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Baphomet X^o O.T.O. from the throne of Ireland, Iona
and all the Britains that is in the Sanctuary of the Gnosis to
the Perfectly Illuminated Adepts of the Secret Areopagus of the
Eighth Degree Pontiffs and Epopts of the Illuminati Greeting
and Peace.

Under the Seal of the Obligation of the VIII^o.
Given this day of An X^o in 0^o in 12^o25.
Valley of Liverpool.

I.

De Castitate.

Amen. Dearly beloved, in that treason of the
Brethren of the Left Hand Path against the Gnosis whose first
phase ended in the establishment of the tyranny and superstition
which is called Christianity, much Truth was stolen by the Black
Lodge, and perverted to its vile uses. And more noxious than all
in its corruption is that castration of man called Chastity, the
atrophy of those noblest parts of the body which are the proper
organs of Redemption both Gaian and Ouranian.

We then who in the Oath of the Seventh Degree were
sworn most solemnly to Chastity in the Inmost as in the Outermost,
who have now as Epopts of the Illuminati beheld with our eyes,
and as Perfect Pontiffs of our noble Order administered with our
members, the Initiation whose name is Resurrection unto the Light,

And I went in unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the Lord to me, Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz:

For before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father, and my mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria.

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The beginning of the word of the Lord by Hosea. And the Lord said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms, and children of whoredoms; for the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the Lord.

So he went and took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim; which conceived, and bare him a son.

And the Lord said unto him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel.

And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.

And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And God said unto him, Call her name Lo-ruhamah; for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away.

But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the Lord their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.

Now when she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bare a son.

Then said God, Call his name Lo-ammi, for ye are not my people, and I will not be your God.

Then said the Lord unto me, Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the Lord toward the children of Israel, who took to other gods, and love flagons of wine.

So I bought her to me for fifteen pieces of silver, and for an homer of barley, and an half homer of barley;

And I said unto her, Thou shalt abide for me many days; thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be for another man; so will I also be for thee."

It is then certain, even out of the mouth of the enemy, that there is a sacred use, and an abuse, of the Sanctuaries of Life; and although there be Rites so sacrosanct and so secreted that even to the Perfectly Illuminated Adepts of the VIII^o they may not be disclosed, yet to them is due a full declaration of many Mysteries almost surpassing speech.

II.

De aliquo ritu

Amen. It is said that there is a sect of our Jewish Brethren called Chesidim, whose practice is the sacrifice of man. Thus preferably a child, but also an adult, is taken from among the Gentiles, and ceremonially slain so that not a drop of blood is lost, lest the spirit of the victim, taking refuge in that drop, escape the Exorcist. This blood is then consumed as a sacrament, or employed for Talismanic purposes. For so soon as the Spirit of the slain one is sealed up into the spilt and gathered blood, it is multiplied in every part thereof; even as in the Mass the Body of Christ is said to be equally in all myriad consecrated hosts, and His Blood in every drop of consecrated wine, everywhere and for all effications.

III.

De aliquo ritu Ecclesiae Gnosticae.

Amen. It was the law in the early Christian Church, according to certain Fathers of the Gnosis, to take a babe new-born, and having wrapped it in a paste of flour, to stab it in many places with the consecrated knife. The blood of the child thus impregnating the flour with Life, the material became suitable for the manufacture of The Host.

Consider of this.

IV.

De aliquo ritu in regno.

Muscoviae secrete celebrato.

Amen. There is a body within the Greek Church which holds an esoteric doctrine and practises of secret Rite.

At the meetings of this body, the lights being extinguished, the worshippers, led by the Priest and a chosen and consecrated priestess, seek out each other by touch, and by subtle attraction; then they consummate the pure Chastity of their hearts in holy zeal.

If by the favour and indwelling of the Holy Ghost the Priestess (that is unto this rite espoused and else virgin) do conceive and bring forth, then is the child baptized by its father the Priest for the purification by water, and for the consecration by fire is roast and divided among the worshippers for use as a sacrament, as a talisman, and as a medicine against all diseases.

This also is said of the Knights of our own Holy Order of the Temple, that the offspring of any one of them by a virgin was roast, and an unguent made of its fat wherewith to anoint the

Magain and ineffable figure of BAPHOMET.

Consider of this.

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V.

De Missa Diaboli

Amen. Within the Roman Church have been found ever from the beginning to this day, persons and societies conforming outwardly to that base and materialistic cult, inwardly revolting against it; yet often are such so ignorant of our Light and of our Truth, that to them the attainment of Life, Liberty, and Love seemed only possible through a profanation of their own mysteries. For they knew not that these mysteries were themselves, but profanation and corruption of the true and perfect Mysteries of the Adepts.

