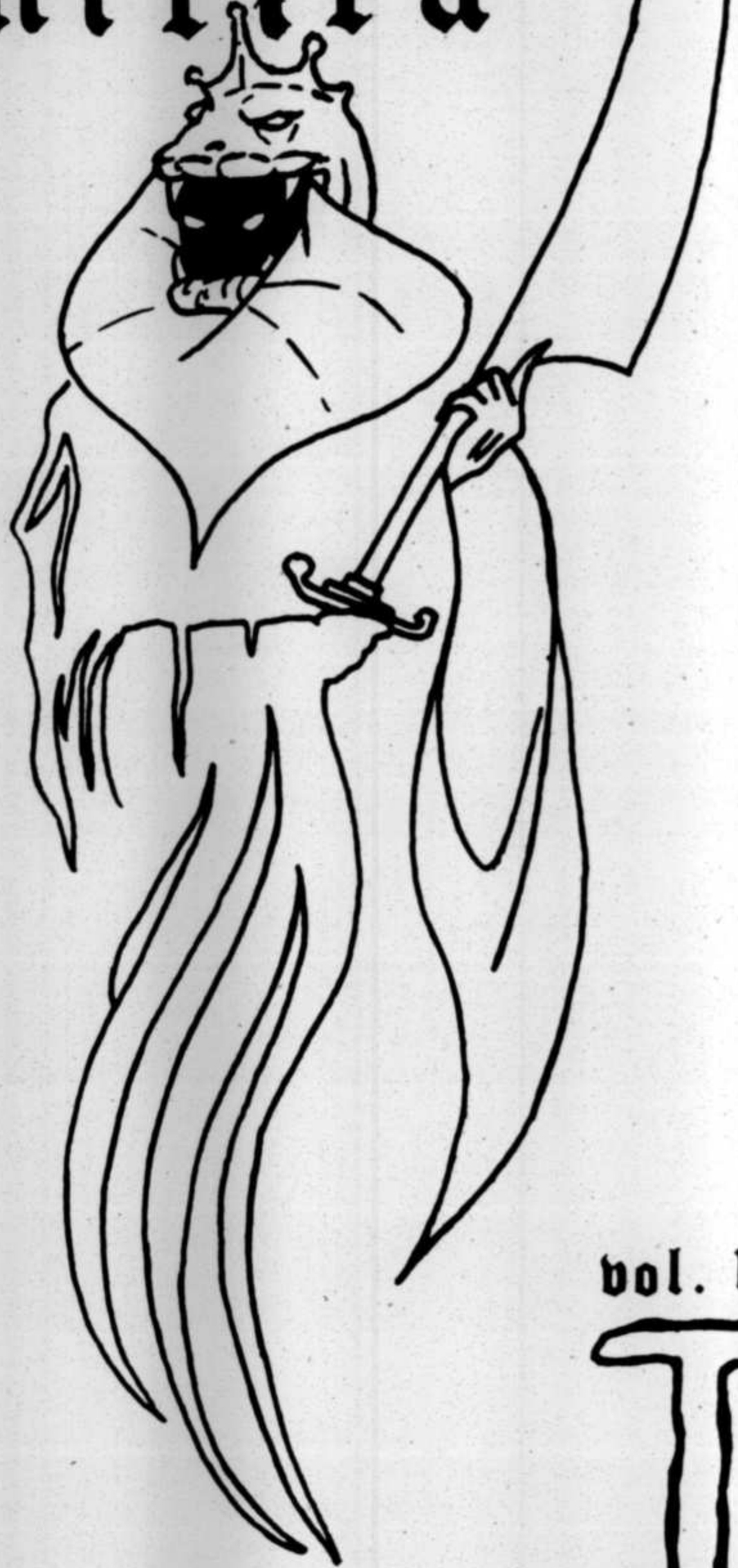




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## Strange Vibes From the Pit

Greetings from the Grand Sanctorum!

I'm gonna make it short and sweet this time, because for most part, this issue speaks for itself. We've been very fortunate to be able to stand up at the end of every month's printing run and say, "I think this one's the best yet." Well, we said it again this month, and I don't mind admitting it. But for the first time, I also think that Liber Venifica is up to the standard of quality that we've been looking for for a long time.

Just to give you a brief rundown, our usual features are here, plus a new one entitled "Crucible," which is actually a letters-to-the-editor gig, but looks a lot better in print than "Letters to the Editor." I don't think anybody knew we were going to print letters this time, but we got some exceptionally nice ones, so why not start this ish?

The heavy stuff is here too. Robin continues his "Indecorus Magus" article, which drew many comments, both pro and con, last issue. We've adopted a newer, more hard-core tack in our editorial policy, and I think that shows, too. As a Satanist, I'm finding that a militant attitude is necessary to survive in a hostile, and basically anti-Satanic, society. When we band together for our own survival, we ensure our growing strength. And that is good.

Well, I've got good news and bad news this issue. The good news is that we're going to stay this big, and with this or better quality. The bad news is, that in order to do so, we've had to up our subscription price to \$7.50. This will NOT apply to Active Members or Associate Members obviously, nor to those in prison or in the service subscribing to LV. The postage rates being now increased, it's bad enough when you have to shoot 13¢ for a letter; can you imagine having to shoot about 25¢ apiece for a hundred or so issues of LV, every month no less?

Well, I guess this didn't turn out to be all that short after all. In any event, we of the Order wish you a prosperous and joyous 1976; even if we don't use their calendar, we'll celebrate just about anything.

HAIL, SATAN!

Grand Magister Seth-Typhon  
Order of the Black Ram

## HYPNOTISM

The relationship between the conscious and the subconscious mind offers an explanation as to why hypnotism works. We are really two people in one. One of these is a little person one-tenth the size of the other (this is the CONSCIOUS which has logic and reason but no memory.) The other nine-tenths (the SUBCONSCIOUS) has no reasoning and no logic, but it is the seat of memory. Everything that has ever happened to a person, even things that took place before birth, are retained within the subconscious; and, under suitable types of hypnosis that memory can be released for the consideration of others--and, for one's own personal well-being and welfare. The conscious can, when it is properly trained, stir up the sub-conscious so that the latter provides information stored in the memory cells of the subconscious.

