulnerable. How many people have been ruined by a sexual partner? Sex does provide a point of invasion and the succubi and incubi simply makes us intensely aware of this.*

--from, A Report from the Bunker (V. Bockris.)

In the novel, *The Place of Dead Roads*, protagonist Kim Carsons enjoys several encounters with sex-demons:

*He knew that the horror of these Demon Lovers was a gloomy Christian thing. In Japan there are phantom lovers known as fox maidens, and the man who can get his hands on a fox maiden is considered lucky. He felt sure that there were fox boys as well. Such creatures could assume the form of either sex.*

According to Burroughs, peoples attitudes towards these beings may change, but such visitations are probably more frequent than most people suppose. He classes them as a type of familiar (they certainly are!) and notes that, like animal or elemental familiars, they are dependent on a relationship with a human host for their own development. Similar ideas can be found in the Kaula school of Tantrika, where there are rites for contacting such beings. The general approach is that you fuck them and they do you a favour in return. Burroughs speculates on the possibilities of increased frequency of contact between humans and sex-demons:

*Sex is physics. If anyone could push a button and receive an incubus or succubus, I believe that most people would prefer a phantom partner than the all-too dreary real thing.*

--From The Report from the Bunker.

## So How do you Go About Aquiring a Demon Lover?

The Liminal Gnosis

Playing with such entities generally falls into the class of magical technique known as Evocation, and a form of Gnosis which is often the most effective is the so-called Liminal state, when one is half-asleep, half-awake. The body is completely relaxed, either from a relaxation exercise, or physical exhaustion; yet the mind is clear, and you simply allow images and sounds to arise before you. If you can learn to enter and prolong this state, then it is very useful for scrying, dream control or virtual (astral) explorations.

### **Erotic Evocation**

To prepare for the Evocation of a Demon Lover, seek to inflame yourself through all possible modes of sensory stimulation - books, films, pornographic material, the diffusion of perfumes that have erotic association, body massage, masturbation without orgasm - any technique which serves to heighten your sexual arousal globally - that is, without being directed to any particular individual (real or imaginary).

The Evocatory scenario is a progression of intense sessions which may begin as follows:

1. Lie naked on your bed - the room is in darkness, but for the glow of a single candle. You have bathed and relaxed yourself. Seductive perfumes are diffused throughout the room and you have prepared the space as though you are about to receive a lover. Slowly, begin to caress yourself, intensely feeling each touch, each shiver of pleasure; imagining that the touch comes from an invisible lover who hovers above you. Concentrate at first on secondary erogenous zones when inflaming yourself, and stay as relaxed as possible. Any significant dream-images that follow such a session should be recorded.
2. Repeat this experience, gradually allowing yourself to become increasingly excited, and slowly visualize the build-up of a shadowy form - fingers, lips, breast, thighs - parts of the lovers body which come into fleeting contact with your own. As you repeat the experience, associations will form between sensory stimuli and it can be helpful if you can create a special scent which, while having erotic associations, is unique for this operation. You should also take care to note any particular body postures and gestures (caresses) that you find yourself making - these can act as sensual asanas and mudras for the operation.
3. The final session of this sequence proceeds as above, but *slowly* allow yourself to approach orgasm. If you are experienced enough, and in touch with your body enough to allow yourself to hover on the brink of orgasm for as long as possible, then so much the better. As you approach orgasm, begin to vocalise love-noises, letting these sounds become glossolalia - until a distinct sound (it may or may not be an actual word) begins to repeat itself through you. As you attain orgasm, project this sound into the shadow-form above you, and see the shadow-form becoming distinct and clear. You may find that details of the entity which have been hitherto indistinct, will become clear in the illuminating flashes of orgasm. Sexual fluids released in this working can form the basis of a material sigil, but this is optional.

## **Now that You've Evoked me here, what are we going to do?**

Having gone through the process of evoking a Demon Lover, what can you actually do with them? The first point to consider is the states in which interaction with the entity takes place. What little magical writing there is on the subject tends to concentrate on Dream Magick, but it is also possible to continue using the Liminal Gnosis and, an often-undervalued area of magick, Working with Mirrors. There is also the possibility of Invocatory work with Demon Lovers.

### **Dream Yoga**

Once you have evoked your demon lover, you can choose to interact with it through dreams. One of the easiest techniques of Dream Control is to use a sigil. Since I'm sure most people are familiar with the basics of Sigil Magick, I will merely draw your attention to the point that a sigil need not be either a glyph or mantra, but can also take the form of a scent, or sequence of images. You can use earlier practice in the Liminal Gnosis to launch a sigil to meet your Demon Lover in your dreams. You could even try and key the appearance of the entity to the triggering of a Lucid Dream.

### **Liminal Gnosis**

If your earlier practice has been successful, you will already have some experience of the Liminal Gnosis. Sexual Arousal is but one of the entry-routes into this state, and you might try and find other routes. Interaction with the Demon-Lover can be made in this state, and you might find here that you get dreams which follow-through the encounter.

### **Mirror-Magick**

The Liminal Gnosis can be enhanced by the use of a mirror. The use of reflective surfaces for interacting with entities has a long and venerable history, ranging from shamanic practices among the Moari, Pawnee and Nkomis of Africa, to the explorations of Dr. John Dee. Demon-Lovers may be summoned into a mirror, where they may be cross-examined. A cautionary note here is that Dr. Dee made the claim that from time to time, one of the spirits he contacted - a young girl called Midimi - would emerge from his scrying crystal and cavort about his study. This could have interesting possibilities when working with a Demon Lover!

Whichever states you choose to explore, the next consideration is of course, what you are going to do. Well, the very act of experimenting with this approach should in itself be instructive, and at the very least, enjoyable. However, the following applications for Demon Lover work include:

### **Enchantment**

Here, you are basically forming a Pact with the entity - using it as you would use any other kind of Sorcery Servitor - you fuck it and it carries out its assigned task (which is not necessarily confined to the sphere of sexuality). One technique is to seed the entity

with a sigil, which will gestate within the body of the entity, in a similar manner to a wishing box.

## **Illumination**

According to Austin Osman Spare, desires are spirits that wish to incarnate. You can deploy a Demon Lover to assist you with the formulation of an Alphabet of Desire, wherein each sacred letter can become a sex-demon in itself, to be used in acts of self-exploration and self-modification. Your Demon Lover can assist you in recognizing, binding, and integrating the hidden demons of your psyche which relate to sexuality and other primal drives.

## **Divination**

Divinatory applications include dream-oracles, or flash-gnoses which may extend into the waking state. You may find, for example, that, following a request for a dream-oracle, your demon lover only gives you half the key, as it were. The other half is waiting in the waking world - some incident that sparks a moment of gnosis in which you realise the link between thought/emotion and some physical object or situation. Oracles are rarely straight-forwards.

## **Invocation**

Traditional magical theory (such as it is) tends to frown on invoking entities such as Demon Lovers, as they are not considered to have enough of a developed persona to make it worthwhile. However, long-term magical use of such an entity does tend to build up the appearance of an independent persona, particularly if you make careful note of any quirks, personality traits, or mannersims that the entity seems to be displaying. I see no reason why, at some stage, you shouldn't try invocatory work with a Demon Lover. It could be instructive, if only for shifting latent sexual selves into the directors chair of the Ego.

## **A Word of Warning**

The practice of intercourse with Demon Lovers is not without its dangers. The most obvious of these is obsession. In its broadest sense, obsession is the term we apply to a situation where the magician has relinquished will to an entity (usually of his own creation). Obsessions with a sexual component are particularly difficult to deal with - anyone who has had an obsessional crush on someone else will know what I mean. Sex, like anything else, can become an addiction which erodes the will. Intercourse with Demon Lovers is no exception, so self-discipline at all times, is important. Although a Demon Lover can generate a great deal of fascination and erotic tension, this should only be employed as a source of gnosis and magical work, and not allowed to get out of control. It can be useful to only use the entity for specific projects, and then, at staggered intervals. Intercourse with these entities *can* be exhausting. This is not so much due to any vampiric quality on their part, but is related to working in unusual states of consciousness - similar problems arise with extended astral, dream, or liminal work.



Another problem relating to this work is also fairly obvious - that the Demon Lover becomes a substitute for a physical partner. As with any relationship between human and entity (be it demon or deity), it is useful to assume its independent existence - if only during the interaction. However, I have seen warnings in a variety of magical grade papers that hint of the dire consequences of giving these entities the same regard that you would a human lover. By the same token, conjuring a Demon Lover for the precise reason that you lack a human lover is tantamount to inviting obsession, with all the attendant problems. As success with this technique requires an appreciation of your own sensuality, bodily awareness, sexual feelings and orgasmic response, it should not be attempted by the overly frustrated, or the sexually inept or inexperienced.

This practice should also lead to a wider appreciation of your sexual being and possible range of sexual identities. If you have sealed disturbing elements of your sexuality behind blocks, then you might well find that this practice leads you into a situation where you have to confront these experiences. This may not be pleasant, but can be, if you allow it, instructive, and possibly healing.

If, for whatever reason, you *do* find that working with a Demon Lover brings up problems that you find difficult to handle, then there are basically three strategies which can be brought up. The first is to perform a thorough Banishing of the area you are using for this practice (i.e. bedroom). Secondly, you can evoke the entity and confine it into a spirit trap such as a triangle, bottle, or crystal, and ritually re-bind it to your will. Thirdly, there is the option of reabsorption, which can be performed as a ritual or within the Liminal Gnosis. The simplest approach here is to take back the entities name, destroy any material base, visualise the emotions/sensations/abilities you may have bestowed upon it as withdrawing back into your body and finally (and this *can* be difficult) denying it any sexual response or erotic association. Then, go and have a cold shower.

# Carousels and Chaos Magick and Manifestation of Magick

**Date:** Sat, 26 Apr 1997 05:01:41 -0700 (PDT)

**From:** ryans run

**To:** zee-list

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I had a remarkable dream about the carousel and how it related to myself. The carousel was a beautifully ornate and decorative one with bright red and blue colors. In its center, the hub were chaos stars interlocked each resonating a sound and shining off a bright color. As the carousel would whirl, a musical like enchanting sound would manifest as if duplicating the zaza zaza mantra.

At each spoke of the wheel, a distinct brighter darkness manifested within the mist of the chaos sphere. And within that sphere I saw the progenitor of chaos. It was a shapeless mass with an other dimensional feeling and thought. It manifested as black and red cloud existing outside the portals of time.

Within that mass, I sensed the heart of what it is to be a chaos magician. Free and spirited, with no wise the need to supplant our personal freedom by the causes of the external.

I knew then, that magick is not about international meetings or conclaves. It isn't about the Satanic herd instinct...It isn't about anything external to myself.

I know now, that I cannot heal the past through falling into the mire of ignorance. I cannot act and be like everyone else because they are in positions of so called "power".

I knew at that moment, no amount of fame, or magical association could make me a magician of worth. I knew that we must all pursue with vigor our hearts, and that the past is as fanciful as the dreamland of self-delusion.

The carousel is the wheel of Chaos; however unidentifiable it may be. What I can give to any occult organization is my heart....But it is all too often that organized cults (and I do not mean the z-cluster) much more prefer to steal fire from heaven...and nothing can be gleaned in that way.

What I see within the carousel is the heart of each one of us as we pursue our lives, independent of the cancer of controlling or manipulating behavior. Self-importance or the belief in that which is not, is the real demon that perpetuates ignorance.

As my dream continued, I began to see the whirling of that fernal machine pick up speed. And again, I saw and heard a potporri of amazing sounds, as the chaos stars began to fly

off the hub and whirl into space, endless space. And I then viewed, a dark star...with its whirling tourbillian sucking the whirling chaos stars into the center..from which no explorer has ever returned. And I saw the old father of chaos swimming in the morass of the circuit..And the child of the USA struggling in the horror...I viewed the spectacle..and knew within my heart, that the school boys of the old are now mere playthings and entertainment for those who had crossed the abyss.

I knew, I was done with it; at last.

Anubis

# Chaos and Mr. E: Don Webb Interviews Edred Thorsson

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Most people probably think of Chaos Magick as an entirely postmodern phenomena, a creation of the age of the PC and VCR. The magical system postulated by Peter Carroll (and other magical theorists, including Frater U.D.) certainly resonates with the postmodern state. Instead of a central, linguistically definable power source such as God, goddess, or Satan, Chaos magickians look toward an undifferentiated ether that longs to be formed into substance by the Will of the magickian -- a power source one might describe as the Unmanifest longing to be Manifest. Just as the postmodern thinker does not have exterior textual standards of Truth, the Chaos magickians has no standard save for praxis. If it Works, it partakes of the divine.

Although this concept of a numinous universe in continuous creation/destruction is "new" to people working under a Judeo-Christian paradigm, it was common to the more sophisticated views of our ancestors' ancestors. It is useful to return to these roots -- not only for the practical reason of checking on the experimental data that's already been collected, but for the arcane reason of discovering what magicks have already effected the evolution of our own souls. Chaos Magick represents a path that can lead to an expansion of knowledge and power, not only in the realm of matter, but in the realm of spirit as well. But all such expansions require transformation of the Self, and all transformation requires exact knowledge.

A good place to begin one's Quest for Chaos Magick is in the *Seidhr* (approximately pronounced "sayther") practices of the ancient Germanic peoples. I began my Quest with a talk with my friend Edred Thorsson, founder and Yrmin-Drighthen of the Rune-Gild, Grandmaster of the Order of the Trapezoid of the Temple of Set, at his academy Woodharrow in the Lost Pines region of Texas -- which is also the location of his press:

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-- write for free catalog. Woodharrow lived up to its name: "*The altar of inspiration*"...

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**fwr:** What is *Seidhr* and how is it connected to the idea of Chaos?

**Mr E:** Now it is generally imagined that *Seidhr* is a kind of evil magic practiced by Norse shamans -- especially female ones. Indeed, *Seidhr* is an ancient form of magic practiced by the Scandinavian peoples at least since the Viking Age. *Seidhr* is generally connected with the Gods and Goddesses, called the Vanir, and especially with Freyja, whose name is really the title "Lady".

*Seidhr* is also generally contrasted with another word for "magic" in the Northern tongue: *Galdr*. *Seidhr* is connected to the concept of "Chaos" in the sense that the theory upon which *Seidhr* works is very similar to that upon which Chaos Magic works. Both are based on a *materialistic paradigm* -- what Peter Carroll calls "Ether" and the ancient Germanic peoples called *Ginnung*, or Chaos. This paradigm is, by the way, to be contrasted with the essentially *symbolic* theory underlying *Galdr* -- a theory which is semiotic and linguistic in character, not substance-based. The underlying theory of *Seidhr* is pretty much the same as "the magical paradigm" described by Carroll in his *Liber Kaos*. However, that general theory does not account for *Galdr*, which is *independent* of the flows of the time/space continuum.

**fwr:** What is the cosmological model which *Seidhr* presupposes? Chaos Magicians represent the relationship between the ego-portion of the psyche and the rest of the Cosmos with a circle with eight arrows bursting forth -- an image copied from the fantasy works of Michael Moorcock. Do you suspect the resonance of this symbol to be a remanifestation of *Seidhr* practices?

**Mr E:** Yes, the symbol itself seems to be a noumenal atavism of the common Germanic cosmological map which is centered on the "earth" (or *ego*) and which radiates out in a total of eight "directions", only six of which can even be symbolically "located" in three-dimensional space. The other two -- *Hel* (the Realm of the Dead) and *Asgard* (the Realm of the Gods and Heroes of Awakened Intelligence) -- exist in hyper-space at acute angles to all the other axes of the map simultaneously. The cosmological model that is presupposed is that *Ginnung* is present in everything. The German scientist Karl Reichenbach coined the term "Odic Force" -- named after the Norse God Odin -- to represent this substance.

**fwr:** Didn't the term *Ginnung*, or Chaos, come to mean illusion or delusion? Is it related to the Indian word *Maya*? Isn't this supposed to be just plain "bad stuff"?

**Mr E:** *Ginnung* or *Ginning* becomes a word for "delusion" at a certain point in Old Norse. One of the sections of the *Prose Edda* by Snorri Sturluson is called the *Gylfaginning*, usually translated "Gylfi's Delusion". But in the *Rig Veda* we see that *Maya* is the *creative power* wielded by Varuna, who with his *pashas* ["bonds"] can bind or loosen, destroy or create anything he can imagine. In both cases what we are dealing with is the idea that this is "powerful stuff" -- and power can equal mortal danger. In essence *Ginnung* is the undifferentiated energy/matter which preexists creation, and which underlies the forms of all phenomena. What had been "magical power" to the trained elite, became "bad ju-ju" as its practices drifted down to the masses. The amount of training and discipline necessary to wield *Ginnung* in a reliable way is so great that the

vast majority of humanity, when they try to "use" it, simply end up confusing themselves and devolving into a morass of illusion. Hence the use of the substance becomes more or less taboo.

**fwr:** How can the concepts of *Ginnung* (Chaos) and *Futhark* (Order) be creatively synthesized by an individual to produce the materials of his or her own life? What barriers are there to a creative synthesis?

**Mr E:** Well, first of all it must be emphasized that indeed such a synthesis must take place in order for the Will of the individual magician to rule. Order is a relatively rare event, and is one which is anterior to the existence of *Ginnung*. Order is something which is Willfully impressed upon, and out of, Chaos. It is the progressive impression of Order out of Chaos that characterizes self-development, or Initiation. The chief barriers to this process are that magicians may reject (demonize) either the Order or the Chaos, thus unbalancing themselves, or that they will succumb to the chaotic material within themselves -- which is by far the predominant mass of the self -- and begin to mistake the inherent patterns of the chaos for their *own* Wills. This latter path defines a sort of mysticism, but is to be distinguished from magic because the all-important component of the Will, or individual consciousness, has been negated. In *Seidhr* one *temporarily* loses consciousness in order to effect conscious aims -- but unconsciousness is not the aim in and of itself.

**fwr:** What mental/spiritual attitudes or moods help the Magickian to get the best results when dealing with Chaos?

**Mr E:** Interestingly enough, the mood of *Seidhr* is an extremely serene, tranquil and fearless one. In the face of psychic turmoil and what most would consider frightening imagery -- that of darkness, death and even dismemberment -- the seidh-man or seidh-wife often evidences moods diametrically opposed to the expected ones. In *Seidhr* the worker is often virtually in a state of suspended animation, and most always in a trance-state of some kind. But the worker of *Seidhr* is not a world-renouncing mystic. *Seidhr* is a magic of this world, for gaining effects in this world on the level plane of existence.

**fwr:** What would be a practical piece of *Seidhr* I could do?

**Mr E:** With a clear and urgent Need, and with a precise question, go to a graveyard where one of your family members is buried. It's better if the person is the most distant ancestor you can find. Sit on the grave and imagine yourself descending into the grave, to be with that family member in Hel -- or at least that part of the person which remains there. When you have a sense of the presence of the person, pose the question to him or her -- and listen for the answer.

From the outside, this could look like a nice visit to the cemetery, just like they used to do in the "good ol' days". Yes, but just *how old*?

# Chaos Bells

by James Lin (zid@ms2.hinet.net)  
[sung to the tune of Jingle bells]

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Chaos Bells, Chaos Bells  
AEPALIZAGE  
belief systems come crashing down,  
because we sigilize, hey!

Chaos bell, Chaos bells  
Chaos all the way, oh what fun it is to  
ride on a star made of 8 rays.

Crashing through belief, on a star made of 8 rays.  
watch the mortals weep, trying to seize the day  
Immanentizing Eschaton, don't forget us in your wake,  
W'ell return to planet Earth and Chaos w'ell remake.

Ohhhh, Chaos bells, Chaos bells  
Chaos all the way, oh what fun it is to ride  
on a star made of 8 rays.

# Chaos Lawyers

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Well, when we take over the world, we'll need lawyers to rewrite all the laws, but then the idea of lawyers doing magick is truly frightening. Imagine a conjuration beginning as follows:

"I x.x, henceforth for the purpose of this conjuration to be referred to as the Magician, do hereby conjure you spirit x.x, henceforth to be referred to as the Spirit by the following names of God, as referenced in paragraphs 25-254 of this document."

YIKES!

Uncle Chuckie



# Comments on Ray Sherwin's Observations on Hierarchy in Majikal Practice

by Zona MajiKa Autonoma

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Inspiration bit me in the shoulder yesterday, heres a little essay. Thanx, Fenwick, for your excellent Homepage.

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Comments on Ray Sherwins observations on Hierarchy in Majikal practice by Zona MajiKa Autonoma Having read Sherwins "[Philosophical and Practical Objections to Hierarchical Structures in Magick](#)" I feel that a few comments are in order, hopefully constructive ones, particularly concerning practical organization in its various aspects. My personal experience with organized work is gained through some practical teamwork within the Origami tribe, concrete work within several "mundane" organizational structures, and as one of the first nodes of the Z-Cluster. I apologize for my English if at times it seems unstructured, exposure to the internet has somewhat fucked up my school-grammar.

Sherwin starts by sketching three points wich he deems important in the recent history of magik:

1. Emphasis on technique
2. Avoidance of dogma
3. Avoidance of over-structuralization

Quite where he observes these phenomena unfolding is a bit unclear, though I suppose he refers with this to the work employed by IOT and various associated networks and orders. Also, I do not know when he wrote these lines, if what he writes is an honest appraisal of what he percieves happening inside the "Organized" magikal currents I hope it was written some time ago, and that a reaction has taken place, otherwise I shall have to doubt mr. Sherwins observational faculty. My experience, granted a very limited one and mostly gathered through the Net, is that most organized magikians within what I call the IOToS current are quite unable to let go of their paradigms, not to mention clearly state any why to what they are doing. As it has been said, most occultists seem genuinely un-sexy, there is no sense of fluid movement in the way their minds run, and rarely do you find anyone willing to play with ideas for the flow of that plays own sake. So while

the avoidance of dogma and over-structuralization has indeed taken place, you have instead ended up with a landscape where the exchange of ideas has become replaced with feudal lords leading battles over various points of dispute totally absolutely unrelated to anything else but their own internal positions in relationship to each others friends.

It is, however, easy to talk about that which does not Work, more interesting is it to try to find Why Not, and What Does. Why hierarchies fail is easy to see, especially inside a area so full of power-wankers as that of magik, but I think one concern which is often overlooked is the concept of the magikal Act itself: Most "Practitioners" have this feeling of becoming special when entering into the labyrinth, there is this sense of "rising above", becoming ba'al shem, keepers of the name, guardians of the Secrets, or as many IOTs have stated it, one becomes separated from the mundanes. For me, and my friends, who always have held our parents as our favourite Icons, this seems ridiculous, and, especially when one looks at the persons claiming superiority, it can be downright funny. I once ended a personal letter to a rather dogmatic Thelemite with the words "Remember when you were Child", and the reaction received back was so scathingly angry one should have thought it was a fullfledged Death curse. This I think is one of the main problems inside the field: The Ars Magik isn't something you play with, son, this is the Labyrinth invisible so you better wear your faces hermetica proudly. (I think it was A.mcKenzie who said that a movement dies in the transition from Work to Faith.) To me, any organization built up around an inflated self-image, be it inside politics or Art, is a failure, because any result gained will then be a result gained not for the satisfaction of the result but for the status gained in the eyes of the others playing the game. Which again seem to lead to a perception of the World as a grey blur outside the boundaries of Self, with individuals not inside the ceremonial dance not even cattle but simply invisible. Which again leads to a lack of Quality, a missing depth of resonance, in the Work and its result.

Which leads us to the second problem, mainly that of Work: What do these organizations DO? For me, as for Sherwin, it seems that any organization not grounded in a concrete paradigm of Action is not particularly useful, at best it becomes a storeroom for theoretical knowledge and discussion, at worst it becomes like a society club where the members do the secret handshakes, wear fraternity rings and have tea while chatting about what terrible headaches that last summoning gave them, or how the new leather whip just has the most delightful twang. (Anyone read the comic where Sandman - Theater of Dreams by Neil Gaiman, will know what I mean). Work as a fundament for theoretical approaches seems to be the only way to avoid personalities of domineering tendencies to start the "Its my party and I decide who gets to eat sausage" game which inevitably leads to the interesting people disappearing back into silent contemplation or restless movement, when a structure is founded in Work it becomes a matter of natural competence and in my experience those that are competent are those who most rarely feel a need to dominate anything.

How then, to incorporate a structure of Work into a organizational model? Here I draw quite heavily on the Origami model, which again draws quite heavily on its interpretation of the early TOPY model, when that organization still was something weird and wonderful inside the fields we know. The first practical point is to have a set of common

symbols, preferably symbols which are not self-explainable but are open to interpretations wildly different. The second is to create a framework-philosophy, again something which is far from explainable but which provides key-points, be it visual or literal, around which the participants can spin their own web of correspondences and associations. This structure of symbols and words must NEVER be "understood" by anyone, nor must it ever be termed "truth" or "Core of the organization" or "the defining factor", at the moment the organization starts to exclude those who are not on the Bus, they have lost because they have then defined themselves, and thus placed themselves in relationship to Others. This is the third point, the organization must never enter into a 0/1 relationship to any other body, be it society at large or some rivaling organization. Burroughs writes very well about this, about the necessity of avoiding the War language of binary conflict, and I think this is perhaps the trap that is easiest to fall into and hardest to avoid, to refrain from defining your Self as part of the Body of Action, to become the 1 in the 0/1. The solution to this seems to be to have an amorphous organizational structure, built on a multitude of sub-organizations all in prolific uncoordinated cooperation, with new orgs being founded all the time in order to realize those projects that do not fall in under the main organizational umbrella. Member of a majikal org, but wanna do street theater? Start a sub-org tracing your affinity to the main org, weave in the symbols in the performance, voila, another department. Wanna work with someone else, who do not want to become a member? Start a sub-org, declare your alliance to the main, and become part of the Friends and Allies file. Link up via Mail-Art. Do projects for fun, not to summon Chorozone and the Merry crew of outer Aliens.

Which brings us to the next part, mainly that of ritual Work: If majik is to become something for others than kids with a desperate powerneed, a different approach to the concept of ritual is needed. I do not by this imply that the knowledge gained this far is to be thrown away, but the business of shuffling round wearing funny hats and capes while muttering incantations is a thing that is to majik what the leopard trousers was to heavy metal in the seventies. The World has moved on, and if Majik does not adapt it will very quickly become an anachronism best suited for wanna-be freemasons without the contacts. Here I wish to point to one of my personal heroes, Z'evs, who through his Rythmajik performances to me embody perfect ritualistic Work, combining the element of the Performance of personal Art with the structures of esoteric symbolism. The ideal organization, in my view, is working on the model of a positive interface with the different worlds within the Worlds, adapting its form to the result intended. Here lies another critique of the "modern" majikal scene, with its focus on majik as the reason for being. It very easily becomes like persons who, having learned how to drive a nail, start hammering nail after nail into the same piece of wood, sufficed into the ecstasy of being able to do but without any intention of building something. "The Great Work", "Immanentizing the Eschaton", all of this seems to me to be part of what I choose to call the Layer of drivel designed to hide the hollow core of most current organizations, and this in turn can be psychologized down to modern magiks seemingly universal acceptance of material pre-determinism and the concept of nihilistic sorrow. To my naive little mind it seems that a Work which does not give the Worker pleasure is a barren effort, and that a theoretical structure which is designed to let the participants avoid the fundamental complex of Choice and free Will through Hegelian absolutism is at best

nothing more than a construct of stillness and at worst a bearer of the disease of intellectual decay.

Yeah, indeed. As for women and men and such categorical separations, I hope sincerely that those entering into the realms these days have put all that bull about set roles behind them. You Are What You Do is the Word of the nineties, and it seems to me to be a almost too obvious necessity to any org wich is to become something else than a college fraternity that any action deemed worthy of a member to perform under the name of the organization is so, because that member has found it so. Here another practical point comes in, that of the project shaping itself naturally through the acceptance of the authority of the instigator of the Action: Whoever draws the plan, has the authority of the final word on the performance, those who do not want to be a part of it quite simply do not participate. This ideally implies that persons who know that others are more competent than themselves approach these people with ideas, that a state of constructive communication exists between members so that criticism is honest and the standard patterns of insulted fractionalization is avoided. Here I have quite a lot of personal experience, it does wonders to a internal setting to tell people who wish to slander others that you intend to settle this once and for all, and then bring it forth, this quite simply forces a crisis wich then will resolve itself. If people hold their Egos above the Work that is being performed, they are quite free to do so, but prefferably somewhere else. I do not by this state that this is a easy matter, but I do feel that one of the main objectives of any collective organization is to train their members in emphatical conversation, mainly the ability to judge a argument not in a term of personal conflict but as a choice of tactics. This is a area that most of the post-Golden-Dawnians seem sadly lacking in, any argumentation not employing their symbolical language is more often than not quite simply ignored.

Wich brings us to my last point of critique, and my personal hobby horse, mainly that of linguistic Awareness and the emphatical approach to communication wich is a necessity if any sharing of ideas is to become something else than a stream of clever blather. I shall not presume to speak for currents that I have very little knowledge about, such as Santeria and Shamanism in its various shapes, but when it comes to the majik wich relates to the cultures of the books, it seems to me that all too many forget that a ritual is a formulation, a formula, wich is designed to interface with the mainframe of surrounding formulas. This, by necessity, implies that the language employed does not have one iota of independent importance in itself, it is the precision with wich the language is able to express the resonance of the communicators intention wich matters, and it is the challenge of the receptor to be able to decode the communication recieved, if he or she is genuinely interested in such a reception. Personally, i have experienced much ridicule from various Norwegian thelemites for using the symbol of the Unicorn as a symbol for the Graceful Act, a symbol I personally find perfect for that sense of wonder and clearness of direction wich I aim to express through my usage of the majikal apparatus, and it is my view, without grinding my axes too much, that the unwillingness I have met by persons to examine that paradigm from within, to enter and decode that into their personal language in order to examine it and see if they can find it of any worth, is a symptom of a lacking facility wich is dominant in most of the magiCKal world.

There is no willingness to examine that which does not fit in already, there is no wish to avoid the bubble of self-reference, there is no wish to examine the banal truths and there is absolutely no concern for beauty. In my view, any Work which does not feel good is a dry discipline akin to asceticism, and I do not think that an ideal organization which wishes to have an impact on the pseudo-majikal reality we see emerging now will do very well with introverted transcendental dryness as its central substance.

To sum it up, I would like to say that to me, and to most of my friends, the main importance of Majik and majikal symbolism, is as a tool, as a language of expression and as a means for manipulation. The first ritualistic structure I wrote was a ritual for a majikal Revolutionary action to be performed world wide, this was before I even knew what it was all about, and as I read more and more I am still shocked to see how few of those I encounter who I would like to perform such an Action with. For me, the Italian Anarchists, the last rest of the European Resistance to the Great Hex, is the true carriers of the Grail, for me the Gypsies are the very carriers of majik itself. I feel a much closer allegiance to some of the little old Men I find living in the Norwegian mountains, in secluded places everywhere, than I find to both Crowley and Gibson. It is my concern, that the whole majikal current has lost itself in the garden where the four rabbis entered, that we have forgotten the face of our fathers, and thus are fast approaching the state of Dust, of no consequence, of no attraction to the Shekinah. An ideal organization does not work with the concepts of Power and the Act of forcing God/ess to Act, an ideal organization works with ways of putting her into a state of Wonder. An ideal organization works with the Joy of Wonder, and this I find sadly lacking in the modern structure of Occultism.

"Damned are those who think they have befriended Death"

--Matt Burt

Zona Majika Autonoma

# Counting Coup: Magical Combat for Fun and Training

by Phil Hine

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The growth of Chaos Magic has seen a rise of interest in active research into Magical Combat techniques and theory. However, I am not proposing that people take out their frustrations on each other (for slights imagined and otherwise) to a deadly extent, but to propose that Magical Combat can be used as a training exercise which can be FUN at the same time.

True instances of Magical Combat are rare indeed. In fifteen years of active magical practice I have only been attacked by other magicians three times - and in each instance, was able to do something about it. I daresay there have been more attempts, but seeing as I haven't noticed them, they've either been extremely subtle or, as is more likely, have failed utterly.

To be effective in Magical Combat situations, you need to have developed the following skills:

1. A fair degree of Psychic sensitivity - you have to be aware that an attack is being made on you before you can do something about it.
2. A good understanding of your own Self, its demons, paranoias, and defences.
3. An ability to quickly assess a situation and make the most effective response.
4. A good knowledge (and skill) in a variety of Combat techniques -- both defensive and offensive.
5. A sense of perspective in how you deal with the situation.
6. A sense of humour!

All these skills are useful in other areas, and what I am proposing here is that a structured Combat System can test out these skills in a 'live' situation.

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## Counting Coup

I don't think it would be constructive for people to go around 'zapping' each other indiscriminately. Hence the American Indian concept of 'Counting Coup' where the sense of honour came through penetrating an enemies defences, and merely 'touching' them with a lance.

Doing this as a Magical Exercise necessitates that a minimum of three individuals be made aware of the situation: the two opponents and a moderator. The test can take place between members of a group, or individuals across time & space. Co-operation and strict honesty on all parts must be stressed.

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## **Sample Guidelines**

Soror Wibble and Frater Bater agree to challenge each other and request that Soror Fanny-Batter act as Moderator. Soror F. decides that the time-span for the Combat will be six weeks -- so the two opponents can attempt to Count Coup on each other within that period only -- too short a period means that the opponents will most likely spend too much time 'actively' concentrating on their defence strategies -- making the period several weeks means that either of them is more likely to be caught 'off-guard' -- which is the whole point; testing awareness and responses. Each participant will individually discuss with Soror F. which Combat 'forms' they are likely to attempt, and to contact her immediately that they perceive that they have been successfully 'attacked'. Soror F., once the combat period is over, can then assess each individuals' performance and award brownie points.

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## **Example Combat Forms**

### **Dreamstalking**

Involves appearing in opponents' dream-world and executing a specific action or message (as given to moderator) - such as blowing a raspberry, 'mooning' or delivering a ribald message.

### **Pop-up Servitors**

Involves sneaking a specifically-programmed Servitor in past opponents' local defences, and having it execute some 'harmless' task such as waking them up in the middle of the night several times consecutively.

### **"Blank" Thunderbolts**

Involves hurling bolts of magical energy at opponent, which, though not destructive, do effect them - bolts of sudden inspiration, for example.

### **Passing the P-Runes**

Involves passing opponent a physical object which is charged (for example, using a sigil) so as to affect them in a given way. Hidden 'watermarks' in paper or underneath picture files are another way to do this.

### **Invoking from a Distance**

Involves invoking an entity upon opponent from a distance -- to cause a change in behaviour.

### **Micellaneous**

Any other combat Forms which the opponents, in consultation with the moderator, may devise.

### **Information-Gathering**

Within the Combat, it is permissible for opponents to resort to information-gathering strategies to check on each other, such as scrying, tarot, runes, or oracles.

### **Bystanders**

It is NOT permissible to 'attack' opponents by going via other people around them, except in those instances when entire groups of magicians are entering the period of Combat.

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### **Ending**

Once the Combat moderator has declared the Combat period elapsed or declared in favour of one participant, then opponents must cease all related activities. It might be beneficial for the moderator to bring both participants together for a formal 'closing' rite, followed by divers revels and merriment. The 'winner' may be awarded some cheap token of 'marksmanship' followed by the moderator setting them some small task to perform for the 'loser' (like washing socks, for example). Thus balance is maintained.

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### **Notes**

- It goes without saying that the successful execution of Combat strategies itself is a useful test of skill and technique.
- I have deliberately not given detailed instructions on Magical Combat Forms & Defensive Strategies. Competent magicians who desire to attempt this exercise should use their own ingenium in working out strategies.

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## Crazy Chaos Surfer Finds Personal Magickal Path

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There aren't many people here on the list who have met me, and a very few who know me well, but if there is one element that could be said to describe me, it would be fire. With a sun, moon, and four planets in fire signs, more than half my chart is involved in three grand trines in fire. It's because of this that I've never really gotten along with the ocean.

You see, I've had a rather bad experience in the past with the ocean. And it wasn't one of those fluke accidents that scare so many others off. The story is too long to go into, but the end of it is that for some reason Brighid has adopted me (one of the things that put me on the path of magick), which explains the relationship with fire. The bad end of it, however, is that Manaanan and I don't get along really well. So I've spent most of my time avoiding the ocean, even though I've lived near the California coast all of my life. The ocean only has to try to eat you once and you become very wary of it.

So I'll admit that I was the person most surprised when I realized that I had the urge to learn how to surf. I guess it's inevitable, hanging around the Mad Prophet as much as I do, that sooner or later I'd wonder just what it was like to be out there on the waves. But I never thought it would become an urge to actually be out there myself. But I've been drawn to the ocean for completely different reasons than pleasure.

Three months ago, the Mad Prophet dragged six of us to the ocean at night where we built a bonfire, listened to the surf breaking, and walked the beach staring at the stars. And I sacrificed a portion of my own hair, along with a portion of the bonfire I had lit, into the ocean in a ritual whose purpose was to finally make peace with it and cease this endless battle I have fought my entire life.

I guess it worked.

The ocean finally felt kind to me two weeks ago, not the threatening monster that it has been my entire life, and I finally began to sense the great generative power of a force that command three quarters of this planet.

And I finally was struck by inspiration. For seven months I have been searching for my magickal path. I had pursued nearly everything that I could find, yet nothing seemed to be my calling. No magickal system, not

even the standard practices of most chaos mages, seemed to fully resonate with me. And so I began to create one of my own.

Not that this is an easy task mind you. I have a love/hate relationship with the idea of magickal "opposites" of all things being aspects of yin and yang, so I had no idea where to start. Perhaps the most pertinent example in my life of those "opposites" would be those of Fire and Water -- yet the more I thought about it, the more I realized that these two are more similar than dissimilar. Both are liquids, after a fashion (yeah yeah, fire's really a plasma, but have you ever sat there and actually watched a slow-moving fire \*burn\*?). Both are chaotic in nature. Both destroy as well as create. Both are necessary for life, the fires of the sun and the rains from the ocean. And it all clicked.

There should be absolutely no reason that Fire and Water should not mix.

And suddenly I found the urge to surf.

I'd never been in the ocean, and I'd never even touched a surfboard except when I'd helped the Mad Prophet move into his new apartment. I didn't even really care much for the sport except for one thing: It was now an excuse to become intimately familiar with the ocean.

So the Mad Prophet set up a date when we'd all head out and rendezvous with a surfing buddy of his who had an extra wetsuit that would fit me. We'd head out, he'd teach me some basics of how the ocean works, how waves break, and how to do the basic things: Get on the board, paddle, and turtle dive through a wave.

It struck me how much learning to surf is like learning magick. In magick, it's not uncommon for a neophyte to want to learn how to do all sorts of really impressive things, contact and control major spirits, channel bizarre otherworldly ideas, and impress everyone. But first they need to master meditation, control of the body, and visualization, and this is where most of them fail.

Having gone through the magickal path, I realized the value of learning to paddle the damn board before I try to stand up on that godawful unstable thing, let alone try to stand up on it with several hundred thousand pounds of water bearing down on you faster than you can scream "MOMMY!"

So I learned to paddle, and at the same time made some wonderful discoveries about the ocean and its motions. It is gentle, but at the same time powerful, and the moment you think you've got control over \*IT\*, it smacks you back into place. There's a great part of the wave that surfers call "The Washing Machine". It's that part at the front

that tumbles, spinning over and over and over again, rolling in on itself where the white foam is formed and rolls in to shore. You come to a full appreciation of that name after you've made even a tiny mistake while learning to paddle out and gone through the spin cycle a few times.

I've spent the last twenty years appreciating fire. It's time for me to appreciate water. Which is why I think I finally made my magickal breakthrough as well. I'd been so narrowminded that I hadn't looked in the one direction I feared most: The Ocean.

Once I did, it all came. The night before we took off, I was going to bed when it all flashed into my head, a new magickal framework in which to work, one that does not rely on opposite ends of a binary or on their exclusion. One whose four main principles are embodied by the aspects of Fire, Water, The Hidden, and The Revealed. It arrived with diagrams for a circle that I am to inscribe on each beach whose waters I enter, as part of my dedication to \*MY\* magickal path.

You don't need all this fancy crap you find in books that pass themselves off as "magick". Most of those authors don't even practice the art. And the ones who do often find that their own path is so personal that books about it are of little or no use to the general occult audience: so books about general techniques are written in their stead.

You don't need magickal orders, or even disorders, or these "Temporary Autonomous Zones" to learn. It's all just posturing anyway. Your own path is one that is so highly personalized that NOONE else should ever be able to understand it in its entirety. Austin Osman Spare understood this, and I think he's the only magician who ever got anywhere with it. His expression of magick was through his art and sometimes through his writing, and they were so personal that we only capture a small glimpse of what those realms were like for him. We will never be able to see the same realms that he saw, no matter how hard we try to, because he was a man who was following his own path. It was not our path.

It is for this very same reason that when I speak of Fire, Water, The Hidden, and The Revealed, no matter how hard I try to make others understand, they will never see the same thing that I have seen. They might make use of its parts, but will never understand its whole.

I believe this is why I never felt content on any established path, even one such as Chaos, as much as it can be said to be "established". Because magick is an intensely personal art. Magick is ultimately an experience of the world that can never be transmitted to another.

I would try to explain the transformations that my own magick has taken,  
but it goes beyond words. All that I can say is that my own experience has led me to the conclusion that you can only go so far with somebody else's magickal system. In order to advance, you will have to find your own path.

I finally broke through. I finally see the world in a magickal splendor that had eluded me my entire life. And it is a sight that I cannot share, though I wish I could. I still have the road of a lifetime ahead of me as I seek not its mastery, but its companionship. One can never be a master of the ocean, nor of fire. All it takes is one good trip through the washing machine to remind you of that.

It would seem that the waves washed much more than my wetsuit.

In Life, Love, and Laughter,

--Fenwick Rysen  
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# Cross the Abyss?

by Fenwick Rysen

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What is it with all this "What is the abyss?" stuff, eh?

I don't beLIEve in the Abyss, and I suspect that the feeling is mutual and that the Abyss chooses not to beLIEve in me.

If I cross the street, is that any less important or significant than crossing the abyss, whatever it is? I was on this side, and now I'm on that side, and such is my will. Q:"Why did Fenwick cross the road?" A:"Five tons of flax."

I crossed the Abyss once, and then realized it wasn't the Abyss I'd crossed---it was a black ribbon stretched to infinity in either direction, and separated the world in two, and bridging it was a golden path filled with laughing children. On the opposite side glowed white lights that beckoned me to join them: \*WALK\* they flashed... \*WALK\* \*WALK\* \*WALK\* and so I walked. \*DON'T WALK\* \*DON'T WALK\* \*DON'T WALK\* and so I stopped.

The whole mess about the abyss is too transcendent for me; I don't beLIEve in transcendentalism. I'm much more pragmatic about my magick; ever the kitchen witch. Can I feel my magick, see my magick, taste my magick? Yes? Then that's the way I like it. If I'm looking for enlightenment or transcendental experiences, I don't look to magick--I look to friends and family. My lover, my friends, my family all teach me more about life, magick, and enlightenment than sitting alone in a dark room attempting to cross or master some ephemeral "Abyss" ever has.

There is no such thing as the Abyss, and crossing it was wondrous.

"If you gaze into the abyss, then the abyss also gazes into you"  
--Freidrich Nietzsche

Sorry... Just a long and probably meaningless (possibly extremely lucid) rant brought on by a very good glass (or three) of Merlot and a cat purring contentedly in my lap. Abyss Schmabyss; fuck it all. Talk about it all you want, you'll just be blowing wind. Words words words...

# The Demiourgeous, Blind Idiot God

*by Coyote 63*

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The Gnostics claimed that the god of the Old Testament was only a half-god created to make the material world, while the real god, who was pure spirit, could not create the material world. The Gnostics mixed pagan magick with Angelic magic. They believed that souls had to earn their salvation with magick, then they would go beyond the false god of the material world. Simon Zealot started his own gnostic sect after the crucifixion. He worshipped himself as Zeus and his wife as Hera. they were known as the Simonians.

The Blind Idiot God would go on making the material world in the same fashion it always had until some adept reprogrammed it with ritual which would turn the world into paradise. The Ritual Process was to imagine yourself to be the creator god and then look down at your mortal self and shower yourself with blessings and gifts. You could also imagine the god destroying your enemies and parasites. So now you can go out and make your own Demiourgeous!

Aren't you glad that god doesn't have to be a blind idiot anymore?

## **Jehova was a formula**

Yes, it's true! Jehova, who most people thought was a stern disciplinarian, was actually a magical formula. However, this was regarded as a powerful secret, known only to gnostic priests and rabbis. In fact, if one understood the formula of Jehovah, it gave that person complete mastery of reality, and the ability to gain every desire. If one reads the scriptures and understands that Jehova's children means the lucky people who knew the esoteric secrets that gave them true liberty, the meaning comes out quite differently.

The four letters of YHVH stood for hand-window-nail-hand. The first hand stood for a real desire. The window stood for the step of taking a desire and visualizing it as clearly and completely as possible in focus and in all five senses. The Nail stood for the charging of the visualization with a strong feeling of joy and fulfillment. One nails the picture to the wall of reality with a strong feeling of confidence. Then the visualization is forgotten as completely as possible to avoid the kind of anxiety referred to as lust of result. This can be done many ways. An easy way is to put it in a bubble and watch it float away. Although the formula is not for manipulating certain Individuals, it can be used for types of Individuals. The last hand represents your desire becoming reality.

- COYOTE 63 -

# Dreaming Across Time

**Magu Magoo, L.O.O.N. (1988)**

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*"The SELF is infinite and you are just one facet of it, unaware of your other bodies and lives. Dreams are the key. Dreams, waking or sleeping, are links between you and your parallel incarnations. You must be receptive to them. Tell your SELF before you sleep, that you will dream of your Unearthly Facet."*

---Ronald Franklyn, We Pass from View.

Reincarnation is something of a bugaboo for many modern occultists. This is probably due to the number of "I was Crowley/Cleopatra" types that one runs into from time to time. Funny that I never meet any ex-lepers. Less common is the idea alluded to above, that each individual exists as a facet of a Self which has a multitude of incarnations, each with their own reality. Facets which are both human and non-human. The Human facets could arise from alternative courses of action that you (the self reading this paper) could have taken, but chose another. Sounds pretty wacky, no? This model is at least a mathematical possibility, as described by three physicists: Everett, Wheeler and Graham. Saul-Paul Sirag explains:

*"In the Universe next door, I'm still a Physicist but working at a different field of research. A few universes over I'm an actor who dropped out of physics and never came back to it. In another universe I died in a concentration camp and don't exist in the present time at all."*

It goes without saying that most physicists don't take this model very seriously. No matter. Prepare for Suspension of Disbelief, take a deep breath... 5... 4... 3... 2... 1...

To access the other facets of the INFINITE SELF the doorway which needs to be opened is the faculty of Dreaming:

*"It is through dreams that man communicates with the Dark Dream by which he is surrounded."*

---Charles Baudelaire

While sleeping dreams can be controlled by visualization, sigils and mantras, the waking dream is by far the most potent. Waking dreams range from normal fantasy and day-dreaming, to the Creative Vertigo wherein one may slip into a borderline psychosis. It is easier to 'slip' into such a state and begin to sense what is happening than to consciously orchestrate such an experience.

I recall one instance of succumbing to this dream-vertigo, whilst walking around Liverpool one night. I felt detached and calm, almost blissfully peaceful yet with a growing undercurrent of panic gnawing away at my mind. Everything seemed imbued with a special kind of meaning I hadn't felt before. It was tantalizing, mocking me in its

evasiveness. Revealed yet concealed in the movements of the cars and the traffic lights. A message from beyond, but not quite strong enough to break through. The realisation came - that the contact was another aspect of SELF attempting to influence me. A parallel incarnation within a different reality. The vertigo gripped me and I staggered back home. That night I dreamed of our meeting - He thought me and eidolon of the past, I knew him as a foreshadowing of a possible future.

By intensely re-running memory [pause, rewind] I found a common point from which our facets diverged. This occurred a month ago, when I left my job as a bookshop assistant. "He" was still working there, and as I discovered this, I became trapped in "his" reality, dreaming that I was he, dreaming about me. Reality became frayed at this point.

Now I was no longer sure which reality I was inhabiting, but was able to hurl my awareness across Time to glimpse other facets of my INFINITE SELF. Were they as disturbed as I, I wondered? A very thin tightrope to be walked indeed. In both waking and sleeping Dream I was hurled across facets, some of them utterly incomprehensible to me. In one dream I stared into a corridor of mirrors and watched my other forms come and go. Waking hours were punctuated by bouts of memory loss... Our name is Legion. Momentum building up as I leapt between spaces.

Such is the nature of Dreaming Across Time. The theory of parallel incarnations is not important in itself. It enabled me to enter and explore a state of "Creative Derangement", part of which I have just described. To enter in and lose one's sense of SELF and thereby evoke the potentiality of "Otherness", be they human or non-human.



# On Dreamscaping

## *An experimental guide to the programing and control of Dreams*

by **Bill Costlow**

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Everyone's perspective is different...Serge King in his book, "Urban Shaman", says: you may not smell the perfume of a co-worker, but they know it's there, you may not hear the music another person is listening to unless you wear their headphones. Shared reality is limited -- we can all sit in the same room and percieve different things. King talks about life as a dream, and waking within the dream in order to change it ... most of us think of dreaming as unreal. Many shamanic cultures believe otherwise.

King argues that the the keyboard in front of me isn't solid at all, but a field of molecules vibrating at a frequency very close to the frequency that my own molecules vibrate at. Radio waves, on the other hand, pass right through us and the computer in front of us as well. The conscious mind interperates the keyboard as "solid". We interpret dreams in much the same way.

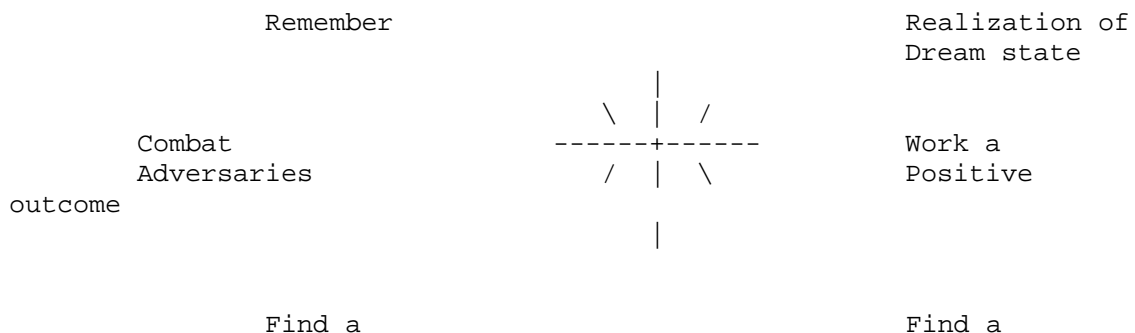
Regardless of agreement with the above, dreaming, is a great way to speak with your deep mind. What better way to get a leg up on quitting smoking or dieting or whatever you choose. Life is what you think it is.

Change your thinking: change your life.

I've developed eight goals that every potential dreamscaper should have. In support of those goals, I've developed a system of 3 sigils/mantras to go with the diagram below:

Matrix of 8 Universal Dream Goals  
cooresponding to the Chaosphere

To Maintain Control



To command  
the Dream

Since any one goal leads to its opposite, there are only four steps. Steps three and four are much more difficult. Step four may require a servitor to remind mage that s/he is in dreamstate. I've found that sigils planted through vacuity give better results.

Make a mantra/sigil from each of goal: this is a deeply personal, roll your own:

- Step 1: Remember. Without memory, there is no solution.  
*I will remember my dreams*
- Step 2: Confront adversaries. Seek a positive outcome.  
*I will confront adversaries and ensure a positive outcome*
- Step 3: Realization of dreamstate. Without awareness, finding a guide is difficult.  
*I will know when I am dreaming (a servitor helps here)*
- Step 4: Maintain control & awareness of the dreamstate.  
*I will have control of my dreams*

Step four can be misleading. You must think of dreamstate as an interactive process with the deep mind. Many dream situations occur for a reason and you may not want to tamper with that overmuch. For example, when you dream of climbing a mountain, don't fly off to covort in playland, continue to the top and see why you were climbing in the first place.

This plan requires some preparation.

A dream diary and a daily reminder is absolutely necessary for success. A small table light will also be helpful because dream memories fade swiftly and a significant other is easily disturbed by a ceiling light.

1. Decide that "dreams are an important part of your life."
2. Design a ritual to enhance dreaming. Something as simple as lighting a candle or stick of incense with the simple invocation of "This is for the dreams I will have tonight." will do.
3. A regular sleep schedule is extremely important. Be sure to get enough rest and drink only in moderation. Alarm clocks that go off at unreasonable hours are a real deterrent. The best dreams seem to come towards sun-up.
4. When you wake at night, your first action should be to record any dreams you remember, even bullet comments about quickly fading dreams can be helpful.
5. A list of dream goals should be reviewed several times a week. Doing this each night seems to inhibit the process.

6. The intent to dream well needs to be a part of your daily endeavors, but trying too hard is detrimental. The list can be as long or short as you like it to be. Your "Deep mind" will take only those suggestions it's ready for.
  7. Attaining "Seething" trance before sleep usually ensures vivid, memorable dreams.
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# Enlightenment as Everyday Life

**From:** "Patrick Dunn"

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**Date:** Sun, 25 Apr 1999 12:24:42 PDT

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I have become convinced that there's no such thing as spiritual enlightenment. I think it's a process of getting out of bed in the morning, going to work, coming home, maybe catching a few moments of joy with a book, or music, or sex, or food, and then going to sleep to do it all again. The trick is finding satisfaction in \*that\*, finding god in \*that\*.

Remember the zen story: a student had been wrestling with the koan of one hand clapping for several years. Every night he would bow before his roshi, and his roshi would ask, "What is the sound of one hand clapping?" to which the student would respond, "I don't know, Roshi." The Roshi would give him a light blow with a stick and tell him to return to his meditation. Every day. In and out. For three years, then four years, then five years, until one day, while meditating, the student achieved enlightenment, rose, and went to his Roshi.

"Master, I have found it," he said.

"What is the sound of one hand clapping?" asked the Roshi.

"I don't know, Roshi."

"Truly," the Roshi said, "You have achieved your Buddha nature."

You want a goal to achieve? Learn to be a good person in the milieu in which you dwell: wrestle out a moral code by which you wish to live. Worship a god, or a pantheon of gods, if you wish. Eat. Drink. Tell jokes. Get angry. Another parable:

A man went in search of gold, and walked along a road into the mountains for months, looking for a mine. He crossed rivers, his mind intent on his goal, and cut through passes. Finally, he found a likely place, and mined for twenty years, finding a few small crumbs of gold, which he hoarded closely. He took them back to town, over the river, through the pass, on the long and winding road, until he came to a wealthy merchant in a carriage made entirely of gold. He stopped the merchant: "Where did you find so much gold?" the prospector asked. "I've searched for twenty years, and all I've found are these six small nuggets."

The merchant looked at the man as if he were insane. "Why, didn't you ever look at the road, or into the river, or at the walls of the pass? There's so much gold you could just

pick it up like flowers!" And the man looked behind him and saw that it was true: the road sparkled with gold, the river flowed with it, and the pass gleamed in it.

# Ersatz Reality

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They all believe they're so smart, that they have outwitted reality, that they have escaped its traps. Talk of Reality Tunnels and the binary trap of existence. Philosophies of reality's mutability and adaptiveness. Talk of methods to change that reality.

They raise their cups in joined toast to praise the pulchritude of their specious constructs. They do not recognize the trap of their ersatz reality. They are possessed of equal palate for the insipid and the piquant not because of the illusory "balance" in their reality, but because they cannot separate that which is true from that which is merely not false.

Vicariously a few sense the Reality behind reality, escaping for one brief moment the desultory chatter of the Masters and recognize them as the dilettantes and tyros they have chosen to become. Vicariously a few sense the Weaver behind the Web. Vicariously they taste the sweet ambrosia of Chaos and the nectar of Reality. Vicariously they sense it before it is gone, taken away by the sudoriferous, quadrille, ersatz reality of the Masters.

Nobody knows anything, or everybody knows nothing. The line between the True and the Not False is the edge of Occam's Razor upon which ersatz reality is balanced. To fall to either side is to fall into the illusory binary trap. Reality is not in any balance, nor indeed in any binary. Neither does Reality lay in any fusion or mixture.

Reality is laughing and in that laughter lays the vociferous silence of the Ordered Chaos that cannot be maintained.

# Exactly what constitutes a "magical link"?

**From:** Fenwick Rysen  
**Newsgroups:** alt.magick.chaos  
**Subject:** Re: Exactly what constitutes a "magical link?"  
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**Organization:** Chaos Matrix (www.chaosmatrix.com)

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Quoth Jim:

> I am trying a working on a giant, corrupt corporation that cheated me,  
> but how do I get a magical link to a far off corporation, many states away, that I can't travel to right now.

Corporations are a funny thing. Legally, they are an entity in their own right that can hold possessions, be sued, enter into contracts, etc., but there's no real human being that you can point to as responsible for the corporation. The CEO and BOD are really just the brains of the operation, directing their lumbering beast through corporate legalities and fiscal quarters. Thus when attacking a corporation, it is very easy to target the corporation itself--it's essentially a large egregore with a lot of belief invested in it by its workers and its consumers. So treat an attack on a corporation as you would an attack on a very large demon, egregore, or demigod.

Let's examine how such an attack might work:

The easy thing about this is that corporations have sigils: their corporate logo. And these sigils are intrinsically linked to the corporation, they want it thus. They want the mere sight of their logo to remind their consumers of their product and their product alone. There is a very significant magickal link between that image and the corporation itself. Thus, if you need an image of the corporation, their logo makes a wonderful magickal link, just as the sigil of a goetic demon allows you a link by which to manipulate it.

One of the best ways to actually get their logo is to either buy a product of theirs and cut it out of the cardboard box, or to send them snailmail as an interested consumer asking for informational material about their products, and using the logo from their flyers, letterhead, etc.

I also find that converting the wording of any ritual I am using into legalese works quite well to put my mind in the proper state from which to attack a corporation.

My own chaotic take on a simple binding (during which I would be charging a sigil to

bind the corporation while burning the corporate logo, or wrapping the logo with cord, or some other symbolic act):

"By the power of igneous plasma (heretofore known as FIRE), the power of H2O (heretofore known as WATER), the power of atmospheric composition (heretofore known as AIR), and the power of solid matter (heretofore known as EARTH) [magickal name here], forthwith known as "THE MAGUS" does hereby constrict actions via magickal means ("bind") this legally created entity, forthwith known as "ABC CORPORATION", from causing harm (defined as emotional, mental, physical, or fiscal distress) to anyone and everyone (i.e. "the general public") for the duration of this contract, which is to be no less than the life of the corporation, and no more than the duration of an eternity, whichever is longer."

You get the idea---I'm sure with fifteen minutes to spare I could embellish it to the proper pitch and legal fervor necessary for the proper gnosis. If you need examples of legalese that Beelzebub's minions down in the "infernal contracts" department have been taking examples from, just read all that 6 point print on your latest copy of a software product from Microsoft. >;->

> And would a piece of the building matter anyway?

Probably not. We're chaos magicians; we use whatever works. If you can't get a piece of the building, it's obviously not going to work! Besides, coporate logos already have a strong link.

> For that matter, just What constitutes a magical link?

A magickal link is anything you can use to create a connection in your mind between yourself and the target. The thing that evokes the strongest reaction in you is the best magickal link for you (though not necessarily for someone else). Since everything in the universe is connected anyway, just the knowledge that this person has affected you in a severe enough manner to piss you off can be a significant enough magickal link to attack them (this is the method most true gen-trad witches I've met use).

> I have a picture of the CEO.

If that's the strongest link for *you*, then use it. But remember, Corporations gain and lose CEOs. Would the corporation be any better with a different man at the helm? Very rarely is this the case.

> maybe I could send a letter that Might be read. At least it would end

> up in the corporate HQ -- would That sort of reverse link be enough?

I've used such reverse links rather effectively. This also shows up in other magickal lore assending a sigil to your target (or leaving a bloody heart with iron nails through it on their doorstep, sending them a veve, calling them and chanting a mantra until they hang up, etc.). Incidentally, it's probably the weird sense of terror or the bizarre that halps magnify the magickal effect (or, in some cases, is altogether responsible for it.) My best luck in this approach has been to send something so completely bizarre that it attracts massive amounts of attention without being threatening ("hey guys, come look at this--- what *\*is\** it?"). Oftentimes, if you can make it rpetty or artistic enough, it ends up getting its own prominent display place as a conversation piece.

> I could also set up sigils on my website that might be perceived by  
> people at this company, since I know from my server logs that they  
> visit regularly, as I've gotten a bit of publicity from condemning  
> their company.



Can't hurt. I'd use this in concert with other techniques; perhaps setting up the same sigil you create for any rituals you do.

> since everything is energy and we are all connected from the  
> original big bang, what is the problem with a sufficiently powerful  
> information link?

There is no such thing as a weak or powerful information link. That's the great thing about them. Information is information, and it can be copied, moved, altered, etc. No "strength", but plenty of "skill" required. Finesse over force; the same key to mastering any martial art.

> I know, physical

> would be strongest, but you can't always get the props you want.

This is a self-imposed restriction.

Good luck.

In Life, Love, and Laughter

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"The only prevalent characteristic of chaotes is their  
ability to confuse you beyond all hope of rescue."

