

A letter from Therion printed in the International.

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In answer to the question "Can you tell us anything about of the Great White Brotherhood, known as the A..A..", Mr Charles Lazenby, of the Theosophical Society, writes made the following remarks after his public lecture on Magic, at the Vancouver Lodge Labor Temple July 31, 1917. E.V.

"The A..A.. is an Occult order having a definite purpose, and was started by a man of immense power (The Master Therion. Ed.), perhaps the greatest living. The place of this great Being in the Occult Hierarchy is a profound mystery, and he and his mission are causing a great amount of speculation at the present time.

"Judged by any ordinary standard he is absolutely and utterly evil, he has broken his occult vows and all codes of morality, openly stating that he has done so and will continue to do so. He may have a very great purpose in view.

"No living person perhaps has had such an influence on occult thought, and wrought so much change therein. He has knowingly taken upon himself a tremendous Karma, but what will be the ultimate result it is impossible to judge. To all appearance, as I remarked, he is the personification of evil".

Later during private conversation Mr Lazenby continued:

"He is a very wonderful being; an ordinary man like myself has no possible means of judging what his ultimate motive is.

"Looked at from known standards he is evil, but from a distance in perspective, one may imagine that he is taking this great Karma for some definite end, he may be the Saviour of the World.

"In any case 300 years from now he will be looked upon as one of the World's greatest geniuses.

"I should not care to have any part in his work myself. You have this to remember, however, that you are connected with a genuine Occult order, not a pseudo-occult one such as Heindel's and others which are worthless".

What has the Master Therion to say about this?

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Mr Lazenby has so long and laudably labored upon the production of ~~canned~~ canned soup that he has neglected that of the wine of Iacchus. But I think he only needs to be shown. It is something to be hailed as a possible Saviour of the World by ~~one~~ of one's avowed and bitter enemies. Nunc dimittis! Anyhow to be called the "Personification of Evil" is not exactly a precise charge. If I wished to attack Mr Lazenby, I should say that, under Alpine conditions, the Lentil Soup Squares dissolve too slowly.

I believe that H.P. Blavatsky was a great adept. I judge her by her highest, "The Voice of the Silence", not by any mistakes that she may have made in other matters. I consider that her work has been treacherously ruined by Mrs Besant, the street corner atheist, socialist and advocate of abortion. Of this offence she has actually been convicted. Mrs Besant's whole object seems to have been to prevent disciples from making those bold experiments which open the gates of the higher planes. I do not believe that any man or woman can come to ultimate harm by a passionate will to seek truth. They may go insane. They may be slain. They may be damned. These are only ordeals which do them good. If they can stick it

out, they will get through. Mrs Besant wants to be like conscience, to make cowards of us all. In my first initiation I was told, Fear is failure. Be thou therefore without fear, for in the heart of the coward virtue abideth not. Thou hast known me; pass on. "To prevent men from confronting the unknown, to sidetrack them with petty drivel about minor ethics, to deck them out with the stolen regalia of orders of whose secrets they are profoundly ignorant: these are works of the Brothers of the Left Hand Path; and of these I believe Mrs Besant to be the greatest now alive.

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