There are two basic rules to remember.

1. The sub-conscious mind is without reason, therefore it can only act upon suggestion as given to it. It can only retain in the memory of any statement, true or untrue, which is given to it--it is NOT able to evaluate whether the information given is true or false.

2. The conscious mind can only concentrate upon one idea at a time. The conscious mind, then, limited to considering one thought at a time, selects the thought which appears to be the most important, examines the thought, accepts it or rejects it in the light of logic and reason.

Only one thought can occupy the attention at one time. It is an established fact that thought changes even faster than a lightning bolt, so although you may THINK you are mulling over more than one thought at a time, you are really thinking only one thing at a time.

Here is an example of how hypnotism works.

The subconscious has no power of discrimination, no power of reasoning, no power of logic, so if we can force a suggestion through the screen which normally exists between the conscious and the subconscious, we can cause the subconscious to behave as we want it to. If we concentrate conscious attention on a single thought, then we increase the suggestibility. If we put the thought to a person that they will be hypnotized, and they BELIEVE that they will be hypnotized, then they will be, because the screen is then lowered.

When one denies one's susceptibility, then one in reality increases that susceptibility because in any battle between the imagination and the Will, the imagination ALWAYS wins. People may will themselves NOT to be hypnotized but it is then that the imagination rises up and says "You jolly well WILL be hypnotized," and before the subject is aware what is happening, he goes under.

The use of a bright object, such as a button or a piece of glass is usually quite effective, and the object should be held slightly above the eyes. The subject must then watch the object unfalteringly and not deviate his gaze. The whole purpose of this is to engage the conscious mind so that it is not aware of what is going on behind its back. Holding the object just above the eyes puts a decided strain on the eye muscles, which are the weakest in the body, and makes the subject's eyes extremely tired. Thus, when the hypnotist suggests that the eyes are tired and the subject would like to close them, the subject is more than willing to close them, to relieve himself of the strain. DEADLY MONOTONY is totally necessary in suggesting that the eyes are tired.

The subconscious mind is quite uncritical. It is not able to discriminate. So...if the conscious mind can accept the proposition that the eyes are becoming tired when the hypnotist says so, then the subconscious mind will also agree that there shall be no pain when the hypnotist says so.

A person who is going to be hypnotized has accepted the statements of the hypnotist. A HYPNOTIST ALWAYS HAS TO BE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT HIS STATEMENTS ARE THOROUGHLY BELIEVED BY THE SUBJECT. It is absolutely useless to tell a person that he is doing one thing when he obviously is not. The hypnotist may tell the person to stretch out his arm at full length. He will repeat it in a monotonous tone of voice for some time and when he sees that the subject's arm is growing tired he will say, "Your arm is becoming tired. Your arm is growing heavy. Your arm is becoming tired." To this the subject will readily agree because it is self-evident that his arm IS becoming tired, but in the light trance state he is not in a position to say so.

Hypnotism is QUITE NATURAL and almost every person is susceptible to hypnotic command. The more a person asserts that he cannot be hypnotized, the more susceptible he becomes.

#### SELF HYPNOSIS.

A dark room is always advantageous with a small light placed just above the head which will compel the eyes to look upward.

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Relax thoroughly and do not be concerned if your thoughts wander. After a few moments of idle thinking pull yourself together and start to tell yourself how tired your body is, starting at the toes and working upward. One should develop a definite routine or pattern to facilitate self-hypnosis. RELAX TOTALLY AND COMPLETELY--now take a deep breath--make sure it is a deep, slow, saturating breath. Hold it for a few seconds and then release it slowly, taking a few more seconds about it. Do it again, and again. Keep telling yourself how heavy and relaxed you are--contemplate your toes, your knees, your hips. Tell yourself how pleasant it is to feel relaxed, to feel that there is no tension within you. Go higher. Feel that there is no tension whatsoever in your body ANYWHERE, your arms, your chest, or within your head. You are calmly resting, fully at ease and every part of your body, every muscle and every nerve, is completely and totally relaxed. Do NOT strain. Do not try too hard, for if you do, you will make it easy for doubts and muscular tension to set in. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU RELAX TOTALLY AND COMPLETELY. Now when you are absolutely sure that you are totally relaxed raise your eyes to that little light above your head. Raise your eyes so that there is a slight strain on them and on the eyelids as you gaze at the light. Keep gazing at the light. It is pleasant and will make you feel drowsy. Tell yourself that you want your eyelids to close when you have counted to ten, very slowly, and count: ONE..TWO..THREE..MY EYES ARE BECOMING TIRED...FOUR...I AM GETTING DROWSY...FIVE... Always repeat the same phrase or phrases.

PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE! In time you will be able to relax instantly and all you will have to do is count and you will go off into a hypnotic sleep. From here, it is a simple matter to plant the required suggestions in your own subconscious mind.

A word of warning--hypnotism is NOT a game and should NEVER be treated as such. It must always be used for a meaningful purpose.

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"Even our most advanced concepts--such as the meaning of the Earth/Air/Fire/Water symbolism, and the total concept of the microcosm/macrocosm--are but crude symbologies themselves, distortions handed down by primeaval memory; much like the sun, dimly glimpsed through a thick veil of fog."

Two months after he was released from prison in Minnesota, John Francis Glynn handed the volume of poems and essays that were to become "Songs from the Silence" to Richard Burton. We happen to possess a signed copy of this work and have only recently reread it. While Glynn clung strongly to a belief in a supreme deity called God he still wrote many lines that have especial application to the modern Satanist. In consideration of our many friends now enjoying the hospitality of state and federal institutions, Liber Venifica brings to them the following verse.

#### The Secret

If things were just as they should be,  
    this life would be quite tame.  
For all of us would have the key,  
    and fools could beat the game.

But life is life because we paint  
    and gloss o'er things that mar.  
It's all in taking things that "ain't"  
    and changing them to "are."

#### The Sweat Shop

Beam after beam that tower to the sky.  
    Whir of machines, by busy fingers fed;  
    tired eyes of pain that never know the red  
Of woodland roses--and scarce wonder  
    "Why?"

A monument that marks where girlies sigh,  
    And young hearts bleed to earn a "daily  
    bread;"

A tombstone with its records "many dead--  
And more unborn that it will know, to die."

