

Holy Order Of Ra-Hoor-Khuit (H.O.O.R.) leak's

Generic instructions

... More to come! :)

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SOME THOUGHTS ON THE GRADE STRUCTURE OF H.O.O.R.

by Fr.ALION'.

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

(This is the third attempt to 'understand' the structure of H.O.O.R. from an outer point of view and to apply to these ideas the concept of liberation of Sexo-Magickal energies.)

First let me write few words on the Heart Shield:

The Snake - Ouroboros - APEP - energised form of Horus - The cycle of Aeon
Order that encircles ALL.

The Snake is Kundalini arised by the sexo-magickal engine.

The Engine of war, where 'war' is unity of male anf female magickians to attain LVX.

Method is of TETH, but PHE is the fire of their passion.

APP=161. Of Trinity ASET+APEP+ASAR.

(161=ALION, Elyon, the most-high, who is the refuge of YHVH)

(166...The Most High ... a'aLYVN)

A-SET is incarnation of Babalon.

A-SAR is incarnation of the Beast.

A-PEP is their energised unity. The energised enthusiasm...

Letters "H.O.O.R." -Holy Order Of Ra-Hoor-Khuit

"Man of Earth"

Four letters for four grades of Outer Triad.

From Malkuth to Paroketh.

Blossoming rose of Will of Thelemites.

H - 5 - 5

O - 70 - 6

O - 70 - 6
R - 200 - 200

= 345; = 217

Qabalisticaly:

345
Di Alieni ALHYM AChRYM
GOD Almighty AL ShDY
"In that also" --- referred to Daath BShGM
"The" NAME HShM
Lioness. LYShH
5th HB:Sh MShH
Moses. MShH
Dominator ShVLT
Shiloh ShYLH
He was appeased. ShKKH

217
The air AVYR
Temple, palace BYRH
Food BRYH
A bee DBVRH
The navel TBVR
Angel ruling Sagittarius MVYa'aSAL
Angel L.T.N. of Scorpio SHQNB
Controversia Domini RYBH

345 are
300 for Fire of Shin
40 for Water of Mem
5 for Light of Heh

Thus Sexo-magickal unity of Man and Woman who reach the Stary Heavens.

217 are
200 for the Sun
10 for Hermit
7 for the Sword of 'Brothers'

Thus the True Path of the wise who influence and lead the current to unity of male and female in mystical sexo-magickal wedding.

H- Inner Star (Inner attainment of LVX)
O- Male (God)
O- Female (Goddess)
R- Outer Star (Outer manifestation of LVX)

H is the Babe growing from the Mistress

O the spermatozoon
O the ovum egg
R the Solare Force of Phallos

H= lust of female
O= lust of male
O= consecration of elixer
R= Arising of Child; Crowned and Conquering

Red triangle - Three points of Inner Triad.
"Lover"
Tiphareth+Geburah+Chesed.
Descending triangle of HOOR.
(Unity of Rose and Cross)
Inner Lux and Outer Fire.

Mark of the Beast - Secret Triad.
"Hermit"
The Scull of Death of Ego.
AMO=111.

ON STRUCTURE:

>>>Structure:

>>>1. Initiation into the Army of RHK

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EARTH-MALKUTH.
entering the spheres of Thelema dynamics.
Dedicating oneself to Thelema or abandoning it.

One has to see that there is an equilibrium in this world and that New Force is ruling the planet.
One has to learn. One has to aspire. To accept the change.
One is stepping into the Aeon of Horus.

The Tree of Life is the primary 'simbol' of a basic system of all systems.
Father and Mother are two side pillars of the Tree of Life and the Spear is a Messiah - The Middle Pillar.

Many are the symbols and there should be a clear sight for everything to be in its proper space.
Main tools, to be understood, for sexo-magickal workings are Wand and Cup.
And they are The Spear and The Holy Grail.
These are material 'weapons' for generation of Ophidian Vibrations, but it must be understood that they also represent the consciousness of the Spiritual State of Self.
Two that through unity became none.

Four letters H.O.O.R. form the Cross of the Phallos in Malkuth.

The triangle of Fire is energiser.
The Mark of the Beast is Initiation.

H- Holy
O- Order
O- Of
R- Ra Hoor Khuit

>>>(2-4) --- Outer Triad - Soldier ---

Initiatic Ordeals are of Four Powers of the Sphinx:
To Know, To Will, To Dare, To Keep Silence.

To Know that Thelema is the Supreme Law in this Aeon.
To Will to enter the Order of HOOR who rules this Aeon.
To Dare to exceed all personal limitations and restrictions towards accepting Thelema fully.
To keep Silence in its Heart, and to seal it by Oath to Aeon of HOOR.

Thelema in qabala is named 'Ratzon' and is attributed to Kether, the supreme sephira.
One has to aim as an Phallos to it.
It is like a flame on a candle. The Fire consumes it and fulfills its True Will - to Burn.

>>>2. Elemental Ordeals (Birth of a Soldier)

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AIR - YESOD.
Four elements- earth, air, water & fire.
Opening of the first secret door- of RA.
Child HoorPaarKraat.

Second grade is attributed to Yesod, and gets magickian in touch with energies of the Snake as Yesod is in genital area, particularly with symbolism of Sexual-magick.
Air is of Intellect, and the main practice is intellectual study.

As 'child' grows it reaches maturity. Sexo-magickal energies are awakening and Soldier is completely aware of them. Ophidian vibrations are weak but getting spontaneously stronger. Soldier is then prepared for further initiation.

H-Birth.
O-Rising and gaining physical strength.
O-Arousal of the personal energies.
R-Attraction of the True Path.

>>>3. Life (Life of a Soldier)

3. Life (Life of a Soldier) > Outer Triad - Soldier.> FIRE.
Seven Planets.
Second 'secret' door - of AhatHoor. (AHA - T- HOOR)
The House-Temple of HOOR.
Work of LVX in the Outer, emanation of light of Thelema.

Sephira HOD is practical sephira, where intellect is strong and eager to apply its streaming.
Method is Solitary sexo-magickal working for purification of Sphere of being of the Magickian.
Ophidian vibrations are ignited by aspiration and solitary mode of magick.
Solitary working arouses inner energies to the point of attraction of a magickal partner, when next grade is attained. Magickal partners appear in two ways - from the Order or outside the Order. First can be 'used' as elementals, the latter as Stars - brothers and sisters.

H-Sexomagickal energies awaken the inner paths.
O-Generates the personal strength.
O-Attracts the Opposite.
R-Shines in acceptance of Unity.

FIRE:

(Ash.. Fire ... as Aleph and Shin...as 301,... Spirit and the Egg,... this Mystery attracts the Soldier and inspires the Knights, but emerges from the Adepts and Masters.
(Shin... Shin for the Man of Earth, Yod for Lover and Nun for Hermit...)
(Aub... Obeah...9)
(Firebrand, volcanic fire: the Special 'fire' or 'light' of the Sacred Magic of Light, Life, and Love; hence "Odic Force" - AVD...11)
(ChM -Fire...48)
(The Lord thy GOD (is a consuming Fire)... ALHYK ...66)
(Archangel of Sun and Fire... MYKAL ...101)
(Ruler of Fire... ARAL...232)
(Uncus focarius --- fire- MGRVPYA ...340)
(Angel of Fire ... ShRP ...580)

>>>4. Continuance (Death, so-called, of a Soldier)

4. Continuance (Death, so-called, of a Soldier) > WATER.
Twelve planetary ordeals - Zodiacal rites.
Third 'secret' door- opening- of TUM.

The Magickal partners meet here. The Opposites are attracted, and they agree to unite in LOVE UNDER WILL.

As This grade is assigned to Necah, Female magickian should be 'active' in the Ritual.
They awaken and energise the Kundalini force through their sexo-magickal unity, thus purifying themselves and reaching the final limits of their personal separateness.
They blend in one through the Unity.
Their sexo-magickal workings should bring them to the state of Bliss where next grade is attained.

(It should be noted that these operations are not of a kind for creation of Magickal Children, but for personal perfection and arousal to the Higher Spheres.
Thus 'elixir' should not be consumed as a sacrament.)

Fire and Water (as Shin and Mem) are as Man and Woman, and they are 'riding' the Chariots, for Chariots (of Cheth) are the Sexo-Magickal unity.

H-Opening of the inner insights. Pentagram of the Body and Soul.
O-Unity of male and female magickians. Fire and Water, the Wand and the Cup.
O-Active 'riding', penetration of Knight into the joys of a Lady, and arousal in the riding of the Chariots (from energy of Geburah to space of Binah).

R-Light explodes in the Space.

Fire burns, water consumes.

(In Liber AL, Warrior Lord of the Fourties is of MEM and eighties that covers before him are of PHE of Fire.)

Thus the Fire and water are united but not as elementals but as a archeptal cosmological and primordial energies of Being.

>>>5. Probationer (Transition from Soldier to Knight Monk)

5. Probationer (Transition from Soldier to Knight Monk) >EARTH.

Opening of the fourth secret door - of Khephra.

'As the sun in midnight is ever the son'...

Through Sexo-Magickal Unity of a Magickal partners Bliss and Extasy are attained and One reaches the Beauty of Tiphareth.