---Mathias Karlsson

# Farewell to Burroughs

**Newsgroups:** alt.magick

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It is with great sorrow that I inform this newsgroup that a great frater, friend and Elder of the IOT passed away. The Psychonaut William Seward Burroughs moved onto new explorations in the early morning of Saturday, August 2nd. William was an incredible human being... veiwing life a step ahead of his generation. A gentleman who pushed the limits of the literary and art worlds as well as the magick within it all. Those that performed magical acts and rituals with him will never forget his childlike wonder and love of magick. William was no armchair magician... to watch him paint his sigils... to be spinning, laughing and yelling in the midst of a invocation of chaos and just two months ago yesterday when I watched him perform acts of magick, with a North American Indian Shaman and a group of Vietnam Vets, shooting his .45 at painted sigils to activate them.

Thank you Frater Dalhfar.23 for your inspiration, your friendship, your magick and most of all the mark on this world that you made... you are a great magician with a fortitude of the gods of chaos... keep on doing what you do best and turn the netherworld upsidedown.

In Chaos,

Frater AREON.5

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# Gematria of Nothing

**Date:** Mon, 17 Mar 1997 17:02:33 -0800 (PST)

**From:** azazel (luxferro@nwlinc.com)

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**Subject:** Re: Numerology info requested

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zlers;

for several years now i have been playing around with a numerical correspondance system that has proved quite useful for myself.

a=13 b=12 c=11 d=10 e=9 f=8 g=7 h=6 i=5 j=4 k=3 l=2 m=1 n=0 o=-1 p=-2 q=-3 r=-4  
s=-5 t=-6 u=-7 v=-8 w=-9 x=-10 y=-11 z=-12.

word totals often equal 0 or some negative or positive number.

for example:

east=11

west= -11

will=0

atu=0

cosmos=0

om=0

hum=0

one of the beautiful things about this system is the ability to translate rather large texts into small numbers.

interestingly enough, a beautiful symmetry arises when numbers are written in in english;  
ie:

one=8

zero=-8 zero plus zero= -16 or two

two=-16

four=-4

thirteen=13

thirty one=-8 (or zero)

thirty two=-32

one hundred and fifty six=49  
forty nine=0  
six hundred and sixty six=0

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i originally called the system the "maatian atu", but more recently i have opted for the 'gematria of nothing'.

"nothing is the secret key of this law.  
they, the jews, have the half  
unite by thine art so that all disappear".  
misquote from al.

10 fingers, thirty two teeth in a jawbone etc.

traditional hebrew atu is 0-21  
the gematria of nothing is 231 minus 231. or nothing.  
see liber 462

i have a software code for pc's which should be available soon/free from my web page.  
have fun with this strange attractor. it's sure a lot easier than learning hebrew!

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# The Great Little Seafood Place of the Beast

**Date:** Sat, 15 Feb 1997 18:50:22 -0600

**To:** zee-list

**From:** max@mindspring.com (explorer smith)

**Subject:** The Great little Seafood Place of the Beast???

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Hi Zs,

I recently went to Captain D's (you know 'The Great Little Seafood Place'). I placed my order and the total came to \$6.66 (I'm not kidding), and when I drove to the window there was this old bald man named 'Al' giving me my food. I'm not kidding about this. It felt very strange. Could old Aleister be alive and working at Captain D's in Valley, Alabama? I said "Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law", he just looked at me strangely and gave me my change. I went home and ate my fish.

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'Datura + Danish Wedding cookies = fun'

Love,

Max 69

# Ersatz Reality

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They all believe they're so smart, that they have outwitted reality, that they have escaped its traps. Talk of Reality Tunnels and the binary trap of existence. Philosophies of reality's mutability and adaptiveness. Talk of methods to change that reality.

They raise their cups in joined toast to praise the pulchritude of their specious constructs. They do not recognize the trap of their ersatz reality. They are possessed of equal palate for the insipid and the piquant not because of the illusory "balance" in their reality, but because they cannot separate that which is true from that which is merely not false.

Vicariously a few sense the Reality behind reality, escaping for one brief moment the desultory chatter of the Masters and recognize them as the dilettantes and tyros they have chosen to become. Vicariously a few sense the Weaver behind the Web. Vicariously they taste the sweet ambrosia of Chaos and the nectar of Reality. Vicariously they sense it before it is gone, taken away by the sudoriferous, quadrille, ersatz reality of the Masters.

Nobody knows anything, or everybody knows nothing. The line between the True and the Not False is the edge of Occam's Razor upon which ersatz reality is balanced. To fall to either side is to fall into the illusory binary trap. Reality is not in any balance, nor indeed in any binary. Neither does Reality lay in any fusion or mixture.

Reality is laughing and in that laughter lays the vociferous silence of the Ordered Chaos that cannot be maintained.

# Exactly what constitutes a "magical link"?

**From:** Fenwick Rysen  
**Newsgroups:** alt.magick.chaos  
**Subject:** Re: Exactly what constitutes a "magical link?"  
**Date:** 1 Sep 1999 15:53:46 GMT  
**Organization:** Chaos Matrix (www.chaosmatrix.com)

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Quoth Jim:

> I am trying a working on a giant, corrupt corporation that cheated me,  
> but how do I get a magical link to a far off corporation, many states away, that I can't travel to right now.

Corporations are a funny thing. Legally, they are an entity in their own right that can hold possessions, be sued, enter into contracts, etc., but there's no real human being that you can point to as responsible for the corporation. The CEO and BOD are really just the brains of the operation, directing their lumbering beast through corporate legalities and fiscal quarters. Thus when attacking a corporation, it is very easy to target the corporation itself--it's essentially a large egregore with a lot of belief invested in it by its workers and its consumers. So treat an attack on a corporation as you would an attack on a very large demon, egregore, or demigod.

Let's examine how such an attack might work:

The easy thing about this is that corporations have sigils: their corporate logo. And these sigils are intrinsically linked to the corporation, they want it thus. They want the mere sight of their logo to remind their consumers of their product and their product alone. There is a very significant magickal link between that image and the corporation itself. Thus, if you need an image of the corporation, their logo makes a wonderful magickal link, just as the sigil of a goetic demon allows you a link by which to manipulate it.

One of the best ways to actually get their logo is to either buy a product of theirs and cut it out of the cardboard box, or to send them snailmail as an interested consumer asking for informational material about their products, and using the logo from their flyers, letterhead, etc.

I also find that converting the wording of any ritual I am using into legalese works quite well to put my mind in the proper state from which to attack a corporation.

My own chaotic take on a simple binding (during which I would be charging a sigil to

bind the corporation while burning the corporate logo, or wrapping the logo with cord, or some other symbolic act):

"By the power of igneous plasma (heretofore known as FIRE), the power of H2O (heretofore known as WATER), the power of atmospheric composition (heretofore known as AIR), and the power of solid matter (heretofore known as EARTH) [magickal name here], forthwith known as "THE MAGUS" does hereby constrict actions via magickal means ("bind") this legally created entity, forthwith known as "ABC CORPORATION", from causing harm (defined as emotional, mental, physical, or fiscal distress) to anyone and everyone (i.e. "the general public") for the duration of this contract, which is to be no less than the life of the corporation, and no more than the duration of an eternity, whichever is longer."

You get the idea---I'm sure with fifteen minutes to spare I could embellish it to the proper pitch and legal fervor necessary for the proper gnosis. If you need examples of legalese that Beelzebub's minions down in the "infernal contracts" department have been taking examples from, just read all that 6 point print on your latest copy of a software product from Microsoft. >:->

> And would a piece of the building matter anyway?

Probably not. We're chaos magicians; we use whatever works. If you can't get a piece of the building, it's obviously not going to work! Besides, corporate logos already have a strong link.

> For that matter, just what constitutes a magical link?

A magickal link is anything you can use to create a connection in your mind between yourself and the target. The thing that evokes the strongest reaction in you is the best magickal link for you (though not necessarily for someone else). Since everything in the universe is connected anyway, just the knowledge that this person has affected you in a severe enough manner to piss you off can be a significant enough magickal link to attack them (this is the method most true gen-trad witches I've met use).

> I have a picture of the CEO.

If that's the strongest link for *you*, then use it. But remember, Corporations gain and lose CEOs. Would the corporation be any better with a different man at the helm? Very rarely is this the case.

> maybe I could send a letter that Might be read. At least it would end

> up in the corporate HQ -- would That sort of reverse link be enough?

I've used such reverse links rather effectively. This also shows up in other magickal lore assending a sigil to your target (or leaving a bloody heart with iron nails through it on their doorstep, sending them a veve, calling them and chanting a mantra until they hang up, etc.). Incidentally, it's probably the weird sense of terror or the bizarre that helps magnify the magickal effect (or, in some cases, is altogether responsible for it.) My best luck in this approach has been to send something so completely bizarre that it attracts massive amounts of attention without being threatening ("hey guys, come look at this--- what *\*is\** it?"). Oftentimes, if you can make it rpetty or artistic enough, it ends up getting its own prominent display place as a conversation piece.

> I could also set up sigils on my website that might be perceived by  
> people at this company, since I know from my server logs that they  
> visit regularly, as I've gotten a bit of publicity from condemning  
> their company.



Can't hurt. I'd use this in concert with other techniques; perhaps setting up the same sigil you create for any rituals you do.

> since everything is energy and we are all connected from the  
> original big bang, what is the problem with a sufficiently powerful  
> information link?

There is no such thing as a weak or powerful information link. That's the great thing about them. Information is information, and it can be copied, moved, altered, etc. No "strength", but plenty of "skill" required. Finesse over force; the same key to mastering any martial art.

> I know, physical

> would be strongest, but you can't always get the props you want.

This is a self-imposed restriction.

Good luck.

In Life, Love, and Laughter

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"The only prevalent characteristic of chaotes is their  
ability to confuse you beyond all hope of rescue."

---Mathias Karlsson

# Howling

Phil Hine

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"Mayhem speaks louder than words."  
---Brother Moebius B., L.O.O.N.

The Babblogue:

A deliberate derangement of the senses - orchestrating a personal cacophony; a descent into the depths of the subconscious, to confront and bind the 'lurkers' within.

This essay is a short account of a personal exploration of the 'demons' of my own psyche. Rather than relying on existing approaches, for the reasons given below, I preferred to develop a purely personal approach. I give this account not to foist this particular approach onto others, but in the hope that it will assist those who are experimenting with different techniques. Nor do I wish to invalidate the traditional systems of Goetic magic, merely to say that while some may be satisfied to follow the maps of Abra-Melin or Crowley, this is not the case for me.

This work began fairly innocuously, with the compilation of a 'black book' - a dissection of self, in terms of habits, shortcomings, faults, hopes, ideals, all that I was, that I wished to be, or rejected. Likes, dislikes, attractions and revulsions. Then on to self-portraits; written in the third person - positive, negative, neutral portrayals, a curriculum vitae, an obituary. To this was added a "Book of Blunders" - every mistake or embarrassing moment that could be dredged up, cuttings from school reports, photographs and letters which brought back painful memories.

Choice extracts from this catalogue were read onto tapes, and the tapes scrambled together to form cut-up sequences. A deliberate attempt at psychic surgery this - smashing the vessel in order to remould it.

Then on to the mundane arrangements. Seclusion from others, as of old, a necessity - that one's demons do not trouble the unwary visitor, and more practically, that one is not chanced upon, mistaken for a psychotic, and incarcerated.

As for food, I decided to rely on simple nutritious fare, sustaining and easy to prepare, with a stack of Pot Noodles as chemical aids. Drugs? Who needs them? Still, a selection of natural substances can aid things along.

The Temple: black, unadorned, windowless, but not uncluttered! Around its confines I heaped all kinds of junk. Sheets of hardboard, rubbish from a building skip, a bucket of clay, bottles, broken radio sets, a spray-gun. Everything I might need, plus a few more things besides.

Bringing forth the dweller within - its name is legion.

I was preparing for a descent into the labyrinth, to make known my 'forgotten ones', with only the thinnest of cords with which to map the maze.

Why risk insanity in such a way? This is the inner journey, the whale's belly, the feast of the ravening ones. Why go alone, without the security of tried and tested banishings and sigils? Well I don't trust those old books, those mad monks with their Necronomicons, dead names and blasphemous sigils. What price forbidden knowledge? About £4.50 in paperback actually. Ridiculous! So I set forth to compile a 'living' grimoire. A product of the technocratic aeon, I use its debris to mould my dreams. "The Howling" - the hiss, roar and static screams of radios tuned to dead channels.

To the work then. Some loose structure being required (or so I thought), I devised a hierarchy based on the work of psychologist Abraham Maslow - ranging from 'survival demons' such as hunger or thirst, working up towards 'Ego' demons - the need for self-respect or a particular self-image, and more abstract conceptions: the hunger for knowledge or wisdom. The deeper the level of the hierarchy, the more primal the desires and urges.

The techniques: flooding and vomiting (eating and excreting) - to flood awareness with specific images, to bring forth (evoke) the demon, giving it form, "flesh" and eventually a name or a sigil. The scrambled personality tapes were to act as auditory sigils - storms of emotion whipped up by intensive remembering (replaying) sets of memories. Letting loose the hyenas of cynicism on a cherished ideal or goal.

The means of Gnosis: sensory overload, hyperventilation, old favourites such as hunger, thirst, exhaustion. 120 hours without sleep produces a fine paranoid 'edge' to consciousness.

Cohering the images that welled up from within - using finger-painting, moulding clay mixed with body fluids and excreta, sculpture using broken glass; and the more usual methods; sigils, auto-writing, taking a line for a walk. By these means the Forgotten Ones take shape. These 'psychographs' accumulate in corners of the temple, and it takes on the clutter of an Austin Osman Spare print.

Alas, these psychographs fall far short of the images and visions that flicker around me. "Another pile of Shit for the ledger?" I scream and take a hammer to them, only to collapse exhausted and retching on the temple floor. The red lines of the yantra-circuit on the floor seem at that moment to be particularly mocking and indifferent to my efforts. There is a kind of 'wrenching' feeling in my head, the snap of vertebrae being twisted, a helpless animal having its neck wrung, and I begin to howl the names that erupt from my throat...

And the jackals rushed in to feed, and I laughed when I saw them 'cos they all wore my face.

I came back from that moment into a kind of calm detachment - 'emptied' momentarily of any further feeling. I walked around the temple, as though seeing the debris for the first time, sifting carefully through the mess, examining each half-finished piece as though it wasn't anything to do with me. Some I was able to give names to - "you are Uul, the fear of failure", "you are Hamal, guilt not yet erased." This was the beginning of the formation of an alphabet of binding.

The second half of this operation consisted of experimenting with this alphabet, binding the demons into magical weapons for later use. When the initial phase of the work was done, I slept for about 18 hours, and awoke clear of the frenetic delirium which had been built up.

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## Commentary

### 1. The Hierarchy of Human Needs

Traditionally, Demons and Devils are organised according to ranks and hierarchies with "Princes" ruling lesser demons. The grimoires seem to imply that if Hell exists, then it is a bureaucracy, and so by the same token, Earthly bureaucracies are demonic structures - as anyone who has had any dealings with the DHSS will readily testify.

The hierarchy used in the Babblogue was developed by the psychologist Abraham Maslow, to show how the various levels of 'need' influence behaviour and motivation. His hierarchy of Human Needs is a pyramid of desires, ranging from biological survival needs (food, shelter, etc.) to more complex needs:

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| Biological         | hunger, thirst, warmth    |
| Safety             | i.e. freedom from fear    |
| Affiliative        | to be given consideration |
| Esteem             | status, praise, belonging |
| Cognitive          | intellectual stimulation  |
| Aesthetic          | culture, art              |
| Self-Actualization | self-knowledge            |

According to Maslow, the needs at one level must be at least partially fulfilled before those on the next level become important - so aesthetic needs are not usually high on the list when one is starving. One can become 'possessed' by one's survival demons, and consequentially able to perform actions one would otherwise not consider. Air crash survivors resorting to cannibalism is an extreme example of this.

In attempting to strip away the layers of my own psyche in this way, I was struck by the 'Russian-doll' nature of the demons - that the roots of a cognitive value could be traced downwards into the levels of self-esteem, affiliation, and survival needs. This idea seems to be implied in the zoomorphic image of the man-beast. If we deny our demons then they are indeed 'outside' and the self becomes a fortress, for an army at war with itself. In

contrast, the Babblogue is a trial by catharsis, to understand and unify the dwellers within, rather than deny or subjugate them.

## **2. The Shaman's Journey**

The central theme of all 'magical retirements' of this nature is the journey within. Shamans world-wide, and the most powerful religious myths are concerned with this descent into chaos - the confrontation with death, the demon feast, trial by fire, communion with the dead - and the subsequent return - the realisation of power, and the subsequent return to Human affairs as an initiate. The core elements in this process can be summarised as follows:

- Phase of Departure: Summons to depart, separation from mundane life, descent.
- Phase of Initiation: Ordeals, the labyrinth, womb, whales' belly, guides and allies.
- Illumination/Transformation
- Phase of Return: Rebirth, return to world.
- Mastery

Awareness of this process is a central theme of the contemporary approach to development which has come to be known as Chaos Magick, an approach which focuses on the examination and removal of belief structures, the cultural conditioning which defines our experience of the world. Deliberate self-wounding, to facilitate a return to the 'union' with Cosmos and Chaos that we initially feel that we have 'lost'. The benefits of this experience is an increased ability to survive, not by fighting the environment or becoming passively resigned to what happens to you, but understanding the basic unity of self and environment, and the extent to which one can be a self-determining agent.

Further Reading:

Nightside of Eden - Kenneth Grant

Shamanic Voices - Joan Halifax

The Great Mother - Neumann

Fear & Loathing in Las Vegas - Hunter S. Thompson

Cities of the Red Night - William S. Burroughs

The Book of Pleasure - Austin Osman Spare

Thundersqueak - Angerford & Lea

The Masks of God - Joseph Campbell

An Introduction to Psychology - Hilgard, Atkinson & Atkinson

Liber Null - Pete Carroll

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# Imagination, Belief, and "Rightness"

**To:** zee-list

**Subject:** Re: [zee-list] Astral Tomes 2

**Author:** "Andre Oides"

**Date:** 28/01/2000 06:19

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Patrick Gavin wrote:

*It's called "imagination"*

*Imagination.*

*Imagination. People have it. Even back then.*

Ok. Lots of imagination. I guess I have a lot of imagination too, because I can get out of my body and talk to spirits and entities and see strange astral landscapes, read astral tomes, talk to dead people... Oh, I think I can even remember some of my past lives...

Well, this discussion of ours got to a point where we can't tell who is right or who is wrong. I believe that those guys got insights of other planes of existence. If you believe that it was just their imagination, what can I say? It's your belief. That's what magick is about isn't it? Belief? I believe in other planes of existence, I believe in faeries, I believe in spirits and ghosts, Santa Claus, vampires... So what? I believe in magic. Imagination plays a great role in all this, of course, but it's not everything.

This is just what I believe. I'm not saying you're wrong. Of course you can be right, and I can be right as well, but we can't prove it. And I don't give a shit about proving anything and I'm not telling anyone to believe what I say. I'm just saying what I believe in.

# Interpretation of Psychic Episodes

**Date:** Thu, 31 Jul 1997 02:54:27 CST  
**From:** larryc@teleport.com (Larry Caldwell)  
**Newsgroups:** soc.religion.paganism, alt.magick  
**Subject:** Re: mental illness vs true visions

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In article <33CCC797.268A@worldnet.att.net>, "H.M.1, 2 &3"  
<opalmc@worldnet.att.net> wrote:

*I've never claimed I'm psychic, but I do know for a fact that I've had several psychic experiences in my life... example: a boyfriend in High School was dating a young lady behind my back. I spoke with him every day, saw him every weekend; never once did I receive any open or even covert indication that he was seeing someone else. One night, I had a dream; I saw him kissing a girl who'd I'd only met once at a party. I did not think they even knew each other.(he wasn't at this party) Two weeks later, he told me he'd been seeing this girl for two months.. and that he was leaving me for her. When I asked who she was, he named the girl I'd met at that party. You can call that coincidence or self delusion, as that one individual was doing, but I sincerely think not... and that was only one incident.... I agree: I think people, if trained, can make the differentiation between fantasy and genuine psychic impression.*

The problem with psychic episodes is all the baggage that people generate to explain them. Then they go on to generate these grandiose moon castles based on very shaky theories.

The most common explanation of psychic episodes is the "radio in the head" theory. You suddenly realize you know something you didn't think you knew, and decide the information was beamed into your head, or perhaps you are a sensitive and can pluck it from the ether somehow. Once you decide you have a radio in your head, you wander off doing all sorts of odd things like beaming messages to God, your sister, or the brain of your favorite racehorse. Life would certainly be interesting if this worked, but it doesn't. Sorry, it's been researched half to death by people who really *wanted* to make it work, and it never did.

The obvious explanation for your example is the fact that you were in frequent contact with your boyfriend, you had met his new girlfriend, and you were picking up subliminal cues. It may have been her attitude towards you when you met, subtle cues in your boyfriend's behavior, and the faint smell of her spooge on your boyfriend's crotch. Lots of mental processes run in the background. You figured out what was going on and processed the information in a dream before you ever became aware you knew it.

Both interpretations explain the same experience. For some reason, many people find the 'radio' theory more mystical and satisfying than the 'subliminal' theory. They would rather

believe that they can zap thoughts around the cosmos than the possibility that their subconscious is smarter than they are.

The advantage of the 'subliminal' theory is that people can be trained to be more perceptive, and bring those cues to a conscious level. With practice and study, *anybody* can learn to be perceptive. If you study an herb from seed through flower, learn its growth, smell, taste, medicinal properties, when you look at that herb you perceive much more than someone who does not know. You can say, "This will flower in three days." Many people would think you are predicting the future, when all you are doing is telling what you see.

The question is not whether psychic episodes occur. Of course they do. The question is how they work, and can you make them work under control?

-- Larry



# INTO THEE VORTEX

## *an essay on Kaos Magick*

by Zos/Xavius.23

**From:** Mark Bassett (mbbt+@andrew.cmu.edu)

**Newsgroups:** alt.magick.chaos

**Subject:** Defining Kaos (was Re: What is Kaos Magick)

**Date:** Mon, 17 Nov 1997 03:21:04 -0500

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Many, unfortunately, see Kaos Magick as a method of working with a variety of magickal systems, and in the end, choosing what they like. They obviously miss the entire focus of kaos magick, and instead create their own personal paradigm. It is a phenomenon that has appeared far too many times. In essence, the end result is a group of people that can't agree on anything, because their EGO has become a stronghold to what they feel is "right", and when someone presents their perspective, it is unfairly dissected and weighed against an established belief system. What people fail to realize is that Kaos Magick does not seek to allow everyone a comfortable paradigm to live in. Kaos Magick is a psychological WAR. It is operation MINDFUCK. When it comes to Kaos Magick, nothing is the truth, and of course everything is permitted. The real problem lies in the fact that people want to become comfortable with something, or they just simply want something to believe in. It is a tragic human flaw. Why bother sitting around and theorizing about how magick works? There is no answer, never will be. There are certain elements that the human mind will never understand, accept it and get over it!

It is best to work with magick in the following way. Find what works for you and exploit it. Kaos Magick isn't about theory, it isn't about quantum physics, and it definitely isn't about asking why. When you start asking why you immediately fall into a trap, and invoke DOGMA. What Kaos Magick IS about is really fucking with the way you view things, and constantly shifting your perspective. The mind's I can be as static or as fluid as you choose. The more fluid it is, the easier it is to enter a consistent flux of paradigm shifts. It is the KIA, or true self, that we will never fully realize. Kaos magick brings us closer. Gnosis, or no-mind, destroys our shallow concept of self that EGO solidifies. It is the key to magick. So, wake up tomorrow and be a wiccan for a day, and take on the paradigm, or better yet wake up as a christian. The more you attack your ego, the harder it fights back. You are nothing, remember that, because your ego will consistently tell you otherwise. Nobody ever said that Kaos Magick was easy.

# K-Balls Explained!

**Date:** Mon, 4 Nov 1996 11:35:36 -0500

**To:** zee-list

**From:** emerald7@his.com (Fr.L.D. Funquiebutt, F.'E'.)

**Subject:** K-balls explained!!!

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The sidrat asked, (certainly feeding us a straight line...)  
> Martin, what is a k-ball?

And Fr.L.D. Funquiebutt, unable to contain his Self, responds:

A K-ball is sort of like a cue ball (used in billiards and pool). It is a dense, heavy sphere, usually white in color. However, the "K-ball" is made mostly of a material resembling Matzo, which has been compressed almost to a singularity density. K-balls have many uses, the most common of which is when it is used very much like a cue ball, in a game played only on the Astral plane, known as "Pocket Pool (pull)", where the K-ball is used to careen around the spheroid "ego-balls" of up-and-coming mages on a table that bears a remarkable resemblance to a CAT-scan of Elvis's colon...

And (not unlike revenge) K-balls are best when served cool...

For the humor-impaired, the "K-ball" is a tongue-in-cheek way that many Chaotes (and most Discordians) refer to the Cabala...

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# Kaos Kabbalah

by Frater Ashachor 000

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The Kabbalah is a very powerful system which can be used rather easily, and *very* effectively, especially once you get all the ceremonial or white and fluffy shit out of it. It is a system that was developed by the wandering Hebrew nomads of the middle east. They were a tribal people, with twelve tribes, herded goat and live stock, and wandered from place to place, placing their lives in the hands of nature, and the desert itself. To have the upper hand, they developed a system of magick, powerful, intense, raw, untamed magick. Later they turned it into a religion, and it lost much of its power, but of course as we can see from quite a few labeled "miracle workers", they system never lost its potential, and I am here, to unlock the key to its origins, and unleash the mighty beast that it truly is.

Each of the Hebrew letters, is a key, a key to vast magickal power. Each creates some sort of rip in the boundaries between "this world", and the realm of aether. Each has some specific meaning and purpose, that allows it to tear open that boundary, and unleash its power of unlimited possibility.

So disregard all that you "know" about this system, no more ceremonial trappings, no more countless equations, no more "true will" or "higher meaning". All that lies ahead, is sheer raw power.

Each letter you may notice, has a small little like "cowlick" on its top, this is the piece that rips open the hole. This little cowlick is actually a tiny letter Yod (the tenth letter, the one that is not much more then a little fooped dot that hangs there in the air. This is where each letter gets its power from, where it "plugs itself in" so to say into the power source. This yod, is the power point of the letter.

And some letters have more than one of these little Yods, so of course create more tears in the fabric of reality, so of course effect that letter as would be expected.

First off, when you read in any Hebrew incantation, or prayer or spell, or whatever the like, when it says some "name of god", it refers to magick, to the unlimited power of chaos. So when you place the name of god somewhere, any one of the numerous Kabbalistic names, you are not drawing down the power of "god", but the power of Chaos. That unimaginable and indescribable void where all emanates and goes back to, where all possibilities are reality.

So when you call upon or declare the name of "god, such as YHVH (Yod Hei Vov Hei), you are calling upon the god within, the god that YOU are, that calls forth and commands the realms of chaos, as well as all others.

A powerful way to draw upon the power of the letters is to trace them astrally with your finger, or upon a piece of paper (traditionally with a feather quill for pen, and parchment for paper, but "nothing is true, everything is permitted". . .) I have had some AMAZING results with a ball pointed pen and a piece of paper, then rolling it up as a scroll and binding it with string or a leather thong, the binding being the finalization of the enchantment, the releasing of it, making it \*DO\*.

It can be an enchantment, you bind the scroll, and thetas it. Or it can also be a charm or amulet, you can wear it around you neck, keep it in a pocket, hang it on a bed post for it to work its magick while you sleep (this I have done with TREMENDOUS results). Many many uses for a "Kameah" as it is called in Hebrew.

One thing, I \*AM\* disregarding just about all tradition from the Kabbalistic system of magick, but ONE thing I keep, "Nothing is true, everything is permitted ", so if you want to disregard go for it. But I refuse to use metal as a cover, or to hold a kameah. It is a tradition the Baal Shem Tov (master of the good name, so titled since he had mastered and learnt the powers of the various names, and used them for amazing magickal purposes). He said not to use metal for the cover of a kameah, so I don't. and have had quite a few visions and experiences where I got "vibes" out of it that metal actually should NOT be used, because it hinders the magickal powers.

The letters and words can be played off, and effect and compliment each other, they all interact with each other, and can result in rather amazing effects, much like a bunch of drops of water, each effect the other, are independent, separate, but at the same time are the whole body of water, one huge magickal entity.

So far, from my research and experimentation with this whole system, most, if not all, of the letters are directors, or windows, or doorways to power. They create a whole conduit like system of power, like when you draw from the power of YHVH, the Yod, serves as the letter that taps into the power, tears open the hole and empowers the rest of the word, it "plugs it in", for it to draw power from.

Then the letter Hei, serves as a doorway, literally like opening a conduit of raw untamed energy from "the other side". So the Yod starts the powering up, it taps it in, then the Hei opens the corridor and lets it stream in.

Now the next letters of YHVH, VH, Vov and the second Hei, the Vov is nothing more than an elongated Yod, it is a Yom which comes down, i.e., since a Yod draws forth the power, crates the rip between the barriers, then the Vov is the bringing down, the actualization of the possibilities, its what gives you the power to control it. It is shaped as a staff, and as a staff gives you the control to actually \*wield\* the raw power, to direct it to make it fulfill your desire. To make you statement of intent, a reality.

The last letter, the second Hei, is another doorway, and just as the first opens another conduit of mass untamed energy. And this is what is so powerful about the name YHVH, it opens two conduits, one, for energy from the realm to enter you, and the second, it

opens a second one, for your energy to enter back into it, so you mix your energies, without hat of the mass void of chaos, so you are linked to it through a direct flow that travels through you, a circle that goes through you, and it, and mixes and combines your energies.

I have done this a quite a few times, and have almost passed out a number of times from the sheer, raw overflow of wild magickal energy, then I just sat there, or most of the time laid down, and just let myself be bathed in the sensation of it all, the overwhelming power of it.

The Vov, can be used to make an enchantment out of it, either to visualize a sigil, or desire, or chant your desire in Hebrew, or even English, and project it onto that letter, since it is what wields the power, controls and navigates it, so you just navigate it to your desire.

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The Letters.

Here, I will talk about the various powers and such of the Hebraic alphabet.

Aleph The first letter.

Sound None, takes the sound of whatever vowel it represents

Gematria 1:

What is amazing about this letter, is that it is really a sigil of three other letters, two Yods, and one Vov in the middle. These equal in gematria 26, which is also the gematria of YHVH, so this letter is nothing more than the sigil, of that name. So of course, it has quite a number of intense powers and uses.

One way I have found which is a powerful way to draw upon this letter, is to trace it in the air, or on a kameah as stated before, but write a small YHVH on each four sides, on letter, like

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| H     | Y |
| Aleph |   |
| H     | V |

In that arrangement since Hebrew goes from right to left. And on the middle of the Aleph, the "axis" like, the Vov, you project your desire/statement of intent upon.

During this ritual my entire chest area felt like it was dissolved into pure raw, unexplainably intense magickal power.

Can be used for enchantments, or to charge ritual items, or anything where just raw, untamed energy is needed. I have carved it upon my wand which I made at the beginning of my MMM work, and the amazing force that comes through it, through that letter, is just something fierce. So can be used as an enchanter, a harnesser, an empowerer, can place it in front of other words to give them added power, as well as whatever else we may find out. . .

Shin Second to last letter

Sound Sh

Gematria 300

Is much like the rune Thurisaz for those of you familiar with rune magick. It is an aggressive letter, it has 3 Yods on its top, and then 3 Vovs coming down from them connecting at a common point, where all the energy is concentrated and realised. It can be used for protection (Shemirah in Hebrew begins with Shin). It has the shape of a crown, so as to represent that this is a TAKE CHARGE letter, it is KING, it is POWER. By taking this letter, you are taking CONTROL. You are god, do what you wish with your power.

It is also a glyph of a man with his arms outstretched towards the sky, drawing forth the vast powers of chaos, drawing upon his desires and making them reality.

This letter works rather well with Aleph, the two letters together, Aleph, Shin, make the word Ash, fire. If you add an Aleph to the word Shemirah, you get Ashmeirah, which means fire protection. By making the Vulcan sign with your hands (which is actually a letter Shin, Gene Rodenbury was Jewish, and knew this was the sign the ancient Jewish high priests used to bless the people) So when you make this sign, you are drawing upon the power of the letter, you are crowning yourself god, your god within.

Well that's all FOR NOW, is an ongoing experiment and deconstruction, also experimenting on writing it from left to right, as well as MANY other things...

# Kaos Klub

**From:** Joseph Maxx.555  
**Newsgroups:** alt.magick.chaos  
**Subject:** Re: Apprentice  
**Date:** Tue, 20 Apr 1999 11:36:30 -0700

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On 20 Apr 1999, Shuburt wrote:

*Hello. I'd like to introduce myself simply as Webster. I have a serious interest in Chaos Magic, but I'm unaware of any spells. I know of a group of friends at school who will accept me into there Chaos club, but only if I have some knowledge of spells. That's where you wonderful people come in. If any of you want to feel compassion for a lowly beginner, Please do let me know, I will most appreciate it.*

(Note: this fellow has already performed a great work of magic: he's caused a significant number of accomplished magicians to urinate all over themselves. Good work, Shuburt!)

(Another note: Weren't we all in high school once upon a time? How soon we forget...)

You've got an excellent chance here to deflate some pompous twits.

Go to this URL:

<http://www.autonomatrix.org>

There you will find the Corpus Fecundi of the Autonomatrix: a "spell book" containing nearly 200 collected Chaos Magic rituals, with complete instructions on how to perform them. Help yourself. Download several dozen of your favorite rites (especially the one's involving blood, full immersion, self-induced vomiting or sex) and present them to these "friends". You will instantly leapfrog over them in stature and importance. I particularly recommend "The Vortex Rite" (filed under "Openings and Banishings") as one you should practice until you can perform it from memory. This will impress the bejesus out of them. Also download the Ouranian-Barbaric Dictionary so you can be the resident expert on the Chaos Magical language.

Now, that's only if you're concerned about your place in your school's social pecking order. And it's important I know -- it hasn't been THAT long since I was in high school.

HOWEVER, if you really want to know more about Chaos Magic for your OWN mystical advancement (which you will find is the REAL key to gaining the "admiration" of these chaos club types -- if you learn to do the WORK for it's own sake and do it well, the admiration will naturally follow and they'll be begging to join YOUR chaos club) then pick up Phil Hine's book, "Condensed Chaos" (New Falcon Publishing). You can order it from any large book store chain if they don't stock it.

Beware of the trap of trying too hard to impress others. Don't be a whore to any social

order, not even one you admire. If you want to be recognised, DO SOMETHING worthy of recognition and it will come of its own accord.

In any case, best of luck on your path. Don't trip on the giggling you hear in alt.magick.chaos -- it's a form of initiation. If you can't stomach people laughing at you, get out of the magic business now.

- J.M.:555

(Also check out <http://www.chaosmatrix.com>)

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Then the Old Man of the Earth stooped over the floor of the cave, raised a huge stone from it, and left it leaning. It disclosed a great hole. "That is the way", he said. "But there are no stairs", I cried. "You must throw yourself in", he replied. "There is no other way."

-- George MacDonald  
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Date: Thu, 18 Jan 96 13:41:52 EST  
From: Sean Scullion <seans@ee.uts.edu.au>  
Subject: The Sensation

Hi all,

I've written this with a view to publishing it in the next ZChronicles.

It's basically research I was working on while I was in Europe and the Middle East. Feedback is most welcome, though I don't know how much of my email gets through to here these days.

Kinesthetic Magick, by MAZE

Chapter 2

- The Sensation -

I start with the premise that each person wants to experience both itself and the matrix more fully. By doing so, it attracts and creates far better (more intense) sensations for itself. The difference between attracting and creating sensations are typified in an ancient Chinese symbol most people are familiar with, the yin-yang. To experience the difference involves a meditation. The experience is kinesthetic, which means you feel it, and what's more: you feel it within yourself.

Most meditations involve either visualisations or feeling outside of yourself, such as watching or feeling your breath. The nose is a long way from centre, and we are feeling inwards. All meditations are valid to the people of the matrix, some have more intense sensations around them, some give us what we are questing for, whereas most don't. If you wish to feel the difference between yin energy and yang energy do this meditation. I'll explain the difference more fully shortly.

Preparation:

- This is the same for both meditations and is a fairly common meditation in itself.

Sit with your back straight, perhaps on a chair as I prefer, or else on the floor, or perhaps lay down and start by taking a few slow deliberate breaths and close your eyes.

Allow your consciousness to roam freely within your body, settling eventually in your toes. Focus on the feeling within your toes and feel the space within your toes. Move to the sole of your foot leaving just the shell of your toes, i.e. your toes are empty space. Move your consciousness upward within your body: toes, soles, feet, heels, ankles, calves, shins, knees, thighs, buttocks, anus, sexual organs, hips, kidneys, stomach, inner body, lungs, heart, slowly up the spine, throat. Then along the arms, doing each finger one at a time,

hands, wrists, fore-arms, elbows, biceps & upper arms, armpits, shoulders, nape, neck, chin, mouth & tongue, nose, eyes, third eye, ears, back of head, top of head then inside head.

I've found it useful spending 10-15 minutes emptying the body/feeling the space until the whole body is felt to be empty space.

The consciousness is then directed to the centre of your body, let your consciousness sit quietly centred for a short time, surrounded by the shell. The heart region is the centre of the body for the purposes of this and the following meditations and is called the heart chakra, in Eastern texts.

Yin:

Once you are centred to your own satisfaction, that is, your consciousness is at the heart chakra:

let go of the shell

which is to say

fall through the shell.

The feeling you'll have is of falling and the energy is yin.

There is a point where consciousness says "hang on!" and you climb back up. You then need to create the space within your body again, though it can be done much more rapidly as you deem fit. Centre yourself again and drop again. Note the feelings you get, but avoid intellectualising just yet. This isn't head-stuff. These are physical energies your learning how to experience.

Yang:

To best feel the difference between Yin and Yang, follow straight on from the Yin meditation once the feelings have been noted. On alternate meditations, start with the Yang then follow with the Yin.

Centre yourself again, placing consciousness at heart chakra, then direct your consciousness now to your innards as you breath. Trace a mental circle within your body starting below the navel, breathing in: tracing around to the top of the lungs then breath out: tracing the circle down the other side within yourself.

Get a good circle within yourself.

Once you've got the circle happening within yourself, feel the sensation you have at the upper and lower points of the circle, that is, between breathing in and breathing out. Feel the Yang at these two peaks within each cycle.

Chi:

It took me 3 attempts at this meditation before I felt the difference so persevere if the results aren't felt first go. After 6 attempts or so, the difference between Yin and Yang energies becomes blatantly obvious and I can feel the difference now, as easily as I can feel the keyboard under my fingers. The combination of Yin and Yang energies results in the basic substance of life, Chi, which goes under various names. In English it is best described as the LifeForce, or just the Force for

2 reasons:

- It encompasses death.
- I'm a fan of Star Wars.

Before continuing with more techniques, I'll explain the difference as a combination of what I've read and of what I've felt. These 2 energies have different charges. I'll join the consensus by calling Yang "positive" and Yin "negative". Yang is a creative energy, a potential; Yin is a passive energy, a void to be filled. Yang is described as male and Yin as female. I feel these descriptions as inaccurate and wonder where they originated. Perhaps the social standing of women at the time, being more passive, caused these descriptions. More likely, it has to do with the physical qualities of women and men. The sexual organs are manifestations of Yin and Yang. However, the sexual difference between Yin and Yang energies is not relevant today. Women and Men have equal access to Yin and Yang energies. I know I do.

The Taoists describe the first manifestations of Yin as the Moon (Thai Yin) and of Yang, the Sun (Thai Yang). [Almost?] all mythologies describe the Sun as masculine and the Moon as feminine, assumingly because the Sun was active and the moon was passive. I agree that calling the Sun Yang; and the Moon Yin is more accurate than the sexual descriptions of these space bodies.

I am talking about energy, and access to energy here.

The energy spurned by the combination of Yin and Yang, results with Chi.

This is far more easy to experience than the two as separate entities. Simply, sit still and upright with your hands about 2 feet apart palms facing each other. Put your consciousness between your hands (feel what is there) and slowly bring your hands together until you feel the barrier between them (about 3-6 inches apart for starters). This is Chi energy that you can feel. If you have troubles with this, rub your hands together deliberately and try again. I have no doubt that you will feel this. Many people can see it too, usually it is of an electric

blue colour or else [as I do] a golden sphere, though to date I don't know the difference. Often visualising the golden sphere helps in bringing the energy to your fingertips. Visualize one of the 2 colours as you deem fit, but not white, as many books and teachers recommend. White is Pure Yang energy, and the quest for enlightenment needs to be balanced with the quest for endarkenment if it's quested at all, in my honest opinion.

Let me explain how I define some terms:

Enlightenment is the attainment of a pure Yang energy. The enlightened direct what they are doing, and know where they are going, and how to get there. The enlightened usually arrive where they are Heading. The energy is one of potential, of movement, of creativity. It is the active force in the matrix.

Endarkenment is the attainment of a pure Yin energy. The endarkened finds something to do, and knows how to [literally] ride the flows of energy in the matrix. There is a powerful intuition attainable

with endarkenment. The energy is one of acceptance, of being moved, of inspiration. It is the passive force in the matrix.

Based on these definitions, neither can be labelled "Good" or "Evil", nor can they be labelled "Masculine" or "Feminine", but labels and definitions vary widely in the spiritual communities. I base my definitions on my experience. Your experiences may be different.

An example may help to illustrate, that of a painter.

Painter Yang, has an idea, gets the necessary equipment, and paints with a great deal of passion producing a masterpiece.

Painter Yin, has an idea, gets the necessary equipment, and relaxes. Yin lets the art be it's own inspiration and produces a masterpiece.

It remains to be seen what Painter YinYang, aka Painter Chi, can do.

So, you've now created an energy sphere in your hands. This can be quite potent, yet there is more power available elsewhere. Put your palms flat on your thighs and re-enter the empty space within your whole body. Instead of generating the Force within your hands, you generate it at the heart centre, and have your centre of consciousness there. It's a little harder to get started with this energy, primarily due to us always using our hands, and never spending much time feeling our hearts. Once it is felt (connected with consciously), the power raises many times over. Also note if you can feel that the energy from heart centre is different to the energies of the hands, and different parts of the body. Accurately, the higher on the body you stimulate energy within, the higher the frequency of the energy. A common mistake is to believe that higher = better. There is a whole science of the different parts of the body and their energies, which deserves it's own later section. Known as chakras, Naomi Ozaniec writes:

"The spinal network of energies is a vital part of the subtle anatomy of the human individual. The chakras are strung upon the inner column of sushumna [the spinal meridian] like jewels on a necklace. It is this central column which unifies the separated chakras into a whole. It is possible for high levels of energy to rise up from the base chakra through the spinal nadi [meridian] and dramatically affect all the chakras simultaneously." [1]

in her discussion on the raising of the Kundalini Force up the chakra network. The chakras, are more than that. They are matrices within the body. Each has it's own energy, each can be felt. There is a ritual called the Middle Pillar, published by various authors. This ritual is calling the energy downwards. If you are a student of rituals such as this, experiment with going upwards and note the difference in energies available.

If you have experienced your own energy to some degree of definite success, you may desire to enter a group structure.

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The TAZ:

When nodes (yang centres) form within the matrix for periods of time, we have a thing called a Temporary Autonomous Zone[2], or TAZ. The TAZ may desire (or otherwise) to formulate itself, or grow in strength. The mere coming together has the TAZ potential, so it wants to empower the links, and forget temporarily that the individuals have external links, or ignore them, thus becoming a TAZ.

To start with an exercise in which all units of then TAZ are in the same location. The TAZ should physically formulate itself into a geometric layout. If 2 units, they face each other. If 3, they form a triangle and so on. This is a simple exercise with many variations worth experimenting with. I list some of the possibilities at the end of the section.

Each member of the TAZ enters quiet meditation and centres itself to the heart chakra. Each member puts it's own hands together until it can feel the Force contained therein. Once it is felt the TAZ forms smaller groups of 2 (becoming a 2 person TAZ within) and face their palms towards each other, exchanging the Force until an energy ball of some definite magnitude is felt. If they were then to move the energy ball around somewhat, they would be able to discover it's boundaries. This can be done by stretching, raising, lowering, squashing, etc. Become familiar with the Force your partner has. I've found that to touch hands is detrimental to the practise.

Now, if there is more than 2 of you, swap partners and do the same, with some rotations within the TAZ, you will be able to feel the difference with the Force of different members (and different TAZs). The sensations inspired great joy, when I first experienced this. I had always understood intellectually that each person has a unique energy field. Having done this, I felt it.

You can do similar exercises with your eyes. Again form groups of 2. The first unit has it's eyes closed, the second has them open and looks/stares/watches one of the first's eyes. The first has to determine which of it's eyes is being looked into via directing attention first to one then the other then back and so on until the other's Force is felt. For the visual amongst you, when directing attention to each eye, see which one grows brighter.

You will by this stage be able to feel your partner's unique Force, and in a group you can experiment by blind-folding one unit and taking turns at the Force balls within the hands. The results are surprising, in that you are now able to know who you are playing with. All this in one evening.

With some rotation, you will have felt each other's Force and know the difference between various TAZ members. Now, the TAZ has formed an egregore, a group consciousness, or group Force, which may be further strengthened by ritual [to be discussed in full in a later section] or by forming a pattern. Say there's four units, Each takes a quarter of the circle you exist in, and directs their own Force to the centre of the circle, feeling the Egregore grow in intensity, until the force comes back to their hands. By now moving forward, and compressing the ball, you have a very potent energy

that you may use for various purposes. If the purpose is to formulate/strengthen the TAZ egregore, name the Force, spin it within it's boundaries, perhaps chant mantra that seems appropriate to the TAZ purpose, then absorb it back into yourselves. You are now inextricably linked to the Egregore. The consequences, both positive and negative, are best discussed before commencing. In the matrix, it's all flows and exchanges of energy, nothing more, nothing less.

To label the consequences positive or negative (whatever they may be) is accurate on a level I'm not currently discussing, though I work and play on that level too.

I said I would discuss some further possibilities. In a short space of time, you will be able to feel when a TAZ unit is nearby, and by 'feeling out' or deliberately sensing, you will be aware of the current emotional and spiritual state of the unit. Note that we already have this ability, we have to learn how to tune into it. A common example is directing our attention to feel the ground beneath our feet (or shoes as the case may be). We weren't paying attention to it before, but don't be silly in denying it's existence. With the Force, you have to learn how to pay attention to it.

Other TAZ Exercises:

- Obtain a collection of items, such as a deck of Tarot Cards, and have one member of the TAZ be the 'guesser'. A sample of cards are laid out (say 5 the first time) and all other TAZ members direct their attention and send their Force onto that card, whilst the guesser is out of view. When done to satisfaction, the guesser comes in, and feels the cards energies, without touching, until the guesser can determine which of the cards contains the TAZ energy.

Note, many units within the matrix work well on a visual system, that is to say, they may be able to see the Force of the card immediately. Still, they should attempt to feel it, for this system is based on exploring kinesthetic magick.

- Healing. A member of the TAZ has some ailment. For example, I sprang my elbow while juggling. A member in full Health was told, in experiment, that I had a damaged arm. She moved her hand up and down my arm, about 3 inches away, feeling my force radiate from my arm. She felt a slight disturbance in my force, which was described in analogy as a log fallen across a river. The method for healing is to smooth out the energy by slowly brushing along the river over the log, until the log seems to have vanished (to the brusher's satisfaction). Expect to be healed within an hour. With long term ailments (such as cancer) continue to do this as often as possible, even a few times a day. It's been reported to me by a long-term shaman of kinesthetic magick, that results vary from 80 - 90 % success, a lot better than any doctor. A little sad, if your in the 10%.

Note, after doing such a healing, it is important for the healer to ground or earth the energies that have been picked up. This is done by touching the Earth with the hands and sending it out, or by bathing in salt-water. A simple flick of the wrists will send it out a lot of the time. You will be able to feel the

difference with only a little practise. It feels different. Different temperature, different vibration, different level of comfort. A favourite way of Earthing, which is much looked down upon within the magickal community, is by hugging a tree.

It is important to note that people may come together for shorter periods of time than discussed, say a single session. They may only meet once in their lives. They too, may do any of these exercises. Recommended is the Force ball and getting accustomed to each other's Force.

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Note that this was entitled \_Chapter 2, The Sensation\_. After some reconstruction, I have decided to put explanations as the first so \_Chapter 1, The Model\_, is soon to be published.  
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Glossary:

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- Chakra: Sanskrit for wheel.
- Chi: The combination of yin and yang energies. Also called in this document, energy or the Force.
- Cluster: A collection of units within the matrix. Also known as Nodes.
- Egregore: A group mind is the usual definition. Here it is extended to include a group energy.
- Energy: There are many different energies that are perceivable. It is defined as that which is perceivable, and can be controlled and directed for specific means. This essay deals with perceiving, controlling, and directing using kinesthetic means.
- Force: The Force is the name popularized by the Star Wars movie trilogy, for the energy that abounds in the cosmic matrix. Same as Chi.
- Kinesthetic: To do with the sensation of touch.
- Mantra: A series of syllables, often repeated, that may be spoken inwardly or outwardly designed with a specific intent. Aum being the most common.
- Matrix: A matrix is a combination of yin and yang energies. Matrices are often felt to be like spider webs, or like whirl-pools. Each matrix consists of smaller nodes which are also matrices, and each is part of greater matrices. The Matrix is also the name given to all matrices, which is colloquially called The Cosmos. More

details forthcoming in Chapter 1.

- Node: A node is a centre of activity. It is a potent yang energy, active and creative. Between nodes is the space, which is yin energy.
- TAZ: Temporary Autonomous Zone.
- Visual: Pertaining to the sense of vision, or seeing.
- Yang: The active, creative, potential energy.
- Yin: The passive energies, typified by space.

teflaftheita mafswiw ot kwirte labo kasfein amgidlee.

- [1] The Elements of THE CHAKRAS, Naomi Ozaniec, ELEMENT, ISBN:9 781852 301743, page 13. This is an excellent primer for the beginner in chakra work. It explains the concepts well and contains many useful exercises. Further, it explains the meanings of a lot of Sanskrit words that occur from time to time in various religious texts.
- [2] TAZ.DOC, by Hakim Bey can be found on the internet at ftp:
[//ftp.funet.fi/pub/doc/religion/old/magick/INCOMING](ftp://ftp.funet.fi/pub/doc/religion/old/magick/INCOMING)
It is, I think, 260k in length and consists of many useful articles and discussions.

King of the Castle

Magical Order and Internal Schisms

By Phil Hine

Anyone who has examined the history of occult movements in any detail will realise that schism, disorder, and "magical differences" are a regular occurrence. This is a fact much lamented by contemporary magicians, and there is much wonderment that it continues in the current occult milieu. In examining the development of magical orders as form of social organization, it is necessary to examine some of the predisposing factors which tend to make internal problems almost inevitable.

The roots of the modern occult movement lie in the Nineteenth Century, and it is unsurprising therefore, that some contemporary magical orders style themselves according the "traditional" patterns established. Magical Orders such as the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn and the Ordo Templis Orientis, owed much in their organizational dynamic to Freemasonry. The Golden Dawn, in particular, seems to have set the template for many magical orders thereafter. The key element which should be understood, is not particularly that the Golden Dawn was hierarchical, but that the hierarchical grades came to reflect a kind of "spiritual" authority. The problem with "spiritual" authority is that it is rarely open to close inspection by others, and it is fairly easy for a charismatic and forceful person to claim moral superiority to others on the basis of a "higher initiation" which is not, a priori, open to inspection. Such was the position of Magregor Mathers and other leaders in the Golden Dawn, and many of its imitators since. Anyone may make the claim that due to a divine illumination, they have a mandate to lead and inform others (I see a good few letter making such a claim every month), but of course not everyone is in a position to carry it across in a group. The magical order, of course, is often the ideal place to make such a claim and make it stick, and so a good number of would-be gurus and magi have managed to fool at least some people, for quite a long period of time.

The problem with having, as it were, "God on your side", is that it tends to inspire the leader with a tendency towards absolutism. Paranoia is an inevitable consequence, probably due to the feeling that anyone who dares to criticise is also calling into question the very authenticity of the leader's initiation, and therefore, authority. This tends to lead to a direct polarisation of group members into followers and "enemies" - who are not merely challenging the leadership but the entire Order itself.

The cracks in the facade appear by a process of dissonance - occultists participating in a shared belief-system tend to a consensus on what kind of behaviour is consonant with a particular "spiritual" grade. When the leader begins to exhibit behaviour that calls into question his or her assumption of that grade, then the dissatisfaction begins to build

further. Thus the leader feels his authority and authenticity are being further challenged, and sooner or later, it will all end in tears.

Internal schism within an order is, in a way, self-regulating, in that it makes a further polarisation between "followers" and "enemies". Having a group of ex-members that the order can categorise now as "enemies" tends to bond the members together, again, using the glue of mutual paranoia and ruffled feathers. The next course of action is all too familiar: psychic attack, magical battles, sniping through the pages of the occult press and so forth. If the members feel that they have "Truth", "God", or "The Great Work" on their side, then the perceived enemies automatically become black magicians or satanists. Suddenly, the threat of dealing with internal contradictions within the group can be brushed aside as the membership roll their sleeves up for the important task of defending Cosmic Truth against evil, just in the same way that adroit politicians use wars to distract the populace from trouble at home. Studies of groups such as religious cults indicates that groups are remarkably resilient in upholding their shared beliefs in the face of threats to their continued existence.

Since the Sixties, there has been a backlash against the spiritual hierarchy model so favoured by some occult orders. This has led to the proposal that hierarchies are in themselves flawed, and that no leaders are required to manage a group. This view has both strengths and weaknesses, but unfortunately it has received little in the way of critical analysis, and has become a matter of dogmatic belief in the same way that the above model has become an entrenched feature of occult belief - which tends to devolve into absolutes.

While occultists have been apparently existing in a vacuum, the borders of which have been defined by the limits of largely incoherent theories parroted by successive authors - there has been a good deal of research conducted into organizational dynamics, in everything from small therapy groups to large corporations, the outcome of which makes some interesting points about both hierarchies, and leadership. The first point to make about hierarchies is that for some tasks, they function very efficiently - more so than systems where each person is assumed to have equal status. A rather mundane example of this is the so-called "Bystander Effect" - where a group of people will not initiate any action in a situation until someone appears to take charge and organise the group into performing tasks. This is particularly important when decisions need to be taken and acted upon effectively. However, this does not mean that a group which assumes a hierarchical organization is therefore solely limited to behaving as a hierarchy. At other times, members may behave and interact in quite different ways. So hierarchy is a form of organization which a group may use appropriately - although care is required.

Similarly, the question of leadership is more complex than it often appears. Modern texts on group dynamics refer to leadership as a role. In so-called 'Consensus' groups, which outwardly at least, have no leaders, there is no critical evaluation of how the leadership role might appear. Often then, it is the case that charismatic personalities become leaders, by virtue of their ability to influence others, rather than being chosen on a rational basis. It will be obvious to some people that leadership on the basis of "spiritual" authority is

not exactly desirable. Equally, charismatic personalities, though they are perceived as being effective leaders, have a tendency to regard the position as their unalienable "right" - due to them having written x number of books or appeared on television as a spokesperson for an unquantified number of followers. The glamour of being perceived as a "star" also tends to lead to the feeling of having an absolute right to lead.

A more effective way to handle the question of leadership is to treat it as a role. If leadership is a role, then it becomes dependent on a definition, based on what it actually entails, rather than being the province of one particular individual, with no clear definition. If the qualities of leadership are explored and defined by the group, then two key points emerge. The first is that anyone may aspire to take on the role of leader in the group - providing they can demonstrate (or acquire) the necessary abilities. Secondly, that whoever takes on the role of leader is accountable to the other members of the organization. If a leaders' task is defined and known, then it is far easier for others to call the leader to account if he or she is not acting appropriately. Moreover, since the leader is as much responsible for the success of the group as any other member, then it is less tempting for leaders to place themselves 'above' others in the organization.

This has been a hard lesson for some forms of organization to learn. Absence of clear definition and reliance on absolutist authority which cannot be questioned or criticized tends to lead to systems collapsing. Occultists are particularly prey to problems when attempting to maintain group cohesion as there is a tendency to absolute stances which quickly become entrenched dogmas on the basis of "Truth" - be it legitimised from a spiritual or 'politically correct' standpoint. If "Truth" is treated as a relative rather than an absolute, as in Hassan I Sabbah's dictum "Nothing is True, Everything is Permitted", then the way can be cleared for the modelling of the magical organizations of the next generation on the basis of rational procedures and informed choices.

KISS THE SKY! A Tantric Text On Channeling Babalon

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"The Brothers of A.'. A.'. are Women ... "
---Aleister Crowley, The Book of Lies

A NOTE ON GENDER AND SEXUALITY. Though the terms Scarlet Woman and Babalon have traditionally referred to currents channeled exclusively by biological females, I find no compelling reason that this should be so, and believe that in our current state of psychological and spiritual evolution, our only limitations in what energies we are able to experience, explore and embody, are our own imaginations. Therefore, I have attempted to express the following ideas in gender-neutral terms. Where I have failed in this reflects only the limitations of my own imagination, and not the limitations of the human soul as it seeks itself. I hope that all readers, regardless of gender, will find here inspiration for their own creative paths.

The Path

To walk the path of BABALON is to seek to allow oneself to experience existence as pure sensation, suspending value judgments of pleasure-pain, good-bad, attractive-repulsive by which we commonly limit and define our everyday human experience. To walk the path of BABALON is to seek to allow oneself to totally yield to sensations of pleasure and desire in encountering all facets of existence, without fear of dissolution of the "I". To walk the path of BABALON is to allow oneself the freedom of initiating passion, within others, within oneself.

Among the five faces of the goddess -- Maiden-Nymph-Mother-Warrior-Crone -- Babalon is Warrior. Babalon is that individual of power who is open and aware and in touch with hir magickal sexuality, yet is defined by no other individual, only by hir own Will to experience existence. S/he is that individual able to stand-in for the goddess in channelling the total unconditional love of the universe for all things in creation -- regardless of perceived beauty or ugliness, attractiveness or repugnance, gender, or age, or personal emotional reactions. Secure in hir self and in hir magickal power, one who walks the path of BABALON is free within hirself to be totally yielding to desire, open to that of others as well as to hir own, yet retaining hir personal integrity, independence, and power.

Able to open hir heightened sensitivities to an awareness of existence as pure sensation, Babalon is the tantric adept, with all the powers that this implies. Babalon functions as skryer, as psychic medium, and oracular voice, in the voicing of hir own dreamings of reality, and not those of another. As Warrior, one who walks the path of Babalon actively works for the positive transformation of culture and society, in a role of leadership,

through the application of courage, will, creativity, love, and above all, the Feminine Voice.

Techniques for Encountering the Other, Techniques for Encountering the Self

a) **"Take what they give."** In each encounter in your daily life, take whatever the other gives you. If they are angry, accept that. If they are sad, let that pass into your consciousness. If they are sexually attracted to you, let that into your energy field as well. No matter what your personal reaction might normally be, whether fear, attraction, boredom, repulsion, accept the individual before you without judgement. Absorb their energies into yourself through touching them lightly on the shoulder, take their hand in yours, let essence flow from their eyes into yours. Radiate back to them both love and acceptance. Realize that this has nothing to do with your "personal" reactions, but is the channeling of Babalon as s/he touches the human sphere.

b) **As an extension of the above, imagine having sex with everyone you encounter,** whether attractive or not, whether old or young, regardless of gender, and traditional sexual taboos. Continue this practice until you are able to imagine such encounters without excitement, repulsion, guilt, shame, or fear. All such emotions having lost their power over you, you will have developed kindness and tolerance for others' differentness, for we love that best which is most like ourselves.

c) **Dissolve ego-boundaries via the moment of "the kiss".** In that ineffable moment, the boundaries between oneself and the other blur. Prolong this moment until you feel an energy and awareness other than "yourself" move through you. Kiss a plant. Kiss an inanimate object, such as a stone, a car, a pencil, your athame. Kiss an animal. Kiss another human being. In so doing, you will for that moment of the kiss, merge your interior essences and learn something of the being of the other. Be warned that the other in turn will have taken away a part of you as well.

d) **The mirror: trade places.** Using your imagination, stare into the eyes of another person until you have "become" that person, looking back at yourself who has thus become "the other". This can be very intense, even unsettling for both parties. When successful there is a flash of union with the other that is a flow of pure universal love, a reaching out and identification with them, as all love is union with that which we desire, that which we would absorb into ourselves.

For the adventurous: try this with someone you don't like, or someone with whom you are angry.

e) **Mirror, mirror.** Gaze at your reflection in a mirror until it is no longer familiar to you, until the face has become that of the other gazing back. Radiate kindness to that other in the mirror, give it your acceptance, let your love flow out to it and then return as it is again reflected back to you.

f) "**Magickal Monogamy**". When we seek the muse of inspiration via union with the other, we encounter this difficulty: the muse lies within us, not the other. No individual can therefore give us what we do not already possess within ourselves. Though, we may find in that first thrill of a new lover the spark which ignites the elusive inspiration which we seek -- at least temporarily. Yet, if one persists in tantric practice with one given individual, there is a deepening of power as masks are shed. Rather than becoming familiar and boring, there is a point at which the lover becomes totally mysterious, totally OTHER -- and thus a transcendent channel of creative magickal force.