O Hulk! You stand a grim and cruel abyss;  
    you promise much, but Satan knows you've  
    led  
    Young feet to paths of shame; there's in  
    your kiss

Liscentiousness a harlot well might dread.  
    Whatever gods there be, we ask: "Is this  
The girl haven for which the Hower bled?"

RECOMMENDED READING LIST

(Readers of Liber Venifica and new Associate Members often ask what books we recommend to study as valid treatises on Satanism and/or Magic. Many of these listed below have been reviewed in our "Literary Satanism" column; check out the back issues. More will doubtless be added in the future.)

Basic Philosophy & Structure

The Satanic Bible; Dr. Anton LaVey  
The Satanic Rituals; Dr. Anton LaVey  
Stranger in a Strange Land; Robert Heinlein  
~~Moon is a Harsh Mistress; Robert Heinlein~~  
~~Revolt in 2100; Robert Heinlein~~

Historical Background

The Devil's Avenger; Dr. Anton LaVey  
The Second Coming: Satanism in America; Arthur Lyons  
Morning of the Magicians; Pauwels & Bergier  
The Devil is Alive & Well & Living in America Today; J. Michaels

The Philosophy Expanded

Teachings of Don Juan; C. Castaneda  
A Separate Reality; C. Castaneda  
Journey to Ixtlan; C. Castaneda  
Tales of Power; C. Castaneda

Magical Practice

Mastering Witchcraft; Paul Huson  
Witch's Workbook; Lady Sheba  
Book of Thoth; A. Crowley  
Complete Book of Voodoo; R. Pelton  
Book of Legendary Spells  
Theory & Practice of Hypnotism; W.J. Ousby  
Heaven Knows What; Grant Lewi  
Practical Time-Travel; Colin Bennett



Literary Satanism....cont'd

Vril, like all magical energies, is beneficent or destructive, depending on the will of the user; the underground network of enlightened communities employ Vril for all of their physical energy-needs, for indeed, it is the basis of both their existence and their philosophy.

Purely apart from the fact that the story itself is a quaint and fascinating yarn, Bulwar-Lytton shows an amazing foresight into both future technology and the inner workings of mankind. The civilization described is run in total harmony with the natural surroundings; its interest to the Satanic or Pagan reader becomes obvious.

Bulwar-Lytton's remarkable genius was not necessarily due to a genetic fluke; he was associated with the Order of the Golden Dawn and several other magical societies.

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The Temple of Set: Some Afterthoughts.

In the previous issue, I discussed briefly the recent formation of the Temple of Set by Michael Aquino. At that time, I had not yet read the primary text of that organization, "The Book of Coming Forth By Night." Having just had the opportunity to do so, I am left with a sensation which can best be described as appreciative bewilderment.

I came down rather hard on Rev. Aquino, who is now the Magus of the Aeon of Set--self-appointed or otherwise, damifino. I maintain that my earlier criticism was valid, but would like to add some further impressions at this time.

"The Book of Coming Forth By Night" can only be one of two things; either it is the flowing fantasy of a raving egomaniac, or it is an account set forth by a man who has, so to speak, seen a vision. I've read flowery phrases before; lots of 'em. But never have I encountered any with such a magnificent ring of great portent.

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I was surprised to find that instead of denouncing Dr. LaVey in a petty manner, the book held nothing but praise for him. I might also note that the book, and presumably the Temple itself, has junked much of the Hebrew influence that ran through Satanism; the use of Hebraic terms (like "Satan" for example) and the Hebraic letters surrounding the inverted pentagram. The primary influence is obviously Western-oriented, and the text of "Coming Forth By Night" is definitely coming from an elitist viewpoint.

On the contrary side, there are several portions of the Setian text that I find very hard to swallow; for example, one of Crowley's gibberish-like scribblings from his "Book of the Law," hitherto un-translatable, has now been miraculously translated. Its message, surprisingly enough, is that Michael Aquino is now the Magus of the New Age. This amazing bit of cryptography was accomplished with only the first letter of each word available to provide clues to the meaning of this riddle, no less.

Aquino also denounces the Enochian Keys as crude, Semitic corruptions of the true word of Set. Not being a scholarly expert in the subject of the Keys myself, I am in no position to argue this point one way or the other. Perhaps one of our readers might offer a suggestion or two.

As a final afterthought, I might submit that in my opinion, "The Book of Coming Forth By Night" contains some inspired, progressive writing, and some rather glaring flaws. The general attitude of Setian philosophy is one of being comfortably above good and evil. Though I might add, the elite Satanist will inevitably hit this plateau also.

To those who study the various trends in occultism, you could find a lot of groups worse than the Temple of Set. Any T of S members out there who might care to elaborate on Setian philosophy, feel free to do so; perhaps you could succeed in answering a few questions for all of us.

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"The yogis who stare at the blinding sun ---  
do they go blind,  
or is their vision simply made too perfect?"

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2. Comrades everywhere are advised of the establishment of a new and permanent office of the Order of the Black Ram, at 15731 Garrison Lane, Southgate, Mi. 48195. This facility is manned by Heirophant Robin Goodfellow, who invites communications from all our brothers and sisters at (313)-282-4047.

"The Prime Directive: Aryans & Atlantis"

By Rev. Kliphoth

I note with some amusement that Robin's article in the last issue ("Indecorus Magus") has drawn some flak, as well as a lot of favorable comment. Personally, I felt that there were some serious flaws in the article; but for the most part, I applaud the effort, and for this reason: the crux of Satanic philosophy is the ability to speak out on "taboo" subjects and attitudes. Attempting to shatter what Dr. LaVey terms "the enthroned lie" by championing the racist viewpoint is certainly a radical approach. However, I think it would be a good idea to clarify a few points.

There is a considerable difference between racism and bigotry. Bigotry is an unbridled, generalized hate. Racism is simply the belief that the culture of a given people is predominantly determined by its racial characteristics -- not merely those of its environment. Why should the Order of the Black Ram adopt a racist philosophy? The reasons are numerous, and run deep.