They established therefore a cult whose fundamental formula was the defilement of the consecrated Host.

The Priest therefore having made the bread into the Body of Christ (as he could theoretically do by virtue of his apostolic power) did as he thought defile that Body by using it as the object and vehicle of lust.

Heroic children of liberty, but thrice blind!

Sansons that perish with the Philistines!

For if the ecclesiastical theory be true in fact, they do verily incur damnation; if false, they lose their labour. But at least they set up Man against the foul demon of the Christians, and let this be accounted unto them for righteousness.

But see, my Brethren perfectly illuminated Adepts, how great is their error, that they revolt who should be Kings. For it is in truth not the apish antics of the Priest that consecrate the bread, but his male power that should make holy all his deeds.

Consider on this.

VI.

De Sabbato Adeptorum

Amen. In the black hours of earth, when the Christian superstition with fell blight withered most malignantly the peoples of Europe, when our own holy Order was dispersed and the sanctity of its preceptories lay violate, there were yet found certain to hold Truth in their hearts, and, loving Light, to bear the Lamp of Virtue beneath the Cloke of Secrecy. And these at certain seasons went at night by ways open or hidden to heaths and mountains, and there, dancing together, eating strange suppers and devising spells diverse, did call forth Him whom the enemy called ignorantly Satan, and was in truth the Great God Pan, or Bacchus, or even that Baphomet whom the Templars worshipped secretly and yet worship (as in VI^o all Illustrious Knights of the Sacrosanct Order of Kadosch, all Dame Companions of the Holy Grail, are taught to do) or BABALON the Beautiful, or even of the Greeks.

And each when first inducted to the revel was made partner of that Incarnate One by the consummation of the Rite of Marriage.

Consider of this.

VII.

De aliquibus fabulis antiquitatis

Amen. The Ancients of every nation report their heroes to have been born of the marriage of Gods with mortals. As, Romulus and Remus twins, begotten of the God Mars upon a vestal virgin, Hercules of Jove, Buddha of Vishnu in the form of a white Elephant with six tusks, Jesus of Jehovah upon a virgin, and many another. Even true Gods were born of mortal mothers, as Dionysus of Semele.

Also they recount many loves of heaven for earth, Diana for Endymion, Zeus for Leda, Danae, Europa, and the rest; even Hades issued from his gloomy kingdom to ravish the maid Persephone.

There are also loves of Gods for nymphs, Bacchus for Ariadne, Zeus for Io, Pan for Syrinx; there is no end of these. And satyrs, fauns, centaurs, dryads, a thousand gracious tribes, leap lightly and lustfully through their legends.

Again we have the loves of fairies for mankind, and the commerce of the Beni Elohim with the daughters of men; and yet again the marriage of Orpheus with Eurydice a nymph, and the fatal nets that Lamia, Melusina, the Sirens, Lorelei, Lilith, and many another cast for men.

It is even said that to every Neophyte of the Order of A.∴A.∴ appeareth a demon in the form of a woman to pervert him; within our own knowledge have not less than nine brethren been utterly cast away thereby, and that within the space of two years.

There are also vain loves, as that of Ixion for Hera, of Actaeon for Artemis.

Consider of this.

VIII.

De Cultu antiqua

apud Graecos nunc etiam semper

manente.

Amen. Among the peoples of the Balkan Peninsula and especially the Greeks, beneath the husk of their false Christianity, is hidden the wheat of Demeter. And even as the Muslim trust to be united by death to the Hur al'Ayn and the Gilman of Paradise, so do these others yet think that earthly marriage is but fornication,

for that Death is a nuptial wherein the soul is united to that God or Goddess to whom on earth his lust aspired.

Thus, even in the embraces of their lovers, their hearts are fixed on Artemis, or on Aphrodite, on Ares or on Apollo, as the inner tendency urges and the intuition thereof proclaims.

Consider of this.

IX.
De Succubis et incubis.

Amen. From all time the life of man has now and again overflowed in sleep, without will, and only reflected itself dimly and phantastically by dreams into his knowledge. Now, since naught can be lost on any plane, but only changed in appearance, the inner substance of this life-stuff doth indeed beget monsters in part material, which the doctors of the Middle Ages called Incubi or Succubi, according as they performed the functions of male or female. These, too, begat children upon women; but not the reverse, because the succubus, for all his female function, is as male as his brother.