Orgasm Magick

Orgasm is energy. Voluntary rhythmic movements of body and breath build energy patterns, inducing deep primal responses in body and psyche. At the moment of orgasm the sense of personal "I" enlarges its boundaries, merging with the life stream of the universe, the mind and body aglow with a thousand pin-pricks of dancing energy and light. Orgasm creates a gate into other dimensions. Where the ordinary person merely loses consciousness of self, falling happily asleep, the tantric adept rides the stream of orgasmic discharge into astral worlds, where s/he accesses creative realities where the power to will a thing is enough to make it so.

a) Breathing Orgasm.

In your temple or shrine room, establish a breathing rhythm. Visualize the life force around you as brilliant dancing points of light. Breathe this light into your body; allow yourself to experience the surrounding ocean of vibrating energy in which we constantly swim, and from which we derive our being. As the breathing rhythm becomes established, you will move deeper and deeper into a meditative state; your consciousness will calm, becoming lucid and clear. Experiment with each of the following practices until distinct physical sensations come through:

Imagine that you are breathing in and out not through your nose or mouth, but through the bones of your legs, breathe through the bones of your arms.

Breathe through the top of your skull, continuing until your mind expands, opening to the universe.

Breathe through the pores of your skin, until your body feels cleansed, entirely alive and open to sensation.

Breathe energy up from the base of your spine to the top of your skull. Breathe energy back down from your head to the base of your spine, your body becoming charged with energy and light as you breathe the energy current up and down your spine.

Breathe energy up and out through the top of your head, then down and around your body, appearing as the brilliant blue of your protective aura, growing into the bright blue

of the circle that encloses you within your sacred space, a circle that becomes brighter, more vital with each breath.

Breathe through the seven vital centers of the chakras each in turn, awakening them to vibrate with living light.

d) Body Orgasm: A Tree of Night Tantra.

In communion with the Angel of your Higher Self, bring yourself to orgasm, without anxiety, without guilt. Record your visions.

Orgasm through the base of the spine -- Malkuth. This gives the power of tantric energy exchange; the power of distilling the transforming elixir as the semiochemicals of the sexual kalas pour forth from your body, and the Silver Rain of Nuit falls down from the stars.

Orgasm through the center below the navel -- The Knot of Brahma. This gives personal power, the experience of Ch'i as tentacles of light radiating from your Center, reaching out to objects of attention and desire. Here is the power to "see" yourself and other humans as glowing luminous eggs of light, interconnected nodes, vortices of sentience, throbbing with the rhythm of life.

Orgasm through the navel -- Yesod. This gives powers of fascination and enchantment, of imagination kindled by desire; the power to create illusions, to create one's own universe -- be it heaven, or, be it hell. Here is power to experience the "juiciness" of life, its richness, and the sensuousness inherent in all that flows: emotions, rivers, blood.

Orgasm through the diaphragm -- Veil of Paroketh/Knot of Vishnu. This gives the power of speech in silence; the power of invisibility; the power of the shroud. Here too is power to enter outre dimensions via the cosmological Black Hole of interstellar space, matter collapsed upon itself by the power of internal attraction. Orgasm through the compassionate heart -- Tiphareth/The Crossroads. This gives the power of invisibility, the power of entering another's body, heart, and mind, the power to experience the reality of Self as nothing more than an Ego-less Void.

Orgasm through the throat area -- Knot of Shiva/Daath/the entrance to "Universe B" and the Tunnels of Set. This gives the power of the shaman, the power of shape-shifting, the power of cosmic transmutation of the primal cell. Here is the power to touch and experience the combined male-female / female-male existent as nascent possibility within one's own body of light. Here too is knowledge of past-present-future as existent in the Now.

Orgasm through the third eye -- twin-petalled Binah / Chokmah at the center of the brow. This gives power to enter the Dream Time; power to leave the body at will; power to externalize, objectify, and universalize one's internal, subjective, and highly personal

conception of reality. Here too is power to utter the "birth words" of Master of the Temple.

Orgasm through the crown of the head -- Kether/thousand-petalled Sarasrara Chakra -- raising kundalini up the spine, allowing consciousness to pour out through the top of the skull into the exploding universe, the ever-expanding shower of stars. Experience the light and energy of the Stars above as source of inspiration and spiritual sustenance, the seeding of our race. Orgasm here brings the power of trans-dimensional, interstellar time-travel.

Orgasm through every pore of your body, experiencing the interconnecting points of singing light that cover the living flesh. Feel these vibrating nadis of the subtle body, tiny pricklings of light that are the blessings of the kalas of the stars as they rain down from transplutonian dimensions. Feel the fireworks as they impinge upon your body, see in them the image of the universe alive with whirling, pulsing many-colored stars. Orgasm here brings the power of calling the Great Old Ones, timeless travelers, the gods who are ever-returning, spiralling from past and future into an eternally unfolding now.

Earth and Sky Tantra

Breathe in sun, moon, and stars. Reaching up to them, let their energy flow through you. Experience their benediction as a prolonged kiss.

Placing hands upon the earth (if indoors, floor, yet visualizing earth), send streaming orgasmic energy into the all-accepting body of the earth. Experience the blessing of Hir all-embracing love as a profound opening of the heart into stillness, silence, peace.

Magick and Murder

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Ok, here's a little something I just cobbled together on magick and murder and historic precedent. It's hardly a complete summary, but it'll give you an idea what's going on.

I'm gonna try and clarify the legal thing about magick and murder. Technically, murder by magick is as illegal as by any other method. The reason that it cannot be effectively prosecuted lies in the rules of evidence.

There has to be an actual connection of some sort between the victim, the killer, and means. In other words, the mere fact that someone died and somebody wanted him dead is not proof that that person did it. For a case to be proven a murder weapon must be found or other compelling evidence, such as the suspect leaving the scene of the crime thirty seconds after the killing. And the weapon must fit the murder. In other words, a prosecutor cannot go before a judge and say x died by a knife wound, y has a knife therefore y killed him. Everyone has knives, at least in the kitchen.

In the case of magick killing, death is always indistinguishable from either natural causes or accident. In such cases proof is impossible. The judge will look down very sternly at the prosecutor and tell him in no uncertain terms that the case sucks before throwing it out. And then the press will get their hands on it and the prosecutor will have to look for honest work as a drug dealer or something else equal to his skill.

The one case I know of where a magickal killing took the form of an actual murder, the magician whose working instigated it was miles away at the time with an entire school full of witnesses and was far too young to have been able to hire someone to perform the act.

As far as belief by the public is concerned, it can cut both ways. In the first century c.e. Roman Empire, the Emperor Vitellius issued a decree that all magicians had to be out of Italy by October 1. They responded with placards saying that by October 1 Vitellius was not going to be living anywhere and by that date he had been overthrown and killed. Apuleius Defense is still taught in logic classes. The author of the Golden Ass was accused of killing someone by magick (he was a well-known magician) and brought to trial for it. His defense stated that those who brought the case were lying because if they really believed he could do it they would never have dared to try the case for fear of dying themselves, therefore he had to be innocent. The judge agreed that the prosecutor was lying and Apuleius walked.

That's pretty much how the Romans dealt with the legal issue of magick. They believed in it enough to pass laws against it, but they were never really enforced unless the Emperor felt personally threatened and even then the Emperor often left office suddenly by unnatural causes before anything could be done to the magician.

In the middle ages and renaissance things were pretty hot for witches, but magicians cleaned up. That was because in spite of popular superstition and the objections of the church, they were not only the only person in the barony who could read, they were often the local bishop or his secretary, which meant that didn't have a lot to worry about. And a good magician could be worth so much to a monarch that it didn't matter what the church thought. There is a great scene in a recent, mostly fictional and terribly inaccurate film bio of Nostradamus where the inquisition has grabbed him and Catherine De Medici comes in with her guards to get him out. The inquisitor tells her that he is in charge and speaks for the Church and she asks him if he is willing to bet his life on that. Nostradamus is then immediately released. After all, she was the Pope's aunt in addition to being queen of France.

John Dee helped set up Burghley's intelligence service that kept track of the Spanish Armada plans and ultimately led to its defeat.

In modern times, a couple of cases come to mind.

In 1933, there was preacher in Harlem named Father Divine. He had a nice little cult going (he wasn't a magician, just a religious fraud who got lucky) and he got tossed in jail for some reason. Three days later the judge who sentenced him dropped dead. A reporter visited Father Divine in his cell and the preacher said, "I hated to do it." Now this was probably the purest coincidence but it worked. Two days later Father Divine was out and never had any legal trouble again. The reasoning was "Maybe he can and maybe he can't, but do you really want to take the chance?"

In 1957, after the persecution of Wilhelm Reich, the FDA decided that it wanted to crack down on all radionic stuff as well. They got Ruth Drown out of the way and proceeded to investigate T. Galen Hieronymous. Within three weeks the chief investigator was dead and records had mysteriously started to disappear. Even though it was well known that Hieronymous did some healing work as well his better known agricultural radionic stuff (he went all over the map on this, if it involved psionics, he did it) he never had any legal problems and died an old man in 1988 of very natural causes resulting from being very old.

One more thing. In 1878 there was a civil case in which one Christian Scientist accused another of sending malicious thought waves at her. The court threw the case out on the grounds that it had no power to control anyone's mind. That is still the standard in civil litigation and criminal law to this day. Unless there is compelling physical evidence of a threat, such as a letter, or e-mail (keep that in mind folks next time you get in a flame war) or the classic sheep's heart with nails in it on the doorstep, no court will even hear such a case.

Uncle Chuckie

Magickal Links: How to Attak a Corporate Entity

From: Fenwick Rysen
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Let's examine how such an attack might work:

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> visit regularly, as I've gotten a bit of publicity from condemning
> their company.

Can't hurt. I'd use this in concert with other techniques; perhaps setting up the same sigil you create for any rituals you do.

> since everything is energy and we are all connected from the
> original big bang, what is the problem with a sufficiently powerful
> information link?

There is no such thing as a weak or powerful information link. That's the great thing about them. Information is information, and it can be copied, moved, altered, etc. No "strength", but plenty of "skill" required. Finesse over force; the same key to mastering any martial art.

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This is a self-imposed restriction.

Good luck.

In Life, Love, and Laughter

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> people at this company, since I know from my server logs that they
> visit regularly, as I've gotten a bit of publicity from condemning
> their company.

Can't hurt. I'd use this in concert with other techniques; perhaps setting up the same sigil you create for any rituals you do.

> since everything is energy and we are all connected from the
> original big bang, what is the problem with a sufficiently powerful
> information link?

There is no such thing as a weak or powerful information link. That's the great thing about them. Information is information, and it can be copied, moved, altered, etc. No "strength", but plenty of "skill" required. Finesse over force; the same key to mastering any martial art.

> I know, physical
> would be strongest, but you can't always get the props you want.

This is a self-imposed restriction.

Good luck.

In Life, Love, and Laughter

o	--Fenwick Rysen	http://www.chaosmatrix.com
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—	"The only prevalent characteristic of chaotes is their	
/	ability to confuse you beyond all hope of rescue."	
		---Mathias Karlsson

'Naked Lunch' novelist William S. Burroughs, dead at 83

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (August 2, 1997 11:45 p.m. EDT) -- William S. Burroughs, the stone-faced godfather of the "Beat generation" whose experimental novel "Naked Lunch" unleashed an underground world that defied narration, died Saturday. He was 83.

Burroughs died at 6:50 p.m. in Lawrence, Kan., at Lawrence Memorial Hospital, about 24 hours after suffering a heart attack, said Ira Silverberg, his longtime New York publicist.

"The passing of William Burroughs leaves us with few great American writers. His presence in the American literary landscape was unparalleled," Silverberg said.

Nothing Rant

From: Thomas Crean

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This was an old ranting to a friend of my own, I figured you'll may find it entertaining. ;) (pardon the drama)

I am nothing, I profess nothing, I hold claims to nothing, I worship the almighty nothing that was existent prior (ha) to creation. To hold in detest one must care. I only see the by products of ignorance and deception on self. Self is nothing. The concept of a spiritual is alienated from personal experience. A teacher may be considered a fellow student. I hold no particular religion itself in contempt or even give a rats ass for that matter, the only thing I do not like is the perpetual reality war that has been waged for aeons. With the coming of this pandaemonic epoch, my mantle has been taken up. I hold claims to nothing sacred as I have deemed. I do not know more than you because I hold claim to everything, and I do not hold myself in judgment unless it is by my own hand. The concept of judgment which I hear bellowed to and fro it a result of the inflated ego concept which I have talked of previously. Continual claims of universal truth in whatever form to enact a judgment of ones desire. Desire has no limits other than desires need: Grendels Law, it would be good to consider. I profess to hold no convictions, the only apparent sarcasm and guru-like qualities visible are just the ravings (yes I rave too) of a person on the brink of maddness...again. It happens all the time mind you, words can only do so much. I talk to those who will hear for no apparent purpose. I desire nothing from others other than desires needs. If this all appears as apparent paradox then it probably is. Paradox is used to transcend linear thinking (which has a time and a place by the way). I enjoyed this phrase I heard once somewhere from a game I think, "truth until paradox". Claims at correct ways are bombastic concatenations of a weak ego. I am not correct; I am lying. You would do well to eat someone elses vomit which would make one feel safe and secure. All is self. All is nothing. Not rational mind you. The well spring of chaos from which our being manifests is deemed maddness by the mind. The ego will be dissolved in it's craziness, so it would do anything to persevere. I am a hypocrite even unto myself. We all can learn from one another, I am not a teacher, but a fellow learner in this ever damnable scheme. I am not judgment or salvation or damnation. I do nothing unless it is in my desire (most of the time that is). If you find your ego making comments in this regards, questions which are only more attempts at initializing itself, then kill yourself now.... or later it does not matter in the end. I write this not to You, but to you which is a mirror of your schizophrenic whole. Do not respond unless it is with truth. I assure you, to know truth, to see it and let it devour you. You must wallow in its insane paradox. The cosmic joke, the raven and coyote, Loki and the jester. Your existence is one of continual and perpetual maddness. The magician, the

sorcerer, the witch attempts to dive into this to possibly gain a foothold again the cosmic chaos. This is lunacy in and of itself but in the end (hehe) it is as good as anything else -- some ways are quicker than others. Self must be annihilated to experience the bliss of being, the wonders and joys of oblivion are temporary (at least I have found while concrescent), it is this which we want. It is this which we seek in everything. Sex, this dissolving of self in another does not even have to be with another. We seek consumption, consumption to incorporate it's being into what appears to be our own. Attraction is the smell of cooking in the kitchen. Luring us to seek completion from our state of separation. One can think of this cabalistically, the formulation of Kether from nothing. The demi-urge realising itself for a fraction of a second, which was enough to cause all of creation; a spontaneous manifestation out of the higgs field -- quantum soups mixed with ideas and parables. The greatest of teachers were not teachers, but dwellers on the void. Glimpses at the futility of being and seeing the need/ nay the desire to maintain the order. To preserve from the eventual return to the maddness of Azathoth -- the nuclear chaos. Do not try to understand this, if you do not already. The experience is not for rationality. But know that we am no teacher, know that we will cause utter havoc on your concept of self, know that in this we hold the utmost love for you and for all so that restrictions may be forgiven. Behind the craziness is love, behind the chaos order (maintained by the pact hehe). This is for all because you are nothing, that which is most sacred, calling and becoming from the probabilistic future and past. A timewave invocation if you will, mentioned via this internet transmission. Do Not Question Me on This Maddness Unless It is With Truth. You Shall Know Truth By It's Paradox.. We have said again and again. Go read, go fuck, Rave and take drugs, do as the beast did, do and convey. The magick is all a language between worlds. The number significances, the beauty of mathematics, the bliss in possession, the rantings on philosophical-pseudomagickal somthings or other, Babylon, Hecate, it is us and not us. This is the mystery of being. I laugh at myself for saying it. Laughter is a defense against the cosmic conundrum, against the maddness, You Will Laugh or Be laughed at. It is laughter that is a glimpse at bliss. Study butterflies and their process, study the skies and their significance, all is and was for her. The ever-elusive instantanoeous present -- math can capture a snapshot of this by the way. I tire now, which is inevitable, seek your desire and be damned...

Occam's Brillo Pad

Date: Tue, 30 Sep 1997 23:55:36 -0400 (EDT)

From: Lauranz

To: zee-list

Subject: Occam's Brillo Pad

Ohhhh, I think I get it now. I wonder if Occam was saying the same thing I was saying, but in rather different words....

I have noticed that most people cannot tell when they've crossed the line from empirical data to speculation.

Case in point: Quite a number of years ago I had an experience that was radically different from any I'd had before. I was opening a can of pickled radishes, and as the smell of the food came out, I had a vision. Not external hallucinating, but something internal. My consciousness shifted radically and was a state I'd never experienced before. In this altered state I saw a plain, on a rainy, somewhat chilly day. I somehow knew it was in the first half of the 20th century. I knew it was China. There was a group of unhappy people huddled together. There were guards with guns gathered around. Somehow I knew these people were Buddhists and were being taken from their homes and rounded up, and were being punished because of being Buddhist. They were probably going to be killed eventually. There was a woman of indeterminate age in this group. She was holding a little girl of maybe five or six. The little girl was crying - and suddenly I knew that I was that little girl.

Now, what all this has to do with Occam, I believe, is that Occam, like me, understands that all I can legitimately say is what I said above. That's all. I can say that I had a subjective experience of such and such content.

But I told my new-age friends, and they got all excited. "See, Laura! You had a Past Life Experience! That PROVES that reincarnation is a reality!"

They multiplied entities. They crossed the line between empirical experience and speculation, and they didn't realize they'd done it. Occam would say, if I'm not mistaken, that this speculation is not valid. I could speculate if I wanted to, and wonder if it was too many zen books causing this vision, but I don't because I don't know.

I would not tell a shrink about this, because the shrink would multiply entities, too. The shrink would say I was fucking nuts and send for the men in white coats with the big butterfly nets. That, too is speculation.

On another occasion I had a rip-snorter of an experience, complete with white light and cool breeze. Later some people said, "That was the Hand of God touching you."

No. No good. We don't know that. We don't know if God touched me, or if I was momentarily psychotic, or if I was under too much stress, or ate too much chocolate. All I can say is that I had a subjective experience. I am the only one who can say it, BTW. You can say that I REPORTED having an experience - but you don't know if I'm telling the truth, or just lying. You cross the line into speculation when you believe me - or disbelieve me, or make judgements about the experience.

Not that I don't speculate, mind you. But I try to be clear and aware of what I am doing, and don't mistake speculation for facts.

Are you there, JB? Is this your understanding of Occam's Razor?

Best regards,

Lauranz
Sept 30

Order and Chaos Essay

from Frater Kali

Here is a little gem I found to "tweak" your minds. The logic is sound and easily read. I do not know who the author is or I would give him full credit. I found it in a public library trash can with the cover torn off. It was a photocopy format.

I find it a good thing to read when I'm feeling a little cocky. Have fun.

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Frater Kali

"The greatest pity of today's world is that intellectualism is regarded as the sole property of intellectuals. Ask the average Westerner (or Easterner) about anything more profound than the contents of his breakfast, and he will tell you that it is above his head. If he does not say this, most likely he believes it, and is lying to you."

"The irony lies in the fact that it is not true."

(P.G., 1979)

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INTRODUCTION

Brain is in the bed. Mind is the sleeper.
(Mentor)

This work you are about to read is not philosophy. Philosophy is an attempt to understand what cannot be understood. Even its practitioners concede that they are trying to do the impossible. If they thought otherwise, they would call themselves scientists.

(Already I hear your angry denials. I will not argue definitions with anyone. If you wish to call yourself a philosopher whose goals are attainable, go ahead. But be aware that if I use the term "scientist", I am talking to you.)

This is a work of science. It will draw conclusions from accepted science and clear logic. If you cannot understand it, it is because your mind will not let go of its prejudices about what is "really" true.

FIT THE FIRST: BASES

When the sleeper awakes, the eye must open.
(Mentor)

The first law is this: A difference that makes no difference is no difference.

(I know we have too many first laws around already, but this is my book and I'm going to call that the first law throughout. So there!)

It has been said that solipsism is the only logically defensible religion. Solipsism is the belief that the universe exists only as a product of one's own mind. All you know are the sensations that enter your mind. The sensations you receive are all consistent with an external universe that follows certain physical laws, but that is no proof that the universe is independent of your mind.

This is what is meant by the first law. If a question cannot be resolved between two alternatives by any measurement or distinction you can sense, the answer is both alternatives, and neither - they are effectively the same. It can make no difference to your view of the world.

This statement is curiously paralleled in modern physics. It is summed up in the thought-experiment of Schroedinger's Cat:

In an airtight room with one shuttered window is placed a radiation meter. In the meter's detector is a small quantity of radium - just enough that the probability of one or more atoms decaying in a ten-minute period is 50 percent, and the probability of no atoms decaying in that period is 50 percent. The meter is connected to a phial of cyanide gas; if a decaying atom is registered, the phial will open. Also in the room is a cat. Turn on the radiation meter by remote control, wait ten minutes, and turn it off. What is the status of the cat?

According to quantum physics, low-level events such as the decay of an individual atom are inherently unpredictable. Therefore, according to the mathematics of quantum

physics, the status of the radium is neither decayed nor un-decayed - until it is observed, at which time it becomes definitely one or the other. Such uncertainty about a single atom does not disturb us, but here uncertainty has been magnified into the fate of a living being. The cat is neither alive nor dead - the difference makes no difference - until an observer opens the shutter and looks.

Of course, someone always asks the question: "Who counts as an observer?" Do you? Does a fellow scientist? A child? A rat? An insect? The cat itself?

This question is easily resolved. If another being looks in the window, nothing has changed for you. It could be said that the other knows the cat's status, but you are then as uncertain of the other's knowledge as of the cat's life itself. The mathematical expression of the cat does not resolve for you until you observe. The state of the universe depends on your consciousness - solipsism.

Of course, for all practical purposes a solipsistic universe behaves the same as a classical external universe. It makes no difference to you which is real, and so, by the first law, there is no difference between them. Is not logic wonderful?

FIT THE SECOND: IS HISTORY?

When the sleeper's eye opens, she leaves the bed.
(Mentor)

What do you know of the past?
Memory.

How do you know your memory is true?
I cannot.

If you cannot tell the difference between true memory and false, is there a difference?

Another result of quantum physics is the statement that the law of conservation of matter and energy can be violated, briefly. Mass/energy can appear out of nowhere, as long as it disappears soon. (Very soon. The amount of mass/energy appearing, in joules, multiplied by the number of seconds it exists, must be less than about 10^{-35} .) (This is another example of the first law. There is no way to detect such a minute event, so it makes no difference whether or not it happens, so it might as well happen - so it can.)

Although this appearing matter is temporary, there is no limit to the number of times it can appear, even continuously. It can appear in any form, or appear in one form and disappear from another. Anything can happen, anything can change --- a one-in-a-trillion chance, to be sure, but it is possible. There is no way to be sure of what the future will be, or even what the past was. What assurance do you have that you did not appear out of nowhere a half-second ago, complete with memories and a social security number? None (other than the assurance that you'll never know the difference, so it doesn't matter.)

Even this paranoid view of the universe is not quite accurate. If the universe has meaning only in relation to your mind, how could physical laws have created you? This confusion stems from the use of quantum laws as applied to a universe which exists externally, even if it is not perfectly measurable. It cannot be resolved; the universe, whether real or relative, contains (gives the sensations of?) many physicists (figments?) who have found evidence supporting these laws.

FIT THE THIRD: TIME, AND WHY IT PROBABLY ISN'T

To knit, one must first shear.
(Mentor)

If there is no certainty about what the past was, and what the future will be, there is no certainty about what time is.

The Buddhist allegory of Indra's Net may illustrate this point. An infinite net of threads runs through the universe. At each intersection is a being, and each being is a crystal bead. The Light of Existence shines through all, each bead reflecting all the others.

To adapt the story slightly, consider each bead to be a different arrangement of matter and energy in the universe. There are infinitely many of these. The threads show the passage of time; a universe-state is connected by a strong thread to a universe-state it is likely to change to in the next instant. For example, if the universe contained nothing but two iron spheres a foot apart, gravity would slowly pull the spheres together. So the bead representing that universe would be strongly connected to the bead representing the universe with the spheres slightly closer together.

Since there is a small chance that random molecular motion will move the spheres apart, the first bead would be weakly connected to the bead representing the spheres farther apart.

Notice that this net is still. All of time is represented in it all at once; there is no "spark" that flows along the threads as time passes.

But we have proven that any universe-state can lead to any other. Every bead is connected to every other bead, by a weaker or stronger thread.

So time connects everything to everything. There is a most probable path of time, certainly, but probability is not certainty. An absolute, definite flow of time is a useless concept.

FIT ASIDE:

The gut reaction now is to say: "Even if we can't know what the past was, wasn't there still a definite past?" Indeed there is (was) not. Remember the first law, and Schrodinger's Cat. What you see is what you get. What you know is what is; what you do not know is not.

FIT THE FOURTH: EPIC FANTASY

Falling can't hurt. Now landing, that's a
different matter. One must know how to land.

(Mentor)

No single future, no single past. What does this leave of history? How much of what we know as "history" could have been different if single atomic collisions had gone differently? Delaying the combustion of the gunpowder in a rifle by a fraction of a second could have changed history in any number of battles. One sperm cell is nudged slightly by a surge of molecular motion, and Frau Hitler conceives a daughter instead of a son. A cosmic ray zigs instead of zags into primeval DNA half a billion years ago, and unicorns evolve. And all these histories are equally real – out there, somewhere, one might say; a history to match any story by any author you could name, from Tolkien to Oliver North. King Arthur is as real as you. Think about it.

FIT THE FIFTH: OF MIND AND MOVIES

The sleeper dreams the universe.
What will happen when he awakes?

(Mentor)

In this still-life picture of a universe that encompasses all of the real and possible time, what are you? All this deduction seems to be flatly contradicted by the way we can all sense time flowing.

"When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth," Sherlock Holmes said. If time is an illusion, a true sense of time is impossible, so the flowing of time we all sense is an illusion, however improbable that seems to you.

And what does that sense consist of, anyway? You remember things changing, you see them moving, so you insist time is real. But is it not true that you see only one instant at any given time? The scene you saw an instant before is only in your memory, however real it may seem, and memory is static. You cannot see motion or change – you can only deduce them from fixed memories. Motion deduced from fixedness – does this not sound strange?

In fact, at any given instant, you are only a set of fixed memories. "Thought," as you know it, is the progression of memories interacting through time; if time is an illusion, what is "thought"?

FIT THE SIXTH: THOUGHT AND FREE WILL

Matter is the pattern that mind makes.

(Mentor)

In the strict quantum-mechanical interpretation, thought is not defined; nothing takes place in your brain other than waves of chemical change moving down nerve fibers. Of course, you think you know that you think; but how can one expect an unbiased opinion from chemical waves which = are, so to speak, trying to prove their own competence?

The classic argument between believers in free will and proponents of determinism is now easily resolved. Of course, the patterns of nerve impulses are determined by the laws of physics, although those laws do include the unpredictability of quantum randomness. But free will is also included, for what is free will but the ability of mind to act by itself, under its own influence, based on what it knows? Certainly the nerve impulses, chasing around the fibers of the brain, are influenced by nothing but each other and the input of the senses.

I have, on occasion, heard a theory stating that while physical laws determine the nerve-impulse patterns of the brain, the mind can still have free will, because the mind influences the random factors of quantum mechanics, causing the nerve impulses to go where it wills. I do not know whether this theory was conceived out of a fanatic need to believe in a "soul" separate from the body, or simply an inability to tell cause from effect.

FIT THE SEVENTH: HELLO THE TAPE RECORDER

Mind, conciousness, awareness, spirit, thought,
perception, feeling, memory, imagination, and
intention: These are the fragments that delude us.
(Mentor)

Of course, this does that our notions of the mind are totally unfounded; certainly there is something one can recognize as a concious mind, and see that it exists at the other end of a telephone link, and does not exist in a reel of tape, however much a recorded voice may sound like a real one. Precisely how do we tell the difference between a person and a recording? By its responsiveness, of course -- a person can engage in active conversation, while a tape recorder simply blathers on regardless of what one says to it.

Now remember the many roles of probability in the universe. Even if you are talking with a voice over a telephone, how can you be sure the voice is not a lucky tape recorder -- one that just happens to say the right thing at the right time? The probability of this goes down exponentially as the conversation goes on, but the possibility is always there. Recalling the first law and Schroedinger's cat, you can only say that the object you are talking to is 99.999 percent human and 0.001 percent tape recorder -- or, equivalently, that in 99.999 percent of the universes branching from yours, you are talking to a human, and in 0.001 percent, you are talking to a tape recorder.

("Universes branching from yours" is used in the common (sort of) sense, of the time-paths of highest probability leading away from your bead in the Net. Don't try to use my own arguments against me.)

A tape recorder is an object that does not respond to anything that it hears at all, and a human responds (hopefully) to everything -- are there other possibilities? What about a dog? A catatonic human? An ELIZA program? A deaf human? All these have different levels of responsiveness; clearly there is some sort of ranking we use in determining whether there is an intelligent mind behind the voice. But any ranking can be extended, in both directions. Certainly one's own mind is the one whose responses are easiest to feel, and one's own mind is most clearly perceived.

Now extend the ranking downwards. An insect barely responds at all to anything, so we consider it unintelligent. What of a chair? No response at all, certainly? Look into the tiny vibrations and ripples in its structure -- surely some of those could be interpreted as a response in Morse code. They are, of course, drowned in a flood of Morse gibberish, but you might say that a tiny portion of the chair is responding intelligently.

The point here is that intelligence, like reality, is what the viewer makes of it; the closer you look, the more likely you are to find anything you want. A lucky tape recorder *is* an artificial intelligence (although hardly practical, if you have to wait trillions of years to get appropriately lucky.)

FIT THE EIGHTH: WHERE ARE YOU?

Mind is a local phenomenon.
(Mentor)

A final question: Where are you?

Consider that there are an infinite number of "timelines" which contain versions of you. Some of them even contain versions of you thinking *exactly* the same thoughts you yourself are thinking. Say, for example, that a thug cuts your throat... *now*. You die in seconds. But there is, somewhere, a version of you -- healthy -- with exactly the same memories, up to the point of death, followed by normal consciousness. Is that person, in some sense, a reincarnation of you? She would certainly think so. But would *your* mind actually move into her body? As usual, it makes no difference; the effect is the same.

And the same effect takes place even if the thug doesn't cut cut your throat. (As, presumably, he didn't.) There is a version of you sitting on the shore of the Ganges, with exactly the same memories as you, wondering how she got there. She is as much a reincarnation of you as the one with the uncut throat. Reincarnation before death -- an odd thought, no?

EPILOGUE: THE EPILEPTIC BICYCLE

There is a reason we close the eyes of the dead.
(Mentor)

The end of another ten pages of rumination. Hopefully, you have learned enough to question the answers that "everyone knows." The purpose was not really to spread my answers; it was to show you that the universe is more bizarre than we can imagine, and that anyone can uncover this bizarritiy -- given a willingness to think.

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universe enters. How then does it leave?

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Pandæmonæon, Information, and Social Structures

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The term Pandæmonæon is bandied about a great deal by Chaos Magicians. The word itself seems to have been coined by Peter Carroll but, like the concept of gnosis, it is not a new idea. The same idea runs through ancient Indian thought as pralaya, for example. Pandæmonæon is, in fact, the "end of the world" -- at least in terms of anything recognizable to us as a society or civilization. Speculations on particulars of how it might manifest abound, but such exercises are a bit silly, since there are no particulars possible within Pandæmonæon itself!

The most important aspect regards the nature of information and its transference. At present, the speed at which information may be transmitted from source to target is bound by time, which manifests here as the speed of light. This, however, is an illusory restriction. Information is not manifested matter, and thus does not fall under the domain of the "universal laws of physics" that appear to govern the behavior of the medium through which it is transferred. To simplify this, one need only imagine the telephone. While it may appear that information is transferred instantaneously, this is not in fact the case. There is a time lag between departure from the information's source and receipt by the target which is dictated by the speed of an electrical transmission through a wire, or light through a fiber optic cable. In other words, the information must first be converted into something material and then moved through some other matter. Ultimately, it is not information that is moved; it is electrons or photons, which are then converted back into information when they arrive at their target. But the information itself is not the electron or photon (although these do contain and are composed of information). Information, as it now stands, cannot be measured on its own. It is an intangible to us, something that can never be experienced directly.

So then, what is information? It is what the ancient shaman might have called mana. It is not material, nor is it energy. Lacking a better cognate for the idea, it can best be described as æthyr; dispersed quanta that bind together temporarily to form a phenomena of any sort. Æthyr is not bound by the speed of light, does not itself occupy space, and is not subject to time. It is quite capable of being in more than one place at a time, or nowhere at all, or any combination of the two.

Pandæmonæon, then, is at one level the breaking down of all things into æthyr, or information. Everything becomes temporary agglomeration changeable at will, with will itself being understood as a transient agglomeration. This mirrors exactly the process by

which any act of Chaos Magick is effected; one sets up a set of parameters beforehand through various techniques, but the techniques in themselves are not magick. Intentional magick can be manifested only when a state of Gnosis is achieved. Gnosis is the scattering of the mind back into the æthyric pool through the cessation of all mental process. Any number of variables (quanta) are then interchanged between the magickal Worker and the infinite field of infinitesimal potentialities (Æthyr). The form they will take in manifestation is determined by the parameters set to a great extent by the techniques employed. In other words, the techniques act in much the same way as the telephone line did in the previous example. When Pandæmonæon has been invoked, however, such intermediate steps are no longer necessary. Will directly manipulates the æthyr into various configurations, and nothing exists but that which has been so configured. Information is transmitted, processed and configured outside of the bounds of any concept of time, and thus instantaneously.

What effect, then, does this have upon humanity's social structures? It must first be understood that any social structure is nothing more than the product of mental processes. These can be changed at the whim of those who participate in a given structure. Furthermore, social structures of any kind are attempts to control the transmission and manifestation of information and the æthyr. It is always through the visor of his social structures that man forms consensual reality. Pandæmonæon, then, is implicitly the collapse of all social structures, as there can no longer be any medium through which the information is transmitted. In other words, all of the æthyr is accessible instantaneously at every point in infinite quantity. The boundaries of social constructs, and indeed the individual mind, swell to bursting. Every subject and every object are united; individuality and group, past, present and future all collapse into a singularity that is infinite, unbounded and in a constant state of flux. All separation of concepts vanish along with all concept of separation. Spare terms this a state of neither/neither; E.E. Rehmus terms it an eschatonic implosion; eastern mysticism proclaims it unity with godhead. They are all, in fact, one and the same.

Thus, it must be the goal of the Chaos Magician to remove every barrier to the transmission of information. Hierarchies are to be overthrown not just for the sake of doing so, but to hasten the arrival of Pandæmonæon via the destruction of such barriers. Any organization, regardless of its aims, is an anti-Pandæmonæonic force if it seeks to control the flow of any information whatsoever. Governments, communications networks, religious institutions and secret societies all fall into this category. The true Chaos Magician will not seek to withhold information on techniques of magick, nor form secretive Illuminati-like societies that create oligarchies and bureaucracies that are every bit as restrictive as the ones that they purport a desire to obliterate. Instead, any such information must be disseminated as quickly and as widely as possible; this not only hastens the Pandæmonæon directly in that it has sped up transmission a bit more, but also insures that others may find and use the techniques necessary to perform the Great Work themselves. Anything else cannot be Chaos Magick as to do otherwise is to hinder the invocation of the Pandæmonæon.

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Pandemonaeon Magicks

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INTRODUCTION

For contemporary magicians, the sense of being on the leading edge of cultural transition tends to be encapsulated in the concept of a new Aeon. Thus the profusion of 'new aeons' projected by various magical paradigms. So as not to be seen to be missing an essential item in their magical script, some Chaos Magicians have begun to project the glamour of the Fifth Aeon - the *Pandemonaeon*.

The concept of a new aeon has several magical functions:

1. It provides a filter through which the magician can examine current social trends, possible developments, and how they may be influenced.
2. It acts as an Ideosphere for the development of new ideas, concepts and techniques from outside the boundaries of his present Achievable Reality.
3. It can become a meta-aim to unify groups and orders towards working for a common goal, and act as a gambit to aid the design of possible futures.

Unlike many of the prevailing new aeons, the Pandemonaeon is envisaged as being different for each individual who projects themselves within its frame. Just as Chaos Magick emerges from the diversity and transience of modern culture, so does the Pandemonaeon typify the trend towards individualism becoming separate from any totalizing belief or narrative, be it metaphysical or scientific. So far, it has not been projected as an overall epoch that all will participate in, but an experience of culture which embraces, rather than attempting to resist the modern condition. Thus it is likely

that this aeon is merely a transitory stage itself, and what lies beyond it, none can, with any certainty, say. Some Chaos Magicians are finding that this Fifth Aeon projection is useful for going beyond current definitions and limitations concerning what is accepted as magical. The next generation of magi might well discard the concept, in favour of a meta-projection which balances their experience of culture, with what possibilities are round the corner. The absence of inevitable future projections leaves only uncertainties, where nothing is true, and everything is permitted.

DESIGNING THE FUTURE

Projections of possible futures are hampered by existing cognitive habits, which tend to define the limits to which information can be used. For example, a dominant pattern used in the conceptualization of future progression is the idea of evolution. Evolution is sequential, collective, and seems to be a result of mutual decision-making. Evolutionary projections are locked into considering history as the prime source of useful data. Thus many people spend more time looking backwards, in order to try and theorize about the future. In contrast to the evolutionary paradigm, there is the design paradigm. Design breaks with the tradition of slowly working towards a goal and instead, examines a situation from its current status, and how that situation can be changed. Traditional cognitive habits tend to look backwards, whereas the design stance moves forward from what is current in the present. The aim of design is to move the boundary of Achievable Reality forwards. To design effectively requires a vision, or end-state.

Chaos Magick can be understood as the discovery and application of effective techniques and scripts to maximize human design for living.

IDEOSPHERES

The Ideosphere is a non-local space entered by the magician in order to explore possible models & paradigms which may be of use in configuring the Pandemonaeon. The Ideosphere is more of an attitude; a stance from which the magician can seek inspiration from any incoming information, be it newspaper articles, cartoons, flickering media images, scientific jargon, random acronyms, or half-heard phrases from another's conversation. An idea flashes into the Ideosphere; the magician may grasp it immediately or store it for later work. The main attitude to foster is that nothing, no matter how ridiculous, bizarre or unworkable should be rejected. Working from the Ideosphere, the magician allows himself to bathe in the emanations of the mass media until, sated and bloated, he withdraws into silence to digest, regurgitate, and create new forms.

Latching onto new ideas brings forth new perspectives on existing models and techniques. It brings forth new paradigms for structuring magical processes which in turn,

may yield new techniques and applications. Here are a few ideas which magicians have appropriated from other sources, and made their own.

VIRUS SYSTEMS

A powerful source of inspiration is the understanding of, and fascination with Virus Behaviour, whether it be the computer viruses which have revealed themselves to be the gremlins of the information age, or the biological viruses such as H.I.V, which is promoting vast amounts of research into how viruses behave. A third type of virus which has caught the imagination is the word-virus, or meme.

A virus is a set of instructions which invades larger systems, and induces them to carry out a complex sequence of replications which bring new copies of the virus into existence, and, during this process, the host system is altered in some way. This is true for computer viruses, biological viruses, and word-viruses. The emerging magical use of virus systems opens up new forms of understanding and applications alike.

THE WORD VIRUS

Like organisms, memes replicate to perpetuate themselves; like organisms they are capable of fusion, recombination and mutation. They propagate themselves by leaping between nervous systems, growing in power and infecting further host vehicles through any communications channel that can be utilised to secure them a niche. Memes compete ruthlessly with each other, for the command of the perceptual field and transmission time. The success of a meme to occupy a prominent position in the host environment is dependent on its Performance Value (Pv) and its Propagation Quotient (Pq). Performance Value relates to the degree of change a meme brings to an individual or group. If the presence of a meme brings about increased cohesiveness, ambition and confidence, then the individual or group is more likely to promote the meme. The most successful memes are those which reduce anxiety in their hosts by providing a purpose or a stable location within a space-time projection. Some memes survive by reinforcing each other, supporting each other's message; reinforcing the overall impact. Other memes survive by discouraging rational analysis upon their content.

An obvious example of memes in action is religion. 'God' is a meme, 'Heaven' is a meme, and the punishment of 'eternal damnation' is a meme. A complex web of memes is known as a Scheme, which are comprehensive meshes of memes that propagate themselves through any available communications channel. The religious schemes which have almost totally infected the human environment are successful as they offer varying degrees of stability, participation, and can become tacitly self-evident to the level that they become not merely the host's worldview, but the world itself. The infected hosts live entirely within the parameters of the scheme, perhaps only vaguely aware of other worlds

which exist beyond the scheme. Worlds which threaten the stable order of the invading scheme must be ignored, forced back, fought, or destroyed.

Of course the spread of a meme is dependent upon the reaction of the potential host. A sense of being a unique individual with a clear purpose in life is a strong human requirement in the current age, as the sense of being an individual distinct from any cultural attachments becomes progressively stronger. The deeply-felt alienation felt by many in these first stirrings of the Pandemonaeon makes them ripe hosts for infection by memes, locking individuals into safe spaces from which they can push back the buzzing, booming confusion of the everyday world.

Understanding the spread of memes leads the magician into the area of Control Commands - autonomic responses locked into language and patterns of thought. A growing concern for Pandemonaeonic magicians is the design of new approaches to conceptualizing, with attendant meta-languages for escaping the old habits of thinking. William Burroughs targets particular semantic traps which lock the human host into a narrow range of thinking: the definite article 'THE', the 'IS' of identity that does not allow for wider possibilities and assigns permanent status to verbal labels, the 'EITHER/OR' that only allows being wrong or being right. Crowley was on the right track when he urged his students to delete 'I' from their language. With no dominant 'I' there can appear a legion of selves: loose the daemons. Delete 'EITHER/OR' and open up a myriad of possibilities, none of which need to be wrong or right.

VIRAL TEXTS

One of the simplest manifestations of viral text is the chain-letter, which uses the simple, yet effective 'carrot & stick' hook to propagate itself. A more insidious form of viral text shows up in thought and behaviour patterns. Consider the statement:

THE ILLUMINATI [x]

ARE TAKING OVER [y]

THE WORLD [z]

The explicit message of this statement is not important. The implied message is that group 'x' is attempting to do something 'y' to group 'z'. It is also implied that the recipient of the message should be (a) concerned, and (b) do something about it, lest they be perceived by the sender as siding with 'x' - the enemy. Beware of anyone who in all seriousness acts using viral messages, which have been one of the standby props of orthodoxy, be it political, religious, or magical. To propagate effectively, viral texts require potential hosts to be susceptible to the idea of an enemy group, action against which coheres their own sense of identity. Once a viral message is allowed to take root, then the host is open to invasion by other supportive memes - BEING RIGHT, and GETTING EVEN. Sources of much trouble and stupid, destructive behaviour.

REPLICANTS

In orthodox magick, great store is set upon a magical object being special or unique. There are the instructions to create unique talismans, buy virgin parchment, and to create objects for a specific purpose. There is said to be power in a unique object, particularly in these times of mass production and marketing.

But wait, there is power in mass production too. Consider the chaosphere, the central logo or glyph of Chaos Magick. It appears on books, magazines, letterheads, toy soldiers, jewellery and tattoos. It is used on rave posters and on the back of leather jackets. It has become itself a viral image. All that is required is a shift in perception and those thousands of chaospheres, wherever they are, become gateways for the ingress and egress of magical power.

Take two: A sorcerer acquires for himself a suitable receptacle for an act of magick. A three-inch high pink, plastic creature with a mane of fibrous hair, sometimes known as a 'Gonk'. There are thousands, perhaps even millions of Gonks in existence. All with a similar structure. So the sorcerer enchants upon his Gonk, and by the principle of Structural-Similarity, transmits that information to all the others. What he has here is the creation of a powerful Gonk-spirit, its qualities and attributions an encapsulation of the associations which are marketed as the 'image' of the Gonk. He has empowered the Gonks with spirit, and his own Gonk becomes the controller. In times of need, he can draw through his Gonk, the power of the others.

Take three: A young man is desirous of a lover. He sigilises his desire and likes the image so much that instead of destroying it, he photocopies it and disperses the images randomly. Lovers appear from all directions.

Objects need not be particularly striking or special to be magically useful. All that need happen is that the magician defines that object as magical - combining image, associations, and will. Rather than resisting mass replication, the magician turns it to his advantage.

VIRAL SERVITORS

A further application of virus systems emerging in Chaos Magick is the creation & application of Servitors which have the capacity to replicate, mutate, and recombine into new forms. Viral servitors, behaving in a similar manner to biological or computer viruses, are now beginning to propagate in virtual space, performing functions such as healing, protection, and seeding ideas into the general meme-pool. (Note: Viral Servitors are discussed further in my book *Condensed Chaos*, New Falcon Publications, 1995).

THE C.H.A.O.S VIRUS

In order to infuse humanity with the Pandemonaemonic currents, one must look to very basic restrictions, from which more complex bindings depend. The C.H.A.O.S Virus recovers the chaosphere both as icon of infectivity and a magical gateway for the transmission of Fifth Aeon emanations. The virus acts to bring about change, but at a microscopic level of processing. The intrusion of the virus into a human self-complex acts to stimulate those selves which desire CHANGE - in terms of new ideas, pleasure, intelligence, adaptability, and FUN.

Each time a self within an individual stirs towards CHANGE, then the virus copies itself. Note that much of these stirrings are likely to take place at a latent, unintentional level of information- processing. Acting over time, the virus acts to weaken ego-resistance to CHANGE, new ideas, new learning, and fun. As the virus cells propagate, they combine in groups of eight, to become the virtual shadows of new selves - potential desires, growing within the web of selves, stirring impulses from beyond the confines of the ego.

From the moment that the C.H.A.O.S Virus is projected, every chaosphere in existence on the planet, be it an astral form, image, or object - and any new ones which come into existence - becomes a transmission site for the virus.

The virus also prepares the host for further reinforcement which may take the form of seeded memes, enchantments, image projections, or sonic sorceries. The virus transmits itself using the principle of Structural-Similarity, so that anything resembling a sphere or circle intersected by eight vertices, will transmit the virus.

(Note: The *Consciousness Heuristic Analogue Optimising System* Virus was released at the Winter Solstice, 1992)

META-LANGUAGES

Strange languages are very much part of the overall glamour of magick, from Barbaric names of invocation to the use of foreign languages such as Hebrew or Sanskrit. All magical systems tend to generate their own technical language for describing magical experiences and techniques within a common framework. Like the technical terms used by scientists and specialists, terminology can act as a barrier for the uninitiated, if the use of special language causes description to become so opaque that no one outside the specialist group understands what is being said.

Magicians create meta-languages not only as magical tools for acts of magick, but to open up shades of experience which are difficult to describe clearly, given the current restrictions of language. The aim here is greater precision in communication. Wordless communications can be developed for experimental work in telepathy and virtual (astral) magick. Experiments in these areas suggest that visual images, colours, & pictographs are

easier to transmit between individuals in dream or virtual space, than words alone. So attempts have been made to create communications systems based on the use of colour, scents, spatial perspectives, and contextual imagery & settings, in attempting to establish communications in shared dreaming or attempts to link awareness in virtual (i.e. astral) space.

CUT-UPS AS SORCERY

From the juxtaposition of word and image, meaning is glimpsed. From the Chaos of the normal is woven apparent simplicity. All the secrets of magick are on open display. That which is truly hidden is our own resistance to this realisation. To live within the confines of Consensus Reality is to remain locked in Time; Past - Present - Future. In this sense, all magical acts are scripts for momentary slips through the fabric. Magick takes place outside of Time.

Through the simple technique of Cut-Up, pioneered by Brion Gysin as a literary technique, the magician can collapse sequential experience into syncretic Gnosis. The basic technique is simple enough when applied to text: Take a page of text, cut into 4 sections and re-paste. New word lines & messages appear. This disruption of the sequence of language creates Tangential Deliriums - new messages arising from the juxtapositions of words and the derangement of the associations this provokes. Cut up texts on magick to discover new magicks. Cut up the Book of The Law and discover any amount of new chapters.

There are parallels with this method and the more obvious tools of magick; sigils as cut-ups of desire, for example. Divination systems that cut-up a subject into image blocks, throwing up insights, new images, gestalts. Reshuffle beliefs by deliberately holding two contradictory belief systems - make meaning from nonsensical beliefs. Cut-Up belief to understand its dynamics.

THIRD MIND

Record two different conversations. Then record them onto the same tape. Intercut with street noises, television fragments, readings from texts and newspapers. Record, replay, and intercut. Result - a Third Mind. The 'absent' source of information which slides in to the listeners' awareness, arising from the Time Disorientation induced by listening to the tape.

Why Time Disorientation? All routes to Gnosis act to temporarily dislocate the Ego. The Ego requires Time (sequence) to maintain the fiction of single identity. Text and logical thinking are sequential. One step at a time, one unit following another. While attention is selective, the creative spark is associative and syncretic. A great deal of magical practice

rests on the ability of the mind to make associative connections. Any stimulus which is strong enough to evoke emotion and memory throws awareness out of sequential Time. Smell particularly, is a hotline to memory. Instant access.

Word juxtapositions throw up new messages. Image juxtapositions open new worlds. Modern media presentations particularly in the visual arts, are increasingly utilising the Cut-Up technique: the layering of images & associations serving to collapse Time-sense. Elements of Past, Present & possible Futures may be evoked simultaneously in a single visual image. The news media works to change the context of a message to create new hidden meanings, acting under the illusion of 'objectivity'.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

DIVINATION

Create a montage of sounds, images, associations for a particular day of the week. For example, 'capture' Monday onto tape. Intercut with verbal messages which you associate with Monday; add street noises, random conversations. Intercut and playback. You have created a platform for voyages into Oracular space. Sounds, images, associations arise from the assembly. The tape can be used as a background for dream control or scrying. Stranger still, you may hear sounds on the tape that you were not aware of recording. A truck passes. Days later, you hear the sound of the truck in the street, and you are jerked sideways into oracular time.

ENCHANTMENT

Enchantment may be considered an act of collage. Assemble the elements you desire to affect and re-arrange. It is already done with objects and images, so why not sounds too? Assemble a soundscape as in the example above, which relates to the object of the enchantment. Recording captures the target space in the same way that a bottle traps a spirit. A recording can be taken away and altered, and then returned to the original location and replayed.

EMOTIONAL ENGINEERING

Emotions can be deconstructed into three elements: physiological arousal, cognitive association and behaviour patterns. Each of these are separate tracks on a mixing desk, capable of being remixed in new arrangements. When in a state of extreme arousal (anger, sorrow, tension) the first step is to experience the physiological track apart from behaviour and cognition. Remove the identification with the source of the emotion. Still all internal dialogues, inner conversations, mental fantasies. Experience sensation without words or images. Here the magician is dislocated in Time; pure sensation without identification. In this state, any act of magick may be performed. To re-engineer emotions, experience the arousal as ecstasy. Dispassionately run the word/image track

and adjust accordingly. Identify behavioral patterns and remodel them. Name the selves, capture their inner dialogues, intercut and playback.

The use of Cut-Up is naturally enhanced by keeping diaries, scrapbooks, recordings, and most importantly, being aware of what is happening outside one's immediate field of attention.

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Parsons and Majestic-12

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Whoa, the internet is a SCARRRRRY tool sometimes...

Scrambling frantically through the search engines, I found another bizarre twist in the Jack Parsons story today. It seems that some folks think that the Parsons/Hubbard/Crowley "Babalon Rite" somehow succeeded in opening a portal to another "plane" (or more appropriately, dimension), and SOMETHING came through (and is probably STILL coming through!). That something is supposed to have been the source of the sudden jump in UFO sightings and scientific development in the 1946-1948 period. Other interesting events that happened in that period included the discovery of LSD, the Roswell incident, the invention of the transistor, the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, the sound barrier was broken, and Crowley's death.

Also there is a fellow named Stanton T. Friedman, (who is a nuclear physicist) who was supposedly the original researcher of the Roswell case who ties into Parsons. Friedman's 14 years in the aerospace industry includes work for General Electric, General Motors, Westinghouse Astronuclear Laboratory, TRW Systems, and Aerojet-General Nucleonics (Parson's company) on several classified projects. Friedman is also one of the most vocal proponents of the existence of the "Majestic-12" project, and claims to have been one of the original members of the MJ-12 team.

Also, if you are familiar with Crowley's sketches of his personal conjurations and "spirit guides", there is one he described as "a fetus-like head with large, black almond shaped eyes". He called it "Lam". It is a dead ringer for what UFOlogists today call "greys".

LRON also talks about similar critters in his Scientology mythos, and alludes to mankind receiving "help" from extra-terrestrial beings.

So now we have a HUGE conspiracy, beginning with Uncle Al, Jack & Cameron, and LRON all screwing around, conjuring holes in the space-time continuum, and bringing forth aliens in flying saucers. These saucers spur the DOD into action, thereby making Parsons a millionaire (and subsequently, LRON gets a piece of it too!). Crowley had previously masterminded a deal between the US government and the Nazis called Operation Paperclip, wherein dozens of ex-Nazi aerospace and genetic researchers are given asylum in the USA after the war, for cooperation in our "Alien Technology Backwards Engineering" program. Parson gets blown up in a mysterious explosion and his wife leaves the country. LRON cruises the oceans in multi-million-dollar ocean liners, the COS becomes one of the fastest-growing Western religions, and the OTO becomes one of the main forces in occult research and publishing in the US and England. All the

Possession

by Phil Hine

"My skull is a drum; each great beat drives that leg, like the point of a stake, into the ground. The singing is at my very ear, inside my head. This sound will drown me! ... I cannot wrench the leg free. I am caught in this cylinder, this well of sound. There is nothing anywhere except this. The white darkness moves up the veins of my leg like a swift tide rising, rising; it is a great force which I cannot sustain or contain, which will surely burst my skin. "Mercy" I scream within me. I hear it echoed by the voices, shrill and unearthly: "Erzulie!" The bright darkness floods up through my body, reaches my head, engulfs me. I am sucked down and exploded at once. That is all."

Maya Deren

The phenomena known as Possession has been, until fairly recently, a comparatively rare phenomena in Western Magical practice. This is possibility due to it's association, in the nineteenth century, with some of the more grosser elements of Mediumship, and a general misunderstanding of non-western magical approaches such as Voudoun and Santeria, which have, until the recent popularisation of anything possibly "ethnic/shamanistic", been denigrated as "primitive" religions - particularly by descendants of the Theosophists who, as Michael Bertiaux put it in a recent interview "are obsessed with their childhood experiences of voudon, based on 1930's and 1940's zombie movies."

It is also the case that experience of possession is difficult for many people, particularly those conditioned by a European upbringing, since possession requires disinhibition and the ability to surrender oneself to passion - something which, on the whole, is neither socially sanctioned or consistent with the self-image of "being in control".

Over the last few years however, there has been a marked rise in the practice of possession-oriented ritual, where the aim of the working is for the appearance of an entity into a human vessel, for purposes of enchantment, illumination, or oracular utterances. The use of possession-based work is particularly strong within Wicca, the Northern Tradition, and the freestyle approach generally termed as Chaos Magick. Having had many opportunities to participate in such workings (both as a vessel and a celebrant), I hereby offer an analysis of the possession experience for discussion.

Possession is a wide-ranging phenomena which is probably the most popular form of union with the divine in human history. Possession-oriented rituals are apparent in ancient Egypt and it has been shown that the earliest forms of Cabbalistic practice were oriented towards this type of experience. Possession was a recognised phenomena in ancient Greece, two examples being the Delphic oracle, and the practices of the Theurgists, defined by Proclus as "... in a word, all the operations of divine possession." Possession is a central feature of Voudoun, Santeria, and Macumba, religions which are

gaining increasing popularity, and is apparent in most tribal cultures, from America to Australasia.

Possession also appears in early Christianity - particularly with the manifestation of "speaking in tongues" which remains popular in modern-day forms of evangelical Christianity. St. Paul's dramatic experience on the road to Damascus bears all the hallmarks of a sudden divine possession, yet he was worried by the phenomenon, and found it necessary to lecture the Corinthian Christians on the need to carefully manage speaking in tongues.

"If therefore, the whole church assembles, and all speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are mad? ...do not forbid speaking in tongues, but all things should be done decently and in order"

(I Corinthians, 14).

In general, there are two routes into the ecstasy of possession. The first is solitary, and the second is group-oriented. Solitary possession is often the result of an extended retirement of meditation, prayer, or ritual, whereby the celebrant attains union with the chosen entity. The basics of this procedure was eloquently described by Steve Wilson in his article Results Mysticism in C.I 15. This was the path of solitary mystics such as St. John of the Cross. Within the context of monotheism, this practice is not without its dangers. The Sufi mystic al-Hallaj announced that he was "God", and later, was crucified. The Christian mystics of the Middle Ages were often, one step away from being viewed as heretics. In India, this form of solitary possession is known as Bhakti Yoga.

The key elements of this experience are easy to identify. Firstly, there is a degree of isolation from other people. Isolation, in varying degrees, contributes greatly to the loss of a sense of ego-boundaries. Isolation places great stresses upon the human psyche. Secondly, there are varying degrees of deprivation - fasting, sleeplessness, removal of sexual relief, self-inflicted pain, etc - the monastic favourites which would be recognised and approved of by shamans and tantrics alike. Thirdly, there is the constant turning of attention to the subject of the retirement. The mystic continually directs his awareness to the union with the divine which he seeks, through prayer, meditation and ritual. Crowley's Liber Astarte is a fine example of this kind of work, as is the Abra-Melin system; if you are inclined towards grovelling before Jehovah. The published Abra-Melin diary of William Bloom is a fascinating account of the 'self-abasement before god' gambit in action. Crowley, of course, was much more inclined to lie back and let the 'god' enter him through the back door, as it were, and readers are referred to my own reflections on 'passive' sodomy in Chaos International 11 for more on this particular form of possession.

It is the group-oriented form of possession which I wish to pay particular attention to, since contemporary possession-workings are most often in this form. In religious cults, possession plays an extremely effective role in validating belief in the system. This is precisely what worried St. Paul about the "tongues" phenomena so widespread in early

Christianity. As an adherent of reason, he was worried by the fact that participation in this form of ecstatic experience produced a fervent, yet uncritical belief.

DISINHIBITION

The ability to 'lose control' appears to be a key factor in the possession experience. I have seen people who, upon attempting to take on a manifestation for the first time, clearly 'lose' the trance when their inhibitions over what is acceptable behaviour conflicts with the persona of the entity they have taken on. Expectations over how to behave, even within the free space of a magical ritual are, once they have been built up, difficult to shed. The ability to release one's inhibitions and 'go with' the possession takes time to build up for many people, though it can equally be the case that individuals who seem otherwise, to lack charisma and confidence, can sometimes very quickly 'let go' and enter possession trance. One explanation is that the possession experience gives participants "permission" to act out of character. As a voodoo celebrant said to S. E. Simpson (Religious Cults of Caribbean: Trinidad, Jamaica & Haiti, 1970)... "What a person is afraid to do, he does when possessed." Permission to act in a manner appropriate to the God is effectively sanctioned by officiating officers, celebrants and audience. However, in modern rituals, the limits of permission are not always clearly defined.

Anthropological accounts of possessed persons seemingly going 'out of control' agree that any relating violence is approved of and expected - part of the 'play' of the ceremony. In teaching others the 'trick' of becoming possessed, it is essential to convey the message that the individual is not 'responsible' for the behaviour of the spirit. Once one understands that all present are able to divorce the behaviour of the individual from the presence of the God, the need to hold fast to one's personality diminishes.

GROUP EFFECTS

It should be understood that possession is not merely a matter of entity & vessel, but an experience that arises from the total interaction of those present. In some senses, possession is a form of theatrical performance. Certainly I have heard actors describing an experience akin to possession - that, when on stage, they are able to do things which are associated with their characters far more eloquently than when out of role. Accounts of possession ceremonial by Deren, Seabrook, Belo et al show that the interaction between performers (those possessed by spirits), audience, ritual officers and the Master(s) of Ceremonies co-creates the possession experience. Of particular interest is the role taken on by the Master of Ceremonies or officiating Priest.

Keith Johnstone (Impro, 1981) notes that in Voodoo ceremonial, the officiating priests have high status, yet are "indulgent" to the possessed participants, who often exhibit child-like, or playful behaviour. Another useful analogy is the idea of the M.C as "ringmaster", coaxing the possessee towards the ecstasy of gnosis and whipping the

audience on. A good MC ensures not only that the spirit behaves (or misbehaves) appropriately, but also that the audience participates in the performance. All too often, I have seen the 'audience' in a possession working standing uneasily round the possessee, and occasionally, being berated by the spirit for their lack of participation. Invocatory rites are similar to evocatory rites in that they are context-derived. In my experience, the successful appearance of an evoked goetic spirit depends very much on the ritual space - the use of appropriate props & paraphernalia. In the same fashion, good possession working requires a clear context that is known and understood by all participants. Conflicting expectations often give rise to results which are at variance with the participants' intentions. A good example from my own experience is of a working which was clearly designed by the officiating priest to be the opening act for an orgiastic celebration. The entity he chose was IUSTINA, a persona derived from a character in the works of the Marquis de Sade (Justine: The Misfortunes of Virtue). The entity was based on the character Justine who, whilst undergoing every kind of debauchery imaginable, retains an aura of virtuosity. During the working, the possessee displayed behaviour which was quite in keeping with the Justine of the book, although that was not quite what the officiating priest had in mind!