In the Order, we are taught that our racial origins as Aryans stem from the late Atlantean period. (It is not my purpose here to debate the occurrences, or the very existence of, Atlantis. Those seeking answers of this type have a number of sources at their disposal; the viewpoints of both right- and left-hand paths have been made available by several prominent authors.) During the final struggles in Atlantis, a large mixture of human and semi-human creatures had all but destroyed the civilization built by the Colonizers, the Old Ones (sometimes termed "Luciferic" because of their properties and importance). The old priesthood of Atlantis retreated to the northern mountains for the purpose of literally creating a new race, intended for superiority, to reverse the tide of cultural destruction. (The Christians' book says "there were giants on the Earth in those days"--and indeed there were!)

The race which was created in the land called Aryan were superior in the following respects: 1) They possessed a more solid physical form with an interior skeleton; the earlier races did not. 2) They possessed the power of direct sensory perception; earlier races did not, for they dwelled only partially in this physical/spacial plane. 3) They possessed the power of initiating creative thought; earlier races did not! They relied on storage of memory. Truly creative thought had previously been the exclusive trait of the Old Ones!

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(Hence, we may well imagine "God" saying to his "Angels:"  
"Let us make man in our image.")

None of these things strike us as particularly astounding today, since we take them for granted. But in its time, this was a radical evolutionary leap.

These Aryans were trained in the mountains, in several fortified temple/camps. Their symbol was the four-armed swastika. This new race, however vastly superior to its predecessors, had one serious flaw. Previous races (and of course, the Old Ones) had been able to communicate directly with many powerful forces in many realms; in short, they utilized magic as easily as we breathe air.

The newborn Aryan race, because it was so closely linked to the 3-dimensional physical plane, did not have this power.

Therefore, their training was two-fold; first, as hardened warriors, they were taught physical combat. Second, their astral centers ("chakras") had to be opened by rigid discipline and instruction. So although they did not have an instinctive use of "magic" they did have the ability to learn, and thus were not totally cut off from the non-physical realms.

Even these warrior god-men could not avert the final catastrophe which consumed Atlantis, and the elder races. But they were able to use their superior abilities to migrate to the European continent, finally settling in Tibet and spreading eventually to all parts of the Earth. Like any race, there were various factions and divisions among the Aryans. Two groups formed splinter Temples for the study of "black magic," in attempts to reactivate the link between human life and the Luciferic elementals. Other factions remained "white light," so to speak. More of this in a moment.

In Tibet, on the "top of the world," the leaders of the Atlantean exodus established the Temple of the Sun, intended to give direction to all the scattered tribes (for tribes they may truly be called). This Temple fell into disuse when it became unnecessary, approximately 5,000 years after migration.

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One of the afore-mentioned "black lodges," however, set up headquarters deep in the Tibetan caverns. This sect continued to flourish for thousands of years; and although the order became Oriental, they survived until their adepts were wiped out by the soldiers of Communist China. This was the order of Agartha, who specialized in astral projection--and hence, expanding the knowledge and communications of mankind.

Let's sit back a moment to absorb some of this, and offer a few side-comments.

It is now easy to see where the Norsemen originated, and how the philosophy and civilization of Egypt leapt into prominence.

Were there other humanoid life-forms on the Earth at the time of the Great Disaster? Apparently so. The state of their advancement, and how they furthered their growth, makes for interesting speculation; but for the purposes of this article, speculation it must remain.

To return now to our original question, "why racism?" The answer is quite simple, yet astonishing.

Because the Old Ones had witnessed the destructive effects of miscegenation upon culture, they issued one prime directive: keep the race pure! Often racial purity is spoken of in terms of "blood." It is a mistake to accept this term literally, for "blood" is in part the descriptive symbol used by racially-oriented thinkers to cover the entire physical--AND METAPHYSICAL-- spectrum of racial components. The ultimate end-product of the racial philosophy is harmonious relationship with nature; this at least was the desired result. (Note: Mgstr. Typhon wrote an article in LV #5 entitled "Mind and Matter." If you've got that ish, check it out; it touches on some points not covered here.)

Now, let us compare our notes on the distant past with the present; and, the immediate future.

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We live in a very unique Age. This Age of Fire is wrought with change, constant struggle, and a re-evaluation of our entire physical and spiritual life-style. The old Atlanteans are again appearing on the Earth, at a surprising rate. Is all this sheer coincidence, or the veiled hand of some unfathomable Fate? Or is it by design? Not "God's plan" (for God has proven himself to be at best an omniscient overseer) but by the design of those spiritual entities who are now returning to finish the struggle against the destruction of life itself.

Again, we live in a world which could be instantly obliterated by the insanity of ideological or territorial conflict. Again, we live in a world which is slowly eroding away because of a twisted technology; barren wastelands of steel and concrete, and poisoned seas are its legacy. Again, racial culture and identity are being propagandized into things of evil, leaving only hordes of confused individuals whose direction and identity have been torn from them.

If the races of mankind are to survive on this planet, they must do two things: first, recover their own cherished identities; and second, stop relying on a technology supposedly geared to making everything easy and luxurious.

Why should mankind survive? What is our purpose here? The "black prophet" of this Age, Anton LaVey (he'll probably chafe at the term) summed it up by re-stating the eternal law of nature: "Self-preservation is the highest law." Not survival merely for the sake of surviving; any rock, plant, or animal can do that. I believe that our purpose here is the same now as it was those many eons ago; and it is to that purpose that we must soon return. Our purpose here is to learn; and, ultimately, to be one with nature. That is not merely a cute phrase. It means to understand the workings of every molecule, to study the illusory curves known as "time" and "space," to extend our knowledge to the infinite realities of infinite planes and levels of existence. In short, to realize our own godhood.

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To grok racial solidarity, and then to respect the one-ness of other races and leave them alone; these are the first steps in that awesome task. It is questionable whether or not we will succeed in this, before the Colonizer's lofty experiment is rudely terminated by Man, the subject. Racial movements of today are far from that goal, simply because they are incapable of grasping the real reasons behind the concepts of so-called "racism." Whatever you may think of Adolf Hitler, he at least was not deluded as to the true nature of this philosophy, saying:

"Creation is not yet completed. Man must pass through many further stages of metamorphosis. Post-Atlantean man is already in a state of decline and degeneration, barely able to survive...All creative forces will be concentrated in a new species. The two types of man, the old and the new, will evolve rapidly in different directions. One will disappear from the face of the Earth, the other will flourish...This is the real motive behind the National Socialist Movement!"