Thus who was in outer a Soldier now is in transition to a Knight.

Stronger and more directed rituals should be applied with a method of sexual magick.

The magickal partners are on probation, they will either stay 'together' or they will separate. It depends on alignment of the true paths of magickians. The aroused energies will rise them or crush them.

H-Star in the Night.

O-One who is pushing the star.

O-One who is the vessel of the star.

R-The Sun who is ever Son.

>>>6. O.'T'....[infinity] (Order of [Thelema])

6. O.'T'. ... {infinity symbol}(Order of Thelema) > SPIRIT.

Sexo-Magickal energies are used for attraction of benefits to the Order and Thelema, in the world.

Here, 'O' is symbol for Kteis, and 'T' is for Phallus.

They are united in Spirit. They are energised more and more in their sexo-magickal rituals. They gain Energy... Energy...Energy...

H- Horus as a lord Initiating. Heru Ra Ha.

O- Ra Hoor Khuit.

O- Hoor Paar Kraat.

R- Light of the Sun.

>>>(7-9) --- Inner Triad - Knight Monk Lover ---

>>>7. Z (Zelator)

7. Z (Zelator) > Inner Triad - (>Inner Air)

(also Zelator of A.'A'.)

Work on establishing of Kingdom of HeruRaHa.

Mystery of TaNech- paternal service.

H- Utchat of Horus.
O- An eye.
O- An ass-hole.
R- One Light.

>>>8. Abbot/Abbess (Mysteries of the RC)

8. Abbot/Abbess (Mysteries of the RC) > (Inner Fire)
Outer service as host of places of Initiation and Gnosos.
Inner exploration of Planets.
Mystery of BishNaMaut - maternal service to others.
RC- mysteries of Unity of Male and Female.
Rose-Goddess- Kteis- Eagle.
Cross-God- Phallos -Lion.
Ophidian Vibrations. Sexo-Magickal annihilation of Ego, and opening of the Channel for the influx of spiritual stream.
Sexo-Magickal wedding at the path of Zayin. Man and Woman as 'Brothers'.

H- Abbys.
O- Abbot.
O- Abbess.
R- Abbey. (Angel).

>>>9. A (Adeptus)

9. A (Adeptus) > Knight Monk Lover. (Inner Water)
(First 'point' of Lover of Thelema.)

Sexo-magickal rituals are employed in its highest forms. Even 'elixir' is consummated as a sacrament. Only that these rituals are fertilising the elementals (of elements, planets and signs)... the sexo-magickal creation of the Stars are for Masters (of the next grade).

We should notice three 'very important' Holy Books of Thelema in matters of Sexual Magick and Ophidian Vibrations.

Liber Capricorni Pneumatici is for 'Phallos'.
Liber Cheth is for 'Kteis'.
Liber Stelleae Rubeae is for their Unity. It is The Supreme Ritual of Liber AL.

370. 156. 66.

H.
Shin+Oin.
O.
Quof+Nun+Vau.
O.
Samech+Vau.
R.

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ASET as Kteis. Aset as Babalon and Holy Grail. Isis.
ASAR as Phallus. As The Beast and the Spear. Osiris.
APEP as the Seed of Divinity, the Sexomagickal Lord of Blood and Energy. Kundalini Snake.

THE SUPREME RITUAL

"A feast for the Supreme Ritual."

"To him is the winged secret flame, and to her the "stooping starlight."

-Liber Legis

Let a feast be made by the officers of the Temple.
This Temple, into which they then retire, may be any
convenient place. An altar is necessary; also a vessel of
wine; otherwise as may be appointed by them:
The Officers are Two in number, and seek Nuit and Hadit through Babalon and the
Beast'. To conceal themselves, they are disguised as Isis
and Osiris.

{The Officers meet and clasp hands above the altar.}
{Any preliminary operations such as opening, banishing}
{etc., are now done by I." who returns and they again}
{greet, but as initiates.}

O and I: [Face to Face.]
O: What is the hour?
I: When time hath no power.
O: What is the place?
I: At the limits of space.
O: What God do we wake?
I: The Lord of the S....!
O: With what do we serve?
I: B....., M....., and N....!
O: The Shrine in the Gloom?
[Gives the Sign of a B... of the A....., which I.]
[destroys by the Sign of Mater Triumphans .]
I: Is the M..... O. T.. W..
O: And the Priest in the Shrine?
I: Is this M..... Of M...!
[I. repeats Sign of Mater Triumphans and O. gives Sign of]
[Baphomet.]
O: And the wonders above?
I: The Quintessence of Love.
O: There are sacramnets?
I: Nine.
There are music and wine
And the delicate dance--
O: To accomplish?
I: The trance.
O: And are these three enough?
I: They are the servants of Love.
O: And the sacrifice?

I: I.
O: And the priestess?
I: Is thou.
I am willing to die
At thy hands--- even now.
O: Worship me first!
[I. seats O. upon the Altar.]
I: Mistress, I thirst.
[O. gives wine. They drink.]
O: My mouth is on fire
To my lord's desire.
[They exchange the Holy Greeting by a kiss.]
I: I kneel at thy feet
And the honey is sweet.
[O. plays music while I. worships in silence.]
O: Exhausted, I sink.
I: I am dead on the brink.
O: Let us dance!
I: Let us dance!
O. and I.: The Lord give us power
To be lost in the trance
For an hour--- for an hour!
[They dance together. A pause of perfect stillness]
[and silence follows; until O., sua sponte, advances]
[and place I. upon the altar.]
O: Exhaust me!
I: Nay, drink!
O: Ere I sink!
I: I shall sink!
O: Drink wine! Oh, Drink wine!
I: I am thine!
O: I am thine!
[They drink and greet as before.]
I: Art thou armed?
O: With a knife.
[O. draw a dagger from her hair.]
I: Love is better than life.
[O. cuts a (inverted "T"), or if possible, the Sigil]
[of NOX on I.'s breast.]
O: Let us dance!
I: [Giving wine] To the trance!
[They drink, then dance.]
O: Back to the throne!
[I. returns, and takes seat thereon.]
I: I adore thee alone!
[O. does so, plays music if so inclined, and continues]
[as necessity or inclination may dictate.]
O: It is ended, the play:
I am ready to slay.
Anoint me!
I: I rise
To the fire in thine eyes.

I anoint thee, thy priest,
Babalon-- And the Beast!
And I ask Thee now:
Who art thou?
O: Omari tessala marax etc.

[The Ritual of the Star of Ruby is in silence]
[accomplished.]

CLOSING

I: Mouth to mouth is heart to heart!
O: For the moment we must part.
I: Time and space renew the illusion.
O: Love is lost in confusion.
I: Love sustains us eminent.
Till the Hour of Sacrament.
O: I love you, and you love me.
I: Now and ever may it be!
I. and O: Hand in hand is heart to heart!
Love be with us, though we part.
[They greet as before and depart.]

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>>>10-[infinity - N.O.X.] --- Secret Triad - Hermit ---

>>>10. M (Magister)

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In outer Small cattle is sacrificed.
In the inner large cattle.
Magister sacrifices the 'child'.

M=40. 4=HOOR; 10=manifestation.
"I am a warrior lord of the fourties"

M for Master.
M for Messiah.
M for Mother.
M for Water and Sea.
M for continuum of Nuit.

H- Chaos.
O- Night.
O- Eros.
R- Light.

>>>11. O (Overseer)

11. O (Overseer) > Secret Triad - Hermit. (Spirit)

Overseeing HOOR in the name of A.'A.'

O=ORUS=HOOR.

O for Kteis of our Thelemic matriarch. Sisterhood of A.'A.'

O for an Eye, the seed, the child.

O as Kteis.

O as 70 as Phalus as Lux.

O as Nothing, No, LA, Nox.

O as a Snake of the Heartshield of H.O.O.R.

AMO=111=The Fool who enter...

>>>[infinity N.O.X.]

II

Structure of HOOR and how I see it.

1. Initiation into the Army of RHK....."foretaste"
entering the spheres of Thelema dynamics.
Dedicating oneself to Thelema or abandoning it.
(period of Probation for A.'.A.'.)
2. Elemental Ordeals (Birth of a Soldier) > AIR.
Four elements- earth, air, water & fire.
(Building and first opening of Pyramid- by Pyramidos Rite)
Opening of the first secret door- of RA.
Child HoorPaarKraat.
(Birth as Neophyte in A.'.A.'.)
3. Life (Life of a Soldier) > Outer Triad - Soldier.> FIRE.
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Opening of the fourth secret door - of Khephra.
'As the sun in midnight is ever the son'...
6. O.'.T.'. ... {infinity symbol}(Order of Thelema) > SPIRIT.
(Man of Earth of Thelema.)
Ritual of passing through TUAT.
7. Z (Zelator) > Inner Triad - (>Inner Air)
(also Zelator of A.'.A.'.)
Zealously working for others, as the work for A.'.A.'. is individual.
Work on establishing of Kingdom of HeruRaHa.
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Enochiana- starting of Elemental exploration.
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Attainment of K&C of HGA.
LVX.
Work for inner aims of HOOR,
working the Great work of HOOR.
Establishing of Thelema in outhers.