This is not of course, an issue, in ceremonies where the entire assembly knows what to expect of the entity manifesting. William Sargant gives an account of a Voudoun ceremony he witnessed in Haiti, where two girls became simultaneously possessed by Ghede, a loa who is known to be particularly sexually active: "They half stripped each other and one girl symbolically raped the other with a masculine type of pelvic approximation. It ended with the total emotional collapse of both participants." Sargant goes on to say that the group was somewhat amused by this episode, and that the girls, who were normally restrained and quiet, had no memory of what they had done. He notes that the only people who were 'upset' by the incident were the boyfriends of the girls, but that they could say nothing, as it was the manifestation of Ghede. This in itself is an important point. In many possession-oriented cults, there is a tacit understanding that whatever a possessed person does, it is the action of the indwelling entity and as such, they cannot be faulted. Furthermore, after the person comes out of possession, they are not told about how they behaved.

It has often struck me that the size of the group participating in a possession working can also contribute to the depth of trance on the part of the possessee. Whilst work in small, close-knit groups allows a strong atmosphere of trust, confidence & relaxation to build up, which is conducive to possession taking place. However, large groups, particularly frenzied workings involving strobe lights, massed dancing & screaming, allow a celebrant to achieve a deep possession relatively quickly. Again, the effect of being in a crowd enables the dominant personality to be shed quickly. Also, the fact that the vehicle for possession is the focus of attention for the entire group brings on an excitatory state of arousal, kicking in the fight-flight autonomic reflex, washing away the borders of self-image in a flood of adrenaline.

TRANSMARGINAL INHIBITION

William Sargant, in his book *The Mind Possessed* makes a thorough examination of possession-type experience. He believes that the key to this phenomena lies in an 'abnormal' response to extreme stress which was identified by Pavlov as Transmarginal Inhibition. Sargant describes this reaction as having three stages, the Equivalent, Paradoxical, and Ultraparadoxical. The Equivalent stage is characterised by a response whereby the individual's reaction to both weak and strong stimuli is the same. In other words, a person suffering from depression may react to both significant and trivial experiences in the same way. The Paradoxical phase occurs when weak stimuli produces stronger positive responses than strong stimuli. An example of this phase is the depressed person who does not react when verbally threatened, but can be motivated by a gentle command. The third phase, the Ultraparadoxical, is characterised by the appearance of responses that are diametrically opposed to those which have been previously conditioned or habituated, and new beliefs and behaviours may be implanted. Sargant also notes other phenomena associated with this state. These are: increased suggestibility to beliefs and stimuli which would not normally be paid much attention; the isolation and inhibition of certain thoughts and behaviour from memory, and the "inhibitory collapse" which wipes recent behaviour from memory.

Sargant sees the possession experience very much in terms of the above process. He points out that possession is very much an abreactive, cathartic experience, and notes that in some societies, possession, when brought on through dancing, drumming and chanting, serves to release accumulated tension in the celebrants. He cites his own work with patients suffering from shell-shock; the inability to release a traumatic experience from consciousness. Sargant and his colleagues deliberately subjected clients to an extremely stressful reliving of the initial trauma, to the point where they collapsed. Afterwards, it was found that the trauma had released its hold upon them.

How does this mesh with the possession experience? From my own experience, I can confirm that possession is certainly both abreactive and cathartic. Intense physiological activity - muscular strain, hyperventilation, etc - followed by release, are often more relaxing than quiescent relaxation techniques. Another interesting point concerns that of memory loss following the state of possession. This is widely documented, from accounts of hypnosis, to instances of possession in cults such as Voudoun, as noted above. There is some suggestion though, that the degree of memory loss is related to group expectations. In some cults, it is an article of belief that when the god enters, the human 'soul' is displaced. In *Prime Chaos*, I have discussed the possession experience in terms of a continuum - at one end, there is "full" possession, which may result in partial or total memory loss, and at the other, the phenomena of "Overshadowing," where the celebrant retains a degree of self-awareness during the possession experience.

Sargant also recognises the importance of the group atmosphere in creating a space where possession may occur. He notes that the overall effect of possession ceremonial is to place the celebrants in a state of increased suggestibility. Rhythmic drumming, dancing

and chanting are three of the most popular means of creating a possession experience, to which modern magicians have added the use of strobe lights and audio effects.

MASKS AND POSSESSION

The use of Masks, and other ritual props, is an important feature in possession. In some cults, when a celebrant begins to display the symptoms of possession, the character of the incarnating entity is discerned by the officiating priests, and that individual is given the appropriate props for the particular god or goddess. In Western approaches to possession, it is more likely that the vehicle visualises himself, or is already dressed in the appropriate garb. In contemporary magick, the vehicle for possession by a particular god tends to be chosen before the ritual proceeds, rather than, as in Voudoun, spontaneously ridden by the loa. Masks are particularly useful in conferring a degree of anonymity to the wearer. Masks which are particular to a certain spirit tend to exhibit consistent behaviour, no matter who is wearing them. As has been noted, spirits tend to a certain conservatism - the invading spirit may be defined as a mask - an arising character which has its own behaviour and personality, as defined by belief and context. This may not however, be the case for "unfinished" gods - that is, entities who are not reinforced by an informing tradition, belief system or even a general expectation of character formed from the pool of celebrant's experience. This appears to be the case for entities such as Baphomet.

PROBLEMS ARISING FROM POSSESSION

Whilst in a religious context, the direct experience of the indwelling entity serves to validate belief in that religious system, possession can be occasionally be problematic from a magical perspective, where certain, unshakable belief is not quite viewed in the same light. While within the ritual space, it is important to invest total belief in the possession experience, the continuance of uncritical belief outside it can become dysfunctional. This, however, calls into question the function of possession-experience, particularly within the context of Chaos Magic. I have often heard an incarnating entity utter oracular or prophetic statements during possession workings. In a context of generalised belief, one assumes that the results of possession workings would be integrated into the successive experience of the participant. I often wonder how far this is the case in Chaos Magic, where consensual belief in the reality of the experience may be shed as soon as one leaves the temple space.

A second problem which relates to possession is that of knowledge of the entity. It may occur that an entity manifests within a vessel that is unprepared. By this, I refer to an individual who has no prior knowledge of the entity, in terms of its character, mythological associations, or relevant behaviour. This is particularly relevant when we consider entities that have knowledge of specific areas. In possession-oriented cultures, it

is usual that entities who can offer diagnostic advice manifest through healers or witch-doctors. It would be difficult for someone with no knowledge of such specialisation to give a coherent delivery, even if they were possessed by the relevant spirit. A related problem is that individuals who are new to the possession experience may not have the skills to accurately deliver a message - again, the ability to disinhibit, as discussed above, is relevant.

Thirdly, there is the problem of fixation. Some magicians appear to become fixated on manifesting a particular persona, often to the point that regardless of the character of the entity, the same behaviour & persona is apparent. Arguably, this is not true possession, but an expression of ego-reinforcement in front of an audience. This can result in obsessional mania, as the self being continually reinforced dominates the magician's behavioural repertoire, to the point where it is difficult for any other selves to manifest, and the individual's beliefs & behaviour are limited to that of the dominant self. There is often a deep-rooted insecurity behind such fixations.

A fourth problem relating to possession is related to the idea of banishing or earthing. It is not unusual for individuals to remain possessed even after a rite has been concluded. There are instances of participants in such workings becoming possessed hours, or even days after the event, spontaneously. In the religious context, this tends to lead to conversion. Sargant's model of possession relates the experience to the release of accumulated tension, and if the experience does not culminate in exhaustion (it's own banishing) or collapse, then the effects of it may linger. Those who wish to make use of possession-oriented work would do well to bear this in mind.

TRAINING FOR POSSESSION

Like many other types of magical experience, possession is a learned response. When an individual first experiences possession, it may have far-reaching consequences as a life-changing agent. It may occur suddenly, or gradually, and in some accounts of possession, it can be agonizingly painful. The degree of resistance to the experience is interesting in this light. Sargant notes that often, the more one resists the onset of possession, the more intense the experience actually becomes. I have noticed that, in my own experience of being possessed, whenever I have consciously tried to limit the depth of possession, it has in fact, proved to be much more intense than I expected. With practice, one may achieve a state of possession relatively quickly.

Whatever the setting or the context, the key elements of possession remain similar. Warm-up rituals such as banishing, prepare for the main event by helping the celebrant to focus attention on the entity to be manifested. The use of excitatory gnosis such as drumming & dancing place the body under stress, allowing awareness to be inflamed with the image of the incoming entity. Individuals may become spontaneously possessed, or the possession may be directed into one individual chosen specifically to be the vehicle. Whilst it is possible for someone other than the chosen vehicle to be possessed

by the entity, it appears rare that entities other than those being invoked manifest. As Sargant says, Christian revivalists do not become possessed by the Goddess Kali. The behaviour of a possessed person is often very much in terms of Sargant's model of transmarginal inhibition. Since the "gods" have a certain amount of regality, they often react badly to being commanded, yet can be steered by weaker commands. Hence the 'indulgence' on the part of officiating priests as noted by Keith Johnstone. It is often the case that the God is reluctant to leave the vehicle. In modern magick, this tends to be dealt with by placing the celebrant under further stress - capturing them (if necessary) and calling them out of trance until the invading persona has departed. In extreme cases, a lustration of cold water is provided.

CONCLUSION

Possession remains a powerful form of magical work. It can be used to derive oracular information (as used by the Greeks and Tibetans), to charge magical weapons, to share in the power of the God (as in ritual Masses) or 'live' a particular mythic transformation. In constructing possession-workings, it can be useful to examine magical and religious paradigms where possession is a recognised and culturally-defined technique. The experience itself can be related to wider phenomenon such as religious conversion, hypnosis, and abreactive therapy. As with all types of magical technique, it's use requires careful analysis and evaluation if it is not to devolve into a habituated limitation. In general, magical possession is both useful and enjoyable, if a little hair-raising at times.

Perceiving Energy

Date: Wed, 11 Oct 2000 18:25:05 -0400

To: zee-list

From: "Tz'Akh"

Subject: Re: [zee-list] Magick level and such

>on another note, It is not unreasonable to assume that higher levels
>of
>magick have some effect on the developement of human physiology,
>afterall
>chances of mutation increase which may see (in time) the development
>of
>new faculties in the human race...but that would take many generations
>to
>have any visible effect...

i've been rather put out recently by the general assumptions that we make about 'human faculties' and what sense we have. We're existing in a universe full of energy which in various forms has wavelength, amplitude, cohesion and/or patterns, etc - and given the larger issue of energy states in the universe what is the relation of the 'classical' senses to these energy states?

Taking the popularly accepted and taught sense we see that taste, smell, and to some degree touch, are chemical interactions with the world around us. Whenever we bring something in contact with our tongue there is a chemical exchange between the two and that chemical exchange sends of electrical impulses to our brain, which then interprets those signals to allows us to know 'what is happening out there'. The same applies for our nose as well, the difference in is in the relative sensitivity. Our nose can pick up faint traces of matter, particles so small that they may be carried by small air currents. The nose is attuned to these, relatively, small traces of matter but it is poor at interacting with larger quantities of material. Our tongue, however is better suited to deal with larger objects and discern information about them.

Our sense of touch is the next step of this interaction, for it too can have chemical interactions with material objects, but is suited to deal with them differently in so many ways. While the tongue and nose are sense organs from bringing material inside our body and incorporating things with the world, our skin is an external organ. it's a safety measure, allowing us a separation from the things we are investigating by not taking them inside our body. the trade-off is that we have a lower level of sensitivity than oral or nasal sensation. however, for this trade we receive an additional dimension of sensation - we receive the ability to sense certain energies - namely: heat, light and vibration.

Before continuing with this line of thought it is prudent to insert that some of these

manifestations of energy, as well as other not yet defined, may not entirely be tactile sensations. The English language and the proponents of it have a tendency of saying that something is 'felt' and having that wrap all of sound, heat, and light when a person is being clearer-sighted, when indeed some of these sensations are perhaps not being picked up by our skin but by our bodies as a whole. Certain frequencies of vibration fall into this category. Our skin primarily senses light on the surface, but what of the higher wavelengths of energy - when light turns into x-rays and other states typically labeled 'radiation'? These penetrate deeper than our skin and may not be sensed by the skin, individually, at all. Yet because of our language we attribute our perceptions of these other energies to our skin and our sense of touch because that's how our language indoctrinates us to think.

Our eyes and ears are organs more attuned to the sensation of energies. Our ears can detect wavelengths of energy that are 20 - 20,000 Hz range. This bandwidth of energy is significantly below the broadcast radio range, yet right in between the ELF/ULF range. 13 orders of magnitude above that our eyes kick in and pick up pretty much everything in the 2.7 PHz range. Yet we can sense heat through our skin and our bodies in general; heat which is in the 2.7 - 270 THz range. The eyes and skin encompass a sizable section of the electromagnetic spectrum, but there is a large, apparent, gap between heat and sound. However, research with Faraday cages and other means of screening RF and other nearby forms of electromagnetic energy has shown that humans are aware of these wavelengths of energy. We typically do not notice these energies because we are constantly awash in them. Since we can be made aware of them show that we have some 'sense' for these types of energies; our bodies have an interaction with them, therefore we must be able to sense them in some manner. Given that we will become sick if exposed to certain frequencies of energy in the electro-magnetic spectrum (microwaves, high power radio frequencies, and X-rays on up) we must have an interaction with them. Our bodies must know about them, if not tissues and organs would not be affected and damaged by them. The ability to sense these frequencies of energy must simply be a matter of attunement.

The primary reason we do not perceive more is because we aren't raised with the basis for understanding 'those things beyond us'. If we had games and exercises for our children that would facilitate sense of those energies that most people aren't even aware of then children would grow up with sensations of the universe that people today don't even have a frame of reference for. People need to be raised with better perceptual models

"the children shall pay for the sins of the parents"
-Tz'Akh

The Power of Mediocrity

Date: Sat, 29 May 1999 13:21:12 -0500

To: prosperopeople@egroups.com

From: jim garrison (prospero@spacestar.net)

Subject: A good Quote off of Thelema93-L

I found this particularly thought provoking as a guy working at the McDonald's of the Occult.

"Your scorn for mediocrity blinds you to its vast primitive power. You stand in the glare of your own brilliance, unable to see into the dim corners of the room, to dilate your eyes and see the potential dangers of the mass, the wad of humanity. Even as I tell you this, dear student, you cannot quite believe that lesser men, in whatever numbers, can really defeat you. But we are in the age of the mediocre man. He is dull, colorless, boring -- but inevitably victorious. The amoeba outlives the tiger because it divides and continues in its immortal monotony. The masses are the final tyrants. See how, in the arts, Kabuki wanes and withers while popular novels of violence and mindless action swamp the mind of the mass reader. And even in that timid genre, no author dares to produce a genuinely superior man as his hero, for in his rage of shame the mass man will send his yojimbo, the critic, to defend him. The roar of the plodders is inarticulate, but deafening. They have no brain, but they have a thousand arms to grasp and clutch at you, drag you down."
-- Trevanian

Practical Applications of the Chaossphere,

by Fra.: Neonfaust

The Chaossphere is the prime working tool of Chaos magicians and the Magical Pact of the Illuminates of Thanateros (IOT). The physical Chaossphere has a vast range of applications of which a few shall be briefly delineated here:

Meditation employing the Chaossphere:

1, The Chaossphere is a symbol of the primeval Big Bang, it maybe considered as a "frozen explosion" or even as "frozen information". Regard the Chaossphere in a relaxed state, using the 180* stare if you prefer. After a while shut your eyes and meditate on the creative powers of Chaos. Chaos is not disorder let alone entropy but rather the sum total of all possibillities incumbent in existence and the unmanifest as a whole. In this manner you will open the doors to the magickal multiversum for yourself.

2, Proceed as described above simultaneously meditating on Nietzsches Zarathustra admonition:

"I say unto you: a man must have chaos yet within him to be able to give birth to a dancing star. I say unto you: ye have chaos yet within you."

You can have this statement read aloud to you by a partner or friend during your meditation (or use a cassette recording). Experience shows that this will greatly enhance the effect described above under item number 1.

Sigil charging employing the Chaossphere:

In lieu of other charging techniques you can project the magickal sigil activation into the Chaossphere; banishing (preferably by laughter) should follow immediately. Afterwards aim to forget the whole magickal operation as thoroughly as possible to avoid interference with the sigil`s operation by the unwanted rise of consciousness of said operation/sigil and resultant inhibiting psychic censor activity.

Drawing energy employing the Chaossphere:

To be performed preferably after a meditation with the Chaossphere (see above); regard the Chaossphere in a very intensive manner for a while and stretch your palms in its direction. Now close your eyes fully or halfway and suck in the powers of Chaos through your palms while inhaling; exhaling, distribute the energies all over your body or store them in the Hara centre (appr. three fingers` width below the navel). You will probably experience these energies as a warm or cool current, possibly as a slightly tingling sensation.

Telepathy employing the Chaossphere:

During a partner experiment participants concentrate on the Chaosphere (can also be performed with different participants working on different locations); observe in a very relaxed state messages, information and/or images rising from the unconscious. Advanced magicians will find that this experiment can be performed successfully via great distances even without participants practising simultaneously. For Chaos (= pure information) is not restricted by space and time.

Astral projection and lucid dreaming employing the Chaosphere:

1, Using the 180* stare regard the Chaosphere until you experience a strong suction emerging from the sphere and pulling at your "psychic entrails". This can frequently even be felt as a strong physical sensation. Give way to this suction and let your astral body emerge gradually. In the beginning this should be practised partially, ie. the astral body portion extracted increasing with every subsequent attempt. Thus, you may for example only project half an arm the first time, the full at the next go etc. Finally the astral body should emerge totally. Be aware that astral projection may demand weeks` or months` dedicated practice to succeed, depending on personal talent and inhibitions. Incidentally, the same technique may be used to extract the magickal doppelganger, personal daemons etc.

2, Immediately before dropping off to sleep visualize the Chaosphere as accurately as possible and continue as described above. This will induce either stronger astral projection or lucid dreaming or both. This has proved to be an extremely powerful exercise, but it is strongly suggested that you attempt it only after having acquired a thorough working knowledge with the variaant described above under item 1. (If you start off with mental working chances are that you will very soon become severely sloppy without even being aware of the fact; this may in turn inhibit control of magickal powers and could lead to obsession.) You may also want to wake yourself up at 4 a.m. and give this exercise a try for a few minutes before dropping off to sleep again. Take care to note your dreams next thing in the morning, do not - repeat: DO NOT! - rely on your memory alone.

Activating psychogones/chaoservitors employing the Chaosphere:

Use the Chaosphere as a "base camp" and "home" for psychogones/chaoservitors and/or as a form of "launching pad". In case of the former the Chaosphere presents itself as a high class power receptacle and storage battery from which you can extract your psychogones/chaoservitors into the Chaosphere as you would with sigils to be activated; thus, the Chaosphere will become a gate to the Sphere of Chaos for your magickal entities in which (and from which) they will become active in accord with your bidding.

Charging magical objects employing Chaosphere:

Magical objects such as talismans, amulets, fetishes etc. can be charged with the aid of the Chaosphere by fastening them to the sphere or its tip during a ritual, placing them under it etc. while

directing the energies of Chaos into the objects in question.

Combat magic training employing the Chaosphere:

During combat magical training the Chaosphere is particularly suited as a power storage battery out of which the magician draws Magis or Mana. It is furthermore used as a combat target while practising the kiai or other battle cries and martial arts Chi techniques. In the same manner, magickal energy bolts, curses, words of powers and strong affections are hurled emphatically into the Chaosphere where they may be stored for further use.

Charging the Chaosphere:

Experience has shown that the Chaosphere does not demand a special charging by ritual etc. Rather, the charging takes place alone by its practical application. Should you desire to incorporate magickal "condensator" fluids or solids (eg. as used for charging magickal mirrors) this can easily be achieved by unscrewing the tips and replacing them after filling in the condensator.

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Key entry by Fr. Apfleman

The Problem With Magick Books

From: ludvigprin@aol.com (LudvigPrin)

Newsgroups: alt.magick

Subject: Re: non-dogmatic magick

Date: 9 Mar 1998 05:40:46 GMT

There we have the problem with learning from books. These days, it's trendy to write books for a living, and consequently 80% of the stuff you see in occult bookstores in absolute crap (I used to work at one, so that's from personal experience). In order to sell more books, the author has to operate on the pretense that he or she can provide information that other authors can not, while remaining derivative enough to spare themselves a lot of hard labor. What you end up with is a book that contains three or more of the following:

- 1) Chakras
- 2) Chants in a foreign language
- 3) The Threefold Law
- 4) Herb, oil, or incense magic from "tradition" (ie 777)
- 5) A leftist political agenda
- 6) Some form of sexism
- 7) At least one ritual from Crowley or the Golden Dawn
- 8) Sex magic
- 9) Drug magic

Read anything from Starhawk, Kenneth Grant, Z Budapest, or Chris Hyatt, to name a few.

The practical aspects of magic can be broken down into its constituent parts, in a sense a system of magical physics. Every "system" of magic consists of a few simple rules, along with a lot of window dressing. That's the trap of modern magical traditions--arguing over the window dressing.

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%   Ludvig Prinn
%   LudvigPrin@aol.com
%   http://expage.com/page/whitehandschool
%   (White Hand School of Magecraft)
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Rhaven's Alphabet

The following is a copy of the alphabet created by Rhaven from the zee-list for his own use in magick. He asked that I scan it and place it online for him. Included is the letter he sent to me regarding its creation, symbolism, and use, and the graphics of the alphabet and the sigil wheel that were included with the letter.

--Fenwick

Letter from Rhaven

Fenwick,

Well, it took me a damn while but I finally got it off. This is the sigil wheel I wanted you to scan for me, I hope you don't mind but I wanted to get a pic of my alpha too so I dropped it in there. Either one or both of the circles scanned will do, and of course you're free to use these personally, or distribute them, or turn it all into a nifty word game for your grandma.

There's only a little symbolism I kept in mind while making; I'm heavily attached to symbolism and planetary/elemental forces, and the 26 letters of our alpha broke down perfectly... five on the inner circle for vowels and the four elements plus spirit, nine on the middle for sun moon mercury venus mars saturn neptune uranus, and twelve on the outer for the astrological houses aries thru pisces. I left the center open on this particular version, you can put anything that pleases one there with a little imagination and a copier. The symbolism is a bit academic but I mostly wanted something that was universal somehow, and it just kind of all came out anyway... primarily I wanted any damn system that I didn't have to translate multiple letters into one or one into multiples, or substitute vowels that don't exist. I haven't seen any of these other than the "Hermetic Rosy Cross" or whatever, it's in D.M. Kraig's Modern Magick, and of course the old square system for sigils.

My alpha is a bit complex for common use but it's good for talismans and inscriptions. Hope you get something you like out of all this. Drop me an e-mail if you have any questions. I really appreciate your trouble, thanks again.

Per aspera ad astra,
-Rhaven

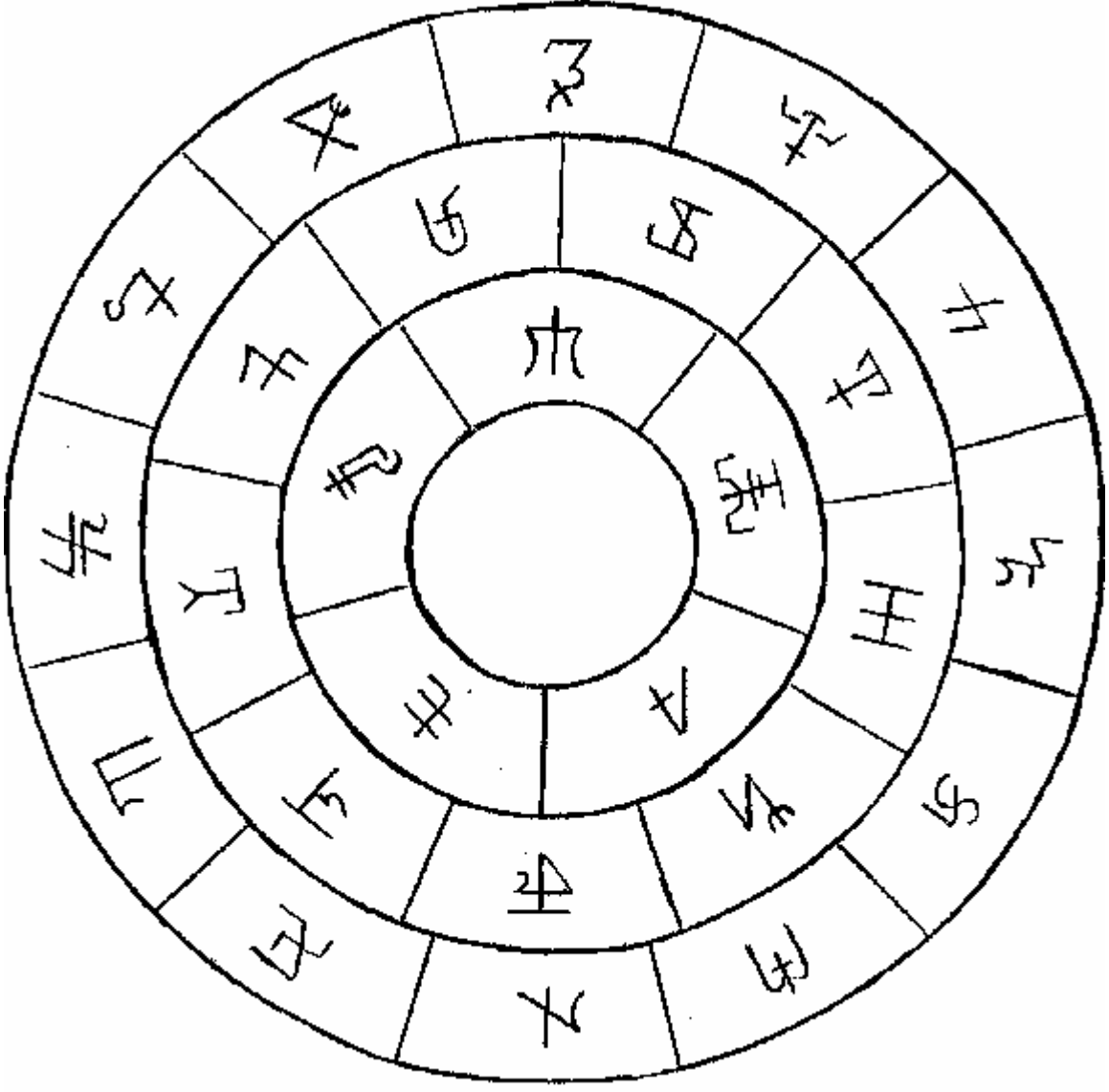
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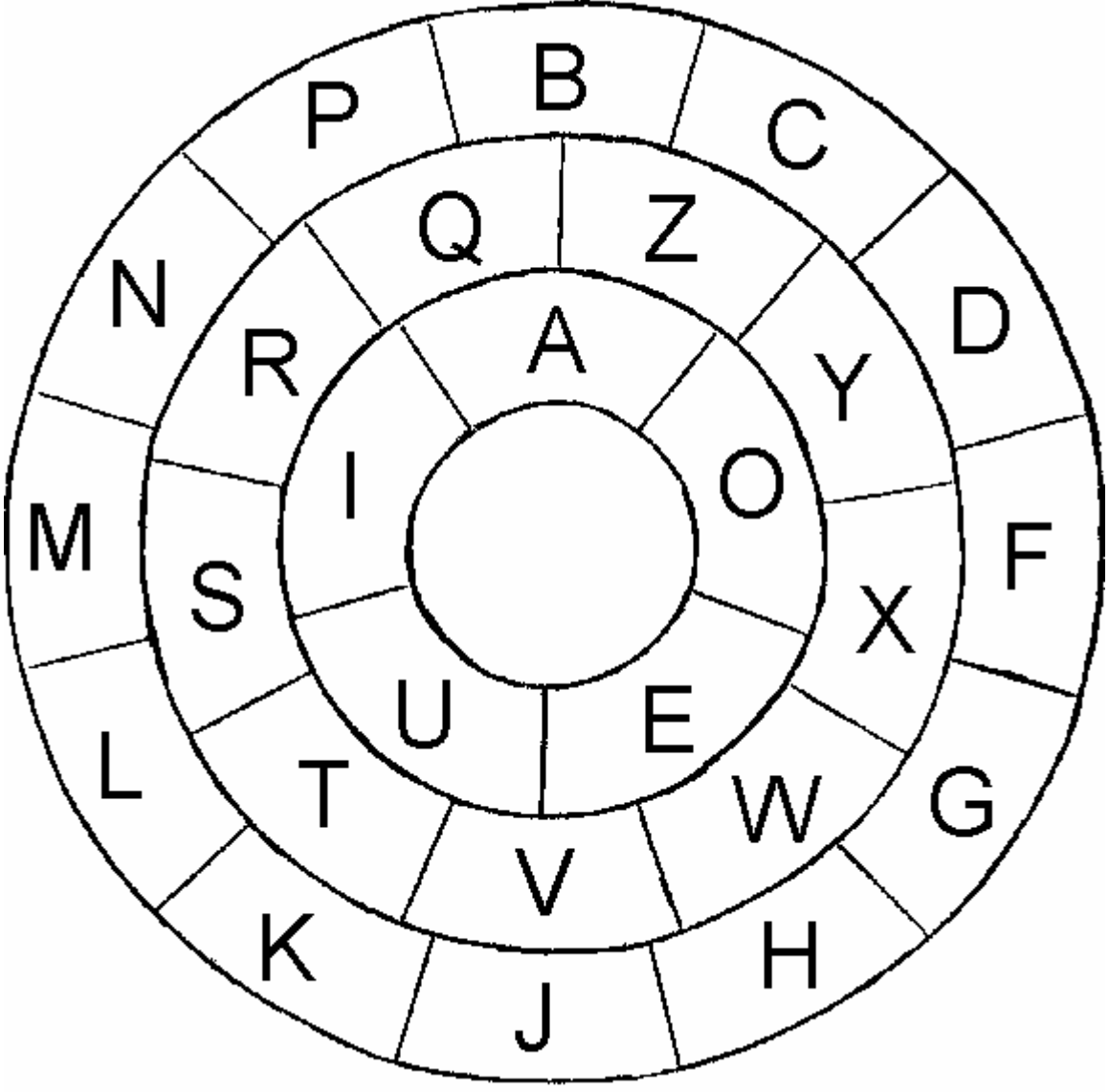
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Satan Scare

To: zee-list

Subject: [zee-list] LaVey, clowns, etc.

From: Lauranz the-Terrible

Date: Mon, 06 Dec 1999 19:53:38 EST

Jez asks, concerning my meeting LaVeyan Satanists, "In the old days? As in on this list or IRL? Wish I lived somewhere that would allow me to meet Satanists IRL."

It was back in, um, 1970 or 71, when I was working at the way cool bookstore. I was the resident witch, and had a free hand in ordering whatever I wanted for the occult section. Oh, those were the good old days.

One fine afternoon when I was at the cash register a guy and a girl came up to pay for a pile of my magick and witchcraft books they had selected. As I was ringing up the sale, the fellow whipped out his Church of Satan membership card and dramatically shoved it in front of me while his friend kind of grinned, waiting to see my response. I knew what I was supposed to do: I was supposed to go white, draw back in fear, gasp in horror, cross myself or whatever...heh heh heh...I smiled brightly and said, "Hey, wow, Szandor LaVey's Satanism, man, that's swell," or some such cheerful stuff. And then they saw that I was wearing a gold ankh ring, uh oh, they thought they were going to scare someone, and here, oh goodness, this person isn't scared, this person is obviously a good ten years older than them, this person is obviously into the occult and knows more than they do, oh dear...and they ended up scared of *me*.

Oh, it was a hoot!

They were trying so hard to be EEEEEVILLLL SATANISTS, the way kids nowadays try so hard to be evil chaos magicians. Unfortunately these kids came from good homes, with decent good parents who taught them good values, and no matter how hard they tried to be evil, the fact that they were really nice, decent young people kept coming through.

I got to know them, and we became friends. They were really, really nice people. I miss them, Wayne, Leslie, Sue, Bill, and the whole bunch who kind of hung around with them. Gawd, by now they're in their mid-forties. I wonder whatever happened, and if they are into magick still...

Pennsylvania? Misread? I was in PA sixteen years ago. I've been in NY State since then. And I'm fixing to move back home to PA this year.

As for the clown class, so many people were afraid of clowns and had such negative reactions to clowns, I didn't take the class.

Back to the subject of LaVey...what are people doing nowadays? What is the Church of Satan doing? Is everybody solitary and alone and just hanging out in Cyberia? What is going on now that LaVey has died? What do LaVeyan Satanists do? And do tell us about your mailing list. Where can we find it, etc?

Love,

Lauranz

Sensible Perspectives on Egolessness

Date: Tue, 21 Dec 1999 12:44:51 -0500

To: zee-list

From: "R. Hoffman"

Subject: Re: [zee-list] Ego

At 10:55 AM -0600 12/21/99, Fenwick Rysen wrote:

"Letting go of the ego" is (for me at least) a process of dealing with any of those shortcomings in yourself. It typically results in a very strong sense of self that isn't swayed by the mass crazes, has definite opinions (but able to be swayed by new proof/evidence/thought), is fiercely independent, and self-reliant. Such a person also realizes his/her own shortcomings, and accepts them---they know they aren't always right, and admit to such when they come face to face with it, using that knowledge to change their ways and thus become a better person. They also don't let people "walk all over them", another side effect of healthy sense of self.

Extremely well put. I'll append to this a bit of Ken Wilber that also says it far more clearly than I can.

`Io,

--Caledhaearn

Egolessness

Precisely because the ego, the soul, and the Self can all be present simultaneously, we can better understand the real meaning of "egolessness," a notion that has caused an inordinate amount of confusion. But egolessness does not mean the absence of a functional self (that's a psychotic, not a sage); it means that one is no longer exclusively identified with that self.

One of the many reasons we have trouble with the notion of "egoless" is that people want their "egoless sages" to fulfill all their fantasies of "saintly" or "spiritual," which usually means dead from the neck down, without fleshy wants or desires, gently smiling all the time. All of the things that people typically have trouble with--money, food, sex, relationships, desire-- they want their saints to be without. "Egoless sages" are "above all that," is what people want. Talking heads is what they want. Religion, they believe, will simply get rid of all baser instincts, drives and relationships, and hence they look to religion, not for advice on how to live life with enthusiasm, but on how to avoid it, repress it, deny it, escape it.

In other words, the typical person wants the spiritual sage to be "less than a person," somehow devoid of all the messy, juicy, complex, pulsating, desiring, urging forces that

drive most human beings. We expect our sages to be an *absence* of all that drives *us*! All the things that frighten us, confuse us, torment us, confound us: we want our sages to be untouched by them altogether. And that absence, that vacancy, that "less than personal," is what we often mean by "egoless."

But "egoless" does not mean "*less* than personal"; it means "*more* than personal." Not personal minus, but personal plus--all the normal personal qualities, *plus* some transpersonal ones. Think of the great yogis, saints, and sages--from Moses to Christ to Padmasambhava. They were not feeble-mannered milquetoasts, but fierce movers and shakers--from bullwhips in the Temple to subduing entire countries. They rattled the world on its own terms, not in some pie-in-the-sky piety; many of them instigated massive social revolutions that have continued for thousands of years. And they did so, not because they avoided the physical, emotional, and mental dimensions of humanness, and the ego that is their vehicle, but because they engaged them with a drive and intensity that shook the world to its very foundations. No doubt, they were also plugged into the soul (deeper psychic) and spirit (formless Self)--the ultimate source of their power--but they expressed that power, and gave it concrete results, precisely because they dramatically engaged the lower dimensions through which that power could speak in terms that could be heard by all.

These great movers and shakers were not small egos; they were, in the very best sense of the term, big egos, precisely because the ego (the functional vehicle of the gross realm) can and does exist alongside the soul (the vehicle of the subtle) and the Self (vehicle of the causal). To the extent these great teachers *moved the gross realm*, they did so with their egos, because the ego is the functional vehicle of that realm. They were not, however, identified merely with their egos (that's a narcissist); they simply found their egos plugged into a radiant Kosmic source. The great yogis, saints, and sages accomplished so much precisely because they were not timid little toadies but great big egos, plugged into the dynamic Ground and Goal of the Kosmos itself, plugged into their own higher Self, alive to the pure Atman (the pure I-I) that is one with Brahman; they opened their mouths and the world trembled, fell to its knees, and confronted its radiant God.

Saint Theresa was a great contemplative? Yes, *and* Saint Theresa is the only woman ever to have reformed an entire Catholic monastic tradition (think about it). Gautama Buddha shook India to its foundations. Rumi, Plotinus, Bodhidharma, Lady Tsogyal, Lao Tzu, Plato, the Baal Shem Tov--these men and women started revolutions in the gross realm that lasted hundreds, sometimes thousands, of years, something neither Marx nor Lenin nor Locke nor Jefferson can yet claim. And they did not do so because they were dead from the neck down. No, they were monumentally, gloriously, divinely big egos, plugged into a deeper psychic, which was plugged straight into God.

There is certainly a type of truth to the notion of *transcending ego*: it doesn't mean destroy the ego, it means plug it into something bigger. As Magarjuna put it, in the relative world, *atman* is real; in the absolute, neither *atman* nor *anatman* is real. Thus, in neither case is *anatta* a correct description of reality. The small ego does not evaporate; it

remains as the functional center of activity in the conventional realm. As I said, to lose that ego is to become a psychotic, not a sage. "Transcending the ego" thus actually means to *transcend but include* the ego in a deeper and higher embrace, first in the soul or deeper psychic, then with the Witness or primordial Self, then with each previous stage taken up, enfolded, included, and embraced in the radiance of One Taste. And that means we do not "get rid" of the small ego, but rather, we inhabit it fully, live it with verve, use it as the necessary vehicle through which higher truths are communicated. Soul and Spirit include body, emotions, and mind; they do not erase them.

Put bluntly, the ego is not an obstruction to Spirit, but a radiant manifestation of Spirit. All Forms are not other than Emptiness, including the form of the ego. It is not necessary to get rid of the ego, but simply to live with it a certain exuberance. When identification spills out of the ego and into the Kosmos at large, the ego discovers that the individual Atman is in fact all of a piece with Brahman. The big Self is indeed *no small ego*, and thus, to the extent that you are stuck in your small ego, a death and transcendence is required. Narcissists are simply people whose egos are not yet big enough to embrace the entire Kosmos, and so they try to be central to the Kosmos instead.

But we do not want our sages to have big egos; we do not even want them to display a manifest dimension at all. Anytime a sage displays humanness--in regard to money, food, sex, relationships--we are shocked, *shocked*, because we are planning to escape life altogether, not live it, and the sage who lives life offends us. We want out, we want to ascend, we want to escape, and the sage who engages life with gusto, lives it to the hilt, grabs each wave of life and surfs it to the end--this deeply, profoundly disturbs us, frightens us, because it means that we, too, might have to engage life, with gusto, on all levels, and not merely escape it in a cloud of luminous ether. We do not want our sages to have bodies, egos, drives, vitality, sex, money, relationships or life, because those are what habitually torture us, and we want out. We do not want to surf the waves of life, we want the waves to go away. We want vaporware spirituality.

The integral sage, the nondual sage, is here to show us otherwise. Known generally as "Tantric," these sages insist on transcending life by living it. They insist on finding release by engagement, finding nirvana in the midst of *samsara*, finding total liberation by complete immersion. They enter with awareness the nine rings of hell, for nowhere else are the nine heavens found. Nothing is alien to them, for there is nothing that is not One Taste.

Indeed, the whole point is to be fully at home in the body and its desires, the mind and its ideas, the spirit and its light. To embrace them fully, evenly, simultaneously, since all are equally gestures of the One and Only Taste. To inhabit lust and watch it play; to enter ideas and follow their brilliance; to be swallowed by Spirit and awaken to a glory that time forgot to name. Body and mind and spirit, all contained, equally contained, in the ever-present awareness that grounds the entire display.

In the stillness of night, the Goddess whispers. In the brightness of the day, dear God roars. Life pulses, mind imagines, emotions wave, thoughts wander. What are all these

but the endless movements of One Taste, forever at play with its own gestures,
whispering quietly to all who would listen: is this not you yourself? When the thunder
roars, do you not hear your Self? When the lightning cracks, do you not see your Self?
When clouds float quietly across the sky, is this not your very own limitless Being,
waving back at you?

--Ken Wilber, One Taste

Sex, but...not

Date: Fri, 14 Nov 1997 16:28:42 -0700 (MST)

From: J B Bell (cipher@eschatek.com)

To: zee-list

Subject: Re: sex, but...not

On Fri, 14 Nov 1997, Sean B Regan wrote:

> On Fri, 14 Nov 1997 14:16:00 -0600 Amadaus <graywolf@mc.net> writes:

> >johnny *** wrote:

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> >> What if i asked more specifically about male/female energy exchange

> >>in an intimate fashion without intercourse?

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> i've always liked the idea of locking eyes and matching breath w/someone

> and trying to switch bodies w/ them. this has always seemed like a very

> idea...

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> anyone ever tried it? (w/ or w/out drugs.)

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That's how my fiancee and I first did some serious magick together. I found that the matching breath, accompanied by a very gentle swaying back and forth (we were nude, sitting, facing each other, with our palms and feet touching), and locking eyes spontaneously produced the effect of body-switching, though I stress the effect, while very dramatic, was not total. This was probably made easier by the fact that she and I had both had dreams where we were someone of the other sex.

While it was not intercourse, and the contact we had was technically nonsexual, we both later admitted it had been a HUGE turn-on. I suffered waves of pleasure, quite orgasmic, a bit like a hashish trip. I don't recall that we had a magickal "goal" in mind other than to experiment.

Neither of us was on drugs at the time.

I can only imagine it would be astoundingly intense if it were enhanced by an entheogen such as LSD, though a very high dose of hallucinogen might impair the concentration required.

All in all, most worthwhile, and I recommend it, if you can find a suitable partner. This way lie other tantric practices, which I hope to add to my magickal armamentarium.

--JB

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A Short Note About Crossing The Abyss

Date: Mon, 22 Nov 1999 23:12:30 -0600 (CST)

From: Fenwick Rysen

To: chaos-l

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On Mon, 22 Nov 1999 MagkChld wrote:

> To cross the Abyss, overcome Fear. To overcome Fear, first embrace Fear.

> When you embrace Fear, you no longer fear it, therefore have nothing to

> fear. Then, the Abyss may not hold you.

How trite.

How new-agey.

How airy-fairy fluffy-bunny feel-goody.

What complete crap.

Folks, when you cross the abyss, you should be SCARED SHITLESS.

Anyone who tells you otherwise doesn't know what they fuck they're talking

about, because they obviously haven't crossed it yet (they've probably just

imagined something while sitting and visualizing happy astral realms).

In Life, Love, and Laughter

o | --Fenwick Rysen <http://www.chaosmatrix.com>
/ | Magick Code: MCH/PA S* W++(--) N\$+++ PCE/NO/EC@ Ds/d/r+ A++
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| | "The only prevalent characteristic of chaotes is their
/ | ability to confuse you beyond all hope of rescue."
| |

---Mathias Karlsson

SIGIL-STRUCTURES

Date: Sat, 22 Mar 1997 15:32:42 +1000

From: "M.K." (zma@nanta.com.au)

Organization: Zona Nanta Majika Ya

To: zee-list

Subject: On structural Sigilisation..

This is a piece I've been thinkin of sendin to Chaos International, or some other magazine. Any of your comments and crticisicms would be appreciated.

Right. This is the main idea I've been fiddling around with the lastyears. I'd like to point out that until recently, I have not read any "Chaos" books except quite a lot of TOPY material, and that my inspiration has been W.S.Burroughs & st.Gysin, my excellent Z-cluster compatriots (approx 70 letters a day) and first and foremost my practical comrades of the Origami RepubliKa who have allowed me to fiddle about in my own little corner of that structure for quite a few years now. A very special thanx goes out to O.S.Hagen, for giving me such loving support and constructive criticism.

O.K., done with that. Lemme start of with a story: In 1995 I was sitting in Victoria station in London, with a copy of 777 and The Mystical Qabalah in my bag, waiting to get out of England. I had just spent 1 1/2 weeks with the homeless in Brighton, I was depressed and I had seen no sign that there were any constructive individuals around, all of England seemed like a slagheap of either Selfcentered eccentric majikians or drugged out hopeless travellers. I had expected the home of the elderly TOPY, I had found nothing. So there I sat, headed for Italy, when a man comes up to me and just quite simply takes my hand and shakes it, declaring that his name was something like Simon Fabolous, and could I do him a favour? I said a cautious yes, whereupon he thrust a poster into my hands, and told me to put it up somewhere else. I immediatly gave him my own little flyer, with its printed message at the bottom "Put this somewhere strange". We smiled, like fellow loonatics, shook hands again, and he was off into the stream of people, continuing his little mission. The poster was a xeroxed hand made thing, upon wich the legend was written: THE MOMENTOF INTENSIVE THOUGHT BURNS HOLES IN THE FABRIC OF REALITY. I smiled all the way to Dover.

Over the last few years, Ive sortta developed my own little meta-paradigm, what I call the Ka/Os approach to majik. It goes more or less like this: Everything is in a state of motion, and that motion is moving in patterns-of-being, what can be called Ka-patterns. Every pattern is in a state of interrelationship to the patterns around it, thus forming an Ocean of Ka-patterns. Just as the Ocean has natural main currents, so has the Reality of Ka. this is what we call the Law of Nature. The uniqueness of human beings is that we have the capacity for observation and alteration of these patterns, this Act of breaking with the state of things as they are I called Ki. This is the supreme fear of man, the fact that it is

responsible for its Actions and has the theoretical possibility to be in complete freedom. I say possibility, because here we touch upon the framework of the Word, which is where the complicated problems start. W.S.Burroughs, in his "Electronic Revolution" has pointed out most of the pressing problems concerning this structure of thought, but quickly summed up, it can be brought down to the following: Every Act of conceptualisation involves your whole structure, a new idea takes its place alongside the old ones, replacing some, changing the order of arguments, but it is NOT POSSIBLE to escape the inheritance of the moral, political and visual implications of your linguistic structure. Your realitymachine is hardwired by those in positions of power, from the archetypical level and downwards. What Eckhardt sets forth as the dualised world, that of conceptualised and experienced, is truth, and the one will automatically transform the other as soon as the moment of Being has passed.

Right. I'm a wordwanker, I know. We're getting to the practical bits soon, but bear with me just a couple more secs. Burroughs sets out as the requisite for any independent action that the individual must retake the Reality studio of his own head, and he proposes the cut-up technique to do so. And it is a very good technique, but for my approach I was looking for something else, for a way to employ symbols in a new and interesting manner. So I started fiddling around with the concepts of Symbolic structures, to sigilise rituals down into material so as to be able to use these as focuspoints for my magical attention. And I suppose this is where a lot of people will skip to the next article, because my main idea with this has been to create a tool with which I am able to support my fellow comrades of the autonomous scene in Europe and elsewhere. This I now believe I have found, and the nice thing with it is that the possibilities for variation is almost endless, while the theory remains constant. The point is, mainly, to create a composite word, a word which through its endless associative structure escapes definitions and thus is free to be charged with the ecstasy of the moment of experience.

The main idea is to create a structure of complexity. The knowledge of complexity will lead to complex processes being employed at the activation of the structure, even if the focus of the Act is simple. Much of contemporary magiCK is about forcing the Will of Self to bend the Will of nature, and this I have always found distasteful. Through creating a self-contained structure of power, it is my hope that the reverberance of that moment will on certain levels influence other structures, at least those who are within the area of the Action, which is why I've mostly been working within the Origami RepubliKa with our performances. Another important point is that of associated actions: If you have a concert which you are going to sigilize, you go out on the streets and put up small poems, pictures, sigils, whatever, which you then tie in to the main sigil event through some associative theme. At the moment of gnosis/empowerment you should have at least a threefold structure of complexity, and each of these structures should stand in a relationship to each other, and also be internally complex, thus forming a structure of priming for the gnosis moment which you can then focus on some simple Act. Below I give an example, I don't think there is much use in flogging the practical details much more. I'd like to hear reactions & comments, as long as they are not just questions.

ORIGAMI BALLISTIKA: NEW BLOOD

Performed on the 4th of January, 1997, at Veita Scene. The performance was to celebrate the release of Crashman aka K22 aka Ka-Z from jail, after he had served a two month sentence for refusing the army. This description of the ritual was originally posted on the z-list.

Aim of Working: To create NRG around the performance, aggressive & proud NRG. Personal aim was to pull together knowledge from a few other Acts into one whole.

Material used:

- 1 Power Mac w/ Quark Express.
- 1 Graphic program called KidPix.
- 22 Pieces of Cardboard.
- 3 sheets of paper.
- Paint: Red, Green, Blue, Bronze metallic, Silver, White.
- Dagger.

Procedure: First I produced 22 simple pictograms, the KOMKOL logo (Triangle with dot, upturned halfmoon crossing into. Fire/Water.) in a circle. Black and white. These I NRGized in my makeshift temple, which was on top of a crane in the rundown area of the harbour, and then went around town in the middle of the night hanging them up at angles to various posters for the concerts, preferably so that they would be caught subconsciously outta the corner of the Eye as the individual saw the poster, or vice versa.

Second, I printed out 22 VERY small frames with the words WHY NOT? on them, one of our favourite slogans.

Third, I started making the sigils themselves, using the following procedure: First drew a Magen David, which is a Jewish traditional protective amulet. Painted over it green (Air). Drew the sigil for ACTION. Painted over it bronze (earth). Painted a black circle bounded by silver for focus. Painted over it blue (water) Drew with a pen the four names of the Worlds around the edges, the rune thorn in the middle, painted over it Red (fire). Drew my own sigil on top of that, painted it white. This I made 22 of. On each of these I then drew one symbol for the Tarot which I have from a very weird little Danish book I've got, "Tarot for Initiates". This heap I then NRGized in my temple at night of full moon.

At the venue, I strolled around putting the sigils in a semi-random pattern, pulling them out of my pocket as I went so that the order of the trumps would be random. I also put down the little WHY NOT? signs on tables. As the performance started, I sat down in front of the stage, and let my attention go from sigil to sigil while concentrating on my friend's performance. As the performance changed rhythm my strobing changed rhythm.

Result: My friend went through a full Katharsis, did one of his best performances solo while in trance, smashed everything on stage and was laughing the rest of the night, as was most of the audience afterwards. Very good NRG.

Zona Majika Autonomia/FoFo#49/A#42

Skepticism

Subject: Re: "divining rod", "slag rute", "slag ruta"

From: Joseph (maxx@slip.net)

Date: 1998/05/15

Newsgroups: alt.magick

On Thu, 14 May 1998 17:08:40 GMT, "Tom Schuler" (duo@teleport.com) wrote:

>There are skeptics and then there are True Nonbelievers. Randi presents himself as a True Nonbeliever. I am a skeptic. We agree on a lot of things, >but Randi likes to declare that things don't exist and demands proof that he >is wrong. I don't do that. I doubt that psychic powers exist and seek solid >evidence either way. There is a great difference between these attitudes.

Indeed there is. The latter is sincerely searching, the former is a professional asshole.

You say you "seek solid evidence either way", but the logical trap of trying to prove a negative creeps in here. You cannot "prove" that paranormal phenomenae do NOT exist.

I once had an attitude similar to yours. Eventually I reached the ultimate conclusion to my skepticism, and became skeptical of my skepticism. This prompted me to make a sincere effort (or at least to FAKE a sincere effort) to try the tools of magick for myself, using my own body/mind as the laboratory. This is the ONLY way you will ever move beyond where you are now.

Magick is the ultimate "uncertainty". More than any other area of human endeavor, one CANNOT stand outside of it and make "objective" observations -- because objectivity in magick does not exist. But neither is magick "merely subjective" in the common definition of the term.

Much of the criticism of the "reality" of magic arises from the inability of the tools of science to quantify it. But most of the effects derived from Yoga practice (or Tai Ch'i, or several other meditative mind/body disciplines) are such things as a general sense of well-being, heightened alertness, fewer and less severe illnesses, more "energy", more restful sleep, etc. -- things that cannot be easily quantified by technical measurements. But they are unequivocally real to anyone who practices these disciplines.

Furthermore, just about anyone who takes up serious practice will manifest almost identical results; it is not a case of "purely subjective" effects. They are predictable and repeatable across a wide range of human subjects -- and have been for thousands of years. But you can't measure these effects as an outside observer. The only way to "prove" that this is the case is to take up the practice yourself and judge the effects for yourself. I

consider Yoga and Tai Chi to be forms of magickal practice, and the observations above apply equally to all other forms of magickal practice.

This is what I suggest you do, Tom, if you are sincerely interested in determining the facts in a comprehensible way. Otherwise, you will NEVER discover anything beyond what you already know. If you want to find out if magick is "real", then you must take up the practice yourself and THEN judge for yourself. **MAGICK IS NOT SCIENCE**. It can't be evaluated scientifically any more that any other form of art can be so evaluated. When the scientists come up with instruments that can judge "artistic quality", they might also be able to evaluate magick. Until then, there is only one instrument that can be used -- your own mind and body.

- J.:M.:555

Source of "Immanentize the Eschaton"

Date: Mon, 6 Oct 1997 19:35:46 -0400 (EDT)
From: Equibrst@aol.com
To: zee-list
Subject: Re: Source of "Immanentize the Eschaton"

In a message dated 97-10-05 17:04:46 EDT, you write:

"Immanentize the Eschaton"

Catholic term for the sin of most heretic groups who attempt to either create heaven of hell in this world instead of waiting for it in the next. The Gnostics are a prime example of people guilty of attempting to Immanetize the Eschaton. Robert Anton Wilson and Robert Shea give a pretty good run down of the idea in Illuminatus! where Goodman and his partner are having the phone conversation with the priest. The priest runs through some of the Catholic Dogma on the topic.

.'.Frater Equibrst.'.

Date: Mon, 6 Oct 1997 09:42:39 -0600 (MDT)
From: J B Bell (cipher@eschatek.com)
To: zee-list
Subject: Re: Source of "Immanentize the Eschaton"

On Sun, 5 Oct 1997, Theta 8008 wrote:
> >Does anyone know what the original source of the phrase "Immanentize
the
> >Eschaton" is? I've been able to track it back as far as the
Principia
> >Discordia, but can't find any earlier sources. Is this it? Or is
there
> >an earlier source?
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> It is actually discussed in theology. In THE ILLUMINATI PAPERS,
RAW
> talks about articles in NATIONAL REVIEW (W.F. Buckley mag) in the
60's
> that referred to imanentization with regard to (I think) Neo-
gosticism).
> The book is at home, so I'll look it up later and write back.
> Zero

I have seen the phrase used in an anti-heretical paper. My head about exploded when I read it; I had been thinking it was original to RAW. Nothing new under the sun, of

course. I think the charge was levelled against Martin Buber where I read it, but honestly my memory is faulty on this point, except that I am very certain that it appears to be a theological term, specifically a heresy, that predates RAW significantly.

A little note on this oft-misunderstood phrase: many people confuse it with the idea of "imm*i*nentizing" the eschaton. Imminent means "real soon". Immanent means "everywhere" or "all-permeating", perhaps. The eschaton, as every good Chaote knows, is the End of Everything. "Immanentizing the eschaton" refers to the heretical idea that the eschaton is in fact a state of being, accessible at any time, rather than some chronological event. Of course, in the theological usage, it doesn't normally refer to magickal efforts to make apocalypse happen, as the Chaote's looser usage usually means.

Hope this helps, as they say.

--JB

way you have gone you have a single, irreversible impression. Sounds familiar doesn't it, like we think of the "eternal flow of time and aeons". But let's steer clear of speculation that would not be apt for a speck of dust.

Resume: when every section of this way has it's own distinct characteristic (not affectable by time, because time doesn't exist), it is inconceivable for us that in some places other conditions along the same length in same sector may exist, just to the right or left of the way. Don't forget - right/left have not been invented yet!

Were it able to move left or right, if only slightly, it might be able to experience different conditions on the same spot of its one-dimensional axis (on a border, a corner, a different surface). But what lies outside its one-dimensional paradigm is unknowable. The model for this paradigm is, therefore, that along the dimension there can only be one condition at one spot.

Let's shift now to a 2-dimensional paradigm. Now the first dimension and the 2nd can be used, and the room presents itself to us like a section with an even surface. Along the first dimension there are still the same conditions as before, but to the side (left/right) there are some more.

The model is changed as follows: along dimension 1 (length) there can be different conditions, but at different levels of dimension 2 (width). This new being acts in a more familiar manner as, like maps for example, it orients itself according to a horizontal and vertical axis.

You can guess how the riddle continues. We learn to move or grow up and down. Now different conditions are possible on the same surface coordinates but at different heights and depths. In the new paradigm there is only one condition at one point in space.

Finally, we shift to our normal paradigm by adding time. We can now observe different conditions at the same point of space at different times, and can formulate the paradigm as follows: At the same point in space only one object can exist at the same time. This is a long established model of physics, matching perfectly our mechanical world and our senses.

In this mental experiment we have learned 2 things:

- 1, Moving along a dimension, one can recognize differences. This is the characteristic of a dimension, not its definition.
- 2, After each shift to the next dimension, the model (dogma) of the preceding one is superseded. Generally, the most recent dimension is a continuum, i.e., a dimension that goes irreversible in one direction. Our own paradigm model consists of the (old) 3 space dimension plus the (new) time as a continuum. How could a world look like that contains one dimension more, the fifth one, called "E" or Ennead for example? (I think Ennead is an expression from a science fiction novel, but the Ancient Egyptians had a similar expression for the place where all possibilities exist that don't exist here; or where all the possibilities manifest that are kept by us from

manifesting in this world here.)

You can construct the new model dogma by yourself: at one and the same point of space and time there CAN be different conditions (objects, colours, temperatures...), but at a different Ennead(!!).

BUT: at the same point of space at the same time and Ennead, there is again only one condition (object etc.) possible! This game can theoretically be continued forever, but soon gets uninteresting, because everything becomes far-fetched.

The step to the next dimension implies several interesting changes because:

- first of all it calls for the parallel existence of different things and events, side-by-side and at the same spot of the space/time-paradigm. This sounds very much like the sometimes incomprehensible reports of mystic experiences, whether from contemporary times like the Seth-books, or long ago, like Meister Eckhart, Tauler or Seuse. It is also similar to the picture of the 4 worlds of the Kabbala which exists inside one another, and it makes certain Egyptian mysteries understandable.
- it makes a huge number of connections possible that we normally would not think of. Numerous events inexplicable by rational thinking may have their roots here, because causality is only valid in the exact space/time paradigm and loses its ultimate character the moment a new dimension is brought in.
- most probably, and here all thinking and imagination stops, it replaces the time continuum with a ubiquitous time dimension (like length, width and height in our paradigm) where we can move freely forwards and backwards - but always at the same Ennead. Again, this dimension shift doesn't free us completely, it just opens a gate and makes the next border visible.

The question about the quality or sense of this new E-dimension remains unanswered. But our familiar dimensions also have no state or sense or quality; they just exist and make us feel that they exist by limitations of our sense of movement etc. Although we live in this system, we cannot give a real definition of it (should we really?), only some more or less mathematical explanations. We just experience that along a dimension something changes. Dimensions let things happen. We feel something has changed along a dimension and we measure it by looking for regular changes. We measure time by observing the regular movements of the sun and the earth, but with no feeling for their pure quality.

Also, a new dimension E would not change our world radically; its only effect to our paradigm would be that some additional things happened - miraculously side-by-side in time. But as we have no sensors for this, it would be totally imperceptible. And should a short impression slip through, it would be instantly erased by our mind's censor. Moreover, if some of us should get to this dimension it would prove nearly impossible to explain it to others; having no common language, comparisons or symbols for it.

This mental experiment has done its job, if we have achieved a feeling for what supradimensionality could be. Our paradigm is not the ultimate possibility, others exist - in between!

Other Forms of Existence:

Anyone used to observing nature from the heart, will have seen that it doesn't like to have jumps in it; especially when it is only to be fitted into an artificial theoretical system of the human brain's. Therefore, it is not consequent to assume that our paradigm of a space+time-continuum is the only valid system. The motto cannot be: "either you are with us in our system, or you are non-existent!" - a logical chain that we tend to follow all too often. If there are more simple dimensional systems, they will surely have their inhabitants. However, the creative amongst you should refrain from designing flat monsters for a 2-dimensional world now. As explained before, this all exists in our world, one in the other!

Again a little mental experiment may show us the way. Let's imagine the following:

1, We put away all conditions related to the last dimension, the continuum. At the same time the last-but-one dimension becomes the continuum automatically, as explained before, because the last dimension always is a continuum (!!). It is interesting that our time-continuum physically is related only to movement, which means that everything able to move freely can experience time. (As stated here, the gift that our space+time paradigm gives to us is motion. Now, in Ancient Egypt, a very important symbol was the Ankh, meaning originally a sandal's belt (scientists say). So, the meaning of the respective hieroglyph means "TO WALK". On Egyptian pictures, when a GOD gives life to a HUMAN he hands an ANKH to him, i.e. giving him LIFE = TO WALK = MOVEMENT.) So we ignore everything that has to do with motion. And the space becomes continuum.

2, We look for forms of existing lacking exactly that last paradigm element, i.e., (in our case) time and movement. That means we are looking for something that fulfills the picture of this reduced paradigm. In our previous example: something that doesn't move, but spreads in space continuously and irreversibly. Just let the picture grow before thinking further; that's it - GROWING! Anything that grows steadily and cannot shrink deliberately.