Of these monstrous lovers some even became famous on earth; as that once who tempted San Antonio, and the Angel that wrestled with Jacob at the place called Peniel.

Also Merlin was the child of an incubus, and thus also many other heroes of old time were got.

Consider of this.

X.
De opere Adepti

Amen. Not only as a probation, and as a preparation, for the far greater Key of Magick Art that is given to Initiates of the

Sanctuary of the Gnosis in the IX^o, but for its own sake, and the practical and permanent value of its effects, is a lesser work to be undertaken by Eopots - then how much more by Pontiffs! - of the Illuminati.

And this work is threefold:

I. Devotion to the Highest intensified on all planes until it culminates in Conjugal Union ratified by every God so firmly that Death itself is the gate to its fullest and permanent enjoyment.

And the soul is to beget itself as a child for a new incarnation upon the Body of the Great Goddess.

As it is written, so be it spoken unto you:

"O thou that hast formulated thy father and made fertile thy mother!"

II. Acceptance of the devotion of a lower and partial being such as a nymph or elemental in such wise that it is thereby redeemed and made a perfect soul through the death which it must pay as the price of union with man.

III. The deliberate and well-considered creation of new Orders of Being.

XI.

De modo operandi nuptias.

summas.

Amen. The supreme means is declared fully in the Publications of the August Fraternity Most Holy the A.: A.: Liber XI and Liber DLV.

2. This other method is suggested.

On every occasion before sleep let the Adept figure his particular goddess before him, wooing her ardently in imagination, and exalting himself with all intensity toward Her.

And let him consider all involuntary movements of the Vindu as adulteries vile and criminal. Therefore, let him purge himself freely and fully, at the end of restraint trained and ordered unto exhaustion, concentrating ever ardently upon the Body of the Great Goddess; and let the Offering be preserved in Her consecrated Temple, or in a Talisman specially prepared for this practice.

And let no desire for any other enter the heart. Then shall it be in the end that the Great Goddess will descend and clothe her beauty in veils of flesh, surrendering her chaste fortress of Olympus to that assault of thee, O Titan, Son of Earth! Or, at the least, this being denied thee, yet all thy life in heart and spirit being Hers, thy death shall be the consummation of these betrothals, an entry into the Closed Palace of thy Lady.

And of such Espousals mayst thou read in Liber CCCCXVIII; more especially in the Ninth and in the Second Aethyrs.

(It is to be noted in all this that God as well as the Soul is males or female as convenience requireth. (See, for a supreme example) the mystic treatise called the Bagh-i-muattar).

XII.

De Modo operandi nuptias minores.

Amen. This matter is easy, for the Souls of the elements desire constantly this salvation.

But let the Adept beware

1. That he choose wisely a reasonable soul, docile, apt, beautiful, and in all ways worthy of love.

2. That he fall not away from Love of the Great Goddess into love of this inferior, but give only as a master and of his mercy,

knowing that this also is service to His High Lady above.

3. That of such familiar spirits he have but four. And let him regulate their service, appointing hours for each.

4. That he treat them with kindness and firmness, being on his guard against their tricks.

This being said, it is enough; for to have them is but the pains to call them forth from their homes. And the Spirits of the Elemental Tablets given by Doctor Dee and Sir Edward Kelly are the best, being very perfect in their nature and faithful, affectioning the human race. And if not so powerful as, they are less dangerous than, the planetary Spirits; for these are more boisterous, and by disastrous stars easily perturbed and afflicted.

Call them therefore by the Keys of Enoch as is written in the Book ye know of; and let there be after the Calls an Evocation by the Wand; and let the Marrow of the Wand be preserved within the pyramids of the letters that make up the name of the Spirit.

Now unless ye be well skilled in Art Magick, ye will not dare call forth the Three Great Gods of the whole Tablet, or the King Serpent thereof, or the Six Seigneurs majesticall, or even the Gods of the Calvary Crosses in the lesser angles.

But the Cherubis rulers, yea verily and amen, these are your mates; and ye may yet more safely summon the Lesser Assistant Angels.

And those that are in this Art novices shall wiselier call forth only the Trigrammata. of the Sub-Elements.

XIII.

De modo Creandi Nova
Regna Sacra ad Gloriam.

I.N.R.I.

Amen. It is written in the Papyrus of Nes-Min that the Sun spake in his name Toun and said:

"I copulated with my fist; I emitted semen into my shadow, I ejaculated into my own mouth. I sent forth issue as Shu, I poured myself out as Tefnut. Shu and Tefnut.... brought to me my eye..... I wept over them..... mankind came into being from the tears which came forth from my eye. Shu and Tefnut brought forth Seb and Nut, and Seb and Nut brought forth Osiris and the Blind Horus and Set and Isis and Nephthys from the Belly, one after another; and They brought forth their multitudes upon this earth."