10. M (Magister) > (Inner Earth)
Master of Magickal and Mystical attainments.
Enochian Aethyrs.

11. O (Overseer) > Secret Triad - Hermit. (Spirit)
Overseeing HOOR in the name of A.'.A.'.

NOX.

{infinity symbol} {symbol of Spirit} >
(...AIN - SOPH - AUR...)

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Can you give a comment on this?

Hear you soon.
93 93/93!!!
Fr.161.'.

"Letter To A Brazilian Mason" Thirty Years Later.

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

It has been thirty years since "Letter to a Brazilian Mason" was written. With this new edition of that work by Marcelo Ramos Motta it seems an opportune time to pause, for a moment, and reflect on the state of affairs that this letter addressed. (As well as the state of affairs that we must address as we re-issue that letter.) Mr. Motta's name has been much maligned in recent years, mostly by former and or discredited "disciples". Yet it must be understood, even by those who did and do not understand the position(s) which he took, that their misunderstanding and their failure to achieve results under his guidance does not denigrate his virtue as a Master and a teacher in all cases. Mr. Motta was fond of saying that if we, as disciples, could not achieve results under his (Mr. Motta's) methods then we should find another Master. This saying was in no way a threat; it was, rather, a clear statement of a basic fact of Initiation. (And as such had several meanings.) I feel justified in saying that Mr. Motta was not an easy man to understand. Neither was he an "easy" Master to follow. The best metaphor for Mr. Motta's teaching method is to say that he put an irritant into the "shell" of an Aspirant to see if it would produce a pearl. This is fine if the "shell" is that of an Oyster the trouble was that many of them were clams. I don't mean to imply that clams are not useful (not to mention tasty, they make great chowder) but if it's pearls that you want.... well..... These kinds of situations and the problems that arise with them in the disciple's Ego form one class of the "tests" and the Ordeals. Liber AL does not promise an easy time of it. It says, rather, "He must teach; but he may make severe the ordeals.". There is no need to justify any action of the Magister Templi known to the world as 216\or any other Magister Templi for that matter! It has often been pointed out that the man/woman and the Master are not always of like mind. Cf. Liber CCCXXXIII ch 56 for an example of the "imp Crowley". I write this not so much for those who have been hypnotised into believing that Marcelo Motta was some insane bogey man but rather to those who prefer to enquire and make their own decisions. To these I say; read this letter, seek out and read any of the Equinox Volume V numbers and read the commentary not just the editorial opinions. The commentary to Liber AL is the finest work in the later half of this century on the subject. The commentary to Liber LXV is equal in quality. The comment to AC's 1906 e.v. diaries sheds much light on an obscure period in AC's career. The commentary to the Dao De Jing is erudite and eye-opening. These works and much more besides will stand as evidence to the brilliance of the Master. The opinion?... the harsh words?... what of them?... what of them!... opinions are fundamental, everybody has one. Now I should like to move on: I have a question or two you see. I would like to ask Thelemites how far have we come in the thirty years since "Letter to A Brazilian Mason" was penned? How different are conditions now? Have we as Thelemites done all that could have been done to break the old ways? Have we as Thelemites done all that we could have done to establish the Rights of Man on the planet? If the answer to the last question is no then should we not use that time as an example of what not to repeat? Should we not use that time as an example of how not to proceed? The solutions to the problems that we as Thelemites face are a dynamic equation not a static definitive. Mr. Motta was, in 1963 e.v., as he was all of his life, very concerned with the fate of his beloved Brazil. In 1963 e.v. Brazil was ruled by a military dictatorship under the spell of the Church of Rome. (It was very much a medieval situation. Except that the Church could not shed blood as liberally as it might have liked. Cf. Book IV part 3 chapter on The Bloody Sacrifice and its comment for further details.) Medieval, in that the church dictated the "morals" and the military dictated everything else. (The morals were rotten filth and the rest was a similar abomination.) You might call it an aristocratic rule minus the aristocracy. In the place of an aristocracy just greedy, savage, murdering vampires,

"fathers" & "generals" alike. Mr. Motta tried in "Letter to a Brazilian Mason" to influence, evoke if you will, the organization which had, in another dark age, helped to break the power of the Church of Rome. (Cf. AL III 22 for more information on this kind of gesture.) Mr. Motta addressed his letter to a "high Grade mason" known to him. As can be seen from the opening paragraphs of "Letter to a Brazilian Mason" this high Grade mason was convinced (unlike his Spiritual fo rebears) that the Church of Rome was a "good introduction to adult life". This kind of complacency is a thing which should make any Thelemite's skin crawl. Never the less, Mr. Motta attempted to diplomatically remind this individual that the source of the belief system of the "Masons" had its birth in the "reform movement". A movement which actively sought to break the power of the Church of Rome and finally succeeded. A movement which was feared and persecuted by the dupes of the Roman heresy. At last the Masonic fraternity broke the back of the Church of Rome and celebrated the fact in works of art and music the like's of which remain dear to western culture to the present day. Examples of such celebrations can be found in the music of Beethoven and Mozart; In paintings by Goya and Blake. This victory was also celebrated in science by Bacon and Newton, in philosophy by Hegel and Berkeley and in letters by the likes of Balzac and DeSade. But that was then.... How far have we come in these last thirty years? Our politics are still controlled by the decaying remnants of Christism. Our codes of social interaction are but gaudily painted pantomimes of Victorianism (or worse they are mere recreations of daytime TV). Our age has hypnotized itself with technology so that it will not have to endure the pain of the realization that its moral fabric must change. How far have we come? Not far and our holiest of texts enjoins us with these words "But exceed! exceed! Strive ever to more!" We must ever fortify ourselves; Our goal is no less than that of social and moral evolution in accordance with the Law of Thelema. Thirty years is not long in the time scale of an Aeon. But thirty years is too long for so little to have changed. The cleansing process spoken of in AL II 5 is still at work in many ways. The vehicle for social change has been slow to materialize. "Thelemites" have made too much of the purple robes of life and not taken seriously enough the crimson mantle of war. These have fallen into the trap told in AL I 52. Yet is it said; "Enough of Because! Be he damned for a dog! But ye, o my people, rise up & awake!" "We have not done enough nor have we come far enough in these thirty years. We have rough country ahead and many miles to go before we sleep. Wherever freedom is denied, whenever tyranny looms We must act according to "the Law of the Battle of Conquest:". Why? for the enslavers and the tyrants cast about them today for others.... tomorrow they shall cast for you. What can we do? Nothing if we do not begin! How can we do this? "Choose ye an island! Fortify it!"

Love is the law, love under will.

THE BLACK LODGE

lesson 1

In the Name of the Initiator AUGMN

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

What is usually called the "Black Lodge" is not really an organization of human beings, or even of "Black Brethren". In a sense, the "Black Brother" is infinitely above the activities of what we generally name the "Black Lodge"; in another sense, he/she is infinitely below.

The "Black Lodge" is merely the Qliphoth in their interaction and activity. The Qliphoth are the false Sephiroth; projections or reflections of the Sphere of the Tree of Life on the so-called "Astral Plane". There dwell entities called demoniac, whose plotting against humankind, whose hatred of the human being, is ever active.

However, Initiates of our Order will understand that what we call man, human being (or however we may choose to indicate individual units of the human species as a whole irregardless of their physical sex), is not what the profane generally consider as such. The Tree of Life is "Man", considered as a Spiritual Entity. YHShVH, the Adept, the Son of Man, is Tiphereth. And the Solar Man, the Son of the Sun, is the Solar Intelligence manifesting below the Abyss; Unity - 111 - multiplied by 6 (Tiphereth) equals 666, the Son of the Sun, the great Seven Headed Beast (cf Liber CCCXXXIII ch 49) or the seven Sephiroth below the Abyss. This seven headed Beast who has ten horns (the manifestation of the "masculine" aspect of the creative power in the ten Spheres of the Tree of Life) is a subject for the Dominus Liminis of the A.'A.'. and for the Inner sphere of our own Order and it cannot be more openly discussed in this place.

As to the demoniac entities, their nature must be clearly understood. The process of evolution demands a continuous interaction of all forms of life: through the attrition thus produced, they improve each other and expand their experience in that union which results from any conflict. In this sense, War is only one of the manifestations of the Universal Love. In the Tarot, this perception is expressed in Atu XVI, the name of which is War or the Blasted Tower.

Conflict between forms of life can only occur if each of them is sufficiently self-conscious or self-sufficient to resist the other's onslaught. Essentially, this self-consciousness or self-sufficiency is a form of Hatred, meaning *repulsion towards what is external to ourselves*. In this sense, ferocity in a wild animal, or selfishness in a human being, are merely expressions of what is called the instinct of self-preservation. As incredible as it may seem, this is merely the reflection, on the emotional plane, of that Consciousness of Spiritual identity that Thelemites call HADIT.

Ferocity, hatred, selfishness, cruelty, perversity, malignity, are mere projections, on certain sub-planes of the Astral, of instincts which were developed by each and every form of life in their effort to assure individual survival and, through this, the survival and consequent evolution of the species. In those astral sub-planes, those qualities take shape, and manifest themselves as "demons".