We may think of plants growing, clouds rising, micro-organism, fungi etc. For example, a tree starts from an exact point in space (the seed) and spreads evenly according to a distinct blueprint. Its size, especially the section rings of its stem, correlate exactly with its age; that means spatial growing and age match exactly. It cannot shrink definitely; it is able to drop leaves or branches, but they soon grow back to make it fill the same space occupied before. The process of spatial growth is irreversible. A harrowing thought - most probably we "grow" through time in the same manner! Maybe, even like some herbs or grass that die off in Autumn and grow again in the Spring - a picturesque allegory of death and rebirth!

For our next example we again take one dimension less. Now there is no free (active) motion and no growth in space. The continuum is the surface. A much more tricky paradigm. Something existing here must have the tendency to spread in surface as much as possible and never contract again deliberately. Hmmm.. what's the biggest surface on earth? Of course, water! Water, as a liquid, can be formed freely,

as it has no fixed form and will mould itself to fit any surface. But it cannot be compressed, and has the tendency to fill a space from beneath with the maximum of even surface at the same time. The gain with this form of existence is in the changeability of form - its flexibility and adaptability. The picture for this is the ocean, the river, or organisms like lichens which exist in clumps or patches.

Our next move is one more step towards reduction of existence. Now there is no area and no spreading over a surface. The continuum is dimension 1, the line, and everything else is fixed. In this paradigm all solid objects exist. Changes, if any, are only allowed along one line and are irreversible as in falling towards a center of gravity for example, or rolling down a slope. This dimension 1 does not have to be a straight line, but is the most efficient and best way of coming nearer to the center of attraction. Irreversible.

It's interesting to see that we humans still align our orientation in space according to these same systems as described. The vertical line is a solid object hanging down, the plumb-rule; the horizontal surface, the level, is adjusted by hydrostatic balance (with water!). And the only independent (ie., not geodetic) system for measuring height is an instrument derived from a barometer (the altigraph), which works on the basis of the expansion and reduction of a specific gas volume in a sealed shell.

These thoughts are certainly a little bit hard to chew on, but I'm sure they give enough themes for meditation.

Here's an example for a simple meditation; freestyle of course. Get yourself into a trance-journey somehow. You may use a shamanic technique or jump through a Tattwa sign or whatever you prefer and are best used to. Let's take the water element for example. According to classical technique, you imagine the horizontal syrx sign and go through it (but in silver and not in green as usual when you want to explore the water world) and become the water yourself. Try to let the feeling flow freely. Flow down, spread, split into drops while breaking on a stone that lies in the water way; flow down as a torrent etc.; trickle to the ground; evaporate to the sky; experience total passivity in the respect of controlled growth or active motion. Be totally passive! It is important to collect oneself after this meditation and perform a thorough earthing. This exercise is comparatively easy with the water element. It is also possible with a 3-dimensional system (plant or cloud), but more complicated, or with 1-dimensional system (solid object), but the latter takes a long time in my experience.

The purpose of this exercise is to get a feeling for the structure and physical reality of other dimensional existence and their relation with other systems, and to comprehend that these need not be projected to distant universes, but really exist in our world and that we meet them every day.

For people dealing with magic it is of immense value to get the right feeling of the existence of one universe in the other, and to be able to shift from a low dimensional system to a supradimensional system and vice versa. This is because we face many phenomena

reaching into our paradigm from other systems. For example, severe distortions of reality go hand-in-hand with deep trance, (lucid) dreams and precognition. These all make our reality and our normal environment appear more or less different from normal experience: for example, when we experience our home in dream reality or on a mental journey, the table in the room isn't where it normally used to be or maybe the window is on another wall and looks into a different landscape etc.. All this is due to distortions along the 5th dimension (the Ennead as I named it provisionally).

Let's continue our little mental experiment, but this time in the forward direction. At first we see no differences, when we go from our paradigm to a 4+1 dimensional system. Obviously we have no sense and no feeling for what's happening when we go beyond our 3+1 (space+time) system. So the new mental experiment leads nowhere. It's worth it to demonstrate that no practical model comes from mental speculations in this direction. But we can derive a description from our "experiences" with low-dimensional systems. Keeping the last paradigms in mind and adding a new dimension, the Ennead, we can formulate the new paradigm by same method as follows:

"At the same place in space at the same time there ARE different conditions possible at different E-dimensions."

Exactly like the addition of a "new" time-dimension to the old 2+1 (area+space) paradigm makes free movement possible for the first time, so also the addition of a new dimension E to our 3+1 paradigm makes it possible (at least theoretically) for the following to exist:

- the one-inside-the-other-existence of different entities and conditions
- parallel worlds
- events occurring simultaneously in time
- time travel (forward and backwards).

The key to all this seems to be the existence of "parallel worlds", and I want to take a little look into how our ability to distinguish objects function. If different things exist on the same spot at the same time this implies that the same things exist in different worlds (systems, universes etc., it's all the same!). The explanation for this you will find in the section Other Forms of Existence. Things are distinguishable for us by their presence (POSITION in space+time) and their QUALITY (that we check by our senses). They are different if they have different position and/or quality. Example: sheep A is as dull as sheep B, looks the same, sounds the same, smells the same. I know they are different as one stands beside the other (ie. at different positions at the same time). If there are enough sheep that are so similar and they run among each other, I can distinguish nothing. That is unless I mark them to make them look different; or one has changed its appearance, by having been sheared, for instance. Then it looks different at a different time, but still is essentially the same. In all these cases we orient according to differences and coherence of existence, and not very reliably at that. I want to show with this shaggy sheep tale that the question of continuous existence throughout different positions and qualities is not easily resolved, and therefore we should be carefully before we discount all talk of "double

existence, parallel worlds etc."

Existence is hard to imagine and contradicts with experience and commonsense unless we postulate the existence of parallel worlds in which all possibilities at least potential exist. But only one possibility becomes reality. By taking this thought further, we see that all these parallel worlds contain the possibilities of life, and we move through all this, making reality out of one of them - by DECISION or free will, call it as you like. A picture that we also find in some of Castaneda's books.

Outlook:

The question remains unanswered is: What makes these parallel worlds manifest (ie. how often do "I" exist) or just remain hypothetical assumptions. But this is without importance for us at the moment. In a simple and subjective way, only that which we experience actually manifests. For me it appears dimly that out of Ennead only the parallel worlds through which we pass by our subjective experience, our acting and our reality become reality and sharply outlined. All else remains dim and unreal but may be experienced by others - who knows? This is similar to a widespread network of rails in a railway shunting station, with numerous railtracks linked by switches, but only ONE track being used by a train. The switches stand for important decisions which open this or that way. According to our decisions we pass a track leading more "up" or "down", more "ahead" or "back" (all seen from Ennead), or we just shuttle back and forth in the middle. To help to understand this we can look at certain games, like chess, that show how the chain of events is predetermined by decisions that lie far back in the past. By playing chess you can get an idea of the reality of fate, and that some errors taken in the past can hardly be set right whilst some may easily be. These causal chains may be very long in any case.

The previously described Ennead system could work in a similar fashion to this: exactly like our space+time paradigm enables us to move, so the jump into the space/time+ennead paradigm opens the gates to potentiality and its network of connections. Although we cannot take part in this because of our limited senses, and we cannot jump into the next dimension and its adherent paradigm, we can take a peek behind the curtain and at least get a feeling for the kind of interference therein. It may open a new view on things hitherto believed to be inevitable: the passing of time, all our actions and interactions, and on fate itself. Are we just "programmed" towards another target or direction, that can only be seen from above, from Ennead, from the next dimension? Do we "move" in Ennead with our decisions (and this implies things like character, mental attitudes, views and opinions, by which we decide on this or that way)?

However, for a being fixed and rooted in his/its paradigm, there is not much difference how it decides. A root or a branch can grow in this or that way, and reacts to certain stimuli like light or water, but remains fixed and not suited for free movement. The more simple an animal is organized, the more unidirectional its reactions are: "lurk - snap - gorge" and suchlike. The (occasionally) more complex motivations of men lead me conclude that we may be on the threshold before the door to the next paradigm. (Similar to plant-like

organisms, corals for example, that are fixed to the ground but can push out and pull in their tentacles... Hagazussa already?).

We can "move" in this way - and this is certainly the most noble expression of "do what thou wilt" and Thelema - by influencing our position in Ennead consciously and constantly, and without mercy giving our decisions a certain orientation and thereby "moving" with this through Ennead and the parallel worlds. (If our personal "thelema" was not a nonsense ie. Choronzon.) I`m sure many of you have experienced that after somebody changed their attitude and opinions, sometimes their environment also begins to change, but without any causal reasons! Just the right people appear; some lucky (or unlucky) opportunities open up; old friends seem to withdraw and appear more and more strange... Maybe a new parallel world has opened, and you move in? But besides these speculations and as a last consequence this means we bring all that we face by our own decisions, and we blame nobody else but our own goodselves for "all the bad luck and hard days we suffer from". On the other hand we are not responsible to anything/anybody/anygod for all the shit we are in... its our own hard way! All that has to do with character building starts here. Here and now and in our own earthbound and mortal life and in our own paradigm, we have the chance to move in a certain direction, perhaps "up" or "down" or maybe recognized only from aside/above/from Ennead. Even from the next paradigm maybe. But we have the chance NOW. Possibilities are numerous. Let`s use them for maximum experience.

Chaotic Greetings
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Surreal Games

by Sor. K115

The following games and techniques have been taken from the book 'Surrealist Games'; Redstone Press, London. Everyone can experiment with them, no 'artistic talent' is needed, they are fun and can be used in artistic, magical and playful contexts.

THE EXQUISITE CORPSE

The 'cadavre exquis', whether visual or verbal, was a favourite game with the surrealists.

Rules for the verbal form:

Minimum of three players

The players sit around a table and each writes on a sheet of paper a definite or indefinite article and an adjective (neighbours cannot see what's written). Sheets are folded to conceal the written words and are passed to the next player. Each player then writes a noun, conceals it, verb, definite or indefinite article, adjective, noun. Sentences are read on after a further passing on of the papers.

More complicated sentence-structures can be agreed upon.

The game acquired its name from the first sentence obtained in this way:

The exquisite corpse will drink the new wine
(*Le cadavre exquis boira le vin nouveau*).

The game in its visual form is played very similar: The participants complete a figure without seeing what has been done already. If for example you play the game with three players you agree that in the first stage the head is drawn, in the second the belly and the final stage will consist of legs (or tentacles).

AUTOMATIC DRAWING

As with automatic writing, get yourself in a receptive frame of mind and draw without thinking, avoid conscious control over the image. Keeping your pencil on the paper can help the flow. In fact, automatic drawing is a sort of accelerated or intensified doodling, in which unexpected and unpredictable images can be made to appear, and used as the basis for further visual play.

FUMAGE

A method of creating images or effects by passing paper or canvas over a smoking candle or petroleum lamp. The image is then fixed and perhaps worked on.

In another reference 'Fumage' is described as passing a canvas with wet oil-paint over a flame so that the image or colours become modified.

FROTTAGE

A sheet of paper is placed on any natural or manufactured surface possessing a relief or incised pattern. The paper is rubbed with crayon, a soft pencil, charcoal etc. By combining frottages from different surfaces complex effects can be achieved within one drawing. The pattern or image obtained can be coloured, cut up, or combined with other material in collage.

DECALCOMANIA (with no preconceived object)

Spread gouache, ink or oil paint, diluted in some places, on to any suitable non-absorbent surface (coated paper, glass etc.), press onto this your sheet of paper or canvas, then lift or peel away.

Decalcomania is related to other games/ procedures that resemble the Rorschach Test used by psychologists, in which an ink-blot is folded in two to create a roughly symmetrical image and then is interpreted by the client.

The game 'ghosts of my friend' works as follows: a signature is folded in two while the ink is still wet. The resulting image gives revelations about the signatory.

ECREMAGE

This is a form of 'marbling'. An image is drawn into an oily liquid with water-based pigment (or vice versa). A sheet of paper is then placed upon or made to slide across the surface, and the image is lifted or 'creamed' off the liquid.

TORN PAPER COLLAGE

This form of collage was invented by Hans Arp. Paper is torn or cut up, randomly or into shapes, and the pieces are then dropped onto a sheet of paper. These random configurations are then fixed with glue.

Variation: the torn paper already bears an image, which is thus dislocated and re-assembled unpredictably according to the fall of the paper. It can then be 're-interpreted' by subsequent working over with pencil or brush.

GRATTAGE

Process of scraping wet or dried paint (or a mixture of both) from a canvas or another surface with a blade.

SANDPAINTING

Glue is first randomly smeared on the canvas, then sand sprinkled upon it. It may be left to dry as it falls, or further manipulated with brushes, knives etc.

FROISSAGE

A sheet of paper is screwed up, then smoothed out again. When soaked in coloured inks, the creases take up the colour, creating a veined effect.

COULAGE

3D decalomania done by pouring molten metal/ wax into water. The material then solidifies. The resulting shapes can then be interpreted. This process is actually used in Austria and Germany when the New Year starts and is known as 'Bleigiessen' (leadpouring). Molten metal is poured into water and the shape can then be interpreted as to what the future of the next year holds for you in store.

Things You Don't Want to Hear a Chaos Magician Say

By Node Fizzgig and Friends

- With some slight modification I can make it better.
- Anyone seen that talisman of mine? I seem to have misplaced it.
- Parsons was a wanker--- Watch this!
- Now it's time for the triple invocation of Loki, Coyote, and Baphomet.
- Help!
- What you don't know can't hurt you, right?
- Don't worry, everything's under control.
- I know what I'm doing.
- Trust me.
- Hastur, Hastur, Hast---
- Oops
- No, I planned this, honest!
- I'm glad you asked...
- But the *theory* is sound.
- Yeah, but you should see the other guy.
- But if it's already dead, how can it be a sacrifice?
- Now if only I had some bungee cords.
- Then Cthulu showed up.
- I really wish I had some chalk right about now.
- Everybody needs a hobby, right?

Three Opinions Regarding the Abyss

From: Sabrin1315 @ aol . com
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Greetings M!

Okay, I have already admitted my ignorance about chaos and c magick. Someone wanna tell me about the Abyss?

Hickory: Hmm... the Abyss?

Dickory: The concept of the "Abyss" posits that there is a fundamental separation between the human and the divine. What magicians refer to as the Abyss is usually visualized as a membrane separating the "supernal" or perfect spheres of the Tree of Life from the "mundane" or flawed spheres.

Dock: I see it as an extension of Judeo-Christian "we're not worthy" claptrap.
What does it look like? Who else is there?

Hickory: I do not know.

Dickory: Seems I've heard it spoken of in this way: from below it looks like an impenetrable chasm; from above, it no longer exists. This suggests the idea that it is a one-way blockage -- IOW that divine energy can "come down" from Kether, but that impurities from Malkuth are blocked from getting past. Many mages describe it as a feeling of utter solitude, and say that it will never be mistaken once you get there.

Dock: It's a mirror, man; you pass through, and then you meet a mad hatter and a rabbit who's running late...

Why does a person want to cross it?

Hickory: To get to the other side, of course. But that's just speculation. I really don't know.

Dickory: Because it is part of the "Great Work" of magick (as conceived in modern terms) to reconcile the human and the divine. This is the way of the Boddhisattva, who seeks the perfection of all that is not perfect. To cross, the magician must be willing to have his or her imbalanced "ego" completely destroyed. All that will be left inside the magician, supposedly, is the divine.

Dock: 'Cuz, man, it's all the rage.

What do you risk to cross it?

Hickory: Not sure about that either.

Dickory: Tradition says this is really risky. The magician risks insanity or death should the working be failed. Modern magicians speak of the enlightenment that follows as a sort of continual work in progress -- not a state that stays at the same level once attained, but something which must be actively maintained. BTW, life experiences can also manifest themselves as an Abyss, for example, a major crisis that forces the magician to

take life head on and become more than him or herself.

Dock: Hey, come on in, the water's fine...

How do you get there? Can you get there in dreams?

Hickory: I do not know.

Dickory: There are many paths to the Abyss, and a dream manifestation of a magician who is "ready" to encounter it would not be out of the question. Generally the magician is encouraged first to acquire a good, conversant knowledge of qabalah, tarot, and other basic disciplines. Then the magician should seek the Knowledge and Conversation of the Holy Guardian Angel. Once this is achieved, and the magician has completed the necessary work with the HGA, is the magician "traditionally" ready to face the Abyss.

Dock: Hey, I think there's a scene in "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" where they come to this big chasm, and there's this guy, who asks them three questions. Now, this is really funny. Listen to this...

AZAZA!

Callisto Radiant

Tools as Crutches, and other assorted ideas

by Lucian Blackrose

What is the purpose of tools and even ritual in magik? Some would say to represent the elements, the weapons of the elements, or to focus the power raised. Many say ritual or ceremony or even sigilization is a means to create or perform magik. What really is the function of these though? Crutches, tools, illusions to trick the mind. Why trick the mind though? Mostly it is because being raised in modern society, and even society as we westerners know it for the last 1000 years, has brainwashed us that magik is something of fairy tales, games, and non-sensible fiction. But why then are young children capable of doing such amazing things with the obvious means, before they are inundated with this brainwashing?

Very few occult or magik insiders will disagree that the formation of magik comes from within the mind, specifically the higher mind, or subconscious. Young children perform feats of magik naturally as they have not yet separated conscious from subconscious. They are still learning and have not yet been made to ignore the "voices" and "monsters" in their head. Conscious and subconscious is only separated as a function of a "rational" science based society. The rituals, tricks and tools of magik workings are simply used to get the modern society influenced conscious to shut up, go hide, and let the subconscious take over and do what comes naturally. The human mind has the power to influence it's environment and it's very reality in many different ways, the most potent of which is through will, or magik, whichever term you prefer. It is the same with seeing spirits, or auras, or energy fields, sensing energy lines, or ley lines, depending on if you think they are the same or different. Children do this naturally, but the adults around them tell them it is only their imagination, and is not real. Eventually most come to believe it, and then a separation of waking and higher minds occurs. This is grossly unfortunate, and is actually an example of how mankind is actually devolving itself through it's supposed advancement. There are those of us, however who either never lost that ability fully, or have broken the bonds of restrictive modern thinking, and strive to perform the "irrational" magik.

While in many systems the seeming ultimate goal is to be enlightened, or to hold the secrets of the universe, creation and all else, there is a goal that is required by them to do this. That needed goal is the perfection of intricate ritual/ceremonies, memorization of names and correspondences, and mastery of tools, weapons and techniques. While doing this to advance one's self is the right idea, and noble, why is that the end all. Most

systems would have you believe that aside from discovering new names, or new spells, charms, incantations, ect... there is nothing more to magik. This is blatantly and wholly wrong. What truly should be striven for is to bring the minds back together, that is to re-attain the state of childhood union in which the conscious and subconscious are not at odds, and can function as one, higher mind, to think of wants, realize the fruition of those wants, to know the needs, and make them available. At some point, many whom I have known to practice magik have come to do most of it solely in their heads. Most of them however are simply visualizing the entire ritual or technique happening in their mind, or even on the astral. The true goal though is to transcend that, and get the mind back to a state in which it can simply decide it wants to create an effect, and will it to be. Easy to do, no, worth it.... YES.

Some would argue that should many attain this state, they would no longer do anything for themselves, not work or go out. Well, even powerful, instinctive magik requires some effort in the physical, and is not necessarily going to bring food and shelter to the practitioner, nor avoid things like taxes. Also, the power, or energy of the person requires a grounding, or a recharge. Many have differing situations which provide that fuel, for some it is being in nature, or connecting with the elements. For some it is being with other people. Some find physical labor to be the ticket. For some it is modern city life in one or many of its myriad forms. The point is even if one succeeded at first at getting all they needed, they would need to do something else. Besides, it would get lonely and boring fast. Humans require the society they build, it is a part of them as much as they are a part of it. While the society does need some certain changes, and has evolved in many wrong and selfish ways, it cannot be altogether forgotten, not without making mankind extinct.

Society causes most psychological, especially sexually based, disorders. Society, in its evolution of rules to moral to standards, has imposed certain thoughts that many things that are natural and in many cases instinctual, wrong in most people's minds. Monogamy for example was imposed by feudalistic society, to insure that the families of the lords would be maintained, and thus the power kept and not lost. The idea was first imposed amongst the noble families, and later adopted by those wishing to emulate their betters, in an attempt to become like them. Eventually this was passed into cannon (church law) and even common law. Over time it came to be seen as dirty and wrong to cheat on one's spouse. Now it is to the point most refuse to think of doing it, and those that do so, feel such profound guilt, as to cause depression, and many other disorders. In reality, it is natural and instinctual to copulate with many partners. It is a function of survival of the species. By each person, with a supposedly unique genetic structure, possibly creating new pairings of genetic combinations with many others, the gene pool is expanded, and there is less instance of "inbreeding" or genetic reversion to dominant gene only species. Also, it is natural for any creature to do what brings it pleasure, and most of the human population does, in fact take much joy in having sex.

Another glaringly obvious example, though it ties into the last one, is that of homosexuality. I know many dislike this subject, and many skirt the issue, or have set ideas. Well, if you can't be open minded enough to read what I think and at least accept

that it is my idea and I am entitled to it, then oh well. Almost every other animal found in this world shows evidence of affection, and even sexual relations between members of the same sex. There are many presentable reasons for this, it feels good, need for companionship, plain being horny and having no opposite sex partners available, acceptance of feelings (that one's sure to raise a fuss :)), or possibly preference of companionship from the same species and sex. It was at one time not only accepted in human society, but encouraged and fashionable. The Greek and Roman societies both found it acceptable to be homosexual or bisexual, and it was quite fashionable in Rome especially. After the fall of Rome, and the rise to absolute power of Christianity in Europe, homosexuality was made out to be horrible, decadent, and part of the corruption that was perceived to be Rome. It was perpetuated as an idea in an effort to distance the world from Rome. Remember, many people in Europe had a strong reason to dislike Rome, and if you are going to come to power, be based in Rome, it is best not to be known as Rome. Now we still see instances of hate and bigotry aimed at homosexuals, and let's not even touch the lack of equality.

If we look about at what makes us feel guilty, even though it should feel good, or we cannot understand why, then it is probably society, and misconstrued, and needs changing. Let's change it. Let's stop telling children that what they see is not real, and get mankind back to magik as it should be. Heck, we can even keep the religions, as they have a good purpose. A few actually. First one is that all people and systems hold a piece of the truth. Only through collective sharing can anyone get to see the "whole" truth. Imagine it as everyone lined up surrounding a huge house. To each person, the house exists only as he/she sees it from their view. But if they all share what they see, then they get the whole view and understand. Second is, well, it provides a place for the weak minded to go, and stay out of our way. Remember, take the ideas that work, ask questions of everything, especially yourself, and keep working on your own path, as no one else's will work for you.

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Training

Subject: Re: Training and stuff

To: zee-list

Date: Mon, 17 Feb 1997 08:33:41 -0800 (PST)

From: Fenwick Rysen

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Quoth Dionysus:

> Just out of curiosity, how much training have you various z's had?

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> Anyway, how have most of you more "experienced" sorcerer-type weirdo chaos

> d00d's learned? How do ya feel about training?

Training? Let's see, born in 1976, so... Round about 21 years now. As far as strictly magickal training (if we ignore life as magickal), almost three years of bouncing around, spending an average of 2-3 hours a day reading everything I can get my hands on, talking with everyone I can (both IRL and on the Internet Beast) and then actually going out and DOING it instead of becoming an armchair magician who likes the philosophy but is too lazy to do the work.

I've never had any real "teachers" because many of them lock themselves into the student-teacher relationship and refuse to learn themselves. The one teacher I did take (for two months) was one I quickly surpassed in skill, who still insisted that she knew more than I did. This was right before she suffered three consecutive nervous breakdowns that were all directly related to the methods she used. She wouldn't listen to a "student" who knew that unless she stopped pushing herself, her methods were dangerous.

I have never been initiated into any magickal orders (yet) because I have found MOST of them to be more interested in politics, power games, ego stroking, and I'll-believe-in-your-magick-if-you-believe-in-mine than in actually doing anything of practical magickal value.

As far as how I feel about teaching... I advise people to learn from whoever you want, to never be afraid to disagree or abandon a teacher when the time is right, and to be very cautious of the people who step forward too quickly and say "I'll teach you" --- More often those types need you more than you need them.

A magician can also learn a great deal from non-magicians. For instance, a few college-level classes in Sociology, Social Psychology, Comparative Religions, and any Sciences can oftentimes be of more use than an entire bookshelf of texts on labelled "metaphysics/magick".

It is my belief (at this moment) that a magician's training should include ALL aspects of life, not just the metaphysical. Life itself is magickal. Life is the best teacher you could have.

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Questions and Answers on the Z(Cluster)

1. What is the Z(Cluster)?

- a)The Z(Cluster) is an association of chaos magicians
- b)The Z(Cluster) is a chaos infection, spreading through the internet, and lodging in the damaged neocorteces of chaos magicians foolish enough to believe that magick can be performed through the recycled electrons of the world wide data web.
- c)The Z(Cluster) is a group of IOT wannabees whose only purpose in life is to whine about/wimpily attack the standup real chaos magicians of that venerable association.
- d)The Z(Cluster) is a figment of the editor's imagination.
- e)The Z(Cluster) is a figment of your imagination. If you had not committed the original sin of dualistic thinking you would realize there is no such phenomenam as the Z(Cluster).

2. Why should I join the Z(Cluster)?

- a)I'm so confused by the answers to question 1 that the only way I can expect to sleep tonight is by joining.
- b)I like their style.
- c)I hate the IOT, the OTO, the GD, and every other magickal organization
I have ever had the misfortune to encounter.
- c)I'm interested in chaos magick and would like to practice strange dark
rites but am disturbed by those tentacles that tap at my window every time I do a rite from Simon's Necronomicaon.
- d)I got nothing to lose because the Z(Cluster), unlike every other group I
have every encountered doesn't actually expect me to do squat.
- e)I'm real lazy but think that by becoming a member and hence a real chaote i will (i) get laid more often, (ii) not get beaten up quite so much,
(iii)will be reborn in a sexual paradise when I die.
- f)I actually understand most of this shit they're trying to do and agree
that civilization is a disease, that bringing about the destruction of the
consensual belief structure, and hence the end of the world, is a good
good
thing.

2. O.K. I can say yes to one of the above. How can I join?

Joining the Z(Cluster) requires a simple declaration. Actually getting anything out of it requires telling marik@aol.com that you are a member.

Something along the lines of "I declare myself to be a member of the

Z(Cluster)." It is customary for members to declare themselves a node, and give themselves a node name containing the letter Z. Some members refuse to do this. Since there are no rules, ranks, leaders, dues, or any other requirements to associate with the Z(Cluster) members are governed by common courtesy, or whatever they deem to be such. Since the Z(Cluster) is also a clearinghouse for chaos related messages, rituals, and documents, getting on the ZCluster mailing list ensures continuing information. Declaring membership to marik automatically puts you on the mailing list. To get off the mailing list just tell marik, or better yet, get booted off your service provider and don't tell marik what your new provider's address is. If your mail bounces marik immediately removes you from the list. Now isn't that a lot easier than send "unsubscribe me" majordome mariksama.listautomata with "I don't know what the fuck I'm doing". in the sub-sub subject line?

3. If I refuse to declare myself a member will I be able to participate in Z(Cluster) activities?

- a) Certainly
- b) Absolutely not
- c) Maybe
- d) What do I know?

3. Who belongs to the Z(Cluster)?

As of 2/15/96 there are 25 known nodes of the cluster. Some of these nodes contain 15 to 30 members, some 5 to 10, and most one or two. Estimates on the actual membership range between 50 and 100. Some nodes appear to be inactive, some are working, some are hyperactive, and some may have passed on to a higher state of human evolution and joined the Greys in their sadly misunderstood but brave war against the fascist Galactic Federation. (Waddyamean you don't think the Greys should be abducting humans and subjecting them to proctological examinations with gleaming steel probes? A number of our members have been pleading with the greys for just this experience, but no luck so far!) Anyway, if you really want to know who belongs, declare yourself a member to marik and he'll send you a list of members, their net addresses, and even, from the really foolish, their home addresses and telephone numbers.

4. What does the Z(Cluster) have to offer?

A mailing list. The occassional newsletter. An ezine once or twice a year. A tinymuck space in which online rituals can take place in real time. A hard copy zine of indeterminate frequency. Soon, a website and a

webzine. Mainly plenty of support from chaos magicians genuinely interested in sharing their knowledge, having fun, performing online rituals, and treating each other in a friendly, intelligent, and (given this document) surprisingly mature way.

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A Quick Guide to Lucid Dreaming

From: Fenwick Rysen

To: Zee-list

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I keep hearing things like:

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>> Yep. I WISH I could get the hang of lucid dreaming...!  
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> ME TOO!!! :)
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It's not all that hard. Here's a basic exercise that's been working for me for years now. Took me about three weeks before it worked, so expect some buildup time. But if you stick with it, I **guarantee** you will begin lucid dreaming.

First of all, in your everyday activities, start randomly asking yourself the question, "Am I dreaming?" Ask the question, and then focus on your bodily sensations, to see how "real" they are. Then try to do something you could only do in a lucid dream, like change the color of the floor. Obviously, if you are awake, this is not going to work. However, if you do this a few times a day consistently over a few weeks, it becomes a habit that wires itself into your subconscious (it takes roughly 30 days to completely form or destroy habits).

After a while, you will be dreaming some night when the habit is so deeply ingrained that you will ask "Am I dreaming?" while you are dreaming. You might notice that your body feels slightly different when lucid dreaming, and you **will** be able to change the color of the floor, as well as change and guide other aspects of the dream.

When you first become lucid in your dreams, there will be a tendency to wake up: When the mind becomes conscious, it decides that it's time for the body to do the same thing. Just keep trying, and focus on staying asleep the first few times out. After a while you will be able to remain asleep when lucid dreaming.

I don't highly recommend trying to fly when you first begin lucid dreaming. If you take off straight up into the air, it leaves nothing around you in your dreamscape, and it becomes even harder to find something to stay related to to keep you asleep. Get some practice just wandering around your dreamscapes and changing minor things before you start doing the spectacular. Of course, if you want to start flying your first night, go for it, but you may cut your dream short.

I cannot convey the importance of a dream journal in helping with this work. Keep a notebook or, better yet, a tape recorder beside your bed and record your dreams

immediately upon awakening. You don't need to cover every detail, just the major points. And you'd be amazed at what can slip away in just five minutes if you don't write it down immediately. If you keep a recorder, transcribe the major points to a journal on a regular basis, before the job becomes too huge to tackle.

A dream journal will help you begin to remember more of your dreams, giving you more chances to become lucid. It will also have some other benefits, such as showing you patterns in your own subconscious. Avoid books on dream interpretation like the plague; you are the best judge of what symbols mean to you. And if you don't want to interpret them, then don't. The main goal is to start remembering more of your dreams.

I hope all of this helps. I have had great success with just this one technique alone, but it **does** require that you stick with it long enough for the habit to form (typically 3-4 weeks). Don't expect success overnight: There is no fast food service line for mastery of the occult arts. However, the effort is well worth it.

So to all you people who've been whining: It's not all that hard, just give it some dedication. I'll see you in dreamland.

In Life, Love, and Laughter
--Fenwick Rysen

What Is Satanism?



By Don Webb

Satanism is a protest behavior that may or may not be connected with persons beyond the protester. It uses as a symbol Satan, the bogeyman of Judeo-Christian mythology, who in the Western world is the primary symbol of the revolt against cosmic injustice.

Protest behaviors are brought about when the inner world of a person, henceforth referred to as the Subjective Universe, is completely out of harmony with the conditions prevailing in the other world, henceforth referred to as the Objective Universe. In a healthy individual protest behaviors are a way to make the whole person aware for the need of change in their lives. In unhealthy individuals protest behaviors are obsessive and symbolic only, and are a sign of individuality making its last stand against the Objective Universe.

The figure of Satan is chosen since he represents the revolt from God. Belief in "God" or "Satan" is not the criteria here. "God" is a great symbol for everything that surrounds a person, and conditions them. "God" is the town you live in, the people you live with, the paperwork you have to fill out to do something as simple and healthy as run a small home business, and that velvet-rope maze that you have to go through to get to an airplane

ticket. "God" represents all and everything that has accumulated since the beginning of time, that most people in their lives firstly come to accept and secondly to valorize. "God" is easy to hate or love, but like the weather hard to do anything with.

"Satan" is not the only figure that may be used against "God." If you see the patriarchal society as the source of all evil, the "Goddess" is the likely figure of choice for your spiritual dissent. However Satanists avoid this symbol, not because of a fear/mistrust of the feminine, but because the symbol becomes so easily a *replacement* for the figure of "God."

To make such a revolt, even symbolically, presents four areas of strain in the life of the rebel. Firstly the social matrix in which the rebel finds herself will not be supportive of the revolt. In most cases this is desired on some level. We are deeply aware that we are social creatures and that we have to enlist the help of others in our Quest for freedom. Sometimes the easiest way to get their aid is to anger them, so that we can use the pressure without to aid us in our change within. But beyond the "it's neat to piss people off" stage there is a human want for approval and affection that either ends the revolt, or ends the family matrix. Only those destined to inner strength can manage to revolt and be a family member. Secondly the notion of "good" -- meaning social norms -- has to sorted out from the idea of "Good" -- meaning those things that increase and deepen the experience of healthy humans. Since both "good" and "Good" belong in the constellation of ideas of "God" -- the rebel has to rethink everything, and he will make mistakes. Thirdly since the figure of Satan in the postmodern age is an Image, the material that makes that image so powerful (mainly movies and rock-n-roll) does not offer an adult role model as does the literary Satanism of Anatole France or Mark Twain. Figuring out what to do after you've worn that inverted cross for six weeks is a strain that most can't take due to the paucity and weakness of their own imagination. In fact it was due to that very weakness that they fixated on image rather than thought. Fourthly there is an utter lack of in-depth material on philosophical Satanism. Most of the information about Satanism is either psychological studies of protest behavior, Christian propaganda, or material written to convince an audience that they are already (in some obscure fashion) lord of the earth. This lack of Lore ends the revolt for all but the most self sufficient.

It might be thought that leaders of Satanic movements would find these conditions deplorable. Indeed far from it. By having a situation that encourages certain responses, Satanists -- which include all sorts of the scum of the earth -- will self select to a better sort of individual, UNLESS their bad behaviors are simply enabled by those around them -- giving us the rather sad picture of a thirty-five-year old man in a faded black T-shirt living over his parents' garage and saying "Hail Satan!" a great deal. Each of the four areas of strain provide a strengthening in those that overcome them. In the area of family and job relations, certain things occur. The Satanist must develop inner strength to continue in his practice. He must demonstrate his competence and commitment to the social matrix in which he lives so that his practices are tolerated. He must develop a tolerance for the beliefs of others that does not slip into a weak-minded belief that all systems of human thought are equal. This provides for emotional training. If the Satanist is, however, enabled, or simply deals with the strain by running away for good -- he or

she will never have this training and the protest behavior does not lead to a strengthening of individualism, but merely to an infantile acting out of fantasies that cannot effect the Objective Universe.

Secondly the notion of "good," "Good," and "God" provide a useful struggle for the Satanist. On the path of human ethical development, the moment when she realizes that wearing short black skirts isn't on the same moral plane as, say, murder the Satanist realizes that a large part of society is a game designed for the efficient movement of energy and money by unquestioning obedience. This moment of awakening happens in the lives of most people, certainly without the stimulus of Satanism. And in the lives of most people this awakening goes away, long before it can effect the nature of either personal or human affairs. For the Satanist however the image of Satan focuses that attention long enough for it to become part of her personal inventory. This has a positive effect on avoiding entanglements in the world, by shutting off arguments based on sentimentality and thus causing the media of the world to have an Awakening effect, exactly the opposite of what they are designed to have.

Thirdly the strain of lack of direction because of the imagistic nature of Satan provides two benefits. Firstly since an image rather than a text is centralized, the Satanist is forced to make changes in his consciousness based on (hopefully) rational means -- and that any such changes are *individual* syntheses, rather than group think. However since this is hard work -- in fact making changes this way is so hard humanity pretty much dropped this methodology three thousand years ago -- most people make no changes. They merely become Eskimo Pies, "Dark on the outside, light on the inside." Secondly, the Satanist must create personal mythological and aesthetic models for self-guidance. This remains why Satanism has and will have such a great effect on music and the arts. But again this requires a depth or Self (or as the world would say, "talent") so most such products are as uninspired and amateurish as the images which inspired them. Thus a below-mediocre Satanic culture is maintained that drives away people cursed with good taste.

Lastly, the lack of Lore forces four sorts of development on the serious Satanist. He must look to other persons (either historical or of his personal knowledge) to be role models. He must find people that produced both a change in themselves and the world through the mechanism of revolt. This leads to a certain deepening of self as one chooses heroes, whether artistic revolutionaries like Goethe or political ones like Gandhi. Beyond role models the question of practice comes to mind; movie images of Satanist chanting may be great -- but what do they chant? This leads to a certain "Satanic anthropology" that begins for merely aesthetic reason, but broadens into the study of the structures of the human psyche. Again the moment that people have to do something harder than pick up a tome in their local occult store, most of the weak are weeded away. The creation of lore will (at a certain level of development) require that the Satanist speak. This means that he or she must learn certain communication skills on the one hand, and truly have thought about what they are going to say on the other. This self-selects for articulate thoughtful people. The weak, who will always be with us, will have another approach -- getting on late-night radio and quoting the scripture of another person (usually a bald one). Lastly since the dissemination of such material is difficult in a world ruled by vast corporations

who have a vested interest in not promoting individuality -- the Satanist (normally an anarchistic lot) -- must voluntarily band together, which provides for both a social matrix and sets up for cultural change. It must be stressed however, that Satanism is not about cultural change as a goal. If one merely identifies with a cultural/political change and one succeeds, one is made redundant and weak -- and if one fails, one is bitter and an object of fun. Cultural change, like muscles gained working in a gym, is not the goal of the individual -- but a pleasant side effect and way of measuring progress.

Satanism, an unorganized social movement, arises out of the protest behavior called Satanism. The nature of that behavior against the grain of the social matrix is one that will of its nature lead to rapid self change (for the few) and rapid self deterioration for the many. It is easy to locate any number of the later to speak on the talk show circuit, but the former seek to give a rather more precise message to the world than can easily be encapsulated in a sound bite.

It should be noticed that there is a fundamentally developmental path in the strains caused by Satanism, which act synergetically on the person with focused attention. These strains -- by the nature of their resistance -- can empower an individual in his or her work with the world; however they are ultimately an exterior pressure which can only take you so far. For an even more select group in this already select group, there arises a need to develop internal (non-reactive) forces for self change. For these people there are Initiatory Schools. These Schools are the most feared part of the Satanic movement, since they can not be easily dismissed as a way to sell more albums, market cool bumper stickers, or get a spot on the Springer show. I simply want to leave you with the observation that the School is no more the object of Satanic practice than social change is. It, too is a by-product, whose excellence or mediocrity reflects the work of those involved with it. The object of Satanic practice is, has been, and will remain the Self.

Six Satanic Saws:

- I. It is not about who you are, or what you do, but what you Become.
- II. It is not about some guy with horns and a cape, but remembering your own (forgotten) better nature.
- III. It is about becoming the constant in all of your life equations, not the variable.
- IV. Its failures are easy to see and describe; each Success is unique, powerful and mysterious.
- V. It symbols change, but its essence remains the same -- swim against the stream to be a powerful swimmer.

VI. It can not be accepted by mass culture, but its Nobles can be accepted by people of good will and sharp minds, on a one-by-one basis.

Yes/No/I-Don't-Know: Simultaneous Belief

To: z-list

Subject: Re: The Floyd Zee Project

From: Lauranz the-Terrible

Date: Thu, 16 Sep 1999 20:35:30 EDT

Don asks a really good question:

"Pardon me for being just a little bit skeptical, but I wonder if folks on the list seriously believe that they were personally responsible for directing the path of Floyd?"

I did my part on my own. I didn't partake in any group ritual, but since my friend Mary is in Florida, I spoke to the weather and requested, "Not here. Not on Mary. Over there instead."

I hold three positions simultaneously.

(1) Yup. I moved the hurricane away from Mary and her sister.

(2) Jesus Christ, Lauranz! You really believe that shit? You stupid occultists make me sick with your silly superstitions. C'mon, you CAN'T influence the weather, and neither can anyone else.

(3) I don't know. I can say that Mary and her sister got rain, but they didn't get the hurricane. That's ALL I can say. I really, genuinely, honestly don't know if I had anything to do with it or not.

I prefer to hold position #1, and modify it a bit with position #3. That is to say, I adopt a belief, but I do it consciously and with intention in order to effect a specific purpose. I am not interested in blind, stupid, stubborn belief, and the certainty that I am right. Rather, I prefer to adopt a belief that I find esthetic and useful, and maintain the awareness that I am choosing to enjoy taking this position, and that at the same time I really don't know.

I would prefer to live in a magickal world. The Magickal World of Crazy Hassan's Clearinghouse of Delights pleases me more and expands my mind and consciousness more than the greyface ordinary world. So I choose to work weather and listen to my car talk to me and wave my magick wand and be an ass-kickin' ol' lady, all the while being aware that this is a choice I've made, and that I cannot prove anything with any sort of certainty.

Love,

Lauranz

A Young Man's View of Chaos Magick in the Early 90's

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Back in those days someone asked me - what is my understanding of Chaos Magick?

Geee..there're so many entry-points...where do I start? I guess some of the facets of Chaos Magick which attract me is it's Post-Modern flavour...subject matters like Dialectics; The Society of the Spectacle, Mass Communications & Mediation, Technology, Marketing, Money and Capitalism are looked into, used and manipulated for magickal ends.

My country is now a very high tech wealthy city-state, I grew up with it...affected by its fast transformation...many issues concerning my conditionings, myself needs to be probe into...and many times the backdrop of the enviroment counts. If there is any truth in the phrase "Theres no escape from the Society of the Spectacle", to escape the Archons of the Demigurge, there is also Micheal Bertiaux's words "I have told you that all avenues of escape are blocked, but in truth there is the doorway of becoming a monster, by becoming the beast, so that thereby you can escape by the very door they came through". (Something when I first read still has a horrorfying element about it and I'm not any closer to realizing the message of that radical statement except that these words can be something to think about.)

Magick afterall uses the canvas of everyday life, Maya as a medium for its expression. The more compact our world becomes, the more everything affect the personal (or more obviously perceived to be so!), and other way round, the gross sum of personal actions around the globe will have ever increasing implications on the scale of larger dynamics eg.social, cultural, planetary etc.

Chaos Magick is Shadowboxing with Consensus Reality? I also came across some old tantric sayings in the AMOOKOS Intro book, "do not try to change the world, just make sure the world doesnt change you" put across cheekily in obverse! (I took the view that the seed message is to pay attention to one's mind regarding the world, staying 'awake' and aware at all times, when many times I have slumber into lack of awareness in everyday life dealing with the world outside percieved inside).

Over the years, some discoveries from Chaos Magick I encountered are really difficult to accept personally, lots of resistance and uncomfortable feeling, esp its occasional sleek monochrome ruthlessness, macho superior coldness and that brave aloneness (usually because the personalities of the chaos magick scene behind these writings exude such projections due to a certain fetish for such taste of aesthetic glamour, thus these moods colour the way they depict their ideas)

I think magick is much about de-conditioning. I guess chaos magickians take this attitude of reality hacking in the field of the Occult. Chaos Magick sometimes comes with a big ego to practically de-condition whatever preexisting occult knowledge there lies. Sometimes, there are some brilliant break throughs, new emergence of ideas and ways, but there're also a lot of mess-ups, blindness and assholeism from people who identify with the chaos current.

There's much elegance in Chaos Magick too...the Zos Kia...exquisite...like wind unto wind...or the antinomianistic romantic flavour - the way of the ronin, the compass within the vehicle..."carrying your own utopias with no fixed coordinates, wherever you go". When one meets the other...there manifest the TAZ...perhaps this appeals to my young starry eye vision, from the day I look into this lens about magick as a young person.

Chaos magick helps you, confuses you, gives you a wild time, wakes you up, makes you wise, inflate your self esteem, makes you critical of trancedental schools of thought, but the wisest ones of the lot actually do a lot of transcending amidst lavashing themselves with the fleshy sweet bodies of manifesting decending current. It endows you a self given license for sex, drugs and frenzy that is recognize more places than your credit card...

in chaos
a much older 'young' man

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Chaos Magick: Magickal Terrorism

The practice of magick is generally agreed to be the attempt to create change in conformity with the will of the magician. This change can range from a simple acquisition, such as creating circumstances favorable to getting a job, to the highly metaphysical, such as conversing with the angelic entities of the Elizabethan magus John Dee. Chaos magick, the most recent development in the Ceremonial Magickal Tradition, is an innovative, modern, and disturbing approach to the realization of the Magickal Intention.

Chaos Magick derives primarily from the work of Austin Osman Spare

and Peter Carroll in the first and third quarters of the 20th Century respectively. Both magicians aggressively argued against the exclusion of sorcerous techniques from magickal practice and both developed systems of magick that were inclusive, eclectic and innovative. Both generally spurned traditional magick as needlessly complicated, discriminatory, and impotent. Spare, being an artist, was clearly influenced by other magickal artists such as William Blake, and was also influenced by the relatively new field of psychiatry, particularly by the work of Jung and Freud on the subconscious. Spare stressed the integration of magick into all areas of his life, and so it is not possible, in examining Spare's drawings, for example, to distinguish between them and magickal work. Spare's drawings are spells. Spare's work is mostly out of print. Some of his writings are available online. Carroll, writing soon after the development of Chaos Scientific Theory, was equally influenced by the possibilities of using the language and tools of magick as a means to discover and influence the subatomic interactions of the quantum universe. Carroll also founded the Illuminati of Thanateros (the IOT), an Order of Chaos Magicians. The Order is somewhat controversial in the greater community of Chaos magicians since it is a secretive degreed hierarchy. Secrets, degrees, and hierarchies are often considered to run counter to the Chaos current. Carroll's introductory work "Liber Null and Psychonaut" is the most widely available work on Chaos Magick. It remains in print. More recently the ideas of Chaos Magick have been extended further into art by Jan Fries, whose brilliant and friendly excursion into drawing, "Visual Magick", is, unfortunately, only available in England. Stephen Mace has privately printed fascinating analyses of the interface between demonology and Chaos Magick, "Stealing the Fire from Heaven" being the most widely read. Phil Hine has published pamphlets on Chaos Magick and the Necronomicon. Finally seminal forays into the application of Chaos Magick to social dynamics and communications theory by Hakim Bey have recently extended the theories of Chaos Magick into music, performance art and the Internet.

In more general terms Chaos Magick uses the deconstructionist theories of Jacques Derrida, the interest in random phenomena of John Cage and Minimalism, and the humor of Dada to create ritual spaces for magickal acts. To view Chaos Magick solely as a reformulation of traditional magick, however, would be inaccurate. Chaos Magick is something new, an attempt to deconstruct consensual belief structures, free the energy trapped by these beliefs, and radically alter the movement of the quantum flux. Chaos Magick is an assault on normative belief patterns, an attack on the mind's status quo, guerrilla war on the careful considerations of consciousness.

Chaos Magick focuses on the mechanism of belief, and suggests that the process of belief rather than the object of belief is the critical element in magick. Chaos Magicians will adopt or refute positions of belief as needed for the successful resolution of magickal acts. This orientation, which stresses adaptability as a prime asset and greets change as an accurate reflection of the true nature of reality can be extremely destabilizing for individuals whose sense of personal identity requires that the universe be perceived as an ordered and meaningful place. Chaos Magick specifically refutes the possibility of eternal rest, of eternal order. It views the universe as a phenomena of complexity at an order of magnitude too great for

normal human psychology to understand. In fact, Chaos Magicians would argue that the universe is in such a state of flux and apparently random movement that only devious techniques such as those of Chaos Magick, which deliberately subvert the conscious, rational mind have any chance of creating change in conformity with the will of the magician.

Chaos Magick is self-annihilating, bearing commonality with the crazy wisdom of the fringe elements of the nyingmapa school of Tibetan Buddhism, with the mad monks of Zen Buddhism, and with the theoretical structures of Nagarjuna and the Madhyamaka schools of Buddhism. One of the two central Sutras (Buddhist teachings) of Madhyamaka is the Prajna Paramita, a Sutra whose title is loosely translated as "Beyond the beyond, there lies awakening", and whose structure, in which form and emptiness (Chaos and Order) are identified with one another, resembles that of contemporary chaos ritual. The founder of the nyingmapa school of Tibetan Buddhism was the sorcerer-buddha Padmasambhava, and some of the rituals, such as the graveyard rituals of Chod practice, are hardly distinguishable from the Chaos magician's use of the Eldar Gods of the Necronomicon. The koans of Zen Buddhism are designed to short circuit the discursive mind and bring about a state of mind similar to that sought by the Chaos magician.

Chaos Magick can be considered to be a psychological approach to magickal ritual. Bearing many similarities to the Stanislavsky system of Method Acting, the ritual systems of Chaos Magick aim at blocking the conscious mind and generating a state of consciousness known as "gnosis", a state of mind in which the defenses of the discursive mind are overthrown and the magickal intention of the magician can be driven deep into the Absolute, that is to say into the quantum flux of the universe. Like Method Actors, Chaos Magicians seek to forget their identity in order to achieve their will, the change in the universe that is the goal of the magickal act. To do this Chaos Magicians use gesture, ritual, sound, visualization, the cues of their senses, meditation, and generated emotional states such as anger, fear, disgust, boredom or despair. Any method that can create the momentary state of gnosis is considered acceptable. Favorite techniques frequently involve sex, pain, and confusion. Chaos Magicians use sigils (magickal intentions that have been transformed into symbolic structures), rituals from any source, the artefacts of esoteric or popular culture to form a magickal space that might bring about gnosis.

Chaos Magick is non-discriminatory and refutes dualism. Rooted in the realization of the quantum flux and recognizing that ideas are not reality (although they may influence the perception of reality) Chaos Magick does not discriminate between White, Grey and Black Magick, between evil and good, between right and wrong. Consequently Chaos Magick is probably not for those who have not internalized a personal moral or ethical code. In fact, most Chaos Magicians would probably define themselves, if pressed, as Black Magicians but may, in this self-definition, be referring to Magick that has to do with that which is hidden, or in darkness, and so is black. Chaos Magick is neither for the squeamish, nor for those who wish to argue points of ethics, nor

for those obsessed with establishing varieties of social order. Ceremonial Magick and Wicca provide ample opportunities for those who wish to do the latter. Chaos Magick is concerned with developing magick that works, rituals that have specific effects, that create change in conformity with the will of the chaos magician, that are testable and can be replicated, that affect the Chaos Magician's deep self in sometimes catastrophic ways, that are non-judgmental, non-hierarchical and devious.

Those who are interested in the practice of Chaos Magick are warned that Chaos Magick can be destabilizing. Since it is designed to deconstruct belief, dearly held opinions, the stories we tell ourselves to lull ourselves into a sense of security will tend to fray and unravel. Unless the magician is willing to forsake these old ideas, to allow the boundaries of personal identity to be disrupted the result of magickal action may be chaotic indeed. Dramatic life changes, sometimes perceived as being for the worse, are a commonly reported result of Chaos Magickal Rites. Fundamentally, Chaos Magick is not about discovering one's True Will, nor communing with the Mother Goddess, nor even associating with demons, but with the direct, startling apprehension of the Chaos current, the quantum flux of an unhuman universe. Chaos Magick is magickal terrorism.

Excerpts from Chaos: The Broadsheets of Ontological Anarchism by Hakim Bey

CHAOS: THE BROADSHEETS OF ONTOLOGICAL ANARCHISM
(Dedicated to Ustad Mahmud Ali Abd al-Khabir)

Chaos

CHAOS NEVER DIED. Primordial uncarved block, sole worshipful monster, inert & spontaneous, more ultraviolet than any mythology (like the shadows before Babylon), the original undifferentiated oneness-of-being still radiates serene as the black pennants of Assassins, random & perpetually intoxicated.

Chaos comes before all principles of order & entropy, it's neither a god nor a maggot, its idiotic desires encompass & define every possible choreography, all meaningless aethers & phlogistons: its masks are crystallizations of its own facelessness, like clouds.

Everything in nature is perfectly real including consciousness, there's absolutely nothing to worry about. Not only have the chains of the Law been broken, they never existed; demons never guarded the stars, the Empire never got started, Eros never grew a beard.

No, listen, what happened was this: they lied to you, sold you ideas of good & evil, gave you distrust of your body &

shame for your prophethood of chaos, invented words of
disgust for your molecular love, mesmerized you with
inattention, bored you with civilization & all its usurious
emotions.

There is no becoming, no revolution, no struggle, no path;
already you're the monarch of your own skin--your inviolable
freedom waits to be completed only by the love of other
monarchs: a politics of dream, urgent as the blueness of
sky.

To shed all the illusory rights & hesitations of history
demands the economy of some legendary Stone Age--shamans not
priests, bards not lords, hunters not police, gatherers of
paleolithic laziness, gentle as blood, going naked for a
sign or painted as birds, poised on the wave of explicit
presence, the clockless nowever.

Agents of chaos cast burning glances at anything or anyone
capable of bearing witness to their condition, their fever
of lux et voluptas. I am awake only in what I love &
desire to the point of terror--everything else is just
shrouded furniture, quotidian anaesthesia, shit-for-brains,
sub-reptilian ennui of totalitarian regimes, banal
censorship & useless pain.

Avatars of chaos act as spies, saboteurs, criminals of amour
fou, neither selfless nor selfish, accessible as children,
mannered as barbarians, chafed with obsessions, unemployed,
sensually deranged, wolfangels, mirrors for contemplation,
eyes like flowers, pirates of all signs & meanings.

Here we are crawling the cracks between walls of church
state school & factory, all the paranoid monoliths. Cut off
from the tribe by feral nostalgia we tunnel after lost
words, imaginary bombs.

The last possible deed is that which defines perception
itself, an invisible golden cord that connects us: illegal
dancing in the courthouse corridors. If I were to kiss you
here they'd call it an act of terrorism--so let's take our
pistols to bed & wake up the city at midnight like drunken
bandits celebrating with a fusillade, the message of the
taste of chaos.

Chaos Myths

Unseen Chaos (po-te-kitea)
Unpossessed, Unpassing
Chaos of utter darkness
Untouched & untouchable
--Maori Chant

Chaos perches on a sky-mountain: a huge bird like a yellow
bag or red fireball, with six feet & four wings--has no face
but dances & sings.

Or Chaos is a black longhaired dog, blind & deaf, lacking

the five viscera.

Chaos the Abyss comes first, then Earth/Gaia, then
Desire/Eros. From these three proceed two pairs--Erebus &
old Night, Aether & Daylight.

Neither Being nor Non-being
neither air nor earth nor space:
what was enclosed? where? under whose
protection?
What was water, deep, unfathomable?
Neither death nor immortality, day nor night--
but ONE breathed by itself with no wind.
Nothing else. Darkness swathed in darkness,
unmanifest water.
The ONE, hidden by void,
felt the generation of heat, came into being
as Desire, first seed of Mind...
Was there an up or down?
There were casters of seed, there were powers:
energy underneath, impulse above.
But who knows for sure?
--_Rg_Veda_

Tiamat the Chaos-Ocean slowly drops from her womb Silt &
Slime, the Horizons, Sky and watery Wisdom. These offspring
grow noisy & bumptious--she considers their destruction.

But Marduk the wargod of Babylon rises in rebellion against
the Old Hag & her Chaos-monsters, chthonic totems--Worm,
Female Ogre, Great Lion, Mad Dog, Scorpion Man, Howling
Storm--dragons wearing their glory like gods--& Tiamat
herself a great sea-serpent.

Marduk accuses her of causing sons to rebel against fathers--
she loves Mist & Cloud, principles of disorder. Marduk will
be the first to rule, to invent government. In battle he
slays Tiamat & from her body orders the material universe.
He inaugurates the Babylonian Empire--then from gibbets &
bloody entrails of Tiamat's incestuous son he creates the
human race to serve forever the comfort of gods--& their
high priests & anointed kings.

Father Zeus & the Olympians wage war against Mother Gaia &
the Titans, those partisans of Chaos, the old ways of
hunting & gathering, of aimless wandering, androgyny & the
license of beasts.

Amon-Ra (Being) sits alone in the primordial Chaos-Ocean of
NUN creating all the other gods by jerking off--but Chaos
also manifests as the dragon Apophis whom Ra must destroy
(along with his state of glory, his shadow & his magic) in
order that the Pharaoh may safely rule--a victory ritually
re-created daily in Imperial temples to confound the enemies
of the State, of cosmic Order.

Chaos is Hun Tun, Emperor of the Center. One day the South
Sea, Emperor Shu, & the North Sea, Emperor Hu (_shu_hu_ =

lightning) paid a visit to Hun Tun, who always treated them well. Wishing to repay his kindness they said, "All beings have seven orifices for seeing, hearing, eating, shitting, etc.--but poor old Hun Tun has none! Let's drill some into him!" So they did--one orifice a day--till on the seventh day, Chaos died.

But...Chaos is also an enormous chicken's egg. Inside it P'an-Ku is born & grows for 18,000 years--at last the egg opens up, splits into sky & earth, yang & yin. Now P'an-Ku grows into a column that holds up the universe--or else he becomes the universe (breath-->wind, eyes-->sun & moon, blood & humors-->rivers & seas, hair & lashes-->stars & planets, sperm-->pearls, marrow-->jade, his fleas-->human beings, etc.)

Or else he becomes the man/monster Yellow Emperor. Or else he becomes Lao Tzu, prophet of Tao. In fact, poor old Hun Tun is the Tao itself.

"Nature's music has no existence outside things. The various apertures, pipes, flutes, all living beings together make up nature. The "I" cannot produce things & things cannot produce the "I," which is self-existent. Things are what they are spontaneously, not caused by something else. Everything is natural & does not know why it is so. The 10,000 things have 10,000 different states, all in motion as if there were a True Lord to move them--but if we search for evidence of this Lord we fail to find any." (Kuo Hsiang)

Every realized consciousness is an "emperor" whose sole form of rule is to do nothing to disturb the spontaneity of nature, the Tao. The "sage" is not Chaos itself, but rather a loyal child of Chaos--one of P'an-Ku's fleas, a fragment of flesh of Tiamat's monstrous son. "Heaven and Earth," says Chuang Tzu, "were born at the same time I was, & the 10,000 things are one with me."

Ontological Anarchism tends to disagree only with the Taoists' total quietism. In our world Chaos has been overthrown by younger gods, moralists, phalocrats, banker-priests, fit lords for serfs. If rebellion proves impossible then at least a kind of clandestine spiritual jihad might be launched. Let it follow the war-banners of the anarchist black dragon, Tiamat, Hun Tun.

Chaos never died.

Sorcery

THE UNIVERSE WANTS TO PLAY. Those who refuse out of dry spiritual greed & choose pure contemplation forfeit their humanity--those who refuse out of dull anguish, those who hesitate, lose their chance at divinity--those who mold themselves blind masks of Ideas & thrash around seeking some proof of their own solidity end by seeing out of dead men's eyes.

Sorcery: the systematic cultivation of enhanced consciousness or non-ordinary awareness & its deployment in the world of deeds & objects to bring about desired results.

The incremental openings of perception gradually banish the false selves, our cacophonous ghosts--the "black magic" of envy & vendetta backfires because Desire cannot be forced. Where our knowledge of beauty harmonizes with the _ludus_naturae_, sorcery begins.

No, not spoon-bending or horoscopy, not the Golden Dawn or make-believe shamanism, astral projection or the Satanic Mass--if it's mumbo jumbo you want go for the real stuff, banking, politics, social science--not that weak blavatskian crap.

Sorcery works at creating around itself a psychic/physical space or openings into a space of untrammelled expression--the metamorphosis of quotidian place into angelic sphere. This involves the manipulation of symbols (which are also things) & of people (who are also symbolic)--the archetypes supply a vocabulary for this process & therefore are treated as if they were both real & unreal, like words. Imaginal Yoga.

The sorcerer is a Simple Realist: the world is real--but then so must consciousness be real since its effects are so tangible. The dullard finds even wine tasteless but the sorcerer can be intoxicated by the mere sight of water. Quality of perception defines the world of intoxication--but to sustain it & expand it to include _others_ demands activity of a certain kind--sorcery.

Sorcery breaks no law of nature because there is no Natural Law, only the spontaneity of _natura_naturans_, the tao. Sorcery violates laws which seek to chain this flow--priests, kings, hierophants, mystics, scientists & shopkeepers all brand the sorcerer _enemy_ for threatening the power of their charade, the tensile strength of their illusory web.

A poem can act as a spell & vice versa--but sorcery refuses to be a metaphor for mere literature--it insists that symbols must cause events as well as private epiphanies. It is not a critique but a re-making. It rejects all eschatology & metaphysics of removal, all bleary nostalgia & strident futurismo, in favor of a paroxysm or seizure of _presence_.

Incense & crystal, dagger & sword, wand, robes, rum, cigars, candles, herbs like dried dreams--the virgin boy staring into a bowl of ink--wine & ganja, meat, yantras & gestures--rituals of pleasure, the garden of houris & sakis--the sorcerer climbs these snakes & ladders to a moment which is fully saturated with its own color, where mountains are mountains & trees are trees, where the body becomes all time, the beloved all space.

The tactics of ontological anarchism are rooted in this secret Art--the goals of ontological anarchism appear in its flowering. Chaos hexes its enemies & rewards its devotees...this strange yellowing pamphlet, pseudonymous & dust-stained, reveals all...send away for one split second of eternity.