It was not coincidence that drove him to adopt the swastika, a symbol universally recognized as Aryan in origin (though often borrowed by other cultures) and proclaim the doctrine of Aryan superiority. It is possible, however, that while he grasped the significance of the Aryan contribution, he was unaware that the assets which originally made the Aryan superior--those "simple" things discussed earlier-- were now inherent in the general run of mankind.

Racism, then, is not a forum for bigots with inferiority complexes who wish to feel "better" than others. Its significance is deeply rooted within the occult, and its traditions are being carried on today, even by many who have fallen victim to the current propaganda, and shudder at the very mention of the word. Their members are found among Christians, Wiccans, Pagans, and--somewhat more openly--Odinists and Satanists alike.

The paths are numerous, but in the final analysis, there are two, and only two, distinct factions: those who strive for

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unification with nature, and those who are fool enough to think they can ignore and rule nature.

And, needless to say, there can be only one of two possible outcomes: the utter destruction of all human life on this planet, or a reconciliation. Either way, the forces of the universe will survive, no matter what may occur on this ephemeral ball of dirt. Either way, nature will win.

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"The physical body is the great culmination of all your numerous entities, on this and other planes, which make up the SELF. It is the duty of every elite Satanist to build a physical body worthy of housing that SELF, reflecting the greatness of the inner spirit."

--- Typhon

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REVIEWED !

By Robin Goodfellow

The White Light is published by the Revs. Nelson H. and Sergei A. White primarily for the membership of the Temple of Truth, but is available for the nominal sum of \$4.00 per year directed to the magazine at PO Box 3125, Pasadena, Ca. 91103.

Although fairly small in size, I find that there is very little in here that is non-essential and the magazine is therefore as informative as some larger publications. A short talk with Nelson prior to writing this review was sufficient to clear my mind regarding his use of the term "white;" not once did he even offer to wave a cross in my face or bind my soul to "good" spirits and all that other tripe you occasionally run into when talking to "white lighters." Accept him as a fellow who would simply much rather pursue a positive course of action whenever he has a choice, but not incapable of turning nasty if he should lack an alternative. His publication reflects this positive attitude, and comes highly recommended.

"The most powerful weapon on Earth is the human soul on fire."

--- Ferdinand Foch

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Indecorus Magus: Pt. II

By Robin Goodfellow

Will is a part of natural law and naught can proceed from the human effort except that which is directed by Will.

In designing the humn race, the Atlantean Old Ones recognized this factor, and paid homage to it by distributing in unevenly. This accounts for some races (and some individuals within each race) having the lion's share of "good fortune." It also accounts for the seeming contradiction of an Einstein or a G.W. Carver popping up with a major alteration to the society in which they live. Occasionally, through the uncontrollable accident of genetic combination, a person of one race will possess an overabundance of Will that defies his root stock and most of the known world of the time as well. This is not to be seen as a contradiction to the supposed law of nature, but rather, a variable built into it to insure that the bulk of it is working smoothly and does not become flawed through neglect or lack of recognition.

The Atlantean Old Ones (their history far predates our written history and has been mostly lost to us) also gave credence to that factor of Will called Spirit. It is this Spirit, supported by Will, that causes men to reach out and grasp the heavens, and to continue fighting when Logic predicates surrender. This factor of Will makes men want to fly with the birds and surpass them. And yet another factor of Will, Logic and Determination, has given man the tools he needs to accomplish this act of Will; Knowledge.

The known history of man gets off to a slow start and then builds to an amazing crescendo of technological progress and social evolution. Basically, this process is the result of mankind starting out with a clean slate following the submergence and near destruction of the root culture. It is said that there were

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a few Atlanteans who escaped the inundation and re-established themselves in modified colonies throughout the far reaches of the Earth. The religious civilizations of Tibet which lasted into this century, the technical civilizations which the Spaniards overran in South America, the European cultures which sustain social intercourse to this day, and the Middle Eastern colonies which reached a profound combination of all of the above but seem to have declined considerably since Plato's time, were all a part of this diaspora.

There is evidence that flight has been a part of human culture since before man even understood the process. In the Christian Bible it is mentioned several times directly (the book of Ezekial being the best-known of these references) and often spoken of in an allusory manner, beginning with Genesis and continuing throughout. Many times it was apparently observed in the advanced state called teleportation. The area leading to the plain of Nazca and the plain itself show evidence of the technology of flying in an age when man was supposedly just working out the technology necessary for the refinement of soft metals.

In Europe, the details fo the church/state alignment were worked out and, after much travail, the concept of basic human rights. Laws were developed during the Dark and Middle Ages that are still in use today. Concepts of right, wrong, interest and other basic legal precepts came to be available for the whole of society instead of for the priveleged few. That it was so late in coming may be laid to the distance from the metaphysical centers of Tibet and the technical centers of South America, and from their earlier coming together in Egypt, necessitating a lengthy hegira for the class of Atlanteans who have come to be called "The Teachers" for want of a better phrase.

Evidence of the Teachers' influence is widespread and continues today. The ideas they brought were so uniform that advances in th knowledge of mankind are often simultaneous in different countries. George Land, creator of the Land camera was only weeks ahead of European inventors. The same holds true for Galvani, Einstein, Bell, and many others.

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But the Teachers brought only raw technology with them. They did not bring the Will to develop this technology, counting instead on the earlier breeding experiments of the Old Ones. That the Old Ones did their job well is evidenced in man's reaching out to touch the stars once more. One can only wonder of the consequences of such a meeting when man finds himself not at the top of the evolutionary ladder, but at the bottom.

Even Stanley Kubrick could not do justice to such a coming together. Will the child rejoice or will he rebel? And will he be praised or disciplined? Will he even continue to exist?

Answers to these and other questions will not be coming from the pen of this writer; they will be coming from the desire of man to adapt his Will more strongly to the problems of survival than he has ever had to before. It is possible that the Old Ones will not permit such a meeting to take place until we have advanced sufficiently to endure the nexus. It is also possible that they, in their timeless wisdom, will allow us to destroy ourselves, and, discarding the shattered ruins of what is now man, begin anew. A few thousand years is but a short time to an immortal; they can afford to try again, even if we can't. You may be sure that the polluters of this plane will not be allowed access to another until we clean up our act here. It is possibly for this purpose that the Teachers are once again returning to us, but it is also possible that they are just measuring the body for the tomb. In the game of inter-cosmic chess, there are no also-rans. Just winners; and losers.