It is useless to discuss here the "real" or relative existence of those entities, for the same judgment would apply to our own selves. For instance, on the material plane we are normally sure of our individual existence and our personal interests; however, even the first step in initiation shows us that this awareness of "ourselves", which we considered so simple and solid, is but a reflection, in a very elementary plane, of that which (now!) seems to us more Our Selves than "ourselves".

Whether demoniac entities "really" exist or not, on a certain plane they definitely "exist"; and are interwoven with the very structure of our existence as egos.

The Four Great Princes of the Damoniac world, described by "Abraham the Jew" in *The Sacred Magic of Abramelin the Mage* exist, not only in the Qliphoth but in ourselves; they make part of the forces that compose the structure of our brains. It would be extremely difficult to define here what faculties they especially stimulate or fight in us, for this depends on the plane where we try to consider their influence. Let us merely assert tht they act as demons when they interfere with our initiatic progress, *and act as servants of the Logos when they cooperate with us in our spiritual evolution.*

Please note that since those entities do exist as parts of ourselves, if we do not subordinate them in us to our True Will they will hinder our initiatic process. If we "destroy" their manifestation within us, we will not be "purifying", but mutilating and deforming ourselves. (Please note that it is perfectly possible to destroy these "demons", thus hindering your progress as indicated.) These entities represent Hatred, that is, separateness of existence in ourselves. Thus in the act of casting the demons away from us in the subtlest manifestation of the subversive effect that their influence can have upon us. This is exactly the mistake which the "Black Brethren" make, another of the ways in which those misguided creatures seal themselves off from the Universe.

Always remember this dear Brothers and Sisters: **The discipline which Initiation imposes on all of our instincts and appetites is that same discipline which the "demons" so loath, fear and avoid above all else.**

This fact has a further implication: The forces which Initiatic discipline concentrate around the attention of the "demons" and thus do they attempt to protect the consciousness of the cave dweller, the troglodyte which they have been protecting for millions of years. When we attempt to raise our consciousness above the evolutionary "norm" (which these "demoniac forces" represent) we incur the automatic, "instinctual", response of censure from these complexes or entities. Put another way (for it is essential that the Aspirant come to understand this key concept) when the Aspirant vibrates on the spiritual planes, and calls the attention of the Hierophant (or Hierophants), immediately it is reflected into all the other planes, and sets moving the forces needed for the psychosomatic dissolution and reorganization of the candidate. When any human aspires to the Path of the Wise at once the Infernal Forces are activated to tempt him or her - that is TEST him or her - along the Way. **Remember...this process is automatic, the only Voluntary part of this process is the Aspiration itself.**

May you fare well my Sisters and my Brothers as you go about your life duties and may the Warrior LVX Radiate into the darkness of the Universe. May you learn from this book of the Black Lodge ways and means that will fortify and amplify those Spiritual Aspirations which even now shine through the opacity of your flesh.

Love is the law, love under will.

THE BLACK LODGE

lesson 2

Dear Sisters and Brothers

In the Name of the Initiator AUGMN

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

Let us sum up that which we learned in the first part of this document:

1. The forces which, in certain planes of consciousness, manifest as "demonic entities" are part of the evolutionary process of the universe (*and* the Universe). (That is for both the individual of the human species and the Human species as a whole).
2. Since the aim of the next step in human evolution is to flow into the Crossroads of Creation until Matter and Spirit flourish together in a living organism, it is fundamental that we should learn to coordinate all the forces that are part of our psychosoma, and apply them towards the manifestation of this new stage in the evolution of our species.
3. We have established that the "demons" are neither bad nor good, but that they simply are. We infer from this that the usefulness or mischief of these "demons" depends entirely on our self-control.

To this point in our discussion we have tried to equate our terms "Black Lodge" and "demons" with various psychological and evolutionary schemes and operations. Thus we have defined, for our purposes, those terms, and having thus defined those terms, we can begin to simplify our language and speak of the "Black Lodge" and of the "demons" more simplistically.

To begin with, we must insist once more that any Initiate must never forget that the planes should not be miltured; but that there exists a harmonic relationship which is expressed in LXV v 23-29. By equilibrating all Pairs of Opposites, this harmony may be reached. The process is one of continuous growth. This, on its turn, is expressed in LXV iii 1-20.

The Four Elements Fire, Water, Air and Earth (or Tejas, Apas, Vayu and Prithvi) correspond magically to the Four Cherubic Signs of the Zodiac, Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius, and Taurus; to the Four Powers of the Sphinx, to Dare, to Will, to Know and to keep Silent; to the four Magickal weapons the Wand, the Cup, the Dagger and the Pantacle; to the four Cherubs who serve the Logos (see the Seal of the Order of Thelema); and to the four Great Princes of the Demoniac World, whose obligation it is to serve the Adept. (CF *The Sacred Magic of Abramelin the Mage* and Liber VIII for more on this subject).

When any human being truly aspires to the Path of the Wise, the Infernal Forces are activated to tempt - read TEST - the candidate along the planes on which the aspirant has consciousness and volition, no matter how undeveloped they may be), the act of aspiring itself is irrevocable. There is no turning back. Thus it is said that a Magickal Oath truly taken can never be broken.

When Aspiration is not pure, the process may be temporarily activated in one or two planes; but this innervation will cease once the energy that stirred things runs out. Many are the energies

that can activate this process. Not the least common of these is sexual attraction to some other Aspirant. (This is also one reason that Aspirants in the A.'.A.'. are required to work alone.) Once that attraction has been sated and the energy of that attraction fades so does the aspiration. Candidates of this type work strenuously for a while and then suddenly they become inactive or disruptive. With this type of candidate you will find them after a few years totally uninterested in initiation or in occultism of any sort. Others of this type become active members of organized religions cursed in AL iii 49-55.

When aspirants achieve entrance into a true Initiatic Order, if their aspiration is not pure they do NOT really become members of the Order, although superficially they may seem to have done so. They - - as do true aspirants also - - become subject to the influence of the Demoniatic Forces, whose work in initiation corresponds to the work of the necrophagi (vultures, buzzards, hyenas, jackals, worms, etc.) in nature.

True candidates should always keep in mind these two apparently opposite facts: first, that they are under the attack of demoniac forces since the first moment they aspire to initiation; second, that those forces must be conquered and put to the service of the True Will. If aspirants let themselves be dominated, instead of dominating, in a certain sense they are eaten and digested by the demons, and become mere instruments of the demoniac worlds on the earth.

Should the aspirants, out of fear or repulsion, avoid all contact with the demoniac forces, they will be unable to develop control of certain planes of consciousness, and therefore will never become balanced initiates - - that is to say, Adepts. They even run the risk of becoming "Black Brethren", that is, of withdrawing completely from the Evolutive Wave of Mankind and falling under the influence of what the Qabalah calls Choronzon. This is the "Prince of Evil of this World" which corresponds to the Element of Spirit, or Akasha; but its nature and influence are such that they can only really be understood by Masters of the Temple of the A.'.A.'. , and therefore we will not further discuss the subject here.

The work of the Black Lodge shows itself under these main aspects:

1. THEY INCITE HIERARCHIC INDISCIPLINE IN ASPIRANTS.

We cannot insist too much on the point that the whole process, once aspiration is formulated, becomes automatic. Let us suppose that the aspirant, man or woman, becomes linked to a true Initiatic Order. His or her vehicles are immediately dynamized and encouraged to expand. At the same time, he or she must obey a Guru, or a hierarchic superior. Beginners on the Way, simultaneously exalted by the magick current of the Order or by the Guru's aura, and subjected to agitation of all their faculties, will experience impulses of vanity, envy, resentment and other perturbing emotions as long as they don't learn to separate the planes, at the same time keeping them coordinated through those harmonic structural links which are the basis of the System of Correspondences of the Qabalah.

As it is written in an old initiatic document of our Order, by the Beast Himself: "The purpose of the discipline is to obtain the mastery over his own lower self, and for this reason he must not submit himself to the will of his lower nature, but following the will of that higher nature, which he does not yet know, but which he desires to find. In obeying the will of the master, instead of following the one which he believes to be his own, but which is in reality only that of his lower nature, he obeys the will of his own higher nature with which his master is associated for the purpose of aiding the disciple in attaining the conquest over himself."

So far, so good. The theory is beautiful. In practice, the disciples take for "manifestations of the

Will of their higher nature" certain branchings-out of the will of their lower nature that were previously dormant, but which are activated by the new energy initiation imparts. Suddenly they doubt the competence, or even the sanity of their Guru or hierarchic superior; they develop an intense conviction that they are better qualified to judge the True Will, both theirs and the Order's, than the Guru or hierarchic superior; and so on and so forth.

Truly, it is not only perfectly possible that the disciple is better qualified to judge his or her own True Will than the master, but also necessary. The sign that we are not dealing with legitimate spiritual intuition, but with a rebellion of the inferior nature, consists in the simple fact that the disciple is completely free to leave the master (or the Order), in case he or she feels that he or she has gained full self control (that is to say Mastership!); but instead of doing so, the disciple starts dictating conditions to the Master, or trying to rule the Order. He/she tries to teach the Master how the Master can achieve his or her True Will - - and it is no use if the Master should remind him or her that the Master has (so to speak) been in possession of his or her diploma for some time! In the case of an Order of the type of H.O.O.R., the disciple tries to "take over" and assume the highest authority, or tries to deviate the Work of the Order in the direction of his or her prejudices and desires, or both things at once. If you point out to him or her that their Grade in the Order does not give them authority to act so, he or she merely becomes annoyed with you. In fact, to an impartial observer, the disciple's behavior seems ethically insane. What is actually happening is that the demoniac forces, stimulated in the disciple's vehicles, are organizing a defense system against the impact of the Master's, or the Order's influence. The psychosoma of the disciple is under attack, and tries to defend itself.