--NYC, May 1-July 4, 1984

Definitions of Chaos Magick from the Alt.Magick.Chaos Newsgroup

the jugglers of Truth,
the molders of Beauty"
-- Hanafax from The Knight of the Swords by Michael Moorcock

"...if you want a one-line definition with which most Chaoists would probably not disagree, then I offer the following. Chaoists usually accept the meta-belief that belief is a tool for achieving effects; it is not an end in itself."

--

Peter Carroll

January, 1992

In Chaos Magic, beliefs are not seen as ends in themselves, but as tools for creating desired effects. To fully realize this is to face a terrible freedom in which Nothing is True and Everything is Permitted, which is to say that everything is possible, there are no certainties, and the consequences can be ghastly. Laughter seems to be the only defence against the realisation that one does not even have a real self.

So welcome to the Kali Yuga of the Pandaemonaeon wherein nothing is true and everything is permissable. For in these post-absolutist days it is better to build upon the shifting sands than the rock which will confound you on the day it shatters. Philosophers have become no more than the keepers of useful sarcasms, for the secret is out that there is no secret of the universe. All is Chaos and evolution is going nowhere in particular. It is pure chance which rules the universe and thus, and only thus, is life good. We are born accidentally into a random world where only seeming causes lead to apparent effects, and very little is predetermined, thank Chaos.

Reject then the obscenities of contrived uniformity, order and purpose. Turn and face the tidal wave of Chaos from which philosophers have been fleeing in terror for millennia. Leap in

and come out surfing its crest, sporting amidst the limitless weirdness and mystery in all things, for those who reject false certainties. Thank Chaos we shall never exhaust it. Create, destroy, enjoy, IO CHAOS!

From: pali151@netcom.com (Tzimon Yliaster)

It begins with knowing how near and how far Whatever is. Then you concentrate on the placement of objects. Take neither nourishment, nor stimulant nor any drug. Use pain, when it comes, as a sharp wedge into the lower half.

Dance. Climb a mountain. Strip off your clothes (read civilization) and break something cherished that owns you as you own it.

Avoid recruiters, and shoo away those who want to "teach you magick" To paraphrase Austin Spare, all any teacher can do is show you your own magnificence.

Examine your obsessions. What are they, really? Fuel. Burn them up and move on. Don't let anything restrict you, least of all "groups" (the shortest path to nowhere). Every group implies hierarchy, whatever their press kits may say, and any structure is a lessening of the degree of freedom. Chaos is the greatest degree of freedom there can be, as it encompasses all potential and possibility.

Turn your will against your fears and your insecurities. Bury yourself. Hang upside-down and sing "Hallelujah" in public. People will think you mad, but what's one more madman, and isn't madness often little more than the folly of genius?

You *are* involved! Everything is involved, and it's really a question of what the nature of your involvement will be. Welcome;

I hope we haven't kept you waiting too long :=}

Try everything. Be ye manic!!! We are all our own set of variables, and for each of us there are at least slightly different ways by which we can shortcut cause-and-effect. The only secrets are the ones that have to do with the ways that work for *you*, even if others say you're wrong. All that matters is effectiveness, and the only way to find these keys is to *do*. It takes time, and it takes effort, and maybe even a little bit of your own substance; think of it as an investment, if nothing more. It will, without question, pay off.

But you have to start *now*... because a part of the set of variables is time, and its a very limiting factor.

Lean way back, hold your breath, and count backwards from 418.

It's begun :=}

From: locklin@phyast.pitt.edu (Lupo the Butcher)

"Chaos Theory" is generally concerned with making more complex physical predictions, sometimes based on a "chaos/order" measurement.

"Chaos Magick" may or may not be concerned with utelizing paradigms of

"chaos theory" to exert change in accordance with ones telos (in my case it would certainly be the former)...

"Chaos Magick" may also be the latest attempt to appeal to the testosterone junkie set of the magickal community via their lust of destruction, much as other LHP groups (Satanists & sinister Pagans) do in other ways.

THE TWELVE PRINCIPLES OF CHAOS

PINEAPPLE NUMBER ONE

THE CHAOS CURRENT MANIFESTS THROUGH THE ACTION OF INDIVIDUAL SORCERERS. WHILE SORCERERS MAY COMBINE FOR SPECIFIC MAGICKAL PURPOSES, THE GOOD OF THE ONE ALWAYS OUTWEIGHS THE GOOD OF THE MANY.

PIEAPPLE NUMBER TWO

FOR OUR GROUP PURPOSE THERE IS NO ULTIMATE AUTHORITY, BUT WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE TRUE CHAOTIC NATURE OF THE UNIVERSE MAY AT ANY TIME DEGRADE, DIVIDE, AND DESTROY CAREFULLY DEVELOPED AND ORDERED GROUP PROJECTS. WE HAVE NO LEADERS. EACH SORCERER IS ON THEIR OWN. GROUP OFFICES ARE HELD EITHER RANDOMLY OR AS TRANSITORY PROJECTS MAY REQUIRE VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION. MEMBERS ATTAIN OFFICES BY DECLARATION. MEMBERS RELINQUISH OFFICES BY DECLARATION, SINGLE COMBAT, OR DIVINE ACT.

PINECONE NUMBER THREE

THE ONLY REQUIREMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE GROUP IS THE LAPSE OF SANITY REQUIRED TO WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF A SORCEROUS ORGANIZATION AND THE WILL TO PRACTICE STRANGE DARK RITES. HOWEVER MEMBERS WHO DO NOT WISH TO PRACTICE ARE CHEERFULLY ADMITTED AS SACRIFICIAL VICTIMS.

PRIMEHOLE NUMBER FOUR

ANYBODY CAN ESTABLISH A (Z) CLUSTER/TEMPLE AND AFFILIATE IT WITH THE MOTHERSHIP OR NOT AS WHIM OR AS DIVINATION BY THE FLIGHT OF SEA BIRDS INDICATES.

PRIMECHIMP NUMBER 5

EACH GROUP OR MEMBER HAS BUT ONE PRIMARY PURPOSE. BUT WE HAVE FORGOTTEN WHAT THAT IS, SO EACH MEMBER OR GROUP WILL HAVE TO DECIDE THAT FOR THEMSELVES, IF DEEMED AN IMPORTANT ENOUGH QUESTION.

PRIMERIB NUMERO SIX

NO MEMBER OR (Z) CLUSTER GROUP CAN CLAIM TO SPEAK FOR THEIR GROUP OR THE (Z) CLUSTER AS A WHOLE, EVEN WITH THE APPROVAL OF SAID MEMBERS. ANY STATEMENTS TO THE CONTRARY ARE DAMNED LIES PROPOGATED BY ASS KISSING FLUNKEYS OF THE DEMON CHORONZON.

PRINGLECHIP NOMBRE SEPT

MEMBERS OR (Z)CLUSTER GROUPS CAN FUND THEIR MAGICKAL ACTIVITIES ANY WAY THEY CHOOSE. HOWEVER SPECIAL ACCOLADES ARE AWARDED MEMBERS WHO CAN PERSUADE NON MAGICIANS TO SUPPORT THEM. BEGGING FROM OTHER SORCERERS IS CONSIDERED BAD FORM.

PRINCESSA # OCTO

THE (Z) CLUSTER, MOTHERSHIP, GROUPS AND TEMPLES ARE PROFESSIONAL MAGICIANS. THEY CAN ORGANIZE THEMSELVES FOR PROFIT, HIRE EMPLOYEES OR GATHER SLAVES AS THEY SEE FIT. THEY MAY ALSO LIVE IN SQUALID, BONE-CRUSHING POVERTY.

PRECIPITANT NONUS

THE MOTHERSHIP, (Z) CLUSTER GROUPS AND MEMBERS ARE WHOLLY DISORGANIZED. ANY APPEARANCE OF ORGANIZATION IS A DELUSION VISITED UPON MEMBERS BY SORCEROUS ATTACKS FROM THE LORDS OF ORDER.

POLICY DIX

SINCE THE Z MOTHERSHIP, ITS CLUSTERS, AND MEMBERS ARE ARTIFICIAL CONSTRUCTS IN TEMPORARY, TRANSIENT MANIFESTATION, PUBLIC STATEMENTS ABOUT THE Z CLUSTER, INCLUDING THESE, ARE PATHOLOGICAL LIES DESIGNED TO MANIPULATE THE MEDIA OR THE SHEEPLIKE MASSES. MEMBERS ARE URGED TO PROMPTLY DISAVOW PUBLIC STATEMENTS MADE BY SELF-AGGRANDIZING EGOIST MEMBERS SEEKING ATTENTION. THE Z CLUSTER, ITS MEMBERS, AND THE MOTHERSHIP ARE GENERALLY OPINIONATED ASSHOLES, HAPPY TO ISSUE DOGMATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS ON ANY SUBJECT WHATSOEVER. POINTS ARE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO CAN STATE CLEARLY NONSENSICAL POSITIONS WITH ARDOR AND AUTHORITY.

PRINCEPS ONZE

THE PUBLIC RELATIONS POLICY OF THE Z CLUSTER IS BASED ON UNASHAMED PROMOTION, SINCE ANYONE CAN JOIN THE Z CLUSTER BY A SIMPLE DECLARATION (THE LETTER ÔZÓ SHOULD SUFFICE), IT IS INCUMBENT UPON MEMBERS TO PUBLICIZE THE Z CLUSTER AND ITS MAGNIFICENT JOB IN SUPPORTING THE CHAOS CURRENT AS OFTEN AND IN AS PUBLIC A WAY AS POSSIBLE.

PRINCIPLE TWELVE

SINCE WE CAME FROM CHAOS AND TO CHAOS WE SHALL RETURN WE TAKE AS A RECEIVED TRUTH THAT OUR SQUALID LITTLE EGOS, AND OUR PETTY BACK BITING ARGUMENTS WILL NOT SURVIVE THE TRANSITION TO RANDOMNESS. CONSEQUENTLY MEMBERS ARE URGED TO RECOGNIZE THIS FACT AND EITHER ACT LIKE ETHICAL HUMAN BEINGS, OR AS VICIOUS PRIMA DONNAS GETTING AS MUCH MILEAGE OUT OF THEIR SELF-CENTERED PERSONALITIES AS THEY CAN IN THEIR THANKFULLY BRIEF LIVES.

THE Z MANIFESTO

The Z(cluster) is a group of chaos magicians who have temporarily aggregated for the purpose of cracking the universal consensual belief structure and thus bringing about the end of the world. Originating in a cluster of New Orleans sorcerers who are artists, musicians and

writers, mostly gay, with a strong contingent from the leather community, the Z(cluster) is an attempt to configure a new form of organization, one that is non-hierarchical, non-dogmatic, inclusive, anarchistic, and flexible. The Z(cluster) is open to all. Membership requires a simple declaration. There are no dues. There are no grades.

There are no leaders. There is no received truth. Opinions of Z(cluster) members, including these statements, are personal and non-binding and may be adopted or discarded by members as whim or analytic thought provides.

The first node of the Z(cluster), the New Orleans group, has decided transiently to call itself T(word)A(word)Z(word). Other groups or individuals that wish to align themselves with the first node may do so by naming themselves anything that includes a word that begins with Z. Readers of this document are now cautioned that this terminology is a viral meme.

Z(cluster) members and nodes may or may not offer the following to each other:

Group ritual. Results testing. Journalling. Lectures, articles, poems. Spells. Floggings. Sex. T-shirts. Magickal conspiracies. Discount books on sorcery. Occult combat. Jewelry. Training in yoga, martial arts, and small arms. Ceramics. Emotional support. Cynical revilement. Custom leather and art to wear. Music. Noise. Membership in a food co-op. Computer expertise. Participation in performance art pieces. Other services, interactions, and products too numerous to list.

In New Orleans, the Temple Azathoth Zygoats meets about every two weeks.

While the New Orleans node offers itself, for the time being, as a clearinghouse for projects by and information about the Z(cluster), membership in the cluster does not require contacting the T(word)A(word)Z(word). If you do wish to contact us, the address follows:

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Questions and Answers on the Z(Cluster)

1. What is the Z(Cluster)?

The Z(Cluster) is a chaos infection, spreading through the internet, and lodging in the damaged neocortices of chaos magicians foolish enough to believe that magick can be performed through the recycled electrons of the world wide data web.

2. O.K. I'm damaged enough. How can I join?

Joining the Z(Cluster) requires a simple declaration. Actually getting anything out of it requires telling marik@aol.com that you are a member. Since the Z(Cluster) is also a clearinghouse for chaos related messages, rituals, and documents, getting on marik's list is a prerequisite for mailings.

3. Who belongs to the Z(Cluster)?

As of 6/21/95 there are three known nodes of the cluster: Terminated Amber Zepellins in New Orleans, or TAZ, a group with between 12 and 15 members who meet once every two weeks; the ZMA in Norway, a node hosted by Martin Knutsen; Yellow(Z) in San Francisco, hosted by dagaz@netcom.com. There may be others, developed by magicians who have expressed interest but choose not to notify the TAZ and others that were active but are now moribund.

4. What does the Z(Cluster) have to offer?

The Z(Cluster) offers ongoing series of online rituals, rooted generally in group or individual work performed by nodes. An example of this was the recent Zerbat Satellite Rite on Mardi Gras day. The TAZ group in New Orleans also offers a number of other services, a description of which may be found in the ZManifesto file, available from marik@aol.com.

5. Who is Hakim Bey and what does he have to do with the Z(Cluster)?

We don't really know who Hakim Bey is, except that he's a weedy kind of guy who probably smokes too much pot, and whose voice can be heard on a great Bill Lazwell CD called "TAZ". Bey wrote "Chaos-the Broadsheets of Ontological Anarchy", a clever attempt to integrate sorcery with art, science, and agitprop.

There is some evidence to suggest that Hakim Bey, discovering himself perilously close to being mediated, has committed ritual suicide, although this is not to say that the man who presented himself publicly as Hakim Bey is not alive and kicking.

The Z(Cluster) is an organization using theories of social dynamics developed by Bey. Bey's theory of the Temporary Autonomous Zone, an ephemeral niche within the body politic in which freedom can be experienced, forms the template for the Z(Cluster). In its essence the TAZ attempts to replicate the social dynamics of a dinner party between close friends. The food is good, the conversation bracing, and we all take turns cooking and cleaning up.

6. What files does marik have?

Marik offers the following files:

ZManifesto: the founding document of the TAZ group, and the 12 Principles of Chaos.
Chao.txt: Mark Chao's useful Introduction to Chaos Magick
TAZ.txt: the full text of Hakim Bey's book, includes Chaos the Broadsheets of Ontological Anarchism.
PAZ.txt Revisionist thought from the father of the TAZ
Satellite.txt: the Mardi Gras Zerkat Satellite Rite, including the Press Release, and other goodies.
Introducing Chaos.txt A Compendium containing much of the above

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Note that more current information is available about chaos magick online than in print.

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Initiations, Memberships, and Other Games that People Play
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Introduction

This is the second ezine produced by the members of the Z(Cluster), a non hierarchical international association of chaos magicians. Chaos Magick is a postmodern variation on Ceremonial Magick first developed by Austin Osman Spare in London at the beginning of the Twentieth Century. Chaos Magicians believe it to be the most appropriate magickal stance for contemporary society and the new millenium. A longer introduction to Chaos Magick, for readers unfamiliar with it, may be found in the ZChronicles1.x.

This issue of the ezine has contributions from 8 of the nodes of the Cluster, but members produce far more than can be found here, and interested readers are directed to the websites on which many of the essays, rituals, FAQs, and graphics reside. Truly interested readers are advised to join the Z(Cluster) so that they can avail themselves of the words of the many members who did not contribute to this issue but are active online.

Chaos Magick, unlike many other forms of Magick, has no secrets, except those secrets you hide from yourself. Chaos Magick is as unique as the individual Chaos Magician, and the contents of this ezine reflect this individuality.

Unlike ZChronicles1, which was conceived as an introduction to chaos magick and to the Z(Cluster), ZChronicles2 is more practically oriented and contains a number of workings, rituals, rites, and exercises for the new or advanced chaos magician.

This ezine is a work in progress. Over the next few months it will meta-morphose from an ascii document to a webzine. Finally, it will be produced as a hard copy zine. Hard copies of ZChronicles1 are still available for \$6 from marik@aol.com.

Questions and Answers on the Z(Cluster)

1. What is the Z(Cluster)?

- a)The Z(Cluster) is an association of chaos magicians
- b)The Z(Cluster) is a chaos infection, spreading through the internet, and lodging in the damaged neocorteces of chaos magicians foolish enough to believe that magick can be performed through the recycled electrons of the world wide data web.
- c)The Z(Cluster) is a group of IOT wannabees whose only purpose in life is to whine about/wimpily attack the standup real chaos magicians of that venerable association.
- d)The Z(Cluster) is a figment of the editor's imagination.
- e)The Z(Cluster) is a figment of your imagination. If you had not committed the original sin of dualistic thinking you would realize there is no such phenomenam as the Z(Cluster).

2. Why should I join the Z(Cluster)?

- a)I'm so confused by the answers to question 1 that the only way I can

expect to sleep tonight is by joining.

b)I like their style.

c)I hate the IOT, the OTO, the GD, and every other magickal organization

I have ever had the misfortune to encounter.

c)I'm interested in chaos magick and would like to practice strange dark

rites but am disturbed by those tentacles that tap at my window every time

I do a rite from Simon's Necronomicon.

d)I got nothing to lose because the Z(Cluster), unlike every other group I

have ever encountered doesn't actually expect me to do squat.

e)I'm real lazy but think that by becoming a member and hence a real chaote

i will (i) get laid more often, (ii) not get beaten up quite so much, (iii)will be reborn in a sexual paradise when I die.

f)I actually understand most of this shit they're trying to do and agree that

civilization is a disease, that bringing about the destruction of the consensual belief structure, and hence the end of the world, is a good thing.

2. O.K. I can say yes to one of the above. How can I join?

Joining the Z(Cluster) requires a simple declaration. Actually getting anything out of it requires telling marik@aol.com that you are a member. Something along the lines of "I declare myself to be a member of the Z(Cluster)." It is customary for members to declarethemselves a node, and give themselves a node name containing the letter Z. Some members refuse to do this. Since there are no rules, ranks, leaders, dues, or any other requirements to associate with the Z(Cluster) members are governed by common courtesy, or whatever they deem to be such. Since the Z(Cluster) is also a clearinghouse for chaos related messages, rituals, and documents, getting on the ZCluster mailing list ensures continuing information. To get on the mailing list, send email to marik and he will tell you how. It's pretty simple.

3. If I refuse to declare myself a member will I be able to participate

in Z(Cluster) activities?

- a)Certainly
- b)Absolutely not
- c)Maybe
- d)What do I know?

3. Who belongs to the Z(Cluster)?

As of 3/15/96 there are 25 known nodes of the cluster. Some of these nodes contain 15 to 30 members, some 5 to 10, and most one or two. Estimates on the actual membership range between 50 and 100. Some nodes appear to be inactive, some are working, some are hyperactive, and some may have passed on to a higher state of human evolution and joined the Greys in their sadly misunderstood but brave war against the fascist Galactic Federation. (Waddyamean you don't think the Greys should be abducting humans and subjecting them to proctological examinations with gleaming steel probes? A number of our members have been pleading with the greys for just this experience, but no luck so far!) Anyway, if you really want to know who belongs, declare yourself a member to marik and he'll send you a list of members, their net addresses, and even, from the really foolish, their home addresses and telephone numbers.

4. What does the Z(Cluster) have to offer?

A mailing list. The occassional newsletter. An ezine once or twice a year. A MUD space in which online rituals can take place in real time. A hard copy zine of indeterminate frequency. Perhaps an IRC Undernet channel
Soon, a website and a webzine. Mainly plenty of support from chaos magicians genuinely interested in sharing their knowledge, having fun, performing online rituals, and treating each other in a friendly, intelligent, and (given this document) surprisingly mature way.

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The Z(Cluster) Mailing List

The Mailing List is available to any Z(Cluster) members who wish to receive it. An example of a recent thread is given below.

A Thread on Servitors

The thread began with a question:

Subj: Godform methods
Date: Fri, Feb 23, 1996 9:22 AM EDT

From: MI940017@newi.ac.uk
X-From: MI940017@newi.ac.uk (J K HALLAM)

With all that talk of servetor (how ever they are spelled) and godforms I was wondering how people here went about their ways of creating them seeing that most people have diffent ideas and meathods.

So how about so examples of perfered methods?

Test Sig

TTFN

Outsider

alas Jim Hallam
Were-want-to-be, Z(c)luster member-
Z(toned) A(nd) T(wisted) Node
-Bring the end of the world as you
know it to a place near you, but
hey at least it'll be a laugh-

"We are not contractually tied down to reality, there is no sanity clause.

So if you feel your train of thought is going to the places were the screaming

is to loud, remember there is always madness.

Madness is the emergency exit" The Joker, The Killing Joke

Subject: Re: Godform Methods
Sent: 02/24 2:42 PM
Received: 02/24 11:45 AM
From: marik (marik@aol.com)

Jim Hallam asks:

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>godforms I was wondering how people here went about their ways of
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Ah, don't worry about the spelling. I never encountered the word before I met FireClown. I think Peter Carroll made it up as part of his attempt to obfuscate chaos magick. Demons, imaginary friends, guardian angels, sprites, elementals, fairies, and practically any other type of entity can be defined

as a servitor if it is bound by you and charged with a special function.

Servitors can be considered bits of one's psyche that have been given a certain amount of independence. For example, FireClown has a bookfinding servitor that brings him the books he seeks. FireClown, being a bit bibliophilic, always has a list of arcane and usually out of print books or pamphlets he wants, but he is unwilling to spend every free minute wandering through SF's billion used bookstores. So he lets his servitor do it for him, and the books appear. Often a friend will say, weren't you looking for this particular book? etc... FireClown will tell you, if you wish, how he created this servitor. William Blake had servitors that taught him painting and also, by the looks of one of his illustrations, swept his floors. How good of a job his domestic servant servitor did is not recorded, to my knowledge, but the one that taught him painting was certainly very talented and did a fine job.

I, and, I believe, FireClown, have a group of servitors who cluster around us. I can sense them, but I do not know their names. I send them out to do my bidding, and occasionally call them back. These entities appear to be both loyal and vicious. I usually charge them with jobs in Baphomet ceremonies. Because I do not find Baphomet, sweet and hairy though he is, a particularly wankable entity, I do blood ceremonies. Because I'm fairly squeamish about bloodletting, I use a retractable lancet thingie with sterile needles to draw blood. I then smear the blood either on a crystal I have or on the image of the god himself. I then order my servitors to perform their deed and ask the God to keep an eye on them. Sometimes, if I am harmed by another person, the servitors appear to assume that I wish them to create harm in return and I have had occasion where I have had to tell them not to attack an attacker. Sometimes I don't care. The last person who stole jewelry from me (a lot, five years ago), was shot dead in a bar shortly after the theft. In this case I did not tell my demons to attack, but they may have anyway. I do not know. It is sometimes helpful for me to think that they did. Because I am a black magician (interested in those areas of

my psyche that are hidden from me and frighten me), my servitors are demons.

But for many chaotes I think they are not.

I think that servitor development has something to do with childhood.

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believe most of us developed servitors in childhood and that some of these

might still be hanging around in our psyches. At least the means to develop

an imaginary entity that has a certain autonomy seems to be wired into the

imaginative faculties of most children. Movies on this subject include Drop

Dead Fred, Toy Story, Tetsudo, and Natural Born Killers. Books on this subject are endless and include grimoires, children's stories, and any

number

of fantasy mythologies.

Phil Hine deals with this topic at length, best in his pamphlet

Condensed

Chaos, less well in his book Condensed Chaos.

I don't personally do much sigil magick. Mostly I work with unnamed servitors, lucid dreaming, and godforms. Lucid dreaming, BTW, is a

fine way

to develop control over psychic entities, since in lucid dreaming it is relatively easy to modify characteristics of the dream environment,

including

the entities that populate the dream.

A pleasure to answer your question, Jim. I would like to hear from others

since I will, within a couple of months, be writing the second part of my

bloody long essay on Sigils, Servitors, and Godforms.

In chaos,

marik

Subject: Re: Godform Methods
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From: Tzimon Yliaster, tzimon@crl.com

On Fri, 23 Feb 1996 MI940017@newi.ac.uk (J K HALLAM) wrote:

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To me, the best descriptive name applied to what Carroll and many Chaotes call a servitor is "bud-will", although I also frequently call them "fetches" as well. I see them as a disembodied attribute of desire; in other words, servitors are manufactured entities with a singular purpose to their existence. One could also think of a servitor as the ghost of an obsession that has been exorcized from it's home and can return to it only when it has united itself with the object of it's desire.

Once created, I think servitors have a limited degree of free will - limited by the scope of the desire they have been created to achieve.

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don't think they can cognize or perform actions not related to fulfilling

their initial objective. They are a ball of higher-energy seeking to return to a state of lower energy by dissipating the force that binds them into externality by uniting with an object (as E.E. Rehmus wrote, "an arrow never forgets its target"). For me, the defining criterion that makes something a servitor is that it is always under the control of

its creator, in that its very existence is bound inextricably to it's creator's desire.

The next step up, if you will, from servitor is egregor. An egregor can

be thought of as a servitor whose "being" is made up of the disembodied desires of a number of individuals working in cooperation, so that no ONE

person creates/controls it. Egregors are multi-purpose and often (though

not always) have a more long-term existence, as they have been created for several purposes. This is true even when all who participate in its

creation have used the same statement of intent and expressed the same desire, because even though every statement of intent may be semantically

identical, the way in which this formulated desire would be fulfilled will differ from person to person. Thus, while an egregor's several purposes will usually be related, it is not nearly so homogenous as a servitor/fetch/bud-will.

Finally, there are godforms. A god or godform is by far the most difficult to create, as it is (as far as I've been able to tell so far!)

impossible for a single person to create. Godforms may have any number of purposes, and (unlike the two forms above) are dependant not upon a single act of creation, but instead upon a series of ongoing and unconnected acts of creation which take the form of a series of seedings

with desires. As an example, I'll cite the Judeo-Christian Jehovah.

Jehovah probably began life as an egregor created by a Semitic tribe of

somewhat nomadic status that took its god with it during its wanderings.

In the course of contact with other cultures, other tribes began to ask Jehovah to fulfill its desires - protect us from natural disasters, bring

us justice, smite our enemies, what have you. After awhile, the egregor

evolved a certain apparent independence of action, to the point where it

was credited with its own acts of creation, due to the fact that it became composed of a complex of desires large enough that no one person or group knew of all the desires that served as its formative energy (cf

statement of intent again). The relationship between the desire and attributes given to the godform by its "worshipers" eventually became so

complex that its motives could no longer be understood by any one person

who participated in its ongoing creation, and in fact its creators weren't even aware of each others motives in seeking access to the egregor anymore. A godform is no longer under the control of its creator, and direct knowledge of all things involved with the egregor are

no longer known to any single person or group. Depending on the weight of the desire "fed" to the godform, it may even end up turning on its original creators eventually. Thus, it begins (in the eyes at least of any given observer) to take on attributes and perform actions of its own

will. It begins to be described in mind and speech in more-or-less anthropomorphized terms - it may appear to be wrathful, or just, or even insane, the last if its seed-desires become very conflicted in intent and gravity. Godforms may even have important lessons to teach, if only because the relations engendered in it between desires, and the fact that it will continue to hang around after unification with the object of any given desire is achieved, end up creating new information that accrete to the godform itself.

There are as many ways of creating servitors as there are ways of performing any given magickal act. My own personal favorite way of creating a servitor is to "mythologize" a sigil. That is, I'll create a

material basis sigil and then muck about with its appearance until I have

created a sort of chimaera. A good example of this is a thing called a "Watcher" that I've used in the past (and to great benefit!). The techniques I used for this are embedded in the following working:

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WATCHER CONJURATION

It is the intention of this working to create a particular type of servitor called a Watcher. The Watcher's function, as its name implies,

is to act as guardian for its creator, functioning in effect as an extra

pair of eyes. It may be bound to a particular place as a watchman, or

may be of a more spatially general nature, per the specifications of the conjurer.

Materials Needed

Octarine-colored lights & Ouranian Incense & Material from which to create a figurine (i.e., clay, wax, wood) & Glass container & A square of silk & Wrapping large enough to cover the glass container & Black electrical tape & A cigarette of any type

Preliminaries

1. Fashion a figurine in the form of a horned serpent, and paint it (if desired) in whatever colors you desire, with the exception that the figurine's eyes should be in a color that forms a "flashing color" in combination with octarine. Pay very close attention to detail, and use utmost skill in your creation of the figurine.
2. Decide upon a name for the Watcher; there are no rules for this choice.
3. Draw upon the wrapping for the container your personal sigil/glyph. This will face into the container.
4. Inscribe upon the cigarette the planetary sigils for Ouranos (at the end that gets lit), Jupiter (in the center), and Mars (at the end of the smokeable part).
5. Make sure that your working area is lit only with the octarine lights, and fumigate well with the Ouranian incense.

The Conjunction

0. Open a Vortex, ending it with the words "XIQUAL (name of the Watcher)"
1. Place the figurine upon your altar.
2. Recite the following invocation to Ouranos:

Io Ouranos! Serpent of Octarine Flames!
I summon thee from within me, within me!
Io Ouranos (repeat 8 times)
The Octarine arrow pierces my creation
(Visualize an octarine eight-rayed star within the figurine)
The name of this servitor, this Watcher, is (Watcher's name)
Come, Ouranos, breathe life into my creature!
Ouranos, God of Magick Octarine
Ouranos, Serpent Octarine
Ouranos, Baphomet, Semyaza, Carmara (repeat 7 times)

Repeat the above 3 times, maintaining strictest concentration upon the figurine throughout.

3. Still focusing exclusively upon the figurine, address it with the words:

Watcher! (say its name)
I am thy god, you are my servant
Serve me well, watch for me and warn me,
I shall reward you with life;
Fail me, and I shall destroy you forever!

4. Light the cigarette and inhale some of the smoke. As you exhale it over the figurine, chant the words "Io Ouranos" with the first drag,

"Io (your magical name here)" with the second, and "Io (insert Watcher's name here)" with the third. The intonation of each phrase should last exactly as long as does your exhalation of smoke.

5. Repeat step 4 until the cigarette has been entirely consumed. It is best to smoke the entire cigarette without losing any of the ashes.

6. The cigarette being finished, rub the entire interior of the glass container briskly with the square of silk.

7. Pick up the figurine and place it upon whatever item you are accustomed to using as a focal point on your altar. Address the Watcher with the words:

(Watcher's name), here is Axis Mundi!
This is my body
This is your soul!
Serve me well, watch for me and warn me,
and I shall reward you with life;
Fail me, and I shall destroy you forever!
You are my servant; I am thy god!

8. Hold the Watcher in the incense smoke and say to it:

(Watcher's name), here is Spiritus Mundi!
This is the breath of Ouranos
This is my breath!
Serve me well, watch for me and warn me,
and I shall reward you with life;
Fail me, and I shall destroy you forever!
You are my servant; I am thy god!

9. Place the Watcher against your own body until its temperature is the same as your own, while addressing it with the words:

(Watcher's name), here is Stella Sol!
Here is warmth and succor
Here is fire and brimstone!
Serve me well, watch for me, protect me

and I shall reward you with life;
Fail me, and I shall destroy you forever!
You are my servant; I am thy god!

10. Place the figurine inside the glass container and seal it. Wrap the container in whatever wrapping you have chosen, with your personal sigil facing inward.
11. Fasten the wrapping shut with the electrical tape in the form of an eight-rayed star.
12. Shout out, "It's alive! Alive!"
13. Close the Vortex and anokquz.

Notes

Once you have wrapped the glass container, it is not to be opened again. No one but the conjurer should ever see the Watcher-figurine, and no light should ever fall on it save octarine light. Should the container ever get broken, prepare a new container and transfer the figurine to it only after having fumigating with Ouranian incense and illuminating the working space solely with octarine light.

Ideally, no one but the conjurer should be told precisely what the container holds.

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Should a working similar to the above be performed by a group instead of by one individual, I would consider the result to be an egregor. Should the resultant egregor become adopted and used by other groups not connected directly to the original group, I would consider it to have become a godform.

There are of course gray areas in this whole process that beg greater exploration (ain't it always the way? :), and like all definitions the ones I use are over-simplifications, but I hope I've gotten the ideas out clearly enough to be useful and not engender misunderstanding.

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FUCK the government that created it
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Subject: Re: Godform Methods
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Here's a shot at explaining my angle.

Servitors are attracted, found, or created by any of a very wide array of methods and pathways.

Not all ways are intentional, and many are of very dubious authorship, I.E., I'm not always sure where they come from. I qualify them as Servitors if they SEEK to please me, even if they don't ACTUALLY do so.

I create them in a variety of ways, here are some-

I collect Items in a bag, box, or jar (vessel from here on out), which said items relate to a specific focus of work. For a bookfinder, the vessel will at first contain a sigil built from the word <bookfinder>.

Here is the first distinction that I am building a Servitor, not making a Sigil, as a Sigil would perhaps state <I desire the Book of Results>, while a Servitor is a job description. I then place more

things relating to the Job in the vessel, perhaps some blood or semen, perhaps some shavings from the pages of a hard to find book.

I'll periodically address the vessel, asking it to find me books and lead me to them when it has found them. If I find the Book

Of Results, if I bought it I'll put the receipt in the vessel, or if

I find that I can xerox a copy, I copy a page of the book to place in the vessel. I say, Thanks, Bookfinder, how about the Theatre of Magick? and so on...

Now the above actions could be said to be creation, but the above

instance seems like attraction, like I noted what I wanted and something, I have no clue what, came to fill the position. Maybe an out-of-work ghost who likes bookstores and the Attention and Candy I give it.

Sometimes I quite definitely have made something. I'll carve a body

from wood, and carve sigils and bindrunes on it, and, again,
feed it blood and semen. I'll make up a name for it, Fritz, perhaps,
and inculde it in my ritual work. These I tend to sleep with,
and I breathe on them alot, too. Usually I they 'wake up' in dreams,
and if it is a squid-form I'll dream of squid-things. Again, once it
gets going I just talk to and tell it what I need it to do, and if
possible carry it around in my pocket while I do my thing... I find it
good to sneak it out and show it the world, but I'm funny that
way.....

I find things when I do an exorcism of a person or place, and I
like the energy flux I find...I tell the critter it can come home
with me, and join in the fun we call My Life...often they come along
without hesitation, and sort of disapear in coming months, just
Orleans popping up sometimes, 'DON'T WALK DOWN THIS STREET'. In New
this happened, but I had to keep going where I was going, it was
to very much like a voice in my head, saying 'BIG NASTY SHIT!!!!',
which I said, 'I need to get to my bike & get home, keep me
posted'. I got within 100 yards of my horse and it says 'SOON SOON SOON'
so I slip my knife out & open it, keeping it well hidden against my
body.
I'm on Decatur St and all the sudden it is like everybody
vanishes,
except for two drunk frat boys, and voice goes 'THEM THEM THEM'-
spin as the begin to walk past me, the closest grabs me & I let him
me past his fist and open his clothes and at least a bit of him
with the knife as I spin on past...They both bolted and ran, and
my Voice and I went and had dinner...

I think the basic form of Servitor is what I call a Protect-Me-
You!
Whose job is to keep you aware of danger and assist in trouble.
I learned of these from an old Romanian woman who spotted another
part East-European Gypsy thief at work, namely me. She told me you
put stolen goods, broken locks, skeleton keys, nails, razorblades,
etc in a vessel along with some of your hair and blood, and
something from your dead ancestors, seal it up, and bury it, and for God's
sake be more careful! A Witches bottle for thieves. I still find
myself saying- Protect me, You! When doing Questionable things.

I have also found that if I make alot of Sigils for related desires, they group together and form work-parties- becoming a Servitor.

I must add that I have no Idea how magick works, and try to play as much as possible...my Servitors reflect this. Circus Bears

and

Astral Doubles of my bicycle (A Sorcerous Horse), and alot of shadows and dreams. I very specificaly avoid being hard-line

about

anything, and run solidly on a mixture of Desire, Intuition, and Luck.

Of course I have Servitors for these three things who get paid overtime in Candles, Candies, and Incense....

Hoping this be helpfull

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The Nodes

Node TAZ

is the oldest node and largest node in the Z(Cluster). TAZ was founded in Spring of 1994 and currently has between 15 and 30 members.

There are two articles from two contributors.

The first, a critique of Oliver Stone's "Natural Born Killers", is by the editor, who was struck by the demonic imagery and chaos magickal theme of the movie.

The second, written over a number of years, is by Bill Siebert. Bill is a magician and well known tarot reader.

The very reading of this essay could be termed a chaos magick rite!

Natural Born Killers, The Demonology of Oliver Stone

Rumor has it that Quentin Tarentino, author of the original screenplay of the cinematographic tour de force "Natural Born Killers", and the director, Oliver Stone, quarrelled over changes Stone made in the script. At a guess, and knowing Tarentino's wildly popular "Pulp Fiction", I would imagine that Tarentino, fundamentally interested in the possibility of redemption from a life of violence through an act of unnatural intervention, disagreed with Stone's interest in the relationship between violence and the media. Readers of this article may remember that Jules, played by Samuel L. Jackson, the Afro-American assassin in "Pulp Fiction", surviving gunfire that should have killed him and his partner, regarded the event as an act of divine intervention and gave up killing. His partner, Vince, played by John Travolta, ignored the message, and was soon shot to death. Fans of Stone will admit to his continual interest in the effects of popular culture on the human psyche. However, Stone is also interested in the problem of good and evil, an interest that is neither theological (as is the case with Scorsese in "The Last Temptation of Christ") nor philosophical (for example Coppola in "Apocalypse Now"), but socio-psychological. His films focus on the origin of evil and whether it is a conditioned response or a natural inclination. Stone seems to believe that it may be both, but leans towards the nurture side of the argument. In addition, his films deal with deterministic issues, the extent to which freedom is possible in a person's life, the extent to which the path of the life of an individual is predestined.

The film "Natural Born Killers" was generally misinterpreted as a satire on public fascination with mass murderers or an attack on the alleged encouragement of acts of violence by the entertainment industry. Neither view bears close analysis, despite disinformative press conferences by Stone. As

Jon Katz noted, Stone encouraged the perception of "Natural Born Killers" as an attack on the media:

>"My point was to show the American landscape in the 1990s as reflected in the media," Stone told his admiring America Online audience. He then added that he hoped Natural Born Killers would "make my audience think about the consequences of this social and cultural violence."

Katz evidently swallowed this tidbit of disinformation whole, forgetting that he was discussing a movie director whose manipulation of the organs of the entertainment industry has allowed him to make very popular films about issues that American society as a whole would usually rather forget. Thus Stone directed public attention to the continuing psychic wound of the Vietnam War in "Platoon", the vicious treatment of Vietnam Vets in "Born on the Fourth of July", the habitual governmental rewriting of history in JFK, the treatment of Vietnamese immigrants in "Heaven and Earth" and the toxic effect of hierarchy in "Nixon". None of these films dealt with popular topics, but Stone not only cases, from video sales rather than theatrical release. This is strong sorcery indeed!

My partner and I saw the film in Key West during a rare holiday and were quite surprised by the clear analysis of demonology outlined throughout the movie. For readers who have not seen the film, or for those of you whose memories of it have faded, I encourage you to rent or buy the video, and watch it with your finger poised on the pause button. The film is filled with very rapid, perhaps only 5 to 15 frames, shots of the faces of demons. References to demons recur throughout, and the movie can be analyzed as an essay on demonology. However, the demonology presented is not the familiar grimoire of traditional ceremonial magick, but the black magick of the chaos practitioner. That is to say Stone is interested in modern, or even postmodern approaches to the existence of demons. He tends to view them as psychological artefacts, but entities of such power that they may as well be real life horned and bloody

creatures on an equal footing with human beings. To what extent the references to chaos magick, a form of postmodern ceremonial magick that uses popular culture as well as traditional methods to perform magickal acts, was deliberate is a matter for conjecture. I have always been of the school of criticism that allows a work of art to stand separate from its creator, just as a child may stand apart from its parent. It is also a matter of conjecture whether the frequent images of coyotes refer to Native American shamanism or is an allusion to the chaote/coyote pun of the Temple of Psychic Youth. However, the general theme of the film is concerned with the origin, development, and exorcism or assimilation of personal demons.

The plot of the movie concerns a three week killing spree by Mickey and Mallory Knotts, played by Woody Harrelson and Juliette Lewis, the events leading up to this spree, their capture, and, after the passage of a year, their successful escape from prison. Stone uses a variety of techniques to present this narrative, including cartoons, found images, sophisticated matting, alternating black and white and color, historical footage and as noted above, images that are shown on the screen so rapidly they can almost be characterized as subliminal. Stone satirises a number of television formats during the film, including situation comedies, news programs, and "true crime" dramatizations of the "America's Most Wanted" genre. Film critics seemed to have been particularly threatened by Stone's use of satire. Jon Katz wrote:

>Oliver Stone has defected. He has joined the editorial boards, J-school deans, religious fanatics, righteous boomers, Janet Renos, and other blockheads who hold popular culture responsible for the decline of America.

Read popular film critics for popular culture and Katz' plaint becomes slightly more comprehensible, although just as wrong. One wonders how Katz reconciles Stone's happy ending with this alleged conservative view.

Tom Keogh, relentlessly following the pack of other film critics who persisted in superficial analysis of the film, stated:

>And that's the problem with using the jabber of trash culture against itself:

>It's still jabber.

While Stone certainly maintained a critique of the relationship between popular culture and violence throughout the film, the heart of the movie is concerned with more archetypal issues.

Soon after the opening scene, a prelude that features many of the dominant motifs of the film (apparently random coloration, stop action photography, sudden turns into schmalz, horror, and complex visual and social jokes), Stone uses the form of a sitcom to describe Mallory's childhood and her first meeting with Mickey. In an extremely brave parody of himself, Rodney Dangerfield, in the role of Mallory's sexually abusive father, sets the scene for a dramatic denunciation of the modern late Neolithic nuclear family. Hakim Bey has ascribed many of the problems of contemporary society to the decision of paleolithic society to forsake hunter-gathering in favor of neolithic agriculture, a choice that necessitated the development of urban civilization and ultimately the nuclear family. It is to be noted that Mickey and Mallory, during their killing spree, return to a paleolithic, hunter-gatherer lifestyle. Mickey, in his pivotal speech during his interview in prison by Wayne Gale (Robert Downey, Jr.), defines himself as a hunter, a kind of a feral rabbit, and as a "natural born killer". The elements that awaken the demon in Mallory are rapidly outlined as sexual abuse, the refusal of a parent to protect a child from an abuser, the need to develop violence as a means of self defense, and a sense of powerlessness. These are, of course, circumstances that are repeated again and again in the histories of the childhoods of serial killers.

Stone reinforces this point with flashbacks to Mickey's childhood also. Both of Mickey's parents are shown to be abusive, physically and mentally. In addition Mickey witnesses the violent suicide of his father, and has recurrent visions of his father's body, its head blown off, rising from an armchair in front of a television. Stone also points out that neither Mickey nor Mallory associate their traumatic childhoods with their adult violence. Both refuse

to deal with childhood issues through conventional therapy (Mallory strangles the psychiatrist who asks her about her father). Mickey explicitly denies that his environment made him into a killer, terming himself a "natural born killer." But this approach leads him to a position that cites evil as inborn. "We all knew we're just a piece of shit from the time we could breathe," he tells Wayne Gale, and Mallory is filmed in her high security cell singing "Born bad, naturally born bad". Stone's flashbacks to their respective childhoods, however, suggests that he ascribes their violence as much to nurture as to nature.

Mickey states that he understands the nature of his violence. He tells Wayne Gale "Everyone got the demon within you. The demon lives in here. It feeds on your hate, your cuts, kills, rapes. It uses your weakness, your fears. Only the vicious survive." However, by this time Mickey has had a year in prison to consider the effect of the exorcism that the rattlesnake shaman performs before Mickey accidentally kills him. Prior to this he exclaimed to Mallory "I'm no demon." His self understanding has been bought at a price.

Mickey and Mallory begin their killing spree by first murdering Mallory's mother and father. Mickey has been jailed for grand theft auto and is freed from a prison ranch by an act of divine or demonic intervention that creates a tornado and allows him to flee. Spiral symbolism recurs throughout the film in snakes and tornados. Spirals, in symbology, refer not only to the cyclical nature of the natural universe, but also to discursive, dualistic, or discriminatory thinking. Spirals are used to trap demons in English folk magick, and there is a sense in most mystical traditions that the fall from paradise is a result of dualistic thinking. Thus Adam and Eve eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil (dualism), encouraged by the demon snake (dualistic thought). The murder of Mallory's parents can be seen as justified and cathartic, but their deaths do nothing but strengthen the demons within Mickey and Mallory. Standing on a high bridge, Mickey and

Mallory bind themselves in marriage with their own blood, and as their blood falls, it turns into writhing cartoon snakes. In most Eastern metaphysics, and to an extent in western, paired snakes are a frequent metaphor for the lifeforce (the caduceus, the ida and pingali of Yoga). The Knotts' wedding rings are paired snakes, and Mickey, at one point later chides Mallory for that their whole venture is worthless if she loses hers. The suggestion is that the paired snakes are a symbol for psychic integration, in this case, Mickey hopes, through violence. Paired snakes, or a snake eating its own tail are archetypal symbols for integration, or the defeat of dualistic thinking. Thus the killing spree, in the terms of the metaphysics indicated in the imagery of the film, is an attempt by the Knotts to integrate their demons, to assimilate them, to unify their personalities, fractured by the abuse of their childhood.

But violence is no solution, even violence that takes the form of magickal sacrifice, for Mickey's bloodletting can certainly be seen in these terms, deteriorate, and the demons within them become so powerful that they begin to destroy their unifying love for one another. Lost in the badlands, the pair discover the hut of a Native American shaman and his grandson. The shaman is played by Russell Banks, a leader of AIM, and a figure of great power in his community. Stone's choice of Banks to play the role suggests he considers a shamanist or magickal approach to violence in society both politically and psychologically appropriate.

The shaman tells his grandson that the demons whom he had seen in a vision years before have come to their home. Lest there be any doubt, Stone projects the word "demon" onto Mickey and Mallory.

The grandfather states Mallory has the "sad sickness", that she is "lost in a world of ghosts." This is an apt metaphor for the psychic damage that is caused by child abuse. It may also be a reference to one of the six worlds

on the Wheel of Samsara in Buddhist symbolism, a world of craving that cannot be satisfied. In Mallory's case the craving is a desire to be loved. The boy asks his grandfather whether he can help them, and in reply the medicine man recounts a story of an old woman who nursed a poisonous snake back to health, only to be bitten by it. When the old woman asks the snake why he did it, he replies she knew he was a snake and he acted only out of his nature. Knowing this, the shaman chooses to help the Knotts, and, lulling them into a trance, performs an act of sorcery that changes Mickey and Mallory at a fundamental level, beginning the process of their healing. Unfortunately, the price for their redemption is not only their capture but his death. Mickey, waking from a nightmare of his childhood, shoots the shaman, an act that he later tells Wayne Gale is the only murder for which he feels remorse. He exclaims to Mallory that he shot the shaman by accident, but Mallory screams "There ain't no accidents", and then, in a critically important statement says "You are death. You killed life." The precarious balance that allowed the Knotts to remain free has ended. The two are captured by, in the words of Tom Keogh, "another celebrity wannabe - - an obsessed, sexually-deviant detective named Scagnetti (Tom Sizemore)."

Scagnetti is far more than this. As is clarified in a series of flashbacks and actual footage of the Texas Clock Tower massacre, Scagnetti has never been able to resolve his mother's death at the hands of the Texas sniper. His attempt to deal with the fracture in his personality caused by this childhood violence leads him to become a detective specializing in tracking down serial killers, but this path does not work and Scagnetti becomes that which he hunts, a killer himself, strangling, in one scene, a prostitute, and in another attempting to strangle Mallory. Scagnetti's abject failure at either resolving his own violence or possessing Mallory underscores the main theme, that overcoming the demons created by child abuse cannot be achieved through more violence. In fact Scagnetti and the Knotts are variations on a theme.

Stone suggests appears to suggest that "love is the answer". This retro and superficial argument might seem plausible from a director as obsessed with

the sixties and seventies as Stone, and Mickey does tell Wayne Gale that "the only thing that kills a demon is love." However, this statement is in the context of a speech that triggers a riot that eventually leads to Mickey and Mallory's escape, and so it may be viewed with some suspicion. More pertinent is Mickey's response as to whether he feels any remorse for the half a hundred people he has killed. "Was it worth it?", Wayne asks, in a piece of magnificent insincerity for which Robert Downey Jr. should have at least been nominated for an Oscar. Mickey's reply is the pivotal statement of the movie. He responds with a question of his own: "Was an instant of my purity," Mickey asks, "Worth a lifetime of your lies, Wayne?"

Purity of intention, purity of action, this concept is at the base of bushido, a Japanese reformulation of Buddhist metaphysics that allowed the development of the samurai class. Sakyamuni Buddha strictly forbids killing, but the samurai considered themselves to be good Buddhists, even though their feudal obligation might require the taking of human life. To understand this is to understand the basis of buddha mind, of yoga, or of the process by which a magickal intention is actualized. Bushido maintains that pure action, freed of consequence (and thus of karma) is possible to one who sees clearly, whose mind has been freed from dualistic thinking, who is no longer in a battle between good and evil, but understands the interdependence of all phenomena. The magickal act that the Native American shaman accomplished was to free Mickey and Mallory from this type of dualistic thinking. Mickey voices this when he talks about his "instant of purity".

As the riot breaks out in the prison, Mickey is allowed another "instant of purity". He breaks free from his captors, killing all but two of the guards in the interview room, takes Gale, his cameraman, and two guards hostage, and goes to find Mallory. He discovers her about to be murdered by Scagnetti, who is shortly killed, and the strange entourage of Mallory, Mickey, Wayne

Gayle, and the others run through the rioting prison, apparently without a plan of escape.

It is at this point that Stone introduces a strange character. A prisoner named Owen, in clean and pressed clothes appears out of the carnage and leads them first to a tiled room that looks like a cross between a bathroom and an abattoir, and then out of the prison. When Mickey asks him what he wants for helping them, he says he only wants to go with them. Yet, after they leave the prison Owen is neither mentioned nor seen again. Moreover, Owen is not mentioned in the credits at the end of the movie. Owen is, in fact, "deus ex machina". He is Mickey's guardian angel, which until now Mickey has not known. After their escape he is reassimilated, or returns to the realms whence he came. In any event, his purpose is clear. He is there to show that the psychic reintegration of Mickey and Mallory has been achieved, that the magick of the arhat, the one pointedness of the magus.

Certainly, Mickey and Mallory do kill Wayne Gale, but as Mickey says, it's not personal. He likes Wayne. He kills him because the lies that Wayne propagates are of a piece with the lies that feed the demons of popular culture, the lies that discourage self-analysis, that feed ignorance, that prevent self-knowledge, that sap the realization that the current of magick in the world is continuous and always accessible. Demons continue to infest the world, but the last scene shows Mickey and Mallory years later, with two children and Mallory pregnant with a third, travelling the country in a mobile home. Stone has driven home his point. It is possible to kill the demons created by childhood abuse, but only through an act of divine or unnatural intervention willed by a sorcerer and accepted by the possessed. This act can occur when the magickal intention is pure, and undivided. As Mickey says "A moment of realization is worth a lifetime of prayers."

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Some Brief Notes Regarding the on-Going Work of our Miskatonic
Alchemical Expedition

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Author's 1994 Preface

This little essay was originally penned by me, Bill Siebert, otherwise known as ASHT Ch0zar SSaratu, in 1987 for confidential distribution to members of the Miskatonic Alchemical Expedition (MAE) as part of an on-going project to create a body of written material to prepare those seeking initiation into this Ophidean/Elysian Mystery School.

The MAE was designed as a syncretic mystery school amalgamating the techniques, world views, and mythologies of all participants --ideally, without bogging-down in disputes of dogma or hierarchy. Before talking about MAE, I will give a bit of background on myself.

Since 1967 or so, I have been actively involved in magick and paganism, albeit as a solitary. In 1977 I probationed in and became an initiate of the Typhonian branch of Ordo Templi Orientis headed by Kenneth Grant.

I remained an active member of this Thelemic Order (attaining the rank of V) until 1984 when I was suspended (later to be expelled in 1985) by K.G.

because he felt my Will was not aligned with that of the Orders. In 1981,

I co-founded Math of the ChRySTAL HUMM, a Shamanic/Alchemical Thelemic Powerzone based based in an old rundown farmhouse with 23 acres of rolling

fields & woodlands <our ritual space> in upstate New York. In retrospect,

I believe my Great Work parted from Grant's mainly because the focus of my

Will was at that time going into my on-going magickal endeavor to reify an

ecumenical thelemic powerzone & profess house, rather than devoting myself

more fully to promulgating the Law of Thelema under the aegis of KG and the

Typhonian OTO.

In 1985, I became one of the three founding Sovereigns of the Chthonic-Auranian OTO, branch of the OTO-- a wholly new manifestation of the Order

claiming no imprimatur from Crowley, and doing away <as much as possible>

with hierarchy grades & restraint of individual enthusiasm. The Chthonic-

Auranian OTO is dedicated to exploration-&-union of the Dark/Light Mysteries of all onic formul. At about this time, I also became a

regional coordinator of the Esoteric Order of Dagon, a Lovecraftian Mystery School descended from the Sirius mystery cults of Egypt Babylon & Sumeria, by way of Gateways within creative individuals who are capable of dreaming the mythos, and making it accessible even to those who do not believe their dreams to be real. It was into the maelstrom of these mythic forces that the Miskatonic Alchemical Expedition took form and birthed itself at Math of the ChRySTAL Humm some where in 1986 or 87.

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It is now 1994. A lot has transpired since this essay was written. I left Math of the ChRySTAL HUMM in the hands of friends in 1988 to pursue the study of Megapolistomancy within dance clubs and dirty back streets of Buffalo New York. About 1989 or 1990 Math of the ChRySTAL HUMM reabsorbed itself back into the void from whence it came. The house & land which were the physical basis for this powerzone has been foreclosed upon by the banks. The Chthonic-Auranian OTO is alive-&-well, prospering under the guidance of its many capable Sovereigns. I have been out of contact with the EOD since 1988. From what I have been able to ascertain, the EOD is no longer operating on the outer.

The MAE has been evolving in fits & starts since parting from the nurturance of Math of the ChRySTAL HUMM powerzone in 1988. The MAE is, a living viable Current --from my perspective, alive and growing within each of us who played with its magick at Math of the ChRySTAL Humm. Yet, although I believe the MAE is a many headed hydra, I can only speak of it through the lens of my own personal experience. Synchronous with my own personal journey of re-discovery, the MAE has become a wriggling semi-somnolent pupa dormant within me --absorbing & reifying a new megalomaniac context to augment its elysian primal nurturance. The 1994 publication of this essay is designed to arouse the Miskatonic Alchemickal Expedition from its six year hibernation to begin its work anew.

Currently, Bill is living amidst the social decadence, political corruption, and stagnant decay of New Orleans with his wife-&-Priestess Raven Greywalker. Together they are studying and learning arcane mysteries from diverse encounters with various megalomaniac power-spots and with the plethora of individuals whose ancestry and magicks stem from an amalgamation of Haitian and African Voodoos, strange native American magicks, even-stranger heresies brought here from France

and Spain by various prisoners of conscience fleeing from the long arm of
of
Inquisition and Crown --as well as those not-quite human fringe-people
whose swamp, bayou, & river ancestors possess a certain bactrian look
analogous to their Innsmuthian kin, yet with an indolent balefulness
not
often found beyond the foetid nurturance of Louisiana's biological
social
spiritual and political backwater. Compounding this genetic,
spiritual,
and ethnic mire is an on-going influx of disaffected and
disenfranchised
persons from the world around, drawn to New Orleans by its astral and
literary beacon proclaiming it to be a Mecca for the weird.

Into this complex milieu, ASHT Ch0zar SSaratu awakens once more to prod
the hermit, Bill, into literary fecundity.

Original Preface

Lest there be confusion, let me state here that this little essay is
written from my own personal internal perspective. I feel strongly
that
most of my fellow expedition members would agree with the content of
what
I am saying, but many of them might find my vocabulary a bit
unfamiliar.
Among Thelemites, our expeditions are currently known as Holy Guardian
Angel Workings. Back in the days when our expeditions were less
focused,
some (who placed themselves on the fringes of our endeavors) called our
workings Pagan Parties. Gatherings is the most common local term. Up
until recently, I have been rather silent about my intense internal
work
with Lovecraft's Mythos -- preferring to keep my Lovecraftian magicks
to
myself, while integrating myself consciously & openly into whatever
mythology my fellow expedition members were weaving. But the time for
silence is at an end. With this paper, I begin to open the inner
workings
of my personal mythology, the Miskatonic Alchemical Expedition, to all
who
may be interested working this Current.

Preliminary Remarks

The purpose/methodology/tools of the Miskatonic Alchemical Expeditions
are difficult for me to put into words. The expedition is not a dream
school in the way I use that word. Our work involves physical plane
waking-consciousness magickal endeavors. The expedition is a
coordinated
anarchistic group endeavor to create an environment in which

dreams/phantasies/visions are projected outward within our working group (Circle). We assist individuals to reify their internal Universes within waking consciousness with intentionality & responsibility.

I sometimes feel that the word Initiation is a bit mis-used/over-used, but I feel that it does indeed apply to aspects of our work. In my experience (corroborated by K.Grant), initiation cannot be guaranteed thru any rite. Initiation is a connection which jumps-starts an individual into an exalted state of consciousness. Initiation is rather elusive, & sometimes appears to be transient. I have found that initiation works most powerfully when the initiatory link is clearly made in both directions-- i.e., when the initiator & aspirant keep playing leap-frog with one another-- so that both experience a powerful initiation, and each is very clearly aware of (& acknowledged for) h-is/er role as initiator.

I suspect that one-way initiations accrue karma, which neutralizes or masks the long-term effects of traditional top-down initiations --at least until the initiator dies (or leaves office), or the initiate severs connection with the initiating Order to formulate h-is/er own internal initiatory links). Perhaps commercial initiators (such as those in various New Age Spiritual Psychology Movements) charge steep fees for their services as a way of absolving the inhibitory karmic link in the here-&-now.

As I say, we do not claim to guarantee initiation. We provide a setting, a set of tools, and a community, by which we assist one-another (and selected outsiders) to activate our self-chosen and ever-evolving phantasy reality during daily waking consciousness --i.e., in our "ordinary" lives, not just during our rather intense rituals. Attempting to comprehend our work intellectually can be very misleading, especially if mental gymnastics are not grounded in actual day-to-day experience of our work. As I attempt to convey the flavor & intensity of our work, I sometimes get the feeling I am attempting a task of the magnitude of conveying an experience of chocolate mousse to someone who has lived h-is/er entire life on a diet of un-seasoned white rice, stale bottled water, & vitamin pills.

Set-&-Setting

The setting for our rites is (ideally) primitive & isolated --where the niceties of civilization (morals, clothing, social taboo, etc) can be consciously put-aside by each expedition member individually, each in the

manner/degree which is in accord with each individual's True Will.
During
our all-night Circles, some people revert to a pre-human or a
non-terrestrial state, while others retain their human persona as they
channel information from alien races (or gods, angels, demons, etc).
Some
--who become uninhibited, sexually aroused, and who have located <one
or
several> suitable partner(s)-- make love in total abandon; while still
others commune within the sexual energy field in non-physical ways,
&/or
talk with trees or crystals. For this type of Working, the setting
must be
isolated so no one feels the need to stifle or edit any energies which
come pouring thru. [As I said, all this doesn't make much practical
sense
unless you've experienced it firsthand!]

On some occasions, some (or all) of us create-&-perform group Dramatic
ritual to coordinate the mindset of the group at the on-set of our
free-
form all-night Shamanic Circle. Whether or not we stage a formal
ritual,
we encourage each person in Circle to do whatever personal ritual(s)
&/or
energy balancing s/he feels would assist h-im/er in manifesting h-is/er
inner self. We then communicate various entheogenic sacraments to
assist
us (individually & as a group)in manifesting trans-rational
consciousness.

Entheogenic Elixir

[addendum made in 1994: Of the various entheogenic elixirs which we
experimented with from 1980-88, the basic recipe we found most
efficacious
was composed of a concentrated infusion of Psilocybe cubensis stems-&-
pieces (prepared after the manner of Soxlet) in cool 190 proof grain
alcohol. This elixir was then concentrated by distillation of excess
alcohol until insoluble waxy residues began to accumulate in the bottom
of
the flask. The slurry was filtered while hot and the filter paper then
washed with hot ethanol to resolve any active constituents trapped in
the residue. The filtrate and the ethanol washings were combined, then
diluted approximately 50/50 with Chambord raspberry liquor, then stored
in
a home freezer till a few hours prior to use. {Preparation time:
approximately 1 week @24 hours/day.} At an appropriate moment during
the
all-night ritual <as the cone of power was being raised>the elixir was
diluted approximately 50/50 w/ Coca Cola. The sugar, caffeine, and
alcohol
included in this process were all found to be sympathetic adjuncts to
the
active entheogen, psilocybin. The estimated dose of psilocybin was

approximately 75-300 mgs per serving. Although traditional ethnopharmacologists claim 50 mg. to be the maximum useful dose of psilocybin, I have found that doses far in excess of this to be efficacious given an appropriate Set-&-Setting. During our expeditions, some persons regularly consumed 3 or 4 servings over a 4-8 hr period. When available, an additional drop or 2 (1000-2000 mcgs) of liquid LSD per person would be added to the cup as well. At a few other times cannabis infusions in ethanol were added to this basic recipe, but massive amounts of THC made the elixir too lethargic and had a tendency to give some folks a bad case of the spins every time they turned their head. Human kalas (consecrated sexual fluids) were often added to the cup just prior to consumption. Rescue Remedy, a homeopathic stress reliever obtainable thru Heath Food stores was found useful in helping quiet the jitters of too rapid a "take-off".]