It is therefore a wise move to attempt to master this thing called Will.

Jesus ben Joseph mastered it and so did Alexander the Great, Attila the Hun may have had what it takes, and Adolf Hitler certainly practiced it. What then is it?

The first entry in the 1973 edition of Webster's Dictionary defines Will as: the power of choosing what one will do; volition; determination; desire. This certainly fits our usage of the word and is therefore worthwhile, though incomplete. We think that there might have been some profit to adding the words "stubborn," "obstinate," "indicative of surety," and "secure in one's

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own worth and judgement." For these are all qualities useful in the practical application of Will. And its practice can be a thing requiring bare moments to achieve, or it may never be achieved throughout an entire lifetime.

A child first exhibits its Will when it demands to be fed. It is saying that what now exists is not as I would have it. The moment the child has its desires met to its satisfaction it is willing to be quiet. This is the full exercise of Will in its purest form. Will is simply the determination which which builds within oneself to achieve or retain a desired set of circumstances. And, while the determination is quiet, its satisfaction seldom is. From womb to grave we spend our entire lives in communication of some sort. We speak, we glare, we move our bodies in subtle or not-so-subtle ways. Our entire life is usually spent in conflict with the existing state of things. Generally, the first word we learn to appreciate is "no." This appreciation is often enhanced by physical rebuke. We learn also the effective retaliation for denial of desire. Later we learn that it is often to our advantage to outflank our opponents rather than attempt to bowl them over. Still later, this process is called politics and when it combines both elements, dirty politics. If it totally lacks in subtlety but is heavy with brute force, we call it war and no one gets what they want. All of which demonstrates methods of utilizing Will, but says nothing about how to make it a personal and useful part of our life.

At first this would seem to be a knotty problem, perhaps a little beyond our ken. But wait, we are born with the Will inherent in us. And judging from the sound of nurseries at feeding time, we're born with more than enough. What happened to it?

Well, we grew up. And along the way we sublimated it at the insistence of others, leaving us only that wee bit needed for barest survival. We buried it under a maze of complexity. The secret to re-obtaining this aether called Will is to unravel this mess, take a long look at what our own personal Will is like, and then decide how we really want to use it.

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The key phrase is "simplicity, cimplicity." We each need to begin the unravelling by abandoning that part of ourselves which is either worthless, or worse, destructive to our own best interests. This process can begin as soon as we set some reasonable goals for ourselves and thereby determine just what our best interests are and will be.

If it is in your best interest to invest in real estate, then you had better cut the wasteful parts of your budget down to the marrow. If it is in your best interest to marry a particular person, then you had better start taking whatever steps are necessary to get that person's favorable attention. If the practice of magic seems to be in your best interest, you may want to discard the items that tie you to your present religion so that you can practice your new faith fully.

The point is to strip away as much of the fat as you can so that you may pursue your goal with as little hinderance as possible. It's a lot easier said than done, and a lot easier done than imagined. You start with a vague 'want' and end with a definite 'have.' Along the way you notice that each succeeding step is a little simpler to follow than the one preceding it. This effect is known as reinforcement and continues as long as you follow the course of action you set out to follow. If you change your mind about becoming a wizard and decide to instead become a Catholic priest, the effect will not follow, although something very similar to it called maturity sometimes does. But maturity is not a signifier of Will, so we have progressed past our original point and must return to it now.

Okay, so you have followed what was set forth above and things are humming along fairly smoothly, but you still don't know if it is Will or just plain hard work. The method of determining which is the active factor for your success is fairly simple, but requires sensitive timing. Take yourself out of the picture for a few moments (or days, depending on both the events and yourself) and watch to see if things begin to fall apart. If they do, then what you have is the product of sweat and cunning; if they don't, it is Will. And it's that simple. If they started to fall apart the moment you stepped back to admire your handiwork, get right back into the thick of things; every time you stop a collapse, it is a strengthening of your willpower. If they, on the other hand, didn't disintegrate the moment you took your eyes off them, get right back in there anyway. No sense stopping when your life is half full if you can fill it to the top. Hopefully you'll sit down some day and tell others how it is done better than I can, and life will become a little better for all who read and believe. Until then, just "keep on keeping on!"

THE CRUCIBLE

(Ed. note: "The Crucible" is a new addition to LV, and hopefully, a permanent one. It contains some of the letters received here at O.B.R. headquarters, and might prove a suitable vehicle for lightening the load of the "Forum" column in Tim Zell's excellent publication, "Green Egg." So, needless to say, we welcome your comments! You don't know what a crucible is? Look it up!.....Seth)

Greetings Seth,

I am sure I am not the first to congratulate you on an exceptional issue of LIBER VENIFICA. I was really surprised, yet pleased to find it so much larger and a wider variety of interest.

I can very much sympathize with you for the amount of work you put into this issue. You wouldn't believe the hours; no, days...that I put into this issue of Psychic Eye.

Anyway, enough said, I just wanted to congratulate you on an excellent job. Keep up the good work. If you have any extra man hours to spare, come to Toledo and work on PE.

Blessings to You and Yours,  
Charlie R. Brown

Charlie,

Many thanks, a thousand times over! We did get a good response on LV #8, which was very gratifying; this you'll gather from several letters which follow. A very special thanks, however, for the plug you gave us in the recent PE. I guess it's no secret that it was your best issue yet! I must confess to an oversight here; we did receive your ad on time, but just plain lost it...until, of course, AFTER our classified section had been printed for this ish. We just plain fucked up, and I apologize. This will of course be corrected next issue, but for the moment, let me just say to all our readers: Psychic Eye is one of the best in the business, containing info from all paths. I'll tell ya straight, it's right up there on top, along with Green Egg. I can't think of any better Pagan-oriented publications than PE and GE. Write Charlie at 521 Mulberry in Toledo and check out Psychic Eye. It's WELL worth it.