The situation becomes more difficult since this defense mechanism is a legitimate process: the purpose of the Master (or of the Order) IS to kill the ego of the aspirant, so the phoenix (symbol of a higher stage of consciousness) may be reborn from those ashes. Every step is a death and a birth. It is not the Master who dies and resurrects in the initiatic process - - as we have already remarked, at least in theory he or she has already got a diploma - - but the pupil.

The demonic influences are, then, manifesting themselves precisely to *protect* the ego of the pupil against the destructive influence of the master (or against the Magickal Current of the Order). And unless the pupil controls these influences in his or her ego, the ego will not be destroyed. In the planes, where he or she exists, he or she may even become more "successful" than he or she previously was, because of the extra energy that was imparted to his or her life processes. But this "success" will exist only in terms of the planes where the pupil was already functioning. He or she will not rise to a higher plane of existence, that is, will not be initiated. (*Note that this is the reason why the so-called "Sidhis" of the rishis or powers/miracles of western schools are shunned by true Adepts. They only prove that extra energy has been "injected" if you will into the psychosoma of the aspirant. Note how they manifest: walking on water, very convenient if you are too poor to afford a boat, turning water into wine, again very handy if you want a "buzz" and are broke, most of these powers-sidhis-miracles deconstruct with this simple ease*). Therefore it is written: "Who tries to keep his own life, shall lose his life; but he who loses his life, shall gain life eternal." And it is also written: "What profiteth a man to gain the entire world and lose his immortal soul?" (*As can be seen the Christists took full advantage of the chance to enslave with these remarks. Their transcendental meaning is lost and the whip and chain of the slave are shown to the poor dupe. Remember that the words of the Magi are at the same moment true and false cf Onion Peelings in Liber CCCXXXIII for a humorous - sad look at this fact.*)

Naturally, it all depends on the True Will of the aspirant. If what you want is to conquer the world, well and good. But if you want to conquer yourself - - then you must perceive the symptoms, and control them at every step.

Do not deceive yourselves: the ordeal of self-discipline does NOT become easier as you progress, it becomes harder. At each stage of initiation, the energy imparted to the vehicles becomes greater in intensity and scope, and therefore the demoniac forces also increase their power and reach - - because they are part of the very material being dynamized.

The only "consolation" of the pupil is that, if he or she is able to resist the first attack, he or she becomes more aware of his or her psychosomatic processes, and more apt to distinguish between the attitudes which will tend to perpetuate the present stage of his or her existence and the attitudes which - - perhaps! - - will give him or her a chance to reach a higher plane of consciousness. In other words an Adept has paid his or her dues and has learned his or her lessons as regards the preliminary obstacles. These preliminary obstacles are those which seem mountainous and twisted to the young aspirant. The ordeals of the Adept are generally beyond the "sight" if you will of the young inexperienced aspirant simply due to the fact that those same preliminary obstacles stand in the way, blocking a clear view of the situation. This is the reason why so much of what an Adept does may seem incongruous to the uninitiated or to the young aspirant. It is also the reason that a more experienced individual will often keep his or her mouth shut when being questioned by the inexperienced on points of which he or she knows that the questioner could not possibly have the depth of experience to comprehend. This is not mystification but rather a kindness. It is a kindness by virtue of the fact that the Adept is saying to the aspirant tend to your own troubles and problems first then answers will either make sense or be superfluous. This fact or reaction of an experienced aspirant or Adept to such questions can be taken advantage of by the unscrupulous or the charlatan. (They also can refuse to answer questions on these same grounds. Thereby giving the appearance of knowledge or initiation.) How is an aspirant to know one from the other then? Know them by their fruit...watch them my brothers and my sisters and soon enough their truth or falsehood will betray them.

Dear Sisters and Brothers, it is always a step in the dark. It is always a death and a rebirth - - and you do not even know, when you die, if there will be a birth. As it is written Success is your proof.

Remember: the price of initiation is a shameful death from which the demons will save you, if they can.

So with thy all; thou hast no right but to do thy will.

Love is the law, love under will.

THE BLACK LODGE

lesson 3

Dear Sisters and Brothers

In the Name of the Initiator AUGMN

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

Let us sum up that which we learned in the second part of this document:

1. We learned that the demoniac forces are both necessary and inherent in the process which we call Initiation.
2. We learned that the first attempt made by those forces to disrupt and disperse an initiatic current (a current which alters the psychic 'status quo') is usually to incite hierarchic indiscipline among its members.
3. We learned that ordeals only apparently become less severe with experience.

Let us examine another way in which the Black Lodge goes about its work.

The Black Lodge creates false initiatic movements or they stimulate faith in false masters.

At the present time, all organized religions of the old aeon fall into the category of demonic influence. As it is written, Liber 418, 6th Aethyr:

"...and this is the Mystery of the great prophets that have come unto mankind, Moses, and Buddha, and Lao Tan, and Krishna, and Jesus, and Osiris, and Mohammed; for all these attain unto the grade of Magus, and therefore were they bound with the curse of Thoth. But, being guardians of the truth, they have taught nothing but falsehood, except unto such as understood (that is, except unto such as had the potential of becoming Masters of the Temple)¹; for the truth may not pass the Gate of the Abyss. But the reflection of the truth hath been shown in the lower Sephiroth. And its balance is in Beauty (Tiphereth), and therefore have they who sought only beauty come nearest to the truth². For the beauty receiveth directly three rays from the supernals (the Paths of Intelligence Vau, Gimel and that of which the mystery is mentioned in AL i 57), and the others (Geburah and Gedulah, which with Tiphereth form the Adept triad) no more than one. So, therefore, they that have sought after majesty (Gedulah) and power (Geburah) and victory (Netzach) and learning (Hod) and happiness (Yesod) and gold (Malkuth) have been discomfited (because they did not seek balance, or harmony, which is Beauty). And these sayings are the lights of wisdom that thou mayst know thy Master, for he is a Magus (that is, the Angel of the Aethyr was telling the human consciousness of Aleister Crowley, the "scribe", that his Being as Master of the Temple had reached Initiation into the Second Sephirah, Chokhmah)."

The curse of Thoth consists precisely in that, in the present evolutionary stage of mankind, the control we have of the planes of polarized manifestation is not yet sufficient so that our

1 The comments, in parentheses, in all of the Liber 418 quotations are those of the Master, Frater 216.', 8=3 A.'.A.'.

2 You will see this again and again in the works art music poetry etc.

consciousness of our existence as spiritual entities may manifest itself in matter with complete efficiency.³ The "Kingdom of Heaven" is still a mathematical limit we are trying to achieve. Again quoting Liber 418, the 3rd Aethyr: "For he (the Magus) is wisdom, and by wisdom hath he made the Worlds (the planes of existence below the Abyss), and from that wisdom (Chokhmah) issue judgments 70 by 4 (purely relative forms of expression; being only relative, they are necessarily false or illusory when compared with some other plane of perception. This, of course, is in relation to ourselves, in relation to our own Point of View: the confusion does not come from conflict between us and some other star, which would be a much more comfortable explanation to our egos; it is the result of an inner conflict, through which we misinterpret our True Will. Any conflict with other stars, by the way, is only possible while we undergo this inner conflict. Conflict with other stars is impossible when we are doing our True Will - - cf AL 1 44-45), that are the 4 eyes (Eye, Ayin in Hebrew, the letter O, has the value of 70 in the Qabala; hence 70 x 4) of the double-headed one (the two headed giant which represents the Qlipoth, or false reflection, of the Unity, the Crown, Kether. This is the first of the demonic reflections, representing Division, or Duality. Please notice that manifested existence would be impossible without this); that are the 4 devils, Satan, Lucifer, Leviathan, Belial, that are the great princes of the evil of the world.

"And Satan is worshiped by men under the name of Jesus; and Lucifer is worshiped by men under the name of Brahma; and Leviathan is worshiped by men under the name of Allah; and Belial is worshiped by men under the name of Buddha. (See AL iii 48-56).

"Moreover, there is Mary (the reflex, in the Qlipoth of Malkuth, of our Lady BABALON, the Guardian of the Abyss. She is the Scarlet Woman who rides the Beast, and her Cup of Abominations is the Holy Grail. But again, this is an arcane of the Grade of Practicus of the A.'.A.'. and if we tried to explain it here we would only cause confusion), a blasphemy against BABALON, for she hath shut herself up (this is the self-preservation instinct carried to the extreme of "absolute virginity" - - that is, complete alienation from one's environment - - as the condition of purity or sanctity); and therefore is she the Queen (that is, this demoniac entity influences of controls of all those wicked devils that walk upon the earth, those that thou sawest even as little black specks that stained the Heaven of Urania (Nuit as seen by the Greeks). And all these are the excrement of Choronzon."