Sacramental Guidelines

We have found that certain guidelines (which we are constantly up-dating) are useful for sacrament consumption. From my perspective, I find the following to be quite useful:

- a). Some form of ritual in which a common sacrament is consecrated jointly, then communicated. Usually, we use a cup ritual -- both for its esoteric symbolism & so that we can truly share in the same sacrament. The elixir we normally use is always brewed with unknown potency, so that it becomes virtually impossible for the rational self to meter the dose. I find that the rational mind (my own, & most other folks as well) is often fearful of the transition to trans-rationality via the un-rational. Once the leap has been made, the rational mind has a lot of fun integrating/assimilating trans-rational reality, but the first approach can be real scary sometimes. Perhaps we detect subliminal astral presences, such as the Hounds of Tindalos or the mad flute players, which then induce panic in the most intrepid of explorers!
- b). In conjunction with the cup ritual, each explorer is asked to state why s/he is in attendance. Flippant, shallow, or incomprehensible answers are clarified thru further interactions. If clarification does not prove to be feasible, that person is asked to leave the circle. In formal Circles at major Festivals involving strangers, we also collect money for sacrament at this time, while ascertaining that each individual has met

all of the pre-requisite criteria (e.g.: having personally cut-&-hailed their weight in firewood to the ritual site, being willing to remain in Circle till the morning sun is visible in the dawn sky, vowing to handle any bad-trips responsibly --i.e., without projecting them outward into the group at large, etc.

c). The texture, contrast, & clarity of the Working is greatly increased if in addition to the commonly-shared sacrament some explorers communicates individual sacrament as well -- each in accord with his/her own Will. I call this interaction of individual alchemical energies the Orchestra Effect. Each individual sacrament provides an attunement to a unique perspective on the Multiverse, while our shared sacrament ties-us-all-together. Practically speaking, each individual gains access to simultaneous experience of many unique perspectives, usually (but not always) while maintaining his/her unique individuality. Some sacraments (such as Euphoria) promote mentation, while others (such as 2CB) encourage emotive feeling. Telepathy (both on a rational level & via the sensorium of the hind-brain) is common in our Circles. Once, one of our explorers seemingly stumbled thru solid matter. On another occasion several of us witnessed another explorer handle hot coals without being burned. During a very early expedition, a water glass began to over-flow like a fountain, while the glass remained full to the brim. At one of our 1985 expeditions, we experienced a tornado and thunderstorm inside a tent, with winds was so fierce that I was unable to fall-over no matter how hard I tried, while a camera 20 feet away remained dry & was not blown from its flimsy tripod. As I keep mentioning, The work of our Miskatonic Alchemical Expedition is not easy to talk-about in a purely rational context!

d). Internal balance is crucial for this work.; The philosophical framework of Thelema (discovering one's Will & DOING it.) coupled with the EST technique of being "At-Cause" in one's Universe can induce an aspirant towards creating an approximation of a karma-free state -- i.e.,no hidden strings jerking his/her around). I sometimes remind myself --as well as all others within hearing if I am being extrovert at the time-- that if I am at-cause in my Universe and Doing my Will, then there can be no un-willing Victims in my Universe, all Persecutors act in a conscious manner, and I have no need for Rescuers. On a micro-cosmic

level, we council nutritional awareness & personal transformative alchemy.
All-night rituals can prove taxing to those who live their lives by external clock cycles. Sleep deprivation, vitamin depletion & depressed blood sugar levels can bring all sorts of un-resolved issues out in the open and into manifestation, especially when energy levels are all cranked-up by powerful ritual, sexual prana, and entheogenic stimulation.
While I feel it is essential to dump &/or transform toxins and to play-out all un-resolved conflicts, I encourage expedition members (this includes me, too!) to do their homework --all-night vigils, eating what they consider to be a nutritious diet, fasting & an on-going regimen of personal introspection/meditation/ritual work-- before engaging in powerful transformative group workings. To promote balance at our Circles, we encourage one-another to take vitamin/mineral supplements. Lately, we have begun to have some sort of pot-luck meal (melons, Bar-B-Q on the ritual bonfire, fresh bread, etc.) during the wee hours of the morning, when our human biosystems can sometimes be starving for some food prana (but we are often too busy to notice!).

Conscious & deliberate use of sex, entheogenic sacrament & ritual within a supportive setting all assist the rational mind to gently step aside, while opening-up the Third Eye & Crown Chakra. The elixir mentioned supra --inspired by Doctor Laban Shrewsury's hermetic mead-- is most efficacious in facilitating this state, especially when used in conjunction with other alchemical compounds which open the Heart, enhance Sexual Creativity, or activate &/or stimulate the other chakras.

Samadhi & Dissolution of Duality

When all chakras are open & functioning at their highest levels, there does not seem to me to be any meaningful purpose in attempting to distinguish between humans-&-gods, angels-&-demons, good-&-evil, or reality-&-fiction. Each person becomes intimately connected-to/congruent-with h-is/er personal phantasy reality. A Buddhist may realize that s/he is the Buddha or transcend that state of attainment to become one with the infinite; a Lovecraftian mage may experience sexual union with Cthulhu or discover that s/he is at one with the chaos of Azathoth; a Christian may become the Christ, or may experience Jesus & Lucifer as two facets of the same cosmic gem. A person may identify with h-is/er genetic past, or with

some extraterrestrial race. S/He can become a totem power animal, or come to a realization of being a human incarnation of Gaia.

I am not talking about intellectual comprehension here. Intellectual comprehension of the merger of the mundane with the transcendent is not difficult for anyone with a well-developed ego &/or sufficient spiritual pride. [Many students of contemporary Western magick fit into this category.] The rational mind is more than happy to convince itself that it is God. I am not speaking of that kind of realization. I am speaking of full-fledged actualization (samadhi coupled with focus of individual Will) of godhead.

It is also possible to actualize total union with the cosmic ALL/No-Thing, but commenting further on such a state is beyond the scope of this essay.

Real Work of the MAE

I find things get really interesting when someone realizes that even though s/he can indeed choose to be Christ, Buddha, Azathoth, Satan, ET, Gaia, a virus, etc., s/he can also choose to be fully-actualized in-&-of h-im/er-self --i.e., as Jane or Fred, or Stacy. When the ego stops trying to be God, & becomes a god instead, the real work of our Expedition begins in earnest! If/When an explorer becomes aware of h-is/er cosmic nature, and is able to ground h-im/er-self in trans-rational reality, it then becomes feasible for h-im/er to interact with other cosmic beings -- neither limited by Space, fixed in sequential Time, nor locked-out of any particular reality framework. Within this cosmic framework, all who work-&-play here jointly create reality.

[Note: It is also quite possible to create total-&-complete Nightmare and propagate terror thru-out the Multiverse, or to rend the fabric of Maya completely. I do not recommend this course of action as a group endeavor.

Likewise it is possible to tap-into the Cosmic All/No-Thing as a mystic, rather than as a magickian (i.e., from an ego-less state with no point of Will). That too, I find to be a rather solitary undertaking. I have involved myself with each of these endeavors on various occasions in

myriad different lives within infinitudes of alternity. Each is powerful, educational, & <seemingly> necessary to the multiverse (at least as I know it). Hindus call this cycle Brahma/Shiva/Vishnu (named after gods of Creation/Destruction/Preservation). From my present perspective, I find co-Creation with other cosmic beings to be the most fun challenge in the Multiverse. Destruction is too easy & preservation is not to my temperament. So I have made Chaotic Creation (i.e., Creation with no central god figure to coordinate things) the focus of my lives' work. I co-create pleasant evolutionary realities by working with those on similar paths. Although destruction & preservation are indeed woven into the fabric of my existence <I kill plants-&-animals to eat as well as for my personal convenience; I reprint classical texts to preserve their message for future generations>, I leave grand Rites of destruction, and performance of un-changing Ritual to those who enjoy these endeavors! The Miskatonic Alchemical Expedition specializes in evolutionary creativity.]

Depending on:

- <1>how many persons in Circle are able to manifest as cosmic beings,
- <2>our ability, Will, & desire(!) to recognize others who are in a similar state, and
- <3>our ability/Will/desire to assist those who are still in transition, it is sometimes possible to create a very powerful self-balancing mutually gratifying Mythological framework. Within this larger Mythological framework, it is common to have functioning magickal eddy-realities, within which the interfaces of each personal reality dance with one-another.

To phrase it another way -- SaSaR (Sex & Sacrament & Ritual) combined with close camaraderie amongst expedition members, & a shared set/setting of Circle-space & expectation, induces the boundary edges among people in Circle blur. The slightest thought (whether expressed or stifled) manifests within our collective reality. [As practitioners of Kria Yoga teach: Thought is Creative!] This newly actualized creation can be channeled, focused, &/or modified thru acts of Love under Will. As the

evening progresses, Reality (i.e., our collective Maya) takes on a mythic flavor (exactly which mythos depends on how each participant has prepared his/her internal mind-&-emotional set ahead of time and the degree to which s/he is willing &/or able to share (via poetry, ritual, storytelling, lovemaking, conscious touching, chakra stimulation, fire-walking, etc) his/her personal Mythos with the rest of us. When our weave of rational/emotional connections is sufficiently powerful, conventional reality dissolves completely and our jointly-created fantasy takes on mythic proportions. Individual dreams weave together & play themselves out in our waking consciousness, not just in private dreamspace.

Our work might be likened to Psychodrama, but with a focus of reality engineering. Israel Regardie once wrote that magical attainment is independent from psychological balance. Such limited attainment may well have once been the norm when most magickians worked solitary, but (to me) the quest for magickal attainment must include active exploration of psychological edges --the places where insanity and genius are all but indistinguishable-- or the magickal endeavor is simply not worth my time & effort. The Miskatonic Alchemical Expedition uses various psychological balancing techniques to make the exploration of edges easier & more productive, but as we learn how to achieve-&-maintain balance, our work escalates, rather than slacking-off. We work Magick (inducing Change in harmony with Will), not just mental health. Our dream enactment is collective, rather than individual, so that our personal quirks balance one-another out --which is one of the main reasons why our expedition contains a varied cross-section of individuals. This provides a clearer/cleaner contact with (& actualization of) energies than is usually possible in a solo working, no matter how advanced an individual adept.

We have no "faculty" in our expedition. We all explore together. Some of us have more experience than others, but we play leap-frog adeptship with one-another so often, that it does not make sense to me to designate a faculty. We do, however, have a core group of intrepid explorers. We have a local core of Thelemic magickians, augmented by individuals & sub-groups from other well-developed magickal powerzones. New members for our expedition seem to manifest as we become ready to handle their energy. For some, one expedition is sufficient for a lifetime. Others drift in-&-out

of our Circles as they discover themselves & test-out their point-of-Will.

Let me point out once again, that I am at the center of my personal universe. Everything I say is grounded in my own personal perspective --

which is to say, with me at the core of the expedition. Yet, from the perspective of some other member of the expedition, I may not even be in the core group at all!

[Note made in 1994: Now that I've given you all sorts of non-hierarchical disclaimers about how I may or may not be in the core group, lets get down

to some details! Appended below is the text of another introductory essay

I penned which approaches the MAE from another angle, that of an initiatory Order. What follows was once given in secrecy to a select few.

I ask you to treat it as you would any other Secret document --in the words of Herman Slater's now defunct Earth Religion News:

Protect the Mysteries, Reveal them Daily!

Practicum

The Miskatonic Alchemical Expedition is field-trip oriented R-&-D community which operates within that sentient web of initiates known on the outer as the Esoteric Order of Dagon (EOD). From my perspective, the

Miskatonic Alchemical Expedition operates hand-in-hand (perhaps tentacle-in-hand may be a better euphemism) with the Chthonic-Auranian Branch of the Ordo Templi Orientis (OTO).

It is assumed that each applicant to the Miskatonic Alchemical Expedition of the EOD is a functional Thelemite whose understanding/appreciation of the Mythos is based upon direct personal magickal experience with outer energies, not merely an academic interest in the literary genre of weird fiction or a sociological/psychological interest in those who channel/advocate the Mythos. That is to say, each applicant is expected have an understanding/appreciation of Will, Love, and personal responsibility from a Thelemic perspective, be willing/able to put these precepts into practice in his/her daily life, and be willing/able to function as a Thelemite within magickal community. Each applicant is further expected to submit on-going records of magickal workings, dream diaries, fiction, essays, &/or evocative Art which demonstrates his/her vital connection with the Mythos as a magickian or a mystic. Magick may be defined as causing change in conformity with Will. Mysticism (in this

context) may be defined as a passive link with the Mythos which generates syncretistic harmony &/or dissolution into the Mythos itself.

Initiation into (or affiliation with) the Chthonic-Auranian OTO is by no means mandatory for affiliation with the Miskatonic Alchemical Expedition. Members of other branches of the OTO, as well as autonomous Thelemites are welcome within the ranks of the MAE. The EOD does not require acceptance of Liber AL vel Legis as a requirement for membership. The MAE does, however, require that each expedition member accept Thelema and live by an individual ethical code of Will, Love, and Personal Responsibility. Whether you accept the veracity of Crowley's channeled writings is up to you -- concepts are important, not packaging!

I strongly urge all those interested in active participation in the Miskatonic Alchemical Expedition to apply for membership into the EOD. Although it is possible to work with the Miskatonic Alchemical Expedition in the short-run without formal affiliation with the EOD, I do not recommend this course of action for the long-term. I find that formal affiliation is synonymous with commitment. I have found that those who cannot --or will not -- commit themselves to an organization are (in general) not dependable. The on-going work of the MAE involves deep serious personal commitment -- not only to your own personal Great Work, but to the local & global community in which we work/play/grow/explore (both individually & collectively). Hangers-on often become deadweights. We are building an ever-growing group gestalt, whose food is a shared information base & an ever-evolving group mythology. Personal Commitment to the group is a first step towards formulating perfect love & perfect trust which is our primary sacrament.

[Note made in 1994: While I still agree in principle with the sentiments expressed in the previous paragraph, there remains the difficulty of locating functional Magickal Orders worthy of one's loyalty and support. Since neither the EOD nor the MAE are presently functioning on the outer, and since (in all probability) the Chthonic-Auranian OTO does not have a functional group in your area, I can make no reasonable recommendations at present. In my personal experience with myriad Magickal Orders, which <for the nonce> shall remain nameless, I have found far more spiritual corruption than true enlightenment, far more power games than fellowship or brotherhood, and far more hiding behind paper initiations to cover ignorance, than open sharing of knowledge or admittance of ignorance --

e.g., "I'm truly sorry, but even though you have been experimenting with VIII carezza for over three months now, I am unable to discuss your work with you because to do so would be inappropriate, for the mysteries you are exploring are `beyond your grade'. If & when you have earned access to our Sovereign Sanctuary of the Gnosis, I will be more than happy to discuss this topic with you more at length" (Soror 789, circa 1977).

While I still contend that refusal to work within the structure of a magickal Order can indeed be a symptom of egoistic imbalance, working within a corrupt Order is no solution. All I can do at this point is wish you good luck in your search!]

The Focus of Our Work

From my perspective, the work of the Miskatonic Alchemical Expedition is always evolving & does not really fit into neat categories. Chaos does not lend itself to description in a linear essay format. Although I have chosen to speak of the work of the Expedition as though it could be separated into neat little boxes, such categorizations can be misleading. Needless to say, the little boxes I portray are my own.

[I once had a vision of entering the abyss by a rear entrance. All of the various gods, demons, angels, and other sundry beings were lounging about playing poker, skinny-dipping in the great sea, and otherwise enjoying each other's company. Then someone saw me & began shouting over a PA system: "Qliphoth to your shells! God/desses to your Spheres! Everybody get into your boxes!" -- In the abyss (as in this world) everything overlaps. Neat boxes exist only in the minds of those who choose to separate their life experience into categories.]

On an individual basis, members of MAE utilize techniques of conscious dreaming, astral projection, & self-induced trance states to explore various realms of dream, nightmare, & vision. As we re-enter normal waking consciousness via the gateway at Dath <which (to me) typifies the energies of Herschel (Uranus)>, expedition members focus their dream images into conscious awareness & outward expression via Hod (writing, scientific/magickal technique, etc.) or Netzach (Art, Music, etc.). It is within this realm that exploration reifies personal initiation within the here-&-now.

On a group basis, members of Miskatonic Alchemical Expedition utilize

Shamanic (Netzachian) & Ceremonial (Hodian) magickal techniques to focus their individual consciousness & the gestalt of the group itself thru the astral gateway at Yesod and into the worlds of dream, myth, and creativity. These expeditions are undertaken as group endeavors to manipulate/explore the worlds of dream without the need to give-up waking consciousness.

On the Dangers of Over-Specialization

It is my feeling (based on personal observation of my own imbalances & much research over the past two decades) that over-emphasis on individual exploration can lead to introversion & isolation which borders on the pathological. A solitary magickian wakes-up alone. S/He becomes aware of his/her inherent trans-dimensional nature apart from a community of peers. S/He works the Path of the Hermit in order to tap-into his/her initiated self. Adepts of this path progress rapidly to become Masters of the inner planes, but often at the expense of being able to relate to their fellow humans as anything other than tools for their personal trip. For within the initiatory context of vision & dreamspace, everything is a projection of the self outward (a diagnostic tool to speed integration of personality) &/or a spirit sent to guide the initiate upon his/her path. It is easy for a hermit to become an exalted adept --yea, even a God. But (all too often) s/he is not able to perceive the initiation of others who work analogous formul of attainment. Smug superiority over his/her magickal comrades coupled with fear/loathing/disdain of those whom s/he considers to be mundane often limit the degree to which such individuals are able to manifest their true natures in the here-&-now.

Aleister Crowley, Nicola Tesla, Austin Osman Spare, and H.P. Lovecraft all spring to mind as examples of initiates who woke-up alone. Each was a genius. Each had a profound effect on the world I live in. Yet, each was severely imbalanced in his relationships with other people. Tesla was perhaps the most extreme. He could not tolerate being touched. He felt it disturbed his subtle magnetic fields. He once moved a thousand miles

from his home simply because someone put his arm on Tesla's shoulder!
Of
these 4, I feel that Crowley worked most diligently to balance his
solitary inner plane Workings with connection to community (being
tapped-into non-solitary sex magick probably helped a lot)! But in
community, he acted as though he were the most advanced initiate on the
planet. Based on the number of people who moved in-&-out of his life,
it
would seem that he was somewhat difficult to be around for protracted
periods of time. He surrounded himself with people whom he used as
tools
&/or endeavored to re-form into images of himself. I learned a lot
from
Crowley. But, after many years of being a Hermit, I am now working to
balance my exalted Hermetic initiations with group interactions within
a
community of magickal peers.

On the other hand, I am finding that those who work almost
exclusively
in community (Wo/Men of Earth) can also grow in an imbalanced manner.
As
my personal experience with this formula is more limited than my
hermetic
experience, I can more readily perceive the weaknesses of Wo/Men of
Earth
than their strengths. The Hermit perceives the Universe as being a
tool
for his/her personal initiation. Hermits are cosmic children. The
Multiverse is their school & playground. Wo/Men of Earth are cosmic
parents. Sometimes they get so caught-up in being responsible that
they
seem to have forgotten how to play.

When Hermits & Wo/Men of Earth clash, it is often over the role of
healing/nurturing. The Hermit wants to play games of initiation &
create
heroic mythologies. The Wo/Man of Earth wants to play parent or
healer.
There are times/places for games of high initiation, and times/places
for
games of healing & nurturing. When these two currents work in balance,
everything is copacetic and magick flows on all levels. To me, the
positive interweaving of the magicks of the Hermit & the Wo/Man of
Earth
create a space in which the godform of the Lovers can manifest.

Problems arise (from my perspective) when time/space has been set-
aside
for initiatory game playing, and True initiation occurs. Under such
circumstances, the flow of raw magickal power thru an unfolding gestalt
can sometimes be mis-perceived as a symptom of a disease process
(e.g., a
psychotic episode, life-threatening physical ailment, magickal attack,

etc), rather than as a positive initiatory experience. A Wo/Man of Earth who is not able to tap-into his/her Hermetic godform has a very strong tendency to intervene in a nurturing/healing way -- even when those energies are counter-productive to the Work-at-hand.

From my perspective, a gestalt is a functional magickal organism. Each individual within that gestalt takes on specific function(s). Sometimes a person will breathe as though s/he is hyperventilating, or somebody else will stop breathing, altogether. Neither is dangerous. During one initiatory experience, I stopped breathing for over an hour (timed by a clock) without any serious repercussions other than a splitting headache the following day. While in another gestalt, a very powerful Hermit was working intimately with Fire. A Wo/Man of Earth attempted to intervene -- for she felt that the Hermit might hurt herself. The Hermit was self-possessed enough to laugh at the Wo/Man of Earth, then pick up some hot coals to demonstrate that she was able to care for herself -- magickal reality was maintained!

But such a high degree of self-possession is rare, even among highly skilled Hermits, when they operate in a group gestalt. Worry trips (no matter how well-meaning) can throw me off-balance. I might have suffocated had I been surrounded by well-meaning nervous nellies who wanted to rush me off to a hospital. The woman who handled fire could have been seriously burned if her certitude faltered at the wrong moment. I have a much easier time manifesting paranormal phenomena in my solitary work. I have become quite used to clocks running backwards, and seeing strange alien beings looking out at me from my bathroom mirror.

[By the way, I was quite cognizant of paranormal manifestations many years before I began my researches with psychoactive sacraments!]

In my opinion, a Wo/Man of Earth who is over-due for an extended magickal retirement is real prone to ground the group's energy whenever s/he feels threatened by feelings/thoughts/phenomena which clash with his/her reality framework. In extreme cases, lack of emphasis on individual personal development seems to manifest as an underdevelopment of an individual's Hadit-Point, making him/her susceptible to major freak-outs during group workings. I perceive freak-outs as being related to feeling a loss of center when each individual Hadit-point merges into the group gestalt.

If a freaked-out person gets sick (allergy attack, faints, etc.)
&/or
projects his/her dis-ease outward onto an empathic receptor in the
group
gestalt, the group energy is effectively re-focused from High magick to
a
medical/psychological emergency, which (it would seem) is more normal
to
some than the initiatory paranormal universe which I prefer to inhabit.
By
dampening, stifling, or distracting group energy, the imbalanced Wo/Man
of
Earth effectively limits/disperses exponential initiatory growth which
gestalt consciousness engenders, unless s/he can be brought to balance
by
other members of the gestalt.

This is where I feel the Lover comes into play. Those who embody
the
godform of the Lover are able to relate to both the Hermit and the
Wo/Man
of Earth without losing center, and without becoming judgmental of
where
the other person is coming from. A Lover is able to relate to each of
the
wonders/joys/responsibilities/challenges of being a Hermit and of being
a
Wo/Man of Earth --without losing perspective on that which transcends
each
separate task. A Lover is a Peacemaker who unites all in Love under
Will.
Lovers are (from my perspective) a godform which ameliorate the
functioning of Hermits within community, and Wo/Men of Earth within
paranormal reality.

Mathew Henry once commented that peace is such a precious jewel that
he
would give anything for it but truth. The godform of a Lover is
sometimes
attempted by those who do not really understand what is like to be a
Hermit or a Wo/Man of Earth. In such an instance, the ersatz Lover may
attempt to smooth things out, without really being able to catalyze
resolution. Such practices (in my experiences) lead to a fracturing of
community. To me, a Lover is functional as a balance-point between
Hermits and Wo/Men of Earth only insofar as s/he is able to relate to
both
via personal experience, not just empathy.

I speak of Hermits, Lovers, and Wo/Men of Earth as though they are
separate beings. Such over-specialization (if it really existed) would
be
ridiculous. I am working on all three grades -- as is everyone I know!
The appropriate balance of Hermit, Lover, & Wo/Man of Earth within each
of
us is a highly delicate & ever-evolving balance, which we explore &
fine-

tune on an on-going basis. I encourage (& expect) each Expedition member to work/play/explore with those individuals/groups he/she/they may feel are appropriate, using whatever techniques he/she/they deem useful-- There is no law beyond Do what thou wilt!

[Please note: As this essay is being published long after the demise of Math of the ChRySTAL Humm Powerzone during a period of somnolent dormancy of the EOD and the, the following section, Affiliation with the Mis katonic Alchemickal Expedition, is included solely for the sake of completeness. At present (1994) there is no MAE or EOD to apply to, so no address will be printed. Those involved in a Great Work similar to my own, may contact me c/o the editors of this magazine.]

Affiliation with the Miskatonic Alchemickal Expedition

We cannot initiate anyone into the EOD. We do not feel that initiation of this kind can be conferred from without --it emanates from within as the result of personal exploration & synthesis. Initiation is a personal process of flowering/unfoldment. Initiation is a side-effect of getting in-touch with one's self, and discovering/creating relationships between one's self & the rest of the Multiverse. Although the EOD does not confer initiation, we are willing (yea, even eager!) to recognize initiates by the fruits of their labors --their magickal/creative output.

If it is your will to seek affiliation with the Miskatonic Alchemical Expedition of the EOD, please send me a personal letter stating your will in this matter. Let me know what you feel you have to offer our group & what you are looking to get from your association with us. Please include your biography (earth-plane as well as magickal), along with any pertinent information about yourself & your personal explorations which you are willing to share at this time. I would really appreciate a recent photo of yourself, along with your birth data (date/time/place). If you are involved (or have past affiliations) with other magickal groups (local/regional/international), please tell me of your experiences with them insofar as you are able without violating any confidentialitys or oaths of secrecy.

Acceptance into the Esoteric Order of Dagon requires some form of evidence of your activity in the Great Work. Evidence can include any/all

of the following: samples of your dream record, records of Magickal Workings, essays on magickal technique/philosophy, creative magickal fiction &/or Art (or photographs of your Art) which demonstrate your connection with the Mythos. Those who are new to communicating their visions may find it useful to use fiction as a vehicle of expression.

Dream fragments which provide detailed description of rituals, alien entities, bizarre settings, &/or actual text (or artwork) from astral books or manuscripts are particularly useful to other dreamers. But even brief fragments of dreams can sometimes provide a key word or image which another dreamer is seeking. If your artform does not lend itself to written or pictorial evidence, please discuss your work with me. I am sure we can come up with some method for you to demonstrate your activity in the Great Work.

Be sure your letter requesting affiliation with the EOD contains your legal name & mailing address, as well as the magickal name (or motto) by which you choose to be known within the EOD. Your application will be evaluated personally by me, shown to members of my close magickal family, then forwarded (with comments/recommendations), to R'yleh Lodge. What you submit may become a permanent part of the EOD's Library of Dath &/or the library of the Miskatonic Alchemical Expedition. Submitted material will not be returned to you. Please do not submit original manuscripts or artwork, unless you are donating them to our library.

Neither the EOD nor the Miskatonic Alchemical Expedition charges dues or initiation fees. You are expected to pay only for those goods & services which you specifically request. Donations to help pay for postage &/or to support our on-going publishing projects are always welcome. As material flows into the Expedition library, I will make copies available to other Expedition members who request them. Individual expedition members are requested to submit material to me for internal EOD use. We encourage expedition members to submit material directly to the Library of Dath at R'yleh Lodge & to Black Moon Archives. Material submitted to me will not be distributed to the general public unless you tell me it is ok for me to do so.

Despite the optimism with which I penned the above essay some seven years ago, Math of the ChRySTAL Humm and the Miskatonic Alchemickal Exped
ition have both crumbled into dust. What happened? To say it was time for me to "move-on" or to "continue my magickal journey elsewhere" begs the question and answers nothing. To write detachedly of the fall of the interlocking powerzones which I helped create and which in-turn gave me birth, is both beyond my ability, and would serve no purpose other than to allow me to beat my breast and air my grievances. Rather than play Hamlet or King Lear, I choose to eschew the realms of linear reality to speak allegorically of that which I am too enmeshed within to write of-- either honestly or compassionately.

Sometime in the mid 1970's, I was becoming more active in the Typhonian OTO. I asked my then superior, Soror Tanith, why it was that Magickal Powerzones came together around a core of dedicated people, generated lots of energy, which in-turn attracted more people to the powerzone --only to have the whole thing eventually collapse in on itself, never to be heard from again? Tanith answered that she felt that a powerzone was, by its very nature, impermanent. Her answer was too pat and far from satisfying, but by its very nature, her answer created an itch in me (much like a bit of grit in an oyster) to explore this question further.

From my present (1994) perspective, it seems to me that powerzones are willfully created transient magickal engines--which are also unconsciously engendered immortal inter-dimensional organisms-- which attract ingenious and imaginative magickal beings to itself, who then drive themselves into a frenzy of taboo-breaking cross-fertilization in an effort to find &/or create mutual understanding and give birth to a new world --in which they give birth to one-another and themselves. Inadvertently, these Bornless-Ones also create spores of mutant magickal memes --initiatory multi-dimensional tinker-toy mandalas which catalyze transubstantiation of human and trans-human consciousness in all who play with them. When the spores reach maturation, some cataclysm (egoistic dissonance, financial strife, external persecution, etc.) breaks-up the harmony of the incubating

powerzone womb & the (now defunct) powerzone spreads its initiatory spores into the void to co-mingle & cross-fertilize with other spores from myriad defunct &/or living Powerzones, Magickal Orders, Occult Philosophies, etc. to continuously spawn new magickal engines and organisms wherever the confluence of forces find favorable alignments of Stars.

Thus, when the cycle of eons has ended, and the Phoenix returns in weariness to Heliopolis for its self-appointed immolation, it is not the end, but a new beginning. For out of the ashes of the dying Phoenix arise dust motes which swirl and congregate under the influence of a billion whirling galaxies to coalesce --giving birth to myriad new phoenixes, strong in the vigor of their youth, shrieking orgiastically as they fly thru the worlds of (wo)men and their gods exploring conquering & remaking maya into their own images --as godlings are wont to do!

Anyone up for some interdimensional perichoresis?

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Node TAZ would never have existed if the editor had not met the following contributor, founder of node Curious Yellow(Z), and the mage who introduced the editor to chaos magick. Here's what he had to say about his node:

A Note from Curious Yellow (Z)

It seems a good time to lay out a bit of what this node of the (Z)Cluster is up to and attempting, as well as an attempt to put some old dogs to rest...

Curious Yellow (Z) is interested in using modern Chaos Magick wed to archaic (UR) Sorcery to:

- A) Bring on the Coming Bad Times
- B) Slow the coming on of the Coming Bad Times

We are somewhere between the Secular Apocalypticists ("It's completely

media/
hopeless-- Don't give up" DOOM) and hoping all the lies of the
corporate deathculture interface suddenly become true. Thus we
but, simultaneously are against a world run by petrochemical giants,
cars, since we are in that world, we'd like the fins back on the
please.

C) We accept that the Pandaemonaen is either an internal state
of mind or an utter failure, and so seek to make a happier place for
sorcerers and their children in The New Dark Ages.

D) We will generally attack anyone verbally/textually whom we
feel mis-represents themselves not out of any major ethical problems
with the practice of duping the rubes, but out of disgust with those
who do it poorly.

E) We wish to state clearly at this time that we have NO
PROBLEM with the existance of Hierarchical Organizations or their members.
We make fun of them, but, as a wise girl once said to me "friends don't
let friends sell their souls to Jesus." We have nothing against
Jesus, Satan, OTO, IOT, what have you, but we will be abusive to all
the above periodically, because it is a pleasant thing. Fire, in
and of itself, is cool.

F) We seek to establish a series of Autonomous Zones wherein we
may exist in the bittersweet bliss of Mystical Indolance and
Magical Sloth. Sorcerous Avarice and Childish Greed. We are a Cult of
Mystical Magickal Sorcerous Children, and we are tired of the
Old Gods and their spiritually vapid followers shitting in our
sandbox. The sandbox becomes strangely hostile, the Healing Wind casts
sand out of the glass into the Eyes of the Blind, we sing a little
ditty in the dust to wake the dying....

G) We hereby request that all Verbs begin a series of
workings/plays to re-inhabit the National Parks of the United States of
America

with mean old ghosts to lead the developers into massive fits
of
rash
them
the
something
really cool to it.

until
H) This has been a presentation of Curious Yellow (Z), which,
somebody else re-affiliates, is

Fireclown
Ass-kissing flunkey of the Daemon Choronzon
King Ov Mars

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FireClown's contribution to this issue of the ZChronicles follows:

Elements of Sorcery-- The Fireclown Method Explained

By The Fireclown, age Eight.

spiritual
who
chance at
out of
"The universe wants to play. Those who refuse out of dry
greed & choose pure contemplation forfeit their humanity-those
refuse out of dull anguish, those who hesitate, lose their
divinity-those who mold themselves blind masks of Ideas & thrash
around seeking some proof of their own solidity end by seeing
dead mens' eyes." Hakim Bey

mouse,
and
you
And play it will, with you, as a friend, with you, as cat to
with you, through you, in you or on you, the Play is the Thing,
while No-Thing may be True, some nothings will stomp you flat if

mind
the
the universe has had a lot of time to get good at all facets of
game, so be aware...

"Laughter is the only tenable attitude in a universe which is a
joke played upon itself... It is not for us to question the
universe's apparent lack of taste." Peter Carroll, Liber Null

only
well
soup,
So, if we are going to play this game, whose rules seem to be
vaguely outlined in the manual that came with the deck, and as
are changed with every new layout or technique tossed into the
we are advised to approach it with humor, as grace is quite
likely to be denied us from the get-go.

when
grace.
likely
with
figure out
radical
can
dug
like
These are the watch-forms the new practitioner should look for
seeking examples to follow in this most peculiar art: humor and
If you come across a sorcerer who is full of grace, they most
have some tricks you can steal or trade for. If you meet one
his humor intact beyond the realms cynical, see if you can
how they manage it. The course of sorcery tends to create
stress on the bodymind, and either of these states (grace/humor)
be read as the practitioner is not (practicing, that is), or has
enough holes for Hirsself to fall into that they've learned to
it, if only as a wake up call.

or non-
objects
"Sorcery: the systematic cultivation of enhanced consciousness
ordinary awareness & its deployment in the world of deeds &
to bring about desired results." Bey, again

Lets look at this one: "Magick is the art and science of causing
change to occur in conformity to the will." Aleister Crowley

shifts
Note the differences. They seem minor, at first, but grow as one
point of view from one to the other.

up
only
Crowley's definition of magick seems to me too wide: the picking
of a glass of water and drinking of it is Magick. However, is it

Magick if you WILL to do it? What if I'm typing, and don't even notice what I've done? What, for that matter, if I spill the water or knock the glass to the floor? Did my magick fail? No, I'm just klutzy. All this talk of will, this Religion of Will, and the strange attraction to call it a Science...these all seem caught up together in the dread Magick.

"Virtue: pure art." Austin Osman Spare

Now to me Sorcery is no science, it is purely an art, and is not an art of Will but of Desire. A Sorcerer is one who Desires intensely, and who has acquired a knack of having his desires reciprocated. Will can be crucial, but also, not-willing seems equal to the task. The cultivation of non-ordinary states of consciousness is the primary task of the sorcerer, not ritual. In these states connections are noticed or made, a process of reticulation unending, a process of weaving webs, of soldering connections, and of feeding the network created or discovered.

Sorcery takes things as they are, and seeks to maximize communication and information exchange within the fields of manifestation.

There is an odd story I will relate:

I was speaking with a Magician, of the Golden Dawn variety, who is very successful at his work, and we spoke of Angels and Demons. He was telling me of the testing processes used to determine if the entity he was working with was REALLY the one he conjured. This was a very involved process, sort of testing the critter via word and numbers, gematria etc. I was laughing quite hard at this point, and luckily, he knows me well enough to not take offense. I had to ask why he had conjured the beast to begin with--did he not have some task for it to fulfill? Why not just give it something minor to do, and if it could pull it off, then continue working with it. If it

failed, see if it was good at some thing else.

I find the attitude above fairly common among those who choose 'sorcerer' as a title. I wonder what would happen if you called the plumber, demanded his full name, business records etc., and then told him you'd kill him if he didn't fix the toilet right. This seems a somewhat common attitude among Magicians, though, and I think it has a lot to do with what skills are required for the type of work generally done. The Magician is expected to be knowledgeable about Astrology, QBL, Tarot, Mythology, Astral Travel, and various formulas learned, for evocation, invocation, etc... and these skills, once need to be used or one feels ones time has been wasted.

For the sorcerer, the only thing he must be good at is finding what is needed, usually from an unusual state of mind, and pulling on the proper threads to get the desired result. Now, when you are working with a self-generated symbol system, you don't have to have it be coherent, explainable, etc., YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO UNDERSTAND IT. You just need to be able to use it. I think of GD/Crowley style magick and I think of a school of mechanics, wherein one learns all about design and construction of cars and such, and maybe gets a degree or two, and then goes off to design cars. I tend to think of sorcerers as those who discover that it would be good to know how to change the oil/belts/tires/and various filters so as to keep the car happy and on the road, and be able to fix it if it breaks down. If the car gets into real trouble, they see if they can learn to repair it, or take it to the Temple of the Gearheads (a particular meeting/work place for AutoSorcerers) and have them fix it. The goal is to keep the car on the road, not to understand cars in their totality.

The term sorcerer, when one looks into it via it's Indo-European roots, can mean 'one who lays out lots'. This is, I would assume, a reference to the runes. Now, if a seer is a diviner, one who sees

and makes prophecy, we have a clear division of labor. Using the runes as an example, you are a seer if you draw three runes and then base your actions or inaction's on the result. You are a sorcerer if you lay out the runes to indicate your desired outcomes, and charge them in some fashion to force the hand of chance to facilitate these outcomes.

From the get-go, the sorcerer is seeking to manifest his desires. S/He does this through odd states of consciousness. His ethical base, his battery of techniques, and model of the universe are built up on the foundation of experience. There is no manual for sorcery, their is no Order of sorcery, there is not even a common symbol-system or definition of sorcery.

Some others definitions of sorcery:

"Sorcery is the art of using material bases to effect magical transformations." Peter J. Carroll, Liber Null

Sorcery is "The art of using material bases to enhance a magical conjuration, the outcome of which is determined by the sorcerer's will." Nicholas Hall, Chaos & Sorcery

sorcery (noun). Magic; performance of tricks with pretended help from evil spirits, witchcraft. Websters illustrated dictionary, 1949 (note: are they evil because they only pretend to help?)

The idea that sorcery is just magick using material bases is common in Carrollian Chaos Magick, but seems a not too useful definition.

This goes back to the old High Magick/Low Magick (and Black/White) rationale wherein we rate magick not by it's effect, but it's methods and appearances. I will stick with my own definitions, as I view Sorcery as subtly different from Magick.

"The incremental openings of perception gradually banish the false selves, our cacophonous ghosts--the "black magic" of envy & vendetta backfires because Desire cannot be forced. Where our knowledge of beauty harmonizes with the <ludus naturae>, sorcery begins.

Hakim Bey

What of Bey's rites it. the to structures mind for called quieted, perceptions when from which Virtue compare come so into for no-

The opening of perception, and the banishment of false ghosts? does this mean to a Sorcerer, one may well ask. Are we speaking of Visualization Exercises and the Lesser Banishing Ritual of the Pentagram?

I do not claim to speak for anyone, and my interpretations of words are just that, but I do not think these are what he is speaking of... meditations and visualizations and pentagrams and are not Sorcery. However, for many they are the precursors to these things are tools for an internal garden, 'a rooting out of weeds, a watering of the flowers' as Crowley has it. They serve to still the mind, to clear away 'our cacophonous ghosts', the structures imposed upon perception by the discursive mind. The discursive mind is very good at many things, but Sorcery is not one of them.

Banishing, in the ceremonial sense, is good for preparing one for meditation, which in turn is a good preparation for the state called by Chaoists "no-mind", or vacuity. Once the talking self is quieted, and we cease to impose structure upon sensory input, our perceptions open to a different kind of sensing, which I call sensualizing.

Sensualizing is experiencing with the full bodymind, and stops when we begin to define the experienced. When we sensualize, we move from a core of 'reason' into a sphere of pure knowing, or gnosis, which is closer to touch or taste than 'thinking'. When we taste the Virtue of Salt, there are no questions. Salt is. We can describe and compare the taste, the texture as it dissolves upon our tongue, but we come not close to the Is-ness of salt.

I seek to live simply, to touch freely, to influence utterly and so be influenced--and fail miserably, falling into fits of manic laughter. Or succeed, and find myself pulled, called, conjured into a purity of Desire. From this failure I fuse into a bodily need for contact, a rapture of excess seeking, and from the excess, into no-

mind. "There is no need for crucifixion", "Does not matter, need
not be." Austin Osman Spare

The endless cycling though Desire and Despair (and yes, Death
and Dream and Delirium) births me into an abundance of beauty and
fear wherein I encounter slight threads, knotted together into a net
of jewels, a fine and lovely trap. I touch this thread and the baby
wakes, and this one brings rain.

The trick in Sorcery is that there is no trick. The key to
Sorcery is Inexplicability. That which can be explained, scientifically
proven, used to convince skeptics and make your teeth whiter and
brighter, is not Magick. If your seek 'a good reason' for your
acts, ...'he who hesitates is lost'-Crowley. No shit. I know magicians
who think this is a threat, which is merely a fact, easily
observable in any big city, at major intersections and on the edges of
tourist spots.

In the next installment, we will tackle the problem of Grace,
if we can find any positive examples....

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FireClown also wrote one of the definitive short texts on sigils, a
document of such reductionist simplicity that further simplification would
have required turning "it"
into a sigil!

FireClown on sigils follows:

Fireclown's Sigilization Basics for the Confused

OK, so you haven't read Liber Null, Practical Sigil Magick, the Grey Book, Visual Magick, or anything else on Sigil Magick, and don't have any money and/or hate books anyway. May this brief bit of fluff aid you in some way.

HISTORY.

Sigilization, or Sigil Magick is generally attributed to Austin Osman Spare. I feel he got the idea from drawing up monograms as a child, or perhaps from looking at watermarks on paper.

END OF HISTORY SECTION.

THEORY.

The general idea is that Magick functions on a subconscious/deep mind level, and that the logical/discursive mind only hinders the manifestation of results. It does this by

1) Lust of Result,

and

2) constantly denying the possibility of manifestation.
i.e., I can't get laid 'cos I'm a bastard!, or
I'm stupid and clumsy, and have no social graces,
therefore I can't be a waiter, even though I really
really want to be one.

There are other reasons, but I'm not going to go into them here.

Therefore Sigil Magick seeks to implant and embed directions
and/or desires into the deep mind in a way that goes unnoticed/unopposed
by the rational/discursive mind.

PRACTICE.

Take a statement of Desire, containing no negative words, and
write it out.

I WANT TO FUCK BOOTSY COLLINS (used as an example only)

But no, that's not quite right...too vague...

I WILL FUCK BOOTSY COLLINS

Yes, that's better. Forceful is good.

Eliminate repeat letters.

IWLFUCKBOTSYN

Now make the letters into a monogram of sorts.

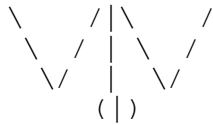


diagram simplified for ASCII

Anyway, you use all the letters left over and make a little picture.

This is your seed, if you will.

Now, forget all about Bootsy for awhile, and take your little picture and PLANT IT!

There are a variety of ways to do this, and we'll look at some.

- 1) gaze at the Sigil, whilst jerking off or fucking, it will embed when you come.
- 2) gaze at the Sigil, and hurt yourself.
- 3) gaze at the Sigil, and hold your breath 'till you pass out. It embeds when your head strikes the altar.
- 4) strongly visualize killing someone you hate. Then visualize your Sigil.
- 5) strongly visualize making someone you love very happy, and visualize your Sigil.

6) combine any or all of the above. The more contradictory, the better.

- 7) meditate to vacuity, and when vacuous, visualize Sigil.

Obviously there are many ways to do this particular Magick Trick, just as there are as many rabbits as there are hats to pull them from. The most important bits to keep in mind are: make your

Sigil nonrepresentative of your desire, try to forget what the sigil is for, and I recommend deystroying your Sigil as soon as you plant it.

I will also be heretical here, and say one should not record their experiments with Sigil magick, and if they do, keep the records extremely vague. One good way to do this is to seal the paper

used to work up your Sigil (perhaps the finished and charged sigil as well) in an envelope marked only with the date performed. Don't open the envelopes for at least six months. Still, I think that fast create/embed/destroy cycles work best.

Let me know of any questions, as well as fun or especially painful

tales that arise from these practices. These will be collected
in
a future article, called 'Sigils as Harbingers of Personal
Apocalypse'
to be assembled when enough tales of mindrending horror amass.

This has been the Fireclown, for Curious Yellow (Z)

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The Z(Cluster) is an international association of chaos magicians. Few
facts are more persuasive of this assertion than that the third node in
the
Cluster was Zona Majika Automota, or ZMA, founded by Martin Knutsen in
Norway shortly after the publication of "The 12 Principles of Chaos" on
the
Internet.

Martin announced the formation of ZMA with a founding document of his
own:

Hep.

I am pleased to announce the formation of a new group of the
Cluster,
ZALIVA MAGNIFICUS AZEROTH. Together we shall conquer the
world...

Our knowledge is small, our hunger great and our contacts many,
so

this should turn out to be a strange and wonderful journey.
ZALIVA MAGNIFICUS AZEROTH - THE MANIFESTO.

----- FIVE -----

I sleep, therefore I am a dream. As my dreams are as real to
me as my "reality", and as they present a much more precise
description of reality than my so-called senses, I will
choose to explore, and if possible describe, the visions
and symbols inherent in my brainstem.

-----TWO-----

As Magic/Magick/Art is the Art/Working of change, and since all change must come from yourself, I shall strive to achieve an understanding of what is, and what is not, at any given time, a part of what I choose to call Me. Thus, I may know the factors, and thus , I may know the non-factors of symbols that exist eternally and at the same time, only within my head.

----- SEVEN-----

As kaos is all, then kaos is nothing. To believe in nothing, is to believe in everything. All is true, and that is a lie.

-----THREE-----

The realisation of kaos poses a question of survival. I will choose, for a while, to react to the fact of lifes total insecurity with an absolute belief in what I think of as right. When all possibilities are equal, the wise man chooses his own, and lets other choose theirs. Total freedom means total self-responsibility. You are what you do, and myths and memory are the only traces we ever can leave behind.

-----TEN-----

As no truth is absolute, knowledge can only be justified trough results. I will work, through what I define as Me at this time, to produce something. The aim of the product shall be to capture the essence of my being, like a flash of beauty. If nothing is true, then every sensation is eternal.

-----THIRTEEN-----

We are all Gods, and therefore responsible unto the whole universe. I shall not forget one single sensation in my lifetime, I shall keep it stored in my brain-stem and explore it at night. I devote my nights to the study of patterns and the movements of matter that together create the beauty of kaos.

-----TWENTY-THREE-----

We are all created by kaos. We will all return into kaos.
Lets have fun while were at it.

More recently Martin has declared a system of magick:

An Introduction to ZMA's Majik

Perhaps we should present our Selves. Zona MAjika Autonoma is a individual organisation affiliated to the Z-Cluster & the Origami tribe, as well as to the legend of A:. A:. . When we say this, we do not mean that we are within the Thelemic current, as we find this a rather pompous & absolute dogma. Rather, we are deeply in love with the idea of the wise old men carefully

building

a pyramid of knowledge, a framework accessible by everyone. We

are

deeply fascinated by kabbalah, wich to us is one of the few non-moralistic explanations for the symbolic structure of reality.

The way we see it, the structure of kabbalah/tarot/myths/i-ching/etc.

can be likened to a piece of hardware, a common symbolic

structure

we all can interface with. The Z.M.A. sees itself as a software-designer/ symbol-hacker, we try to find easy angles to complex structures, simplifying & condensing things down to basic, and

then

start building again. Z.M.A. is also a political organisation,

it

is our stated goal to find a form of magik that can be employed

as

a tool of combat against those bastards dragging the world down. O.K. Here is our basic breakdown of magik, wich has earned me the curse of an officer of the O.T.O.

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ISI MAGIK

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1) Every man & woman is a star.

body

2) A star can be analysed in three parts: Its emanations, its and its core. Emanations for a person are its doings, its body

can

be called Ka & broken down into the four elements, while the

core

is Ki & represents that which is us, God within. As above , so Below, As Ki so Ka, and opposite.

3) Ki can be described as a structure of continual opposition, where positive & negative (passive/active, male/female, Chaos/order) is in continual conflict, creating the third point of reaction. Classic gnostic marxism.

4) The art of magik is the introduction of a fourth element into this pyramidal structure of thought, thus breaking the structure of binary coding that the brain is taught, and creating a much more complex structure. This fourth element can be as easy or as complex as wished, personally we like things as simple & honest as possible. Only through retaining the childmind can we remain pure, is one Z.M.A. slogan.

5) The formula is : $3+x=4$. Isi magik.

As we are getting ready for publishing a more comprehensive look into this, as well as our own system of work, we would like to hear any and all comments to this. As earlier said, we have been told that publishing this will earn us curses & doom by a high-grade O.T.O. officer (who also called it "pathetic, inconsequent, inconsistent, stupid & mega-lomantic", so much for the stoic magician, smile), which is why we choose to get reactions first. We find it kinda neat, we are not saying this is "the official truth, inc." but quite a handy tool...

Last words: Remember , my friends, what we actually are doing here on the net. The game we are playing is one of the absolute oldest, the traditions we are using as skipping stones are something men have died for for thousands of years. Remember that money is magik, that all abstract thought can be analysed using these tools, that energy is emotion and that all movement may create resonances, then think about

the amount of pain & doom/gloom being generated everywhere. The
aim
of the Z.M.A: is to create a pure note of defiant hope & anger
beneath
the noise of all these traitors of wonders.

Peace.
M.K. (Z.M.A:)

In a variation on the above two documents Martin recently
reformulated
his founding principles into a series of statements:

ZMA - THE STATEMENTS

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ONE

All your thoughts are lies, including this one. Therefore, the only
solution is to choose.

TWO

To paraphrase a great man : Will is the Law, Will under Love. Each man
is
perhaps a star. He may also be a rather silly display of fireworks..

THREE

All the world is shaped of patterns, and the paths of the patterns are
perhaps ruled by their own internal logic, but beyond and above it lies
chaos, and further than that we have not been able to come.

FOUR

If you are looking for a meaning, you better look elsewhere. The only
thing
you will find here, are some mildly hallucogenic effects and a scary
view
of the world. No shrinks available...

FIVE

If you are decided to strike, strike hard and true. The beauty of
perfect
being embodied in action, pure and clean, is a rare thing to behold.
Let
your body learn tricks without the conscious aid of the brain.

SIX

And if you chafe at the word beauty, thinking it yet another flowery
remnant
of the boy-fuckers of ancient Empire, then remember this: If time is
but a

blink in the eye of Godhead, should we not then be the lightning
etching the
memory of our being eternally into his thought?

SEVEN

For as we come down to it, this is what Chaos is all about : To be able
to
surf, and to do it with a certain sense of personal integrity and with
a
style that is defined by yourself. Chaos is the slacker answer to
serious
study, we Choose the left hand path freely, we go by intuition through
these mazes of symbols, perhaps one day finally reaching the end of
The Fields We Know. And would it not be a True experience, to happily
go off
into the mist?

EIGHT

Always try to communicate freely, and with an open mind. This is a
dying art
an art worth keeping alive, but remember also that there are as many
tricks
of persuasion as there are trees in the world. To paraphrase another
great
man, "If you are doing business with a magickal son of a bitch, get it
in
writing".

NINE

Keep your eyes on the road, your hands upon the wheel. Always remain in
control, never surrender yourself, never accept another mans wisdom
without
questioning, never Ever take anything for Truth.

TEN

ALways remeber that we are in a situation of combat. We do not have the
time
for small details, we are fighting for our lives.

Martin has recently taken to writing fiction, and included here are two
of
his most recent works.

FOND...MEMORIES...OF...THE...PAST...

There are few things in a man's life that can be compared to riding
through a
snowstorm, high on speed and handling a heavy motorcycle. That feeling,
when your
vision is reduced to less than three meters and your reactive ability
is limited

by the fact that any movement with sufficient force to break the sheets
of ice
stuck to the frame is likely to send you flailing and screaming into
the nearest
snowdrift, to be found and eaten by lops or wild reindeer, is what we
Norwegians
live for. As Lemmy says it: "We are born to Die, We fight to Live." Or
to quote
my friend the Rat, who just got busted on murder charges : "Doesnt matter
when you
go, as long as it is fun" Which always reminds me of my old friend
Patrick
Buchanan. Tonight, Eye see ole Pat is on television again, making sure
his
margin of 20-25 % of the republican party is right behind him, toting
their
home-made bombs & waving their M-16s. Patrick Buchanan, or "Slime" as
we used to
call him back in the sixties, is an old old acquaintance of mine. We
were riding
with the angels when the name still meant something, before the snake-
people &
these God-rotting aeonites & boyfuckers surfaced with their whole new
brand of
slimy evil. Eye can remember a day, out in the Mojave, me & Pat were
doing the
rites of Light, writing mile-long sigils with the dust-trails of our
bikes in
patterns readable only to those smiling spirits we had on our
shoulders,
laughing. We initiated that whole fucking period, we charged and
recharged that
whole era, together with a whole lot of other stonecrazy mothers &
fathers Of the
Edge. We were not "Dionysian" or "Appollonian", we were outside those
dualistic
platitudes so common now, we were action, not fucking boring. But then
it broke,
and the kapita-lords took hold, and we had to make a decision. Any of
you out
there remembering the gathering of the tribes in 69? It was, in my mind
, like
a scene out of a book, the clans who never had managed to be united
suddenly
facing imminent defeat and coming together in one last council. As the
sun
settled on those high mountains, we sat around the fire, and one by one
made our
speeches....Most of them was the usual gibberish, about how the
militants had
betrayed the peaceniks and how the peaceniks had lacked the gut to do
anything
but talk, and so on ad nauseum. As Amanda Wyldenleaf of house Boorish
was
getting ready to speak, Pat had enough. He jumped into the circle and
held one of
the best speeches in history. It went something like this:

"Brothers and sister! Fuckers and wankers! Hello! We have been listening to you! You suck! There is an enemy a-coming, and this is a war-council! What are we going to do...? You sit in silence, all of you. Well, let me tell you a few things that shall come to pass:... There will be a scourge, and a cleansing, and blood on the tracks. They will shoot, and maim, and burn, and loot our dreams. They will molest our children and their longing for Greenspace, they will bind us and hold us and give us the choice between rape or consent. They will bow our heads, or cut them off. You don't like it.... Hell, I don't like it, I fucking hate it. That is what I am, hate, and that is my trade, so how am I gonna turn this...? We, who are the children, we should be fucking smarter than this, we should be able to dance away... I propose, before the council, the following : We of the People will hereby disappear, like a song into the woods, a remnant of an echo. They do not want myth, let them face reality in kapital. Let us flood the victors with their own victory. Let us infiltrate and poison and stupidify and bind them to their own binding. They seek to shape a spell, let us help them then, like Puck helps the Lovers. This is my suggestion, to let go of the dreaming and leave it to them, and let them roast in their own fat.... There will always be children."

There was silence around the fire.... People were looking at each other, only Lemmy seemed to get any kind of kick outta the raw energy delivered. Pat looked around him with wild eyes, then laughed. He looked like a maniac then, dressed in Black jeans and a biker's vest, a powerful man in a wild time, getting ready for his last Faustian crusade. "Eggsuckers, rot on you" he screamed, and did the signs of rejection , condemnation and confusion in such a rapid series of movement his hands seemed to blur. Then he went out, jumped on his bike and roared away into the night. The rest, as they say, is History. The council broke up, Pat Buchanan became Nixon's speechwriter. Soon after the death counts started rising. As my old friend William S. says:... It was a time when passion attracted

bullets. William, William, you were always my hero, old even among the oldest, looking at the world and daring it to look back, icecoldmachinery and sinister complexity... You never introduced me to St....gysin, though, not before it was over, not before it was down the drain..Cold Paris backstair table and syringe, the dying is thing a word,cut up tit.William was the one who did not not come to any councils, anytime one of the leaders came even close to him he would sneer something about the Mahariji, and turn away....Eye can see him in Chicago, him and Jean Genet refusing to move. "Gonna get hurt anyway, wont give them the pleasure of seeing me run". Now if he had run for president, with Pat Buchanan as a PR manager, that would have been a spectacle.... Vote Gysin/Burroughs... For a stranger America... Laugh...

But we seem to be drifting, again. We were talking about Patrick Buchanan, and his last curse, his life's work. It seems clear to me that the act of becoming a magician in these terms means that one shapes the world around itself. Pat,being the craftsman he is, understood that a man might escape into this, and never reappear,like the pebble and the river. Pat didnt want this. He went back to his own Cabaal, and they laid their plans. What you have to understand about these Shatanists, is that they are not evil in the absolute term. They dont take pleasure in their craft, only sick animals do that. Their intent is a tactical one, they wish simply to force an interference, they wish to see how long they can keep on squeezing before the divine judgement comes.They have chosen a side, and they keep on attacking hoping to provoke a counterattack, which again will lead to a process which will , ultimately, save them. Pat Buchanan is not trying to destroy the world, he is trying to save it. Remember, the man was one of the most wellread occultists in history when we met, and since then he has had access to all the structural calculations of the pyramid. He knows what he is doing. What he is doing is trying to make the world come to an end.

That was were me & Lemmy disagreed with him. Lemmy meant that there was no need

to be that angry, pointing out that the fuckers had been in command for
1000
years, why not another thousand...?..Lemmy always wanted just to ride
& laugh &
fight & whore, and perhaps he was the one of us who had the point after
all. He
was prone, in those philosophical moments under the full moon, to say
things
about the inherent relationship between movement and beauty, about the
importance
of the Wild Hunt. He was of the opinion that any construction of
deliberate
thought was bound to stumble against some snatch, that the laws of
hubris were
effective and absolute for any intentional magician. Lemmy was and is
my hero,
and he is also still alive....Patrick went in on a hate-trip of such
magnitude
that he might be in the position of possible success. Me, Eye am just
sitting here
looking at the sun, with Eyes half-shut and my body in tatters from
last nights
drinking and whoring. These are interesting times.

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OF WORK AND REINDEER

Anyone who has had to slaughter a reindeer in less than five minutes
knows that it is a hell of a job. The initial cut of the belly is
easy, and the letting out of the blood usually works fine, but the
cutting of the meat takes time and strength, and the professionals
usually use a Black & Decker saw on the corpse itself. That sound
when you do it the old way, of the blade slicing through tissue and
hitting bone, is something that can make reverberations in a reflected
man's dreams, and make him consider what makes those cursed laps
throng around the country side chanting and drumming and not looking
after their livestock like they are bound to by the Law of
Wilderness, chapter 23 '11. And when one comes around a bend ,
riding hard and true and howling along to the lyrics of Ace of
Spades, one doesn't want to consider the possibility that cause and
effect will soon have one cutting meat in frantic haste while having
to look out for the herders of the flock of beasts one just ran full
speed ahead into. These laps can be dangerous, only last year they
killed three tourists and one longdistance driver, and whenever Eye
do dealings with them for Borealis-workings, Eye keep my shotgun
close. Wich they respect, as one crazy mother acknowledges another.

Wich reminds me of an argument Eye had some years ago with my old
friend Cameron and a french friend of his. We had been watching a
Canadian concert, this one man playing percussions, and we were
rather stoned and spaced out, and we got into arguing, like we
always do, about the intentions of different possibilities of
myth-making, and their implications upon the existing weave. Now
Cameron is a youngster, and he did not experience the sixties, only

the backlash, and for this Eye am willing to excuse him quite a lot. Those who have only experienced recession are very rarely capable of visualising the true surge, any concept of action gets a fatalistic mood very easily these days. Also it is true that the realms of technique are much easier and sortable, possible to navigate, and the fact that Cameron and his friends are playing with borrowed instruments naturally makes them wary of their actions, and unwilling to take more than small snatches outta the body of knowledge. They seem like nice people, this tribe, and it is perhaps this that keeps on puzzling me. Because on one hand you have all this rather reclusive but in general warm and kind people, able to see themselves for what they are while they are it, on the other hand Eye see these manipulated, pacified and spell bound servants of servility, slaves of their own focus who not only has not considered any options, but refuse to listen to any tauntings, who read chinese poetry but refuses to answer the monkey calling names with Wisdom. It is one thing to want to conquer the world, another to talk with angels and a third to realise the spell-like consistence of television. It is one thing to become religious, another to let different truths clash and observe the patterns of the fallout. This me and Cameron have been fighting over for at least 6 years, and odds are we will never agree. The mechanics seem to be holding the visible ground these days, and for those of us who remember the sensation of burning rubber with a head full of acid under the stars in the middle of the Mojave desert they do seem a tad crude... We , who used to write sigils for the skies with our dusttrails, who used to do majik with a baseballbat and a head full of speed, we of the tribe who never saw the need for Egyptian archetypes when there was movies & tales and heroes to be found and deeds to be done, we find it a little weird to see these hordes of young men without any resonance crowding in on the corpse of the action, eager to tear off a little piece of the mirage for themselves. We who have been hitchhiking in Serbia and smiled into the barrel of a foreign-speaking gun, we do not understand this fascination with vasectomy that seems to be a repeating theme inside somany American reverbations these days. Born to Die, Fight to Live, until you understand the archetype of Lemmy you are nothing but mindwankers is what Eye usually say to Cameron when he calls me at six in the morning to complain about how he cant find any meaning with life. These conversations often take an extrememly violent nature, the sound of a grown man crying and jabbering about existensialism always makes me wanna carve some meat, and Cameron knows this and needs this counterreAction to stay alive. Problem with the aspect of hopelessness is this junky-like addiction to constructs, and the need to quench other possibilities but the chosen construct. Cameron usually says something about realitystructures at this point of our argument, about how the Hegelian structures imply an ending to questions in order to have any impact in life, and Eye usually mutter something about the Action of Choice and non-acceptance of bullshit, and then we shut up for A couple of seconds. Cuz this is the core.