And again:

"I copulated with my fist, my heart came to me into my hand, the semen fell into my mouth. I sent forth issue as Shu, I poured myself out as Tefnut; from one God I was three Gods".

Thus then did the Sun formulate Male and Female, whose children are Earth and Heaven whose children are the Five Elements or Tatwas, of which all visible things are made.

Let then the adept make two talismans, pure Male and Female, with no admixture of any lesser principles; and let him consecrate himself as the Sun, and pour out Life upon them, vivifying them therewith. Then shall they conjoin, making unto themselves a new Heaven and a new Earth, whose union shall breed Elements, and multitudes of Beings to Live and Love in Liberty beneath thy Light, an house of Virgins singing praises among the flames of First Glory

wherein the Lord hath opened his mouth; whose works shall be a song of honour and the praise of your God in your creation!

XIV.
De perditione

Remember, dearly beloved perfectly illuminated Adepts of this secret Areopagus, that, from the beginning of all, the vows of your Initiation have invoked upon you the most fearful penalties of disobedience.

For as soon as ye erect any natural and common thing into a Formula of Magick, so soon do ye excite also the contrary current. Thus while every child reads and speaks freely of the Pillars of the Temple of King Solomon by name, the Phremason dare not so much as letter them without precaution. And while the private man may speak evil of the King, and blaspheme God, yet the servant of the King and the minister of God, must cloke themselves with reverence, even though it be not in their hearts, for this reason, that they invoked the King, and God, as sword and shield of their own authority.

To you, then, if you have dared to use this Force of the Holy Phallus, is its abuse fatal and deadly.

To the man of earth it matters little if he suffer nocturnal pollution, or indulge in wantonness; to you that are Adepts it is ruin absolute.

For all that Force which passeth from under your control, unless so directed and fortified by your Will that it is but as a loyal soldier faithful unto death, is as artillery abandoned that is seized upon by the enemy, and turned against you. And because it is of your own substance, therefore has it as it were by nature a link with you, a right upon you, and all the fortresses that your

inheritance of God, and your own holy Art, have built about you are of no force to resist this treasonable assault.

Be wary therefore, for obsession, bodily wasting and disease, madness, and even murder upon you may be inflicted by the engines that ye, having forged for the service of mankind and for the glory of the Lord, leave to the malignancy of the demon that he may turn them to your own destruction.

XV.

De cura seminis.

Amen. Hear then, dearly beloved, this reproof.

First, strengthen to the uttermost the power of restraint by daily practice as is taught by the Hindus and Arabs masters of this science, in their books as follows:-

Shiva Sanhita:

Hathayoga Pradipika:

Kama Sutra:

Ananga Ranga:

The Scented Garden of the Sheikh Nefzawi:

and many others.

Secondly, avoid the dangers of inadvertence by constant and regular practice (a) of the Greater and (b) the Lesser Works of and Epopot and Pontiff of the Illuminati and (c) of the Mystery of the New Holy Kingdom.

Thirdly, sleep always in a consecrated circle or in a room full of holy images before whose glory the powers of darkness tremble every day. Such images are

The Sun.

The Holy Phallus.

All images graven or pictured of the Holy Phallus, and all beautiful pictures or figures of the Consummation of Love (The Yoni in all its combinations, manifestations, and symbols).

The Great Seal of Babalon.

The Stele of Revealing.

The Great Seal of the O.T.O.

The Great Seal of Us Baphomet

The Image of Babalon or Baphomet

The Eye within the Triangle

The Rosy Cross

The Image of Harpoocrates upon the Lotus, or standing upon Crocodiles.

The Image of Buddha with this Phallic reference "Aum mani padmen hum".

The figure of Isis with Horus

The Crucifix, but only if its solar-phallic nature be most firmly grasped, and necessary to serve as a shield of secrecy against the vulgar.

Talismans appropriate to this matter.

A living flame.

The symbols and insignia of the O.T.O., which your degree entitles you to bear.

Magical rings and neck-jewels should also be worn by night and day.

Flowers may be worn, and used for ornament, because they openly flaunt their sex-organs.

The Rituals of defence and protection should also be practised in perfection.

But at most times these precautions are not necessary; only if engaged in operations of the greatest importance is it indispensable to observe them.

De subtilitate hujus epistolae

XVII

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