What we must understand about these religions is that they are "skew-wise": that is, they are arguments in circles, not expanding helixes. They do not lead to Transmutation, that is, to Initiation, but to permutation, in the mathematical sense of this word.⁴

Any system of Therurgy that a Magus creates begins immediately to suffer the erosion of demoniac forces. This is what is written: Thou shalt be vexed by dispersion. Since the function of those forces is to keep the soul in the state wherein it is, they try to devise byways in the Path propounded by the Master. These byways seem "easier" or "more reasonable" to the followers, but in reality they simply return to the origin after a series of combinations, shuffling the terms, not recombining them. Thus they function in such a way as to keep the pupil's consciousness "occupied" without really causing any change of Initiation or ego death. Remember these forces are functioning on a self preservation level - they are trying to prevent ego death. Thus they lead the pupil round in a circle, leaving only the impression of progress. Soon these pupils become followers only and no longer pupils. Soon Spirituality is replaced by conventional patterns, success is measured by the number, and not by the quality of the membership, financial prosperity becomes

3 We cannot for instance fully realize what it is for a thing to be true and false simultaneously.

4 That is shuffling the members of a finite set of items rather than making new items from combinations of existing items.

more important than magickal influence, intellectual analysis of the system scleroses into dogma, living theurgical experience is eschewed for blind faith. The Magus spoke Truth: this truth, refracted into the planes of consciousness below the Abyss, becomes a lie to all those who are unable to understand - - that is, unable to harmonize the apparent paradoxes of the Gospel the Master - - any Master - - proclaimed.

Initiates of the 2nd Grade of H.O.O.R. will understand that when they manage to pass through the Ordeals of the Four Elements they become a challenge, a provocation, to the Four Princes of Evil of this world. H.O.O.R. is a true Initiatic Order, and as soon as the 2nd Grade is obtained the demoniac forces are stirred in the soul of the new member, to deviate him or her from the Order's spiritual current. We must once again point out that this defense mechanism is a *natural* process. But it is the "super natural", with all its attendant risks and terrors, that true aspirants seek . . .

A Master (Frater 215 .'.8=3 A.'.A.'.') Once wrote the following:

"Man was once defined, by a sage, as a marine animal that went insane and decided to live on land. Madness (in the sense of wilful deviation from the norm) is indeed the key word in this matter. It has been of great individual inconvenience to our species, the fact that we developed aspiration - - this "infinite dis-ease in the spirit". Once upon a time, we went on all fours, as did all other animals (even primates usually keep their spine horizontal; the human being is the sole exception). The need to syntonize our nervous structure with stellar radiation (an essential step to awaken our higher faculties, and make their work in our organisms possible) made us vulnerable to a series of illnesses. These illnesses are entirely human, and due to the fact that our intellectual and volitional progress has become too fast for our physical organisms to come with effectively. Our bodies developed their capacity on a million year scale, not on a hundred thousand year scale: they find it difficult to bear the energy charge. Rheumatism, arthritis, circulatory disturbances, are just part of the price mankind pays to walk on two feet. If we ponder that species take millions of years, normally, to pass from one phase to another in their development, and that man is evolving so fast that in only three hundred thousand years (approximately) we came down from the trees and went to the moon, is it surprising that candidates to Initiation become subject to psychic disturbance?...

Let us consider then the false masters, those unhappy souls that allow the demons complete possession of their faculties: how do they work? Simple: they offer consolation, moral support, prosperity, and even material wealth; they encourage the use of magickal forces to keep the physical body in good shape. In exchange, they demand ONE thing only: the stagnation of consciousness on the plane in which it manifests at the time the aspirant comes under their influence; the perpetuation of personal servitude.

You have complete freedom under them, until you try to be different. Then, they jump on you with both feet, or more.

For this, and other reasons, it is written in AL ii 48: "I console not: I hate the consoled & the consoler."

And also, AL ii 7: "'Come unto me' is a foolish word: for it is I that go."

Perhaps this reminds you of the words of "Jesus" (in truth, a section of the Talmud, adapted to Roman mentality): "Come unto me, ye who suffer, and ye shall be consoled."?

And also AL ii 8: "Who worshiped Heru-pa-kraath have worshiped me; ill, for I am the worshiper."

Heru-pa-kraath, the Babe on the Lotus, represents the Eternal Child, that is, the spiritual seed of our species; He is identical to Hadit. It is foolish to worship this Child. WE ARE THIS CHILD.

The Child Hoor and the Child Jesus are the same Child, and this symbol of the Eternal Child is thousands of years older than Christianity. It already existed in China and India when the Jews had not yet become organized as a cultural group.

We already said that the false masters and the false initiatic organizations offer candidates every possible advantage but one: the true initiation;

What is true initiation? It is that which made a sea mammal come out of the sea. It is that which made a monkey come down from the trees. It is that which leads a man or woman to abandon comfort, honors, health, family, and even himself or herself (especially himself or herself!) To obtain something invisible, indefinable, inexpressible, but which yet - - we feel - - has more value than all that we abandon in order to conquer it.

True Initiation changes us internally in a permanent and radical way. We are no longer the same person we were . . . although what we become derives from the root of what we were.

The symbol of true initiation is a woman giving suck to a child. This woman is the purified soul, the Virgin who copulates with All. And the child she giveth suck to is the fruit of that union. It is the new stage in the soul's existence. It is the new aeon in the microcosm, as Heru-ra-ha is the New Aeon in the macrocosm."

Let these words of the Master (Frater 216.'8=3 A.'A'.) be a sign and a beacon to all those who are of us. Dearest Sisters and Brothers, understand that to be a complete man or a complete woman in this aeon means that you must combine your innate maleness with your innate femaleness, augmenting both such that they are in balance. When, dear brothers and sisters, these disparate elements are in balance, then must you annihilate them in combination, which is bliss; 0=2. . . Thus only may you enter the stream of life to emerge as the Virgin of Al. . .

Blessings, Peace and Silence
in the name of our Lord
To Mega Therion
and
In the name of our
Seven times Holy Lady
BABALON

Love is the law, love under will.

THE BLACK LODGE

lesson 4

Dear Sisters and Brothers

In the Name of the Initiator AUGMN

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

Let us sum up that which we learned in the third part of this document:

1. We learned that **The Black Lodge creates false initiatic movements or they stimulate faith in false masters.**

The next means by which the black lodge spreads its agenda is in its activity to thwart healthy sexual activity between individual human beings and its attempts to thwart the establishment of realistic sexual mores in society.

In order to achieve the above, the demoniac entities try to instill the following delusions in the human mind:

- A. Sexual fidelity for life is the ideal union between a man and a woman.

In order to enhance this lie, the demons try to uphold social attitudes that restrict sexual activity in any human couple. According to them, not only "infidelity" is a sin, but also the only lawful purpose of the sex act is procreation.

This, of course, is the equivalent of maintaining that love can only exist on the physical plane, and that human beings are incapable of relating to each other on other planes of existence. But in reality, it is not normal (in the statistic sense) for men and women to keep up monogamous sexual activity during years and years. Studies on this subject show that, between partners who copulate only one with the other during five years, the nervous centers reach a saturation point of biomagnetism. This produces symptoms of satiety, followed by apparent emotional indifference, and even physical repulsion. If a man is no longer capable of a spontaneous erection at the sight of his wife's naked body, there is not (at least temporarily) sexual love between them. In such circumstances, both should avoid a forced union on the physical plane, even if they esteem and respect each other on other planes. "What is bound in heaven must not be sundered on earth" is but half of the idea expressed in this passage of the "Gospels". The converse is also true! See AL i 41.

The subject of love is too complex to be covered in this document. It is taught, step by step, in the Grades of the Inner Circle of H.O.O.R. The theory is revealed priorly, and has even been openly published; but the living experience needed to understand and practice that Secret is rarely reached before its appointed place in our Order's Structure. Suffice it to say that two human beings may love each other on certain planes without loving each other on all planes - this is an effect of Karma. It can also happen that a couple's physical polarity becomes equilibrated in time, and for a varying period of their life they do not feel sexually attracted to each other, but are strongly attracted to third parties. After some time, however, attraction shows up again between them, because their mutual polarization reached a new imbalance as a result of the exogamous unions (or other factors, this is the commonest one). All this is well-known to most people who have been married or who kept a monogamous relationship for several years; but through a sense of false shame (instilled precisely by the demons and their servants), it is seldom admitted.

The only way - drastic, but effective - to avoid demoniac attacks in sexual matters is to eliminate ALL artificial obstacles to the union among human beings. If a married woman wants to go to bed with another man than her husband, she ought to do this, and the husband ought not to interfere. If the husband wants to do the same, the wife ought not to interfere. Jealousy is NOT a sign of love (another delusion instilled by the Black Lodge!). Jealousy is an emotional compound of equal parts of fear, egotism and envy. It is one of the lowest emotions of which a human being is capable, and should be kept under stern control by all true lovers.

The sole limitation to love is that it must be under will. This means that sexual attraction ought to be subordinated to the True Will of each of us. But only a human being who knows his or her True Will knows when to repress the emotion, and when not to. Love one another. And this includes the physical aspect of love.