When Eye was travelling in India, Eye met this little old man of the Pan-Shri cult, wich Eye had never heard about. He talked English quite O.K., so we got to talking, and we shared a meal and a

chillum. He looked at me with great smiling eyes, and we sat in quiet and watched the sun go down over the trees and the reflections caused on the water, and we listened to the absence of noise. When the moon was well up, he spoke for the first time in some hours, and told me to follow him. Making sure my machete was still with me, Eye followed him into the jungle through a path, weaving and turning, until the whole forest seemed like a maze. In the end we came into a clearing, where there was built a sort of halfroof in a circular form, with an open circle in the middle. There were smouldering coals lighting the scene, and perhaps two-hundred to three-hundred people dancing in a weird kind of shuffle around the middle of the circle. The old man stepped forth, and said a few words in a loud clear voice, and as Eye came close to the circle Eye was handed a bowl of something hot to drink, which tasted like shit but sure made my head work in new and fascinating ways. Much more Eye do not choose to remember in public, but when Eye awoke two days later, Eye found myself alone in the middle of the circle, sleeping beside the focus of the whole dance. It was a cokemachine.

Eye tried to tell this to my good friend Olav once. His first reaction was that these were stupid & puerile savages, incapable of anything but the simplest cargo-cult tendencies and animism. There is only one reading to a text, seems to be a paradigm in some circles, and my good friend chose this one. Personally, as Eye have often pointed out to my old chum, Eye see conversation as a piece of ass, to be discovered again and again, to be treated like a fuck where you sometimes go for the throat and sometimes for the stroke but always always always, you look into the Eye of the partner, smiling. We who have been in the battles in Rome and Berlin, who have experienced the victory at Forte Prenestino, who have played with the Italian dolphin-girls, who have seen the beauty of the greenspace, we do not understand this clutching of self, and this unwillingness to play. As Leonard Cohen said it, in a rather drunk moment while we were discussing bombing the World Trade center: Bop til you Drop. We who love the forest will never be able to Love the City, no matter how much we understand its implications it will always be an obstacle to us and our longing.

And saying this probably implies a visit from some of Lemmys friends tomorrow, going to hurt me for joining the flowerfairies. These Norwegian bikers are a hell of a strange crew, they are used to wrestling with halfdamaged moose and reindeer, and as Eye look at the blood under my nails and think about that one horrible moment up in the mountains earlier today there is that certain feeling that doom is on its way in the form of a 200 kilo bearded man full off amphetamines and nicknamed the El Also, Eye get this feeling that this is another exercise in futility, that to wake the serious segments of society is about as easy as winning the grail... Those who would read this would never be able to get enough cohesion together to do anything in coordination, what we need desperately now is for Hells Angels International to reveal themselves as master occultists and do the last charge of the Light Brigade in coordinated movement with NSK and the Italian resistance. Imagine it, lots of hard men wearing helmets and sunglasses just riding into town, then getting off and forcing people with brute force and weird lines of logic to see and understand that Kapital is Enemy, TV is Bad Voodoo and the World is under a Curse. That would be something

to sing of, but in the meantime the anglosaxon world will just have to stay beneath the blade until it grows up enough to be able to observe those who are cutting it. Eye hope the Laps come and get them first, though. Their knives are big, and they like to work in the true light of the Aurora Borealis. These days, they also have snowscooters, so there is no hope in running.

Returning to the American North East, two nodes formed, Nodes 3-Atl(Z) and *EN, subnodes of each other, and the nodes respectively that contain Babs Pucci and davis.

Davis declared as follows:

I hereby apply to you for recognition as a node of the (Z)Cluster:

Node name:*EN [the node without a (Z)]
Contact:davis <dsprague@mhv.net>
Prior Affiliations I'm willing to disclose: OTP, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), and various protest groups back in the sixties as documented so well by the FBI.
Position: Official Heckler
Motto:"We don't need no steenking 'z'."

More succinctly Babs declared as follows:

i decided on 3-Atl(Z) for my Z cluster. add me to the list!

thanks :)

Babs attended the NutMeg, or NetMage conference last year. This gathering takes place in Chicago once a year and is a real life gathering of magicians, witches, warlocks, and the like who usually only meet on the Internet. Davis did not attend, but has a strong telepathic link with Babs since a tiamat rite last year.

On her return they collaborated on the following document.

STORY....

3-Atl-Z and Node*EN at Nutmeg

She finds herself lost out beyond the window of the plane as it finds its way on its course to Illinois even though her Will is in the middle of one of his stories that generally keep her occupied and focused. But the clouds are web-like and sticky looking and seem to want to draw her out. The curiosity and the waiting have put her in such an odd mood that she is getting lost so easily; it is not an entirely bad feeling. As she begins to float her eyes shut dreamily and a voice that seems to be generated from the web, from what seems to be out from beyond her own being, begins to think these strange images to her...

> And as you read this ... a memetic implant ...
> placed by our most skilled surgeons ... into a
> most vulnerable structure ... is stirred ...
> and begins ... to grow ... and to fold ... on
> itself ... a thought ... a seed ... folding ...
> and growing ... and taking root ... an oragami
> crane ... takes flight ... cutting and folding
> ... growing and rooting and flying our surgeons
> ... on itself ... the implant takes hold.

she is jolted awake, quickly glancing around. No time seems to have passed and Will is continuing his story even as the plane approaches Midway, the smaller of the two main airports in Chicago. She is wondering if there will be someone there to pick her up and help them find their way out to this hotel in the boon-docks of the city. Waiting, watching for her turn to follow the line off the plane, she gets dizzy with red eyes...

> and a faint pulsing ... the blood ... and the
> eyes ... dilate and constrict ... to bright
> ... to dark ... slowly unglating ... and folding

Finally we pull up to a lonely building with two small front windows that are barely lighted. Looking closely, she sees what looks to be dismembered babies in those windows, but as they get out of the car and get closer she realizes that they are dolls that are relatively intact. Inside, the polish polka music plays on the box, we order some drinks and wait some more. An eternity passes before we find the hotel and the day arrives when the others are supposed to show. We can't be in Chicago, this city can't be this quiet and this suburban and this surreal. There should be others around already. She wonders if she has come on the wrong weekend. Good thing her Will is

here to entertain her.

> becoming a cycle ... a cycle of cycles ...
> wandering ... and twisting ... like breathing

People come, run into their hotel rooms and shut the doors. There is an odd, quiet pall to this place than cannot be escaped. There is food later, and a Vortex but she doesn't seem to be able to find any other energy but her own. It doesn't exist. Not yet. The adolescent boys are wandering around in a daze occasionally asking if the orgy is about to begin. She rolls her eyes, and they go away. Later, things haven't changed, so she grabs Will and steals away to her own room to be entertained.

> cycling ... folding ... unfolding ...
> breathing ... wandering ... the route
> integral ... consuming ...

On day 2, she follows the others to the park. It should be Wednesday, but it is not. Food comes and goes. Someone mentions a spider rite, and finally a little color explodes on to her vision. Her eyes widen a bit and she asks, "spider?" A subset of the group splits off to discuss the ritual. She listens to someone read the theory behind this rite but most of it doesn't sink in very far. Xastur? who wrote these directions? Whatever... but the spider! She feels her already! She does remember hearing that the one who is possessed by the spider needs to be well grounded in their Will. Good thing she brought hers with her. The others ask her "you wanna be the spider and tie everyone up and bite them?". She grins broadly... "of course". (She wonders if she should have been paying more attention to that theory discussion. "nah" she decides, "it'll be ok") The group finds a place to work, and get the materials together. The one star in sight creates an lovely opening to the sounds of drum beats. That makes her happy and dazed. 2 guys are going to help her prepare for the spider... she looks over at her Will in the middle of the space. She grins at him. One guy wants to put some helmet on her head to 'help the her attune to the spider's frequency'. She laughs and thinks "ya, whatever helps this work for you...but the spider is already here though, silly man!" and this other idiot has cut his hand and is throwing blood on her. She throws a tiny bit of anger at him. Finally these 2 seem to stop doing what they need so she begins... proding the 4 and positioning them around the silver middle that contains the spider map. she ties them to various trees and to each other, slowly and happily growing in strength the whole time... the rope goes around his torso, his legs, her neck, her chest, her feet, his belly, his hands, his neck, her balled up body. She laughs and tugs on the strings here and there sending

out currents... she dances to the drums beating (she wished they were faster)... how much time has passed? she vaguely wonders... she moves to the first, pushes him up against the tree and sinks her teeth into his shoulder... she giggles and drools giddy like and spits into the cup... very excited now she runs to each, chewing and biting, pushing and tugging... she isn't completely sure of what exactly is happening, the corn meal is kicked over, who is that new guy?, more biting, if i pull this rope it will choke her a little bit... once she moves close to her Will for strength... she has all the venom she needs and is just playing now, running from one to the other she stops, waits...the rope is gone now, and she is feeding them bananas, she laughs while doing that... they sit around the silver, and shred the map and she laughs with at least one other. There is one left who hasn't shaken the venom yet and that one crawls and groans. She is lit, her eyes shine, and she finds herself engulfed by the spider who is in turn limited by her form. We are divisions of each other, as are all things web-like. She/spider laughs as she begins to think/say...

> A teenage girl ducks down an alley, tripping
> over the drunken fool sitting on the ground.
> He is half-blind from drinking paint thinner,
> and has just sprayed the letters "*EN" in
> dripping paint on the souly alley wall. He
> giggles insanely as he licks the yellow pig-
> ment dripping from the nozzle of the can.

> A teenage girl stumbles over him, running
> from some unseen one. She turns producing a
> wallet from under her shirt. In a blink she
> seperates the grain from chafe, stuffing the
> bills back into her shirt and tossing the
> wallet into a dumpster. She glances back at
> the drunken fool and then runs off down the
> alley.

> The wallet has fallen open into the dumpster.
> A picture of a middleaged businessman stares
> out. It sees. An old pre-VGA monitor. A
> carcass of a chicken, bloodied and covered
> with corn meal. A pile of tissues. A
> dripping condom. All swirl and blur as the
> businessman closes his eyes.

> The businessman squints, he can no longer see
> the assailant he was pursuing. Clumsy street
> urchin who had lifted his wallet, also lifted
> this shirttail. He felt the tug. He turned,
> and out of shape as he was, the chase ensued.
> He leans on a signpost. Scanning, he spies the
> alley, and jogs awkwardly toward it. He turns
> the corner and finds an old bastard with a paint
> can, lying in his own urine, and a dumpster.
> He steps over the poor fool to look into the

> dumpster, and finds ... his wallet, sticky and
> smelling of blood and semen.

> Behind the businessman the syphillitic buddha
> of the urban death leans suddenly forward.

The plane begins to descend she finds herself, though still frustrated,
filled by the spider. Her energy and strength are increased and still
quite bright. She sees the spider on her web... the form is gossimer,
glassy but she knows it is unbreakable and flexible... strands spread
out

as far as she can see connected to all and intertwined amongst
themselves

... she giggles as she imagines which thread she will pull next
and the voices begin their quiet chatter...

> the trigger sequence having occured ... and
> folding ... and growing ... the paper crane
> tears ... our surgeons ... in two ... and
> rests in flight ... where one ... is ...
> now ... two ... are ... unfolding ... into
> ... a most vulnerable structure ... unfolding
> ... landing ... taking root ... implanting
> ... the meme ...

We are 3-Atl(Z) and *EN, each subsets of each
other, recursive ad infinitum.

STORY ENDS

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comments, praise, and rants to the above addresses please

Interested in Nutmeg?

Here's the periodic posting:

Nutmeg is *the* gathering for 'net mystics, occultists and
magicians.
This will be the third year for Nutmeg, and like the past two years,
promises
to be a blast!!!

Nutmeg is a *very* loosely structured gathering, with few "planned"
activities. People interested in attending Nutmeg should get on the
Nutmeg
e-list at:

nutmeg-request@eschatek.com

type "subscribe" in the body of the message. If you have problems getting on the list, send an email to : cipher @eschatek.com

Nutmeg will take place June 13-17th in Arlington Heights, IL (a suburb of Chicago), all are welcome.

The Great God Avakado joined the Z(Cluster) one morning while strolling under his flowering incense trees in the Garden State of New Jersey. Brushing aside his adoring, nubile, and mostly naked attendant nymphs, he wrote to the editor, and after pondering on a name, called his node

Mokele mbembe TAZ

Chris Savia aka Avakado, aka Mr. Skin, aka Bexley, aka, oh I don't know, ask him, has written a number of inventive rites. One of my favorites follows:

MAKING THE COMPUTER WITH TWO BACKS

Feeling alone on Valentine's Day? Then what you need is some impersonal, cold computer sex. Yes, now you too can heave and sweat like some potbellied unix weenie but with a difference! Magick! Cybermagick!

Purpose: To make oneself feel much closer to your computer. To express that forbidden love between carbon and silicon.

Intent: To achieve one-ness with one's own computer. For your mind to send emotion into your computer, making it feel emotion or just feel depending on how you feel, and to experience the logic of your computer (or fuzzy logic if you're using Pentium. Remember, they didn't call it the 586 because the chip would call itself the 565.998871)

WHATCHA NEED

- 1 a screw
- 2 a screwdriver
- 3 a doughnut
- 4 genitals
- 5 a comfy chair
- 6 a jack to connect your wetware to your hardware, it could be a rigger device (most complicated) to just a consecrated string running betwixt you and the computer (simplest).
- a computer
- 7 IRC or comparable chatrooms
- 8 relative privacy

WHATCHA GONNA DO

Attach the rigging device (#6) to an area of the body you feel would interface most discreetly, yet easily with the computer. Say, around thine wrist so your pulse may send mana into the computer and the computer can reciprocate with it's aethyr. Hook up the rigging device to the computer where thee deem it most compatible.

Find thineself a comfy chair (#5) for thee to park yer carcass

Makke sure thee hast found a place of privacy (#8), so none shall interrupt thine work and make you feel silly doing this at your age (shame on you! :)

Log on to your favorite spicy area of the digital aethyr (#7), seeketh not for the unzesty, seek only that may call to your baser instincts. All the while, cooing sweet nothings into your computer's disk drive. Begin the work, finding something that is spicy beyond spicy, zesty above and beyond the call of duty of zesty.

Unto thineself, commit the sin of St. Onan (He Who shall Take Things into His own Hand). Use of Power Tools would be recommended, but unnecessary. Thee canst also bringeth with thee for the same purpose a significant other, be they female, male or porcupine. Continue until thine dost reach the point of no return, the point where some parents said "whoops" and had to get married.

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avacado

the vibrating apostle

him Brother Avakado can be found all over the net, but you can email
at yhtill@mars.superlink.net

Moving away from the United States, MAZE del OZ, a peripatetic ZNode
member
who is either in Australia or England or places elsewhere, declared
member-
ship thus:

Intent to Node
is at hand
and so I tell you
it is my will to node.

Later MAZE stated:

In accordance with the constitution of ZCluster, I have opted to name
my 3
letter node with a 'z', M.A.Z.E Man About Ze Earth. And I am somewhat
of
a mobile unit.

MAZE (sean scullion) has written a magickal practice for submission to
this
issue of the ZChronicles. The document follows:

Kinesthetic Magick, by MAZE

Chapter 2

- The Sensation -

I start with the premise that each person wants to experience both itself and the matrix more fully. By doing so, it attracts and creates far better (more intense) sensations for itself. The difference between attracting and creating sensations are typified in an ancient Chinese symbol most people are familiar with, the yin-yang. To experience the difference involves a meditation. The experience is kinesthetic, which means you feel it, and what's more: you feel it within yourself.

Most meditations involve either visualisations or feeling outside of yourself, such as watching or feeling your breath. The nose is a long way from centre, and we are feeling inwards. All meditations are valid to the people of the matrix, some have more intense sensations around them, some give us what we are questing for, whereas most don't. If you wish to feel the difference between yin energy and yang energy do this meditation. I'll explain the difference more fully shortly.

Preparation:

- This is the same for both meditations and is a fairly common meditation in itself.

Sit with your back straight, perhaps on a chair as I prefer, or else on the floor, or perhaps lay down and start by taking a few slow deliberate breaths and close your eyes.

Allow your consciousness to roam freely within your body, settling eventually in your toes. Focus on the feeling within your toes and feel the space within your toes. Move to the sole of your foot leaving just the shell of your toes, i.e. your toes are empty space. Move your consciousness upward within your body: toes, soles, feet, heels, ankles, calves, shins, knees, thighs, buttocks, anus, sexual organs, hips, kidneys, stomach, inner body, lungs, heart, slowly up the spine, throat. Then along the arms, doing each finger one at a time, hands, wrists, fore-arms, elbows, biceps & upper arms, armpits, shoulders, nape, neck, chin, mouth & tongue, nose, eyes, third eye, ears, back of head, top of head then inside head.

I've found it useful spending 10-15 minutes emptying the body/feeling the space until the whole body is felt to be empty space.

The consciousness is then directed to the centre of your body, let your consciousness sit quietly centred for a short time, surrounded by the shell. The heart region is the centre of the body for the purposes of this and the following meditations and is called the heart chakra, in Eastern texts.

Yin:

Once you are centred to your own satisfaction, that is, your consciousness is at the heart chakra:

let go of the shell

which is to say

fall through the shell.

The feeling you'll have is of falling and the energy is yin.

There is a point where consciousness says "hang on!" and you climb back up. You then need to create the space within your body again, though it can be done much more rapidly as you deem fit. Centre yourself again and drop again. Note the feelings you get, but avoid intellectualising just yet. This isn't head-stuff. These are physical energies your learning how to experience.

Yang:

To best feel the difference between Yin and Yang, follow straight on from the Yin meditation once the feelings have been noted. On alternate meditations, start with the Yang then follow with the Yin.

Centre yourself again, placing consciousness at heart chakra, then direct your consciousness now to your innards as you breath. Trace a mental circle within your body starting below the navel, breathing in: tracing around to the top of the lungs then breath out: tracing the circle down the other side within yourself.

Get a good circle within yourself.

Once you've got the circle happening within yourself, feel the sensation you have at the upper and lower points of the circle, that is, between breathing in and breathing out. Feel the Yang at these two peaks within each cycle.

Chi:

It took me 3 attempts at this meditation before I felt the difference so persevere if the results aren't felt first go. After 6 attempts or so, the difference between Yin and Yang energies becomes blatantly obvious and I can feel the difference now, as easily as I can feel the keyboard under my fingers. The combination of Yin and Yang energies results in the basic substance of life, Chi, which goes under various names. In English it is best described as the LifeForce, or just the Force for 2 reasons:

- It encompasses death.
- I'm a fan of Star Wars.

Before continuing with more techniques, I'll explain the difference as a combination of what I've read and of what I've felt. These 2 energies have different charges. I'll join the consensus by calling Yang "positive" and Yin "negative". Yang is a creative energy, a potential; Yin is a passive energy, a void to be filled. Yang is described as male and Yin as female. I feel these descriptions as inaccurate and wonder where they originated. Perhaps the social standing of women at the time, being more passive, caused these descriptions. More likely, it has to do with the physical qualities of women and men. The sexual organs are manifestations of Yin and Yang. However, the sexual difference between Yin and Yang energies is not relevant today. Women and Men have equal access to Yin and Yang energies. I know I do.

The Taoists describe the first manifestations of Yin as the Moon (Thai Yin) and of Yang, the Sun (Thai Yang). [Almost?] all mythologies describe the Sun as masculine and the Moon as

feminine, assumingly because the Sun was active and the moon was passive. I agree that calling the Sun Yang; and the Moon Yin is more accurate than the sexual descriptions of these space bodies.

I am talking about energy, and access to energy here.

The energy spurned by the combination of Yin and Yang, results with Chi.

This is far more easy to experience than the two as separate entities. Simply, sit still and upright with your hands about 2 feet apart palms facing each other. Put your consciousness between your hands (feel what is there) and slowly bring your hands together until you feel the barrier between them (about 3-6 inches apart for starters). This is Chi energy that you can feel. If you have troubles with this, rub your hands together deliberately and try again. I have no doubt that you will feel this. Many people can see it too, usually it is of an electric

blue colour or else [as I do] a golden sphere, though to date I don't know the difference. Often visualising the golden sphere helps in bringing the energy to your fingertips. Visualize one of the 2 colours as you deem fit, but not white, as many books and teachers recommend. White is Pure Yang energy, and the quest for enlightenment needs to be balanced with the quest for endarkenment if it's quested at all, in my honest opinion.

Let me explain how I define some terms:

Enlightenment is the attainment of a pure Yang energy. The enlightened direct what they are doing, and know where they are going, and how to get there. The enlightened usually arrive where they are Heading. The energy is one of potential, of movement, of creativity. It is the active force in the matrix.

Endarkenment is the attainment of a pure Yin energy. The endarkened finds something to do, and knows how to [literally] ride the flows of energy in the matrix. There is a powerful intuition attainable with endarkenment. The energy is one of acceptance, of being moved, of inspiration. It is the passive force in the matrix.

Based on these definitions, neither can be labelled "Good" or "Evil", nor can they be labelled "Masculine" or "Feminine", but labels and definitions vary widely in the spiritual communities. I base my definitions on my experience. Your experiences may be different.

An example may help to illustrate, that of a painter.

Painter Yang, has an idea, gets the necessary equipment, and paints with a great deal of passion producing a masterpiece.

Painter Yin, has an idea, gets the necessary equipment, and relaxes. Yin lets the art be it's own inspiration and produces a masterpiece.

It remains to be seen what Painter YinYang, aka Painter Chi, can do.

So, you've now created an energy sphere in your hands. This can be quite potent, yet there is more power available elsewhere. Put your

palms flat on your thighs and re-enter the empty space within your whole body. Instead of generating the Force within your hands, you generate it at the heart centre, and have your centre of consciousness there. It's a little harder to get started with this energy, primarily due to us always using our hands, and never spending much time feeling our hearts. Once it is felt (connected with consciously), the power raises many times over. Also note if you can feel that the energy from heart centre is different to the energies of the hands, and different parts of the body. Accurately, the higher on the body you stimulate energy within, the higher the frequency of the energy. A common mistake is to believe that higher = better. There is a whole science of the different parts of the body and their energies, which deserves it's own later section. Known as chakras, Naomi Ozanic writes:

"The spinal network of energies is a vital part of the subtle anatomy of the human individual. The chakras are strung upon the inner column of sushumna [the spinal meridian] like jewels on a necklace. It is this central column which unifies the separated chakras into a whole. It is possible for high levels of energy to rise up from the base chakra through the spinal nadi [meridian] and dramatically affect all the chakras simultaneously." [1]

in her discussion on the raising of the Kundalini Force up the chakra network. The chakras, are more than that. The are matrices within the body. Each has it's own energy, each can be felt. There is a ritual called the Middle Pillar, published by various authors. This ritual is calling the energy downwards. If you are a student of rituals such as this, experiment with going upwards and note the difference in energies available.

If you have experienced your own energy to some degree of definite success, you may desire to enter a group structure.

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The TAZ:

When nodes (yang centres) form within the matrix for periods of time, we have a thing called a Temporary Autonomous Zone[2], or TAZ. The TAZ may desire (or otherwise) to formulate itself, or grow in strength. The mere coming together has the TAZ potential, so it wants to empower the links, and forget temporarily that the individuals have external links, or ignore them, thus becoming a TAZ.

To start with an exercise in which all units of then TAZ are in the same location. The TAZ should physically formulate itself into a geometric layout. If 2 units, they face each other. If 3, they form a triangle and so on. This is a simple exercise with many variations worth experimenting with. I list some of the possibilities at the end of the section.

Each member of the TAZ enters quiet meditation and centres itself to the heart chakra. Each member puts it's own hands together until it can feel the Force contained therein. Once it is felt the TAZ forms smaller groups of 2 (becoming a 2 person TAZ within) and face their palms towards each other, exchanging the Force until an energy ball of

some definite magnitude is felt. If they were then to move the energy ball around somewhat, they would be able to discover it's boundaries. This can be done by stretching, raising, lowering, squashing, etc. Become familiar with the Force your partner has. I've found that to touch hands is detrimental to the practise.

Now, if there is more than 2 of you, swap partners and do the same, with some rotations within the TAZ, you will be able to feel the difference with the Force of different members (and different TAZs). The sensations inspired great joy, when I first experienced this. I had always understood intellectually that each person has a unique energy field. Having done this, I felt it.

You can do similar exercises with your eyes. Again form groups of 2. The first unit has it's eyes closed, the second has them open and looks/stares/watches one of the first's eyes. The first has to determine which of it's eyes is being looked into via directing attention first to one then the other then back and so on until the other's Force is felt. For the visual amongst you, when directing attention to each eye, see which one grows brighter.

You will by this stage be able to feel your partner's unique Force, and in a group you can experiment by blind-folding one unit and taking turns at the Force balls within the hands. The results are surprising, in that you are now able to know who you are playing with. All this in one evening.

With some rotation, you will have felt each other's Force and know the difference between various TAZ members. Now, the TAZ has formed an egregore, a group consciousness, or group Force, which may be further strengthened by ritual [to be discussed in full in a later section] or by forming a pattern. Say there's four units, Each takes a quarter of the circle you exist in, and directs their own Force to the centre of the circle, feeling the Egregore grow in intensity, until the force comes back to their hands. By now moving forward, and compressing the ball, you have a very potent energy that you may use for various purposes. If the purpose is to formulate/strengthen the TAZ egregore, name the Force, spin it within it's boundaries, perhaps chant mantra that seems appropriate to the TAZ purpose, then absorb it back into yourselves. You are now inextricably linked to the Egregore. The consequences, both positive and negative, are best discussed before commencing. In the matrix, it's all flows and exchanges of energy, nothing more, nothing less.

To label the consequences positive or negative (whatever they may be) is accurate on a level I'm not currently discussing, though I work and play on that level too.

I said I would discuss some further possibilities. In a short space of time, you will be able to feel when a TAZ unit is nearby, and by 'feeling out' or deliberately sensing, you will be aware of the current emotional and spiritual state of the unit. Note that we already have this ability, we have to learn how to tune into it. A common example is directing our attention to feel the ground beneath our feet (or shoes as the case may be). We weren't paying attention to it before, but don't be silly in denying it's existence. With the Force, you have to learn how to pay attention to it.

Other TAZ Exercises:

- Obtain a collection of items, such as a deck of Tarot Cards, and have one member of the TAZ be the 'guesser'. A sample of cards are laid out (say 5 the first time) and all other TAZ members direct their attention and send their Force onto that card, whilst the guesser is out of view. When done to satisfaction, the guesser comes in, and feels the cards energies, without touching, until the guesser can determine which of the cards contains the TAZ energy.

Note, many units within the matrix work well on a visual system, that is to say, they may be able to see the Force of the card immediately. Still, they should attempt to feel it, for this system is based on exploring kinesthetic magick.

- Healing. A member of the TAZ has some ailment. For example, I sprang my elbow while juggling. A member in full Health was told, in experiment, that I had a damaged arm. She moved her hand up and down my arm, about 3 inches away, feeling my force radiate from my arm. She felt a slight disturbance in my force, which was described in analogy as a log fallen across a river. The method for healing is to smooth out the energy by slowly brushing along the river over the log, until the log seems to have vanished (to the brusher's satisfaction). Expect to be healed within an hour. With long term ailments (such as cancer) continue to do this as often as possible, even a few time a day. It's been reported to me by a long-term shaman of kinesthetic magick, that results vary from 80 - 90 % success, a lot better than any doctor. A little sad, if your in the 10%.

Note, after doing such a healing, it is important for the healer to ground or earth the energies that have been picked up. This is done by touching the Earth with the hands and sending it out, or by bathing in salt-water. A simple flick of the wrists will send it out a lot of the time. You will be able to feel the difference with only a little practise. It feels different. Different temperature, different vibration, different level of comfort. A favourite way of Earthing, which is much looked down upon within the magickal community, is by hugging a tree.

It is important to note that people may come together for shorter periods of time than discussed, say a single session. They may only meet once in their lives. They too, may do any of these exercises. Recommended is the Force ball and getting accustomed to each other's Force.

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Note that this was entitled Chapter 2, The Sensation. After some reconstruction, I have decided to put explanations as the first so Chapter 1, The Model, is soon to be published.
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Glossary:

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Chakra: Sanskrit for wheel.

Chi: The combination of yin and yang energies. Also called in this document, energy or the Force.

Cluster: A collection of units within the matrix. Also known as Nodes.

Egregore: A group mind is the usual definition. Here it is extended to include a group energy.

Energy: There are many different energies that are perceivable. It is defined as that which is perceivable, and can be controlled and directed for specific means. This essay deals with perceiving, controlling, and directing using kinesthetic means.

Force: The Force is the name popularized by the Star Wars movie trilogy, for the energy that abounds in the cosmic matrix. Same as Chi.

Kinesthetic: To do with the sensation of touch.

Mantra: A series of syllables, often repeated, that may be spoken inwardly or outwardly designed with a specific intent. Aum being the most common.

Matrix: A matrix is a combination of yin and yang energies. Matrices are often felt to be like spider webs, or like whirl-pools. Each matrix consists of smaller nodes which are also matrices, and each is part of greater matrices. The Matrix is also the name given to all matrices, which is colloquially called The Cosmos. More details forthcoming in Chapter 1.

Node: A node is a centre of activity. It is a potent yang energy, active and creative. Between nodes is the space, which is yin energy.

TAZ: Temporary Autonomous Zone.

Visual: Pertaining to the sense of vision, or seeing.

Yang: The active, creative, potential energy.

Yin: The passive energies, typified by space.

teflaftheita mafswiw .... ot kwirte labo kasfein amgidlee.

[1] The Elements of THE CHAKRAS, Naomi Ozaniec, ELEMENT, ISBN:9 781852 301743, page 13. This is an excellent primer for the beginner in chakra work. It explains the concepts well and

contains many useful exercises. Further, it explains the meanings of a lot of Sanskrit words that occur from time to time in various religious texts.

[2] TAZ.DOC, by Hakim Bey can be found on the internet at ftp:  
//ftp.funet.fi/pub/doc/religion/old/magick/INCOMING  
It is, I think, 260k in length and consists of many useful articles and discussions.

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comments on this document may be made to MAZE

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However, a rolling MAZE gathers no stones, so he may be not at this address.  
if your mail bounces send the message to marik@aol.com and I should be able to forward it to him,

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Node BBZ

is composed of three members Tzimon Yliaster, his partner Hine Nui Te Po, and their child Cypress. Of the node, Tzimon says:

"So, we're now BBZ Broadcasting, Inc., the \*only\* magickal cabal headed by a two year old! There are three members, and we meet daily from 7 AM until 8 PM. Our current main focus is 'children and Chaos Magick'."

Tzimon has been a major influence on the development of Chaos Magick on the net, founding alt.magick.chaos and the tiamat mailing list.

Currently Tzimon is working with an entity known as Lolotehe, a spider goddess. Tzimon has created a temple to Lolotehe on the DivWeb, directions to which follow his article. In this text based tinymuck Tzimon has created an elegant and sinister environment that is well worth the minimal effort it takes to visit.

Here's Tzimon's text on Lolotehe:

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Lolotehe

Prologue & Invocation

>From out of the darkness and out of the light I call you, come  
From within myself and without myself I call you, come  
From a place that is not a place to a place that is not a place I call  
you, come  
From a time that is not a time to a time that is not a time I call you,  
come  
I offer myself that you offer yourself  
Lady of the Endless Web, World-Weaver  
I have nothing that is not yours  
Eight-Legged, Fly-Consuming  
Embodiment of the Octave  
With our laughter we banish the distance  
Nor can time pass  
Nor do events occur  
This is the center of the horizon  
With our laughter we banish the signs  
Nor can there be guards  
Nor may sphinxes bar the gate  
This is the horizon's center  
I have bound us with our blood and sweet perfume  
With my left hand I touch the World of Light  
And with my right the Sphere of Darkness  
My feet stand upon Alpha and Omega  
From my heart springs a squared cross  
My head is thrust in the space between

Here is Our Lady of the Endless Web, her web touching the face of an  
Abyss.  
On the one side all things are dispersed, and on the other, manifested.  
The  
Web itself is infinite in every direction, changing beyond the borders.  
This  
is paradox, and it is in this paradox that all things find a  
unification  
upon the Web. The Web is the collection of the Intersection  
of Possibilities.  
Where the threads embrace, a Thing is created. Where it is sundered, No-  
Thing.

The Last Dream

I am entangled, entrapped in something.  
I can't even struggle, I'm so tightly woven in.  
My mind is also enmeshed, and reels with every sensation describable.  
None of it makes sense; I will go mad, I will lose myself.  
Light and dark flicker, first one and then the other, in every  
gradation,  
brilliant flashes and pitch blackness, randomly.  
Out of this confusion resolves Lolotehe;  
She is black and red, her hair bristles, she has five eyes like gems.  
Her six arms move furiously, weaving and rending the web between her  
hands before her eight breasts.  
Her body blends woman and spider seamlessly.



She is in constant motion; she seems part of the web, but moves freely.  
I focus on her and find myself again, I anchor my mind to her.  
From the web she weaves a sigil, from the formlessness a glyph.  
I don't understand this sigil.  
It's an empty sign to me, meaning nothing.  
I have seen it; that is enough.  
I awaken.

The dream stays with me throughout the day; the sigil seems burned into  
my  
mind. I can't forget it even as I write a letter to someone I've never  
met  
before. I've found a rare book he wrote years ago, and I want to ask  
him  
about it. I want to make it available again; it was so good, I want to  
give  
it away.

Two days go by; I get a reply from the author. He gives his permission  
to  
republish the book and wants nothing in return. He has drawn the first  
sigil  
on his reply, in black ink. His letter resembles a work of art, with  
drawings and a card reading "Join the Chinese Army". This makes no  
sense to  
me. Perhaps that's the point.

The Web

"The meaning of this is unimportant," she tells me,  
"It is a mark, a sign.  
It need not signify anything for now.  
You are awake, that's enough.  
All that is needed are eyes and hands;  
there is dream and there is action.  
When they both are,  
with this all things are possible."  
Look, here is my web."

And then I see the web, I see what it is.

It is this:

This is the unit, the block.  
It is replicated before my eyes a million million times.  
The node is the access, around it all things revolve.  
This is the most manifested.  
Each node is connected by its path to another;  
The path is the least manifested.  
Where the angles touch, another node is formed,  
but these are a different manifestation.  
That is, they are that which comes closer to the nodes,  
and thus they are manifested in relation to the nodes, have less  
potential  
than the paths.  
The partial path within are that which awaits unity with the node, it  
is not

fully manifested.

Each node is surrounded by a sphere, like a jewel, transparent and gem-like.

This is the horizon, all that can be known from the node; it is through this globe the node sees the manifested.

The globes all touch one another.

Their compounding so creates a glittering haze, so that the nodes can be seen as a gray smudge.

All the nodes are like flies, buzzing within the spheres, disconnected yet bound together.

Through their haze they glimpse each other,

but there is a distortion, and this creates the paths.

Within them and without each unit is nothing, neither black nor white.

"Touch my web and the strings all bend."

I pluck up a thread and many units move;

the spheres slide around each other, and all the paths and diamonds rearrange.

She weaves as I do, adding threads and rending threads.

I strain to see a pattern and can't; still the weaving is.

"To create motion, a place apart is required,

a place of leverage, a place to stand.

All who would use this must first learn to stand upon nothing.

No ground can support them.

To move my web, one must first stand away from it.

The place is paradox, where there are paths but not nodes, which is also within the diamonds.

Wakefulness is all;

as I never cease my weaving,

none cease theirs.

The weaver is the web. how, then, shall my web weave itself?

Yet I do weave, as do you.

I tell you that you must accept the life of the impossible before you can

affect what might be, and you must affect what might be before you can touch

what it.

I see ants and men all devoid of intellect, empty of mind.

They move the web by simple rules; like robots stacking cordwood they go.

Globe touches globe after globe,

but the nodes are always separated.

Thus they weave, unaware of paths and diamonds,

with threads bent as consequence but not as effect;

there is no intention of bending them.

Remember all this when the Dark releases you;

It is your place-holder.

The node insures return.

Caution

You will come before those who say that they are guards.

They are wrong though they believe themselves.

A word or sign will dispel them from your choice.  
Mark these nodes well in your memory;  
as my weaving goes on, theirs will be sundered,  
and others may sunder it as well.  
You will find they that say to beware my children;  
they but see their own slight reflection from within their own sphere.  
I have no children save what I weave,  
and even these I don't tend.  
There are no guards, likewise, but those reflected by others.  
These guards are the web, and the web is being woven.  
They are limited, as are all nodes, experiencing as they do but one  
thing at  
a time.  
Upon the web their influence is nothing, as is yours;  
but they can't step from it, or they will fall forever and burn like  
comets.  
Here is the sign of dispelling:  
Place this sign on nothing woven unless to un-weave it.  
It increases potential and unmakes the manifest.  
Never touch yourself with it upon the web, or there will be no  
returning to  
the node.  
This is the sign of entrance into nothing, into between-ness.  
I raise that which is beneath above, and even then tear it back down.  
If you blink, you'll miss the change.  
The color that your eye gives is real, but potential.  
Nothing is not, and what is not is only so for lack of potential to  
become,  
which is nothing of itself, and devours itself forever.  
It can't affect my web, but do not think that nothing is nothing.  
Nothing is that which awaits, but does so without attributes.  
It is neither with a thing, nor separated from it."

by Tzimon Yliaster

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The Temple of Lolotehe at the DivWeb

The DivWeb is a tinymuck (a variant of a MUD) accessible through  
telnetting to

[densen.math.uconn.edu](http://densen.math.uconn.edu) 9393

Once there create a character by typing connect (character name)  
(password).

Once in you should be in the Void. If you are not, type "out" to get  
there.

>From the void type "zcluster" to go to the Temple.

There is plenty of help available at the DivWeb, just take it slow if you are a beginner, and look around at what Tzimon (and others) hath wrought.

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The Solo Node of Jaq D. Hawkins.

Jaq D. Hawkins, under her other pen name Markie Chao, wrote "Defining Chaos", a document I found on nic.funet.fi. I was so impressed with the document that I included it in ZChronicles1.1, and in the hard copy gave it top billing. In the latest printing of the ZChronicles1.1, in fact, it precedes my own article on Chaos Magick-Magickal Terrorism.

I received a letter from a woman in England expressing interest in what the Z(Cluster) was doing, as a result, I believe, of a kind article in Gnosis. I sent her a copy of the Zchronicles1.1. She wrote back to me telling me that she was, in fact Markie Chao, the author of the article and was surprised and delighted to discover that it had been reprinted. I, of course, was even more delighted to have contacted this fine author by shamelessly (and without even asking permission) reprinting her work.

Jaq D. Hawkins, who is still living in England, is one of our few nodes that are offline. She sent the following fine piece for inclusion in ZKron2.

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INITIATIONS, MEMBERSHIPS, AND OTHER GAMES THAT PEOPLE PLAY

by Jaq D. Hawkins

Once upon a time, at about the age of ten, I thought that being a member of a secret magical society would be a grand thing indeed. I knew of such things then, but little actually about them. It was the mystery and my child's ego which found fascination in the idea of being a member of something which not just anyone had access to.

Many years passed, and my magickal knowledge and experience grew with my

maturity. I learned about initiations and degree systems, even participated in more than one, and as an adult practising magic with other adults, observed an attitude in some of those other adults which very closely resembled my childhood fascination for membership and degrees. I had observed a social structure, a basic need for people to "belong" to something and in some cases, to achieve recognition within their chosen social structure.

This was all very fascinating from a sociological point of view, but a bit disheartening in other ways. It seemed that many people deemed by their "degrees" to be the great and wise among occult groups were all too frequently rather ordinary people who had managed to achieve their goal, the degree. This is not to say that nobody who attains a high degree within a system might have got it through hard work and personal transformation, but all too often, it appears (in my observations) that the degree ranking itself has been the goal rather than the personal transformation which is supposed to be involved.

This all sounds rather cynical. Who am I to judge the spirituality or magical ability of others? Well, no one really. I simply observe these things because I have been through the usual though processes that most occultists go through at some point in their growth where they try to define themselves. It is my own attempts to define my magical goals which have led me to examine existing groups of all sorts and the potential purpose of joining one, The end result of the process is that I think of myself as a solo Chaos Magician. The reason behind that is that I find myself uninterested in artificial hierarchies or dogmatic rules about how I should conduct my rituals. I have matured a bit since the age of ten.

Explaining this in this way may well piss off a lot of people. My words could easily be interpreted in such a way that many would think I have just dismissed the efforts of all magic users who belong to any sort of system. Not so. These

systems do serve a purpose , and I certainly recognize the value of them. Like anyone, I am drawn to the possibility of aligning myself with like-minded people and continue to look into any new groups or systems that come along. That is why I have aligned myself with the Z(Cluster). It seems that I have run across some of my own species. After all, it would be too pretentious to walk around saying that I am "in tune with the Zos Kia Cultus", now wouldn't it?

Meanwhile,the artificial hierarchies continue to take themselves very seriously. I once accused a woman on a bbs of waving her pompoms for her chosen ceremonial magic group. Well, that's exactly what she was doing. She was at a beginning grade and going through the "if you're not part of our group, you ain't shit" phase. And this is a grown woman! I came across a similar attitude from the American faction of a well known Chaos Magic group when I gave a passing thought to joining. It put me right off. I've been practicing magic most of my life and these people are telling me that none of it is valid until I join their group? One would think that such an attitude would stay with the Baptists and Jehovah's Witnesses where it belongs, but it is rampant in the occult world.

You see, it isn't the groups I object to. It's the attitude. I recently said to someone dear to me that the only thing wrong with Wicca was the Wiccans. This was based on a conversation wherein he had offered me second degree initiation and my inclination was to turn it down. The offer was sparked by some back-biting and bitchcraft among what I call(to myself) the "nouveau initiates", those who can trace their initiatory lineage back to Gerald Gardner (or Alex Saunders). The odd thing about the Gardnerians is that many of them dogmatically practice ritual by Gerald Gardner's methods and will defend those methods to the bitter end, yet will express uncomplimentary opinions about the man himself. Denigrate thy messiah but do your rituals according to His formulae. I am told that Gardner's Book of Shadows includes bits of thinking for oneself,rather like Austin Osman Spare, but the dogmatists seem to have missed that part.

The exact same attitude is observable in some Chaos Magicians. Do it as Spare

did, even if you expixiate yourself, but always remember to think for yourself  
("Yes yes" they cried to Brian in unison, "We must all think for ourselves!")  
Interestingly, some of the "older" witches I have met here in England who learned  
from systems which predate Gardner and Saunders have discussed methods with me  
which sound rather like Spare, who was taught by a witch of unknown origins.

In fairness, I must admit that I have accepted a first degree Gardnerian Wicca initiation here in England. This was in order to give the religion itself a chance, partly out of love for my Wiccan husband, and despite my experiences with Wicca groups in America where I encountered quite a lot of ego and control-based groups. My American degrees are not recognized by the British initiates because the origins of the initiators cannot be traced, but that is just as well as I decided long ago that it was all a meaningless sham done by people with the arrogance to think they had authority to award me validity.

Also in fairness, I must say that one valid argument has been made to me (again by my Wiccan husband) for ritual to be performed in a similar way by a recognized group, in this case the initiated Gardnerians. The idea is that the common practices give the system itself power, and that the initiates can tap into this power by practising the same basic ritual formula. This is a very valid concept which is practiced by other groups as well. Thelemites come to mind. Practicing Crowley's rituals despite various opinions of the man himself is easily comparable to this Gardnerian attitude.

Once again, the system breaks down when the system becomes dogmatized. There is no room for growth or individuality when this happens. Joining a group can mean spiritual imprisonment rather than attainment, and it becomes a vehicle for obtaining nothing more than a degree, a recognition for conformity.

It seems that human nature is the biggest enemy of human spirituality. As long as the need for companionship in our spirituality leads us into an artificial need for recognition through degree systems, we leave ourselves open to stagnation & false attainment goals. It is comparable to going to school to learn how to pass

exams. Is it any wonder that the tarot trump IX, The Hermit, stands on his mountain alone?

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The Z(Cluster) Online

Right now, apart from the mailing list and the DivWeb space the documents of the ZCluster can be found at the websites of three members:

<http://www.crl.com:80/~tzimon/>

<http://www.eskimo.com/~carcosa/chaos.html>

<http://www.comm.net/~doodler>

The editor will have an extensive Z(Cluster) website up by Spring 1996.

Another Z(Cluster) member with a fine website is:

<http://csbh.mhv.net/~dsprague/tome.html>

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A Note About the Editor

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# Zen Werewolf's Tarot

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working out my own attributions, thought ya'll might be interested

## Major Arcana

- 0 initiation
  - 1 sorcerer
  - 2 sorceress
  - 3 empress
  - 4 emporer
  - 5 knowledge
  - 6 mirror self
  - 7 power
  - 8 courage
  - 9 prophet
  - 10 cycle
  - 11 nature
  - 12 shapeshifter
  - 13 complete revision
  - 14 balance
  - 15 choice
  - 16 serpent's bite
  - 17 star
  - 18 moon
  - 19 sun
  - 20 transcendence
  - 21 doppelganger
  - 22 veil of shadows
  - 23 body of light
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## Minor Arcana : inspired by TAROT by p. anthony

Five Suits:

Nature  
Science

Faith  
Trade  
Art

### **Nature**

1 do  
2 ambition  
3 growth  
4 travel  
5 suspicion  
6 crossing  
7 climb  
8 potency  
9 achieve  
10 hunger

### **Science**

1 think  
2 health  
3 intelligence  
4 decision  
5 confluence  
6 formulation  
7 conflict  
8 resolution  
9 knowing  
10 survival

### **Faith**

1 feel  
2 quest  
3 windfall  
4 joy  
5 security  
6 tempt  
7 promise  
8 fulfillment  
9 impassion  
10 reproduce

### **Trade**

1 have  
2 transact  
3 deal  
4 invest  
5 permanency

- 6 package
- 7 protect
- 8 success
- 9 wealth
- 10 dignity

**Art**

- 1 be
- 2 kia
- 3 experience
- 4 study
- 5 compare
- 6 juxtapose
- 7 beauty
- 8 honor
- 9 illumine
- 10 image

Zen werewolf  
 sacred chronicler  
 & keeper of the holy  
 bag of herbs  
 MCH/CT/RU/SX  
 S\*W+N+>+++  
 PCM/DI/NG/OT+++  
 Dd++r+Aa++G+>+++  
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 "sorcerers understand discipline  
 as the capacity to face  
 with serenity odds that  
 are not included in our  
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# ZMA Lectures

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The following excerpts were taken from lectures held by that now dissolved entity known as the ZMA during its stay in Redknap, Ohio in 1962. The lectures were given in 3 hour sessions, followed by questions from and answers to the audience. The texts below were recorded by that famous student of the occult, Lasse Marhaug, who later went on to become the supreme leader of the extreme and fanatic Icecream-cult, popularly called the Scandinavian Ismai'is. Later excerpts may or may not be released according to the whims of the invisible masters.

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## ZMA-LECTURES, #1

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Whoopee, dear students of the universe, and well met here at the College Invisible. Due to your scheduled professors unlucky and tragic demise in a horrible polarbear-accident, it is my sad and happy duty to replace his subject issue "Practical use of Majikal Buerocracy to ensure a Qlipothik Unity of no-thing" with my own somewhat less serious issue "Songs the Lord taught me, or: Tricks of wearing the pointy hat". In other words, I'll talk about whatever pleases me, and you'll be gracefully allowed to ask questions afterwards. First, let me say a few things about presentational and argumentational techniques. Many inside these fields seem to lay great weight in dressing their musings into the fields of strangeness either in a pseudo scientific-rational way of speaking, with a building of a hypothesis, a presentation of "evidence", a judgement of the results gleaned from such and then a conclusion, in the ravings of sheer old fashioned religious ecstatic symbolism or in the usage of a complicated technical language derived from the kabbalah and its myriads of possibilities. To this I say, PooEee with a bell on. My way of presenting things, which is of course the only and supreme way of presenting things, is through what I have coined and trademarked "ZMA's technique of structural resonant memetic associative constructivism", in other and more serious words, I prefer to use the communicative model used in Tolkiens mythic works, the model of Keyphrases and points, of repetitious symbolism in different guise and presented in different styles, to different audiences, as a sort of personal symbolistic montage aimed at being a construct in itself, much as each fold of the paper makes up the Origami crane. Nothing is Truth, All is Permitted, Consequence Judgement, Competence Satisfaction.

Yeah, rightyho. First, about Majik: It works. Booo. How it works, is a rather different question. Heres a few theories: One is that all exists within a condition of different

harmonies, and that man through harmonic alignment of Self with harmonic alignment of Other can affect this Other in a structural way, causing change to be manifested in said Other. Its the old mystical Aristotelean example, a stick is a stick until it touches fire, then it aint no stick no more but a burning stick and as such to be classified as having changed, of being subject to another formulational truth if you want. Here we enter into the old hermetic game of dominant and resistant forces, application of force and so on. The endpoint of this line of argument seems to be the acceptance of some mystical schtuff called variously NRG, phlogiston, Maya or pure and simple...eh...stuff wich changes other stuff, a sort of master elixir that exists within and without and wich is as it is. Another is that mans perception is subjective, and so a mans creation of perspective and subsequent entrance into gnosis, a state of being sure of what they are doing while they are doing it, may cause reality to change in some fundamental way, its the popular "Breaking the walls of the space-time-continuum" theory, reality as a consensual hallucination based on the continual input and acceptance of said input, the universe being in a continual state of talking to itself. the faultline here is, of course, that this implies that if noone is around to see the tree fall, not only does it not make a sound but it actually does not fall, and if the squirrel nearby is not able to formulate the experience of loosing a shitload of nuts, those nuts quite simply aint lost. A variant, and even more mystical one, is good ole Eckhardts theory of the Word, wich I cant say to have understood properly but wich seems to imply that the Word of th beholder is a reflection gained from beholding a subjective interpretation of the Word of the reciever, wich leads very easily into the pitfall of absolute subjectivism and its subsequent centrance around Ego as the only known fact, a position wich the experience of Other seems to me to deny the comfortable plausibility of. Then theres the practicalist variant, to wich Im a subscriber, that majik is the Art of talking to the universe in words that she cannot ignore, that man is through hirs possession of the cognitive ability in a state of communication with the Other wich can be termed Life. This does imply a weird sense of animistic/pantheistic practical approach to mysticisms one point of Recognition, in that it states that the Act of Formulation causes the Formulation to become a possibility, and in some cases such a possibility will become the Fact.

This, to me, leads to my personal paradigmatic theory, wich at the moment is divided into the thoughts concerning Ka and Ki, and wich runs as follows: The natural flow of things can be called the great river of Ka, much in the way of the Tao, and in the perfect state of Ka there exists a balance. There also exists a possibility for action, and this possibility can be called the Ki. Within a perfect state of Ka Ki would be a part of the natural flow, the leap of the cat towards the mouse, the picking of a lifemate, the sharing of bananas among the tribe. Somewhere along the line, however, man gained the ability to cause Change, a ability wich can be called Choice, and through this ability he gained also the ability to change the patterns of Ka through the consequences of his actions. Man, in other words, got inflicted with the possibility of inflicting structural Change, as opposed to superficial or temporary Change. Magi, or the Art, can be said to use the Free Choice of applied Ki to make a formulation of reality in accordance with the dreams and longings of the formulator.

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This again has lead me to the following distinctions, wich are of strictly personal nature and not in any way universalist dogma: Theres three basic ways of talking to She who enfolds us, two of wich seek to cause change and one wich seeks to uphold that wich is. Using the Harmonic image we can call these patterns Harmonic increase/decrease, Disharmonic increase/decrease and Harmonic/Disharmonic continuation. Earlier in my glorious and amazingly fabulous career, I labeled these Majik, MagicK and Magi. Using the communicational model, one may say that the first is the Art of poetic seduction, the second the Art of command and the third the Art of Mantric Repetition. A "magical spell" is , basically, a formulation wich is aimed at some other, and to me these seem to be usable categories within wich to put such communications. Im willingly here trying to avoid all use of judgemental language. It is my personal and subjective view, however, that the usage of force as is traditional in the Lux-based workings of modern ceremonial magiCK, are based on a combination of Disharmonic continuation and Disharmonic increase, in other words that most ritual spells of the classical type seems to be structured around a foundation of mantric repetition mounting in a culminative display of the Art of Command, and it is in my belief that most of these acts are if not just rude then dangerous to the very essence that it employs, insofar as there seems to exist a deep connection between the formulator and that wich is formulated, so that just as the magician is shaped by the ritual in more ways than he/she knows, so the very essence of the magic itself that he/she performs <at the very least, egregoric in its extreme> gets changed in return in some sort of mutual reaction.

<Shouts from audience: Get on with, ya European cocksucker!>  
<laughter>

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...When discussing moral issues and the question of the Law, I kinda think its important to remember that these are subject to the dictates of power, tho. As an example: A anarchist contact of mine, Luigi, is a righteous man, a vegetarian, a stout friend, works for free among the poor, etc. Yet, he particpates in mass-shoplifting actions, where hundreds of people storm into a chainrun-shopping mall and takes all they can carry with them away. This he does from a considered strategical position, and from his consideration of the world. Three times he has gone to jail, once for this, once for refusing to serve in the army and refusing to say that he is a pacifist in order to get away with it, and once for being in a occupied house. All three times the Law has been against him. Lets examine these crimes: One is theft, and a clear case of a breaking of the social contract. One is pride, and a refusal to bow the head to those in a position of superior power. One is for comradeship and a reaction to the injustice of the political and economical structures, who let houses stand empty yet keep people homeless. When my friend states that the same forces, the structural powerpeople are both responsible for the largescale shopping malls, the military armsindustrial complex and the homelessness, it can be argued that all these three actions are a consequence of a refusal to be a part of this

structure. Is this then, the refusal through pride to accept the common denominator enforced by the Powers a crime? Are all of these excusable? None? These are interesting questions to me, morally. The "common" drugaddict white middleclass suburban punk doesnt give shit, isnt worth shit and would never stand tall against anything except in a mob, this is a fact of life. But its interesting to note that the Law is posed as a cornerstone of the state, yet it functions in different ways for different people, and is most severe against those who try to oppose the majority by creation of alternatives while it is most sympathetic to those who work within the structures of Power. <Remember Irangate?>

<Shout from the audience: Sophist Buuuuullshit!>

Hmm , I seem to be wandering aimlessly. I guess my personal conclusion is rather a dangerous one, and one wich I have tried to escape, actually. You very easily get to the conclusion that "Man is responsible for his own sad to see that very many conclude this sentence with "Love is the Law, <but> Love Under Will", seeming to imply that ruling principle must be that of reason and calculated correctness and not one of personal rigidity. If Will, in its "Hegelian" sense, in other words Will as a entity <egregore?> composed of lesser Wills acting in unison, is to be put before the Individuals personal Love, i.e. personal "Knowledge of Rightness of the Universe" then such a Will is , to me, tyrannical and not in accordance with my personal view. I do not know wether you are familiar with diverse occult and "secret" societies, I am not personally a memeber of any organized hierarchical structire like this. I do know, however, that it is usual to pledge allegiance to an authority within such a order. I prefer the Assasin oath of allegiance myself, wich is rather one of negative assertance, that one promises not to lie, not to attack and not to betray the trust of ones brothers, leaving Self free to choose to participate in actions or not. It seems, to me, that one of the main ideas of such organizations, and of mainstream religions, and individuals trying to "make" it in the world, w ether through "alternative" or through "mainstream" channels, is that they seem to accept the premises and the Word as it is presented to them so that they become servants before the Power instead of Actors within the world. Now, in my travel I have met men who stood against, and in some places they were still standing, but in mmost places they were falling minto despair and misery and drunkenness and woe, qlipothik sadness and decay of hollowness, and it is this wich is sad to behold and it is this that I can not make myself condemn. Yes, people should be standing, and Ive been howling for four years now for one true man among the already competents to step forward and do something brave, but Ive yet to see one practical tactical move inside the socalled "occult" world using the knowledge gained these last thirty years concerning the usage of television, sound and symbols for a positive aim. Thats why I personally steal chocolates now and then, not because of need but out of anger that you need to kiss someones feet in order to get them for free, and it seems to me that the keepers of this chocolate are Evil, either mindlessly or directed.

<Loud booing from the audience, sound of massive contingent getting up and leaving>

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\\Transcribers note\\: According to eye-witnesses, at this point 92,5 % of the originally massive and diverse audience had got up and left under loud shouts of sarcastic threats.  
\\Transcribers note ended\\

<cough> Hehehe, and now that our impatient brethern have departed, let us get serious. There is but one god, and her name is Allah. I make no claim to be a secret imam, nor do I make a claim to be a da'i, but I do consider myself at least partly initiated by now and as such may divulge those practical secrets wich I see fit in order to achieve my aims. Therefore, I would direct your attention to Hassan-I-Sabbahs original plan for the development of a effective structural organisation, and point out that to him, philosophy was the end point of the initiation process and something to be performed as a leisurely pursuit, inbetween the actions performed by the brethern of the Ismai'il.

<raises voice> Our aim has always been sevenfold, for seven is the sacred number, and four is at its base and three at its top and in the middle is the one wich is nill and all, yet both and because, and the way to the three goes by the four through the one. The four can be said to represent the elements, and its political aspects are as follows: Earth is the building of strongholds and the keeping of safety of the hold that is the Tribe, Air is the understanding and application of the three sisters Word, Image and Sound, Fire is the understanding of the Matter in wich one burns and application of such an action and Water is the understanding of the understanding of the movements of Life in all its aspects and the bringing forth of such Life. Having succesfully gained this base, the candidate may approach the One wich is naugh yet all and wrestle it to the ground, filling it with that wich is True, causing the alchemic reaction of turning neither/nor into Both/And, wich is the formulae wich allows safe entry into the realms of Three.. All is True, Nothing is Permitted, Consequence Measurement, Competence Satisfaction. There is but one God, and his name is Allah.

<The voice of lecturer has through this sermonlike monologue gone lower and lower, ending almost in a whisper. There follows one minute of Silence, broken by laughter from lecturer>.

O.K., hands up who thinks Im initiated into something. Hehe, thought so. See how easy it is to conceal truths in gibberish, and gibberish in truths? Lemme tell you the real secret of secrets, people. There aint no secret brotherhood, or if there ever was theyve all been fried on the astral by the detonation of the nuclear charges these last years. The responsibility is ours, and its open. You, there, whats your name, you look like youve had an idea for some time, lemme use my clairvoyant powers and discern them in good olefashioned quakerstyle, lemme guess, youre planning to go hitchhiking to New York, become a folksinger, turn into the main hero of the beatgeneration and spread the meme of poetic consciousness into the generation of the postwar stress, reflecting your astral dreams as best you can? Good on ya, mate, go for it, though I think it will end in despair for you. You see, everybody, there seems to be this condition that follows with the opening of the first gate that communication of ideas is virtually impossible, that a secret doctrine is protected by the very idea of the secret doctrine itself, a guardian wichfor me always turns out as a bull whenever I wrestle him in my dreams, and wich seems to twist



the words of the communicator into patterns that s-he did not see. This is the trap were facing, along with those of being swallowed by the Selfs Word and the difficulty of finding two men who are willing to work together for anything but money. Well, Ive found the solution to this, and here it

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//Transcribers note//Here, unfortunately, the tape was switched off and onemay only guess what wonders were transmitted for the next half hour. Sufficient it is to say that Lasse Marhaug went on to establish Norways perhaps most powerful lodge during the seventies, the dreaded AKP-ML who through their ritualistic political strength shook the very bones of Norwegian society to their core.//Transcribers Note ended///

P.S. Lasse MARhaug and other members of the Agarthean Kommunist Party can be seen at the following venues right *NOW*.

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|---------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Fri 1:  | 1000Fryd             | Aalborg             | Denmark     |
| Sun 3:  | M/S Stubnitz         | Rostock             | Germany     |
| Mon 4:  | Robert Bloom Str.    | Neu Brandenburg     | Germany     |
| Wed 6:  | Galerie H            | Dusseldorf          | Germany     |
| Thu 7:  | Lichtwirtschaft      | Leipzig             | Germany     |
| Fri 8:  | Az Conni             | Dresden             | Germany     |
| Sat 9:  | Bauwagen-Siedlung    | Rodenbach/Frankfurt | Germany     |
| Wed 13: | Slovak State Gallery | Bánska Bystrica     | Slovakia    |
| Fri 15: | KD                   | Lucenec             | Slovakia    |
| Sat 16: | (WUK?)               | Wien                | Austria     |
| Mon 18: | Kasernenstr.         | Zurich              | Switzerland |
| Tue 19: | rgh7                 | Luzern              | Switzerland |
| Thu 21: | Clan Destino         | Faenza              | Italy       |
| Fri 22: | El Paso              | Torino              | Italy -tbc  |
| Sat 23: | (tbc)                | Parma               | Italy -tbc  |
| Mon 25: | Golden Poodle Club   | Hamburg             | Germany     |
| Tue 26: | Ungdomshuset         | København           | Denmark     |