--Seth

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Rev. Seth-Typhon,

Your Order has come to my attention through the publication known as the Psychic Eye. Your article of August 1975 is a great work of Satanic brilliance and deserves much thanks from other Brothers and Sisters of the left-hand path. Your interpretation of magic in the article is indeed masterful. The subject of magic, like the subject of religion, is complex and approaching it is a truly monumental task. It is as old as consciousness, as elusive as sundust and as mystical as the mind itself. It seems your Order is able to bring to the reader the essential elements of magic. We therefore wish to give you the thanks which you deserve, and we bless thee--our brothers-- In Satan's Name.

The Le Diable Coven is also known as Thee Devil's Workshop; we belong to a fraternity of Satanists all of whom are direct descendants of those early Children of Darkness who chose the Prince of Darkness as their King and God, over the early Christian church. The fraternity is called the Fraternity of the Goat. I am the High Priest, Orias, Grand Master of Le Diable Coven and Master Councillor of the Fraternity. I believe that Le Diable Coven and the Order of the Black Ram may be able to help each other in Satan's work, and learn even more Satanic magic and lore. Would this idea interest you?

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Dear Brother Orias,

Whew! What can I say after a letter like that? As I mentioned in a private communication to you, we do of course welcome the opportunity to communicate with all our Satanic brethren. We obviously have varying slants in our attitude towards Satanism; after all, that's what makes the philosophy so unique to begin with. Our sincere thanks; looking forward to a warm relationship in the Fane of the Dark Lord.

-- Seth

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Dear Seth,

I apologize for taking so long to write. The pressure of work and correspondence has been tremendous since the end of the postal strike. I've received copies of the Psychic Eye and feel I should comment on the controversy that appears to have been stirred up since the August issue.

I enjoyed your article in that issue and find nothing in it to which I can't relate. My definition of magic is "the use of natural forces to create natural effects by natural means" but as the Will is all-important (coupled with Emotion) and is the natural means to which I refer, I certainly can't argue with your definition. I too run into static from certain "Witches" by stating the Power (magic) is completely neutral in a moral sense. ("White" witches that is, so-called "black" witches either agree or aren't interested.) Your definition of the aim of magic (balance and harmony with Nature and her forces) is my definition of the religious aspects of Wicca and I definitely agree that this begins at home regardless of what you call it.

The use of power for one's own benefit, which appears to be where you ran afoul of the "white" Witches, is ridiculous controversy on their part. As power is morally neutral, why not use it for one's own benefit? The refusal to use it in this way would in my opinion create an ever-increasing imbalance due to the fact that the witch or coven is the center, and a cumulative imbalance certainly doesn't enhance one's power. Some "white" Witches appear to be mouthing Christian platitudes but I'd be willing to bet they spend more time (probably fruitlessly) trying to work for themselves anyway.

The rebuttal letter by Starr in the October issue of PE appeared to be more of an explanatory nature than a real rebuttal. It appeared plain to me that you weren't "lumping all Witches into the same pot" but apparently Starr thought otherwise. I think I've covered all his statements pretty well in the above anyway. The comment concerning Satanism by Tagra, also in the October issue seems to have been well taken care of in answer by The Rainbow Wizardess in the November ish.

Wishing You All The Best  
In the New Year,  
Blessed Be,

Jack & Jaqui Neilson

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Jack & Jaqui,

Good to hear from you! I've been a little slow on the letters myself, but I do hope to get out to Winnipeg this spring. I shortened your letter just a tad, for reasons of space, but kept the heavy stuff. Many thanks for the kind words, and may you and yours likewise have a good '76. As my hero, Mr. Spock, says: "Live long and prosper!"

--- Seth

Dear Grand Magister,

Although I consider myself a Pagan and not a Satanist, I have recently gotten interested enough in Satanism to start looking around for any good Satanic fiction I could find, but there doesn't seem to be much of it, or maybe it is all suppressed. Do you know of any good Satanist fiction you could recommend?

Wm. Divine, Jr.

Bill,

The question of Satanic fiction is a stickler. There's a lot of it on the market, at least books that purport to be Satanic fiction, but are not. Take a look at our recommended reading list in this issue. The two best pieces of genuine Satanic fiction I've ever come across are "Baron Orgaz," by Frank Lauria, and a book called "Black Easter." I don't know who wrote "Black Easter," and I've never seen it around the shops. I had a copy once, but it mysteriously disappeared. Dennis Wheatley's "The Satanist" runs a very close third. Us baddies get whomped in the end, but his descriptive style and his store-bought knowledge of rituals make for jolly good entertainment.

Other works that are not directly Satanic but certainly carry heavy Satanic elements are the writings of H.P. Lovecraft. Oddly enough, if you check through seemingly unrelated books, you'll find a bit of the Devil in many of them, in one form or another...

---Seth

THE TRUE GRIMOIRE

By Apollonius the Apostate

Greetings!

Those more attentive to detail will note that this issue is dated XXXL A:A instead of XXX as was the last issue. This represents a correction of an error; I forgot that when one is thirty years of age one is in his thirty-first year. Somehow that seems like rushing things! In any event it raises the question of the whole business of alternative dating.

There scarcely seems to be any reason to explain to my readership why non-Christians in our culture would like to establish a dating system different from the one in common use. The problem has been to find one universally acceptable. Within the context of the Satanist movement this difficulty was temporarily solved by the adoption of the founding year of the Church of Satan as the beginning of a new era. A number of Satanists have since the time when this custom arose rejected the sovereignty of that organization over the Satanist movement. There still is a tendency to employ the "A.S." style; this is more a testimony to the lack of alternatives than anything else.

The now-defunct O:T:S: set itself the task of coming up with an appropriate alternative. When the task was abandoned, we had yet to find such a solution. Since then I have come around to thinking that the most obvious method of dating one's ritual and other magical undertakings (and that after all is what we are concerned with as Satanists) is in terms of one's own birth. New years thus start on the Satanist's most important festival, his birthday! Can anything be more in line with the self-deification of the Satanist?

In my own case, this works out most happily since my birthday (Dec. 22) falls almost at the end of the traditional year and on the Winter Solstice besides. So I have adopted this device for dating my magical undertakings, of which I consider The True Grimoire most definitely to be one.