When each human being has expanded his or her feelings in all directions, false passions and false desires can be perceived; it becomes easy to identify natural appetite, and relate it to the True Will. The preliminary result of a "free love" program seems to be a scandalous self-indulgence (actually, this seldom happens in practice, because most people have been weakened and bound by the Black Lodge influence; they begin by stepping on tiptoes! . . .); but gradually their frenzy calms down. Unconsciously, spontaneously, healthily, the people concerned start behaving in a way that, should we analyze it, would prove to differ very little from their behavior when they were still inhibited, with this vital difference: they are not inhibited now, and should occasion present itself they will act with complete naturality, healthily satisfying their feelings, their desires, their emotions.

You may ask: why is it so important that love should be free? Why do the demons and their slaves seek to avoid this?

It is because in the sex act there is one of those healthy relationships among several planes of existence that we spoke of before. Thus, if the sex act be the free and spontaneous expression of each individual's inner nature, this freedom and spontaneity will refract itself on other levels of existence, expanding and liberating the energies that compose the total sum of our vehicles.

The sex act may even become a form of prayer. As a matter of fact, for true initiates the sex act IS prayer. Orgasm is a form of Samadhi that all human beings can enjoy, without the slightest need for special training. Therefore, let sexual love be free! Love is the law, love under will.

B. Homosexuality is abnormal, shameful and sinful.

The demons try to stop people who are normally heterosexual from experimenting with homosexuality, and try to stop people who are normally homosexual from experimenting with heterosexuality. The purpose behind this policy is still the basic purpose of the Black Lodge: to keep the human being as sub-human as possible. Abstinence from sexual relations with the opposite sex, and concentration in our own sex, is not, certainly, a normal attitude - again statistically speaking. But when it happens spontaneously, it may be normal for the individuals participating - be they male or female. The important condition, the vital condition, consists in avoiding environmental influence. Our environment must not influence us either to avoid or to engage in homosexuality.

We are not, in truth, either male or female in ALL the planes in which we exist - at least not simultaneously. In the subtler planes, the polarity of our vehicles may vary and alternate; particularly so during the initiatic process. In certain stages of initiation, when we are awakening on certain planes of consciousness where our vehicle's polarity differs from the polarity of our

material body, the "normal" attitudes of our conscious mind may suffer alterations which are echoes, on this plane, of the activity of our subtler vehicles, with which we are not yet completely accustomed. We may then feel strange appetites towards our own sex, appetites which surprise, worry and frighten us. This subject is very difficult, and is beyond the limits either of this tract or of the 2nd Grade of H.O.O.R. We shall then simply state that it is vitally important that we should stop condemning either men or women who have homosexual affairs. If we do this, the frequency of such impulses will not increase, and in the majority of cases where they are satisfied, they will not become a habit. Furthermore, their frictionless satisfaction will have extremely benefic effects on the psychosomas where such attractions occur, with the best possible results for society in general, since you will notice that the great majority of temperaments in which homosexuality appears are outstandingly talented, either in the arts or in the sciences.

C. They instigate an Aspirant's mistaking freedom for indiscipline and carelessness in matters of health and safety.

With freedom comes responsibility. This has always been a factor, it is simply that now, in the 1990's ev, it has become enormously more important. Sexually transmitted diseases such as AIDS and even Herpes were unknown just 25 years ago! The threat that HIV poses to the Aspirant can not be underestimated. For to underestimate in this regard is to die. If Thelema is to survive so must its Aspirants, Adherents and Brothers & Sisters. That adjuration in another document known to you all 'better if you take no partner in the outer, even sub-rosa', becomes much more intelligible and clear to you. As in all these things a balance must be maintained. Your lessons in the Ordeals have taught you that Balance is the Way and the Truth and the LVX.

To the Women of Thelema; you must be especially careful for it is among your sex that the disease is growing the fastest at the present time. This fact is due to the nature of heterosexual intercourse which leaves the semen in the vagina. If that semen be from an infected male then the woman's body will absorb the semen and thus the virus will pass into her bloodstream and she will become infected. Therefore you must insist that you are protected in all sexual intercourse with persons whose past history you do not know very well indeed. In fact, it is probably better to use the precaution of a prophylactic in all cases save in a monogamous long term relationship. It is also wise to use discretion and restraint but this discretion and restraint must not become that which is spoken of in the first two sections of this lesson. This is also what is meant by that "little voice which speaks to thee" in another document. This little voice is Neschama as the Qabalists would say and if that voice from Binah would caution prudence then there is no shame in abstaining from a sexual act (or any other act for that matter).

To the Men of Thelema; you must be responsible and cautious as well; do not think that you will not fall victim due to the construction of your sexual anatomy. I speak now to the heterosexual among you. (The homosexual element of men must attend to the advice in the paragraph concerning women for the same dangers and risks attend anal intercourse.) To be a true Human you must be aware of and sensitive to the dangers of the plague called AIDS and you must use precaution in all situations. It is your responsibility; men are too often willing to pass this responsibility to the women; I tell you plainly this is an Old Aeonian attitude and it is to be **despised** among you!

The True Man and the True Woman will rise to this occasion and will prosper; They will heed this lesson on Balance and it will make them strong. The weak and the pioneers will perish. This is a hard thing to say but it is true. As Our Holy Law says:

"Compassion is the vice of kings. . . "

further it is said:

"A King may choose his garment as he will: there is no certain test: but a beggar cannot hide his poverty."

The lack of restraint and of caution will kill as surely as chastity and cowardice. (The one is death to the body and the other is death to the Spirit.) This is the dichotomy of this particular time in the existence of our Planet. These conditions may change with time but they will not change if there is no one left to change them. This is our challenge and our test of fire.

Blessings, Peace and Silence
in the name of our Lord
To Mega Therion
and
In the name of our
Seven times Holy Lady
BABALON

Love is the law, love under will.

Basic Qabala

Lesson 7

by Ray Eales

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

In our last lesson we talked about the Egyptian Pantheon and we introduced the idea of the practical Qabala. And just how did I manage to do that? Well, I happened to mention that there is a way to view the "existence" of extra personal entities besides as products of our own imagination. I will forego proving that your neighbor (a physical extra personal entity) exists, I will leave that up to you the next time you want to borrow his or her lawnmower but I will rather confine myself to the extra personal entities of a more subtle material. I am talking about those entities said to exist on psychic, astral or spiritual realities "outside" of the normal physical universe, so-called. I let it slip that one could possibly suspend disbelief and view these kinds of phenomenon in a simple animistic way. That is view these "entities" as having normal objective reality (more like your next door neighbor). So what is a practical Qabala? We have, of course, been studying the theory of Qabala, the ideas which make up the system that we use to codify the phenomenon in the Universe. Practical Qabala is the system by which we can put those theories to the test. A.C. refers to this in the introduction to *Magick In Theory and Practice*, he calls it Magick. Magick is the art and science of causing change to occur in conformity with the will according to A.C. and I see no reason to quibble with his definition. Well what has Qabala got to do with Magick then? (Please remember that I write these words so that even the littlest Sister or Brother of the Light may begin to understand these most important concepts, those who regularly have Beelzebub, Gorto and Chuthulu over for dinner need only bear with us for a time...) Qabala is the field from which Magick grows, or put another way, Qabala is the source and Magick is the river. The ordered sets of symbols which a good Qabala houses is the source from which Magick springs. One cannot cause change to occur in conformity with one's will if one has no first matter. These Qabalistic symbols are just that prima materia as the old alchemists would say. So is that all there is to it one might ask? No not really and the not really part is the part that has been a sticking point for most of recorded history.

There are really three parts to this little problem of how to use the symbols one learns in theoretical Qabala to do Magick with. There is the Operator, the Object and the Link. Let us take them in turn and talk a bit about them. Now this all may seem like an oversimplification and it is to an extent although on one level at least that really is all there is to it! We might easily spend a lesson each on the Operator, the Object and the Link but even if we do so in the future a sampler plate will surely satisfy our hunger for a little while.

First then let us think about the Operator. Now the Operator contains a vast matrix of symbolic representations of the Universe, maps if you like and of course the operator contains the Will to do the thing in the first place, plus an enormous array of other and mostly unrelated stuff. This unreal stuff causes most of the problems in actualizing the will in the first place and is primarily what we deal with in the training that is undertaken during the first few grades of the A.'.A.'. What conditions must he or she fulfill in order to best attack the problem? Well first the instrument, that is the mental, physical, and psychical faculties, of the Operator must meet certain requirements. 1. The mind must be capable of abstract thought, 2. the body must be able to endure the discipline of the

work and 3. the psychic faculties must be operating and under control of the will. Now if one takes a close look at these three requirements one will notice that they are very specific, even rare! The operator may increase his or her abilities in any of these areas via the step by step instructions in a True Initiatic system like the A\A\.. There must be a certain amount of potential present in a Candidate it is true. And no amount of Instruction will be able to replace that native potential if you will. But most normally intelligent, healthy persons will have the potential, the *prima materia*, so to speak, for these operations. Physical handicaps are not necessarily a deterrent but it is heavily dependant on the type of handicap. Some mental dysfunction both systemic and induced will disqualify a person from attaining results in these endeavors. It is hard say precisely the limits for any of these factors. The redundancy of the systems within the human organism are truly remarkable and so often we find that one system will provide support for another dysfunctional system. So with all of these factors present it is extremely difficult to say if a particular handicap will disqualify a person or not. The best one can do is to proceed in an experiential manner.

Next let us consider the object. You mean that there are conditions on the object?! Yes, there are conditions on the object too. The Object also contains its matrix of unique properties (whatever they may be) as well as its array of unrelated stuff. (Note: You can think of the object as the destination sought in the maps of the operator if you like.) Getting back to the properties of the object we should note that, for instance, your chances of willing the sun not to rise in the east tomorrow are severely reduced by the magnitude of the concurrence of forces that work to cause that event. As a general rule we will say that if an event has a likelihood of occurring (we will call this likelihood a vector) if left unaffected then there is a greater chance of effecting the outcome along that vector. Now this may sound discouraging but think of it this way if an event has a 1 in 10 chance of occurring anyway and you, via your magick, increase those chances to 1 in 5 then you have definitely done something useful (at least as far as your operation is concerned).

Finally there is the Link which contains the dynamics, the "engineering", that enables the will to use the map to get to the destination.... the Link is the actual vehicle if you like. So the Link has its conditions as well? Ah yes, and here we enter into a very sensitive area, the area in which the slightest breath of imprecision sends our force bounding off into unintended areas. There are several ways to think about this connection, this link, one way is to follow out our physics metaphor from the previous paragraph when we likened the likelihood of an outcome to a vector. If we say that an object's tendency to follow a certain path is a vector and we want to work with that vector via a link then this link must exist in the same coordinate system as the vector otherwise there is no meaningful connection between the two. Fine physics majors will understand what I mean but what about the rest.... yes, well I did say that there were several ways to view this connection. Let us consider the example of an individual (A) who wills to communicate with another individual (B) who lives 500 miles away. Let us suppose, for simplicity, that both individuals share a common language and are similarly educated so that the actual language whether written or spoken will not be a factor. The Operator, individual A, wills to communicate with individual B (the Object). The link is whatever means are used to span the 500 intervening miles of space between the Operator and the Object.

Now if A goes outside into his back yard and yells his message to B, he should not be surprised if B does not get the message. Here is an example of an operator trying to effect an object through an improbable link; which is, in this case, 500 miles of the earth's atmosphere. Now if A picks up the phone and dials numbers at random the chances of reaching B are equally improbable; the link this time is the telephone network. However if A goes into his back yard with his portable phone, armed with B's

phone number and dials the phone the probability of A reaching B are vastly improved. In this last example a link, has been established. The link is what in this instance?... That's right it is proper use of the telephone network.

Well this is all nice and theoretical you may remark but what of the practical applications of these principles? Indeed! Very well then let us begin: First off we have formerly identified three parts of this little puzzle: 1. The Operator, 2. The Object and 3. the Link. We have mentioned several requisites for all of these parts as well. What we should do now is expand on these requisites and give concrete methods of attaining them whenever possible.

So let us start back with the Operator and reiterate those skills: 1. The mind must be capable of abstract thought, 2. The body must be able to endure the discipline of the work and 3. The psychic faculties must be operating and under control of the will.

How can we develop point one? Firstly we should immerse the mind in the literature prescribed on the A\A\ reading list. (No we don't have it all for sale in the lobby and yes it will take some doing to explore it all. Now do I hear the sceptic say "so we have to become members of your group eh ... so the A\A\ is the only way" ... not at all... but it is the only way that I know of ... and I am telling this little tale.) Note that a general college education can be a good start on this program. The general college (baccalaureate) degree often does not touch on many important studies, thus it leaves the student with weaknesses. These areas of weakness will vary depending on the type of degree that the individual sat for. (The A\A\ Instructor will be in a good position to see these deficits and prescribe readings to counter them.) From these studies a flexible quality of mind will emerge which will support rather than hamper the work. The student may ask "what kinds of studies are left out?" One quite common deficiency of a normal baccalaureate degree will be in the area of our collective unconscious. This collective unconscious is the study of our roots, our mythology. Mythological systems from around the world must be studied so that the ground from which the spring of Human consciousness emerged will be clear to us. This most basic of all points can assist the individual greatly in his or her studies of the literal qabala. Some understanding of Mathematics is also important and is often left out of popular baccalaureate programs. You don't have to be a Feynman or an Einstein but some appreciation of that construct of the human psyche is important. Possibly the most important branch of mathematics for the present day student is the study of so-called chaos math.

What about the physical body? Supposing that the individual is of average physical prowess this point should not be difficult. General physical exercise and training which increases reflexes and tones muscles is very good. Excessive muscle building is probably largely a function of vanity and of little use to Us. The well toned and agile body is an absolute wonder and it is to this level of fitness that the would be Operator should strive. If the body is in some way abnormal then this section becomes more of a challenge. The rigors of Pranayama or Asana or Laya Yoga must be planned for and preparations made accordingly. As was said in an earlier section these kinds of questions are so varied that general discussion is nearly meaningless. Each would be Operator must access these questions for themselves.

What about the third point? How do we cause our psychic faculties to operate and then how do we subject them to our Will? Again the exercises of the A\A\ are of utmost importance here. There are techniques which address every aspect of this development and will lead the student in a stepwise fashion to

the goal. Are they as easy as pie? Not really... this training can be quite rigorous and many will not be able to undergo the discipline. The question is really "How bad do you want it?"... Developing that part of ourselves which is the newest part, in an evolutionary sense, is quite a challenge. It is only for a few thousand years that we have been widely aware of this part of our being. It has been even less time since we began to make active efforts to improve it! Over those millennia there have been numerous systems designed to bring out these "powers"... so few of them have been efficient. Most of these systems were so inefficient that they took a lifetime of work and a very exceptional being to boot. We have only in the last several hundred years begun the process of paring down this dogma into its constituent parts. From the knowledge of those parts we are slowly assembling a system which will work across racial lines, without superstition and dogma and which will work efficiently. This system is the A\A\ ... I hate to sound like a sales pitch for this system but there really is no other system with this much breadth and scope. It is even possible to work this system without an Instructor. Admittedly it takes that one in a thousand type of self motivated person but it is possible. This is definitely not the most efficient way of working but where there is a lack of Instruction then one does the best that one can. Fortunately for those at this lecture contact with the A\A\ is a simple matter... if you are interested express that interest to someone involved in organizing this lecture and they will be able to point you in the right direction.

We mentioned in the first section of this lecture that an individual (an Operator) carried with them a vast symbolic network some of which was useful to the work and some of which interfered with their ability to be an effective Operator. We said that the outer grades of the A\A\ were primarily dedicated to getting all of this in order and now you see how we plan to do so. 1. We learn and organize our material (our symbols) 2. We press every aspect of the human vehicle into shape. 3. We develop our newest faculty so that we can control it and use it.

Well a lot has been said about the Operator and now it is time to look at operations... We mentioned in the opening sections of this lecture that operations should be chosen which have a probability of occurring anyway. We said that if you choose an operation to stop the moon from revolving around the earth that you are very likely to fail. However if you choose an operation to cause a certain personal event to transpire that has a likelihood of occurring naturally, like your boss giving you a raise, then you have a better chance of success. (Some may remark that this seems as unlikely as the moon stopping in its orbit. For them I have no answer.... sorry.) If you can improve your chances of an event transpiring that you wish to transpire then you have done a successful operation. Some may remark here that if you have to go to all of this trouble in picking an operation does it not seem silly to bother with this at all? I

congratulate them as they are very likely on their way to finding out what Magick is really for. Magick is like a book full of unconnected facts, its pages may be full of images and data but the book only tells a story if the sensorium experiencing it is putting the pieces together into a coherent whole. The successful Operator will discover that this coherent whole is themselves, perfected, self luminous and sovereign. These will know and even understand that Magick is really just a path to this discovery.

Ah yes, the Link; the last little conundrum that we must address. The most important thing to remember about the link is that it must bridge the gap between the operator and the operation. Situations are far too varied to do more than give examples whose principles may be applied to your unique situations. In the opening sections of this lecture an example of a phone conversation was given. Well how about if the conversation which you desired was on a more subtle plane. Say you wanted to converse with a "sprit" of a martial nature called Bartzebel. First you would prepare the operator (fortify him or her

with the requisite knowledge) secondly you would prepare the operation by deciding on the means for this "spirit's"

manifestation, in a cloud of incense, in a crystal, on the back of your eyelids, in your bathtub wherever.... thirdly you would prepare the place of the operation, appointing it with furnishings coherent with the desired "spirit". Now once the Operator and the Operation were prepared you would make the link

between you and Bartzebel via the precise kind of energized enthusiasm needed to put your sensorium in contact with Bartzebel's essence. The link, in this case, is your ability to harness your psyche in such a way as to allow it to slip from its mundane existence into the world of Bartzebel's symbolism.

As you have probably guessed by now the steps to mastery of the Practical Qabala or Magick are at once simple and, at the same time, incredibly imbedded and complex. None of this need be too much of a burden if one considers the alternative. The chance of knowing one's self or the surety of never having that knowledge and conversation. I dislike ending on such a bleak note but it is true and if one has followed their intuition, inner voice, instincts or however they may term it, to this point then they deserve to be told the truth.

I said that I dislike ending on a bleak note so I won't:

There was a young woman from