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The essay entitled Apostasia, of which I am publishing the first part in this issue, will no doubt draw some criticism based on its possible irrelevance to Satanism. I do not, in fact, represent this approach as the only one on which Satanism can be based. It most certainly is the basis on which I have founded my Satanism (Apostacy,) and in this manner it becomes relevant to Satanism in general. If it still is uninteresting to you as a Satanist, I trust you will know the appropriate thing to do. I warn you, though, that the T.G. is not squeezably soft!

The specific parts of the essay published in this issue are somewhat theoretical, I beg the reader to understand that these themes are quite important to understanding some of the statements I will make later and even some of my ritual methods.

Rege Satanas !

Apollonius the Apostate

APOSTASIA

The One

Ego sum cogitans.<sup>1</sup> That exhausts my knowledge. I know only my present existance (as the One who is thinking) and my ideas. I have found no escape from solipsism.

When the object of my thoughts is the One, I think the most perfect of thoughts; for it is the thought of what certainly is. Alas! My thoughts too often stray from this most lofty of ideas and dwells on ideas of other things.

The Demiurge

When I think ideas of things other than the One, I may or may not conceive of them as having existance apart from that of existance as an idea. If I do not, I call these ideas fantasies; if I do, I say these ideas are about the World. When I think of the World, then, I impute to it existance. Yet ~~this~~ does not establish it as fact, but only as an assumption of which I am the author.

The World, the Other, exists by my decree as long as I think of it. I sustain its existance. It is a strange irony, indeed, that by my own concept of it the World transcends my

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ability to know it.

To write further of this matter requires that I introduce the idea of self. Self is my ideas about me that go beyond the One. As a doubttable idea that carries with it the notion of existence it belongs to the same category as the World, although it points not to the Other but to me. In any event, my concept of Self carries with it a number of notions about how Self arrives at its "knowledge" of the World.

Self, first of all, possesses certain ideas which are called sensory, those of seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, and feeling. Through these are mediated all its information. The trustworthiness of these means cannot be proven, but they must be assumed to be more or less accurate or else nothing at all can be concluded.

A second assumption is made when reason is deemed to be applicable to the World. Perhaps the Other is, in fact, not rational! In this case, again, nothing would come from such a negative assumption, so I decide that the World is rational!

Armed with reason, the Self can attempt to organize its ideas of the World into a coherent pattern. Yet if it is not to be limited to the passive role of interpreting sensory data, it must devise methods to test the World, to wring from it its secrets. Each of these methods will unfortunately have its limitations and will rest upon untestable axioms.

If the existence of these assumptions were not enough, there are yet other reasons to doubt my Self-established opinions. For one thing, the Self delegates its authority to "experts" whose ideas are incorporated into its body of opinion on trust, without actual verification/ For another thing, Self has discovered its own limitations. It discovers things it did not "know" before; and it is surprised by the unexpected; it finds itself to be in error; and it expects the recurrence of these events!

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I believe that I have called not one but two Worlds into existence: the World-as-it-is and the World as-it-is-in-my-opinion, my World. It is mine because it is the environment in which I perceive me as existing. More importantly it is a supposed image of the real World which I have created---not ex nihilo. to be sure, but from the materia of sensory data. I am, in fact, its Demiurge!

The non-equivalence of the real World and my World allows me to take total responsibility for the latter and to seize it as my own. By the very nature of the idea, I cannot call myself the owner of the World-as-it-is; for I conceived of it as having an independent existence. Nor can I dispense with it as an assumption. If I did, my World would become a fantasy since it would be an image of nothing.

The Self-Created Self

As long as I am content to survey my Domain, i.e., my World, as an image of the Other, the union of the One and Self is rather easily preserved. When I turn my attention on Self itself, this happy identification is more problematic.

As I have already indicated, Self is in the same category as the World in that it is an assumption, not a fact. This suggests that I might do well to differentiate between Self and the ideas I have of it in much the same way I differentiate between the real World and my supposed image of it. Indeed this sort of distinction seems required since my ideas of self are derived from things in my World. They can be no more reliable than it is! Therefore I say that there is Self, which is more than the One and which exists as an assumption, and there is the Self-as-it-is-in-my-opinion, the Self-Created Self.

Since my ideas of Self are derived from the World, it is possible to view Self as part of the Other. At the same time, I may treat the Self-Created Self in the same analytical manner I use toward other phenomena, thus breaking down its unity into component parts. Either approach is acceptable as a tool for understanding my World, but from my viewpoint as an egoist they

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must not be allowed to blur the distinction I consider primary; that between Self and Other. To preserve the identity of the Self-Created Self, I must establish boundaries between it and the Other. Within these boundaries, I must set up a unifying principle.

(To be continued)

Notes

Title note: Apostasia is the Latin equivalent to the Greek word which is rendered in English as Apostacy. It is intended here as a name for my viewpoint as a specific form of generic Satanism. Some of the reasons for this choice will be mentioned in a future installment.

- 1 This is Spinoza's variation of Descartes' famous maxim. It translates, "I, in being conscious, am existent."
- 2 "Therefore it must be of itself that the divine thought thinks (since it is the most excellent of things) and its thinking is a thinking on thinking."--Aristotle, Metaphysics, Book XII, Chapter 9.

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---- SPECIAL NOTICE ----

The ORDER OF THE BLACK RAM hereby takes this opportunity to announce the beginning of the WINTER BUILDING CAMPAIGN. As many of you know, we are now entering Phase II activity. This consists of building the Order internally. Our major goals are:

- 1) The attainment of permanent office facilities.
- 2) The attainment of permanent ritual chamber facilities.
- 3) Expanding circulation of Liber Venifica.
- 4) Dissemination of information concerning Satanism to the public in the form of radio & TV appearances, lectures, etc.

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Step number one in this program has already been attained. But we have a long way to go before we are any any real position to achieve our goals. We need the very real help of each and every Satanist, and for that matter, non-Satanist sympathisers, who believe that the philosophy of Satanism is worth supporting. We are no longer merely a minority; we are a large minority. Satanism is a growing force, for several reasons; basically, it is "an idea whose time has come." There are few others who are as militant in defense of nature, and fewer still who dare to smash through the old boundaries of man's consciousness and knowledge.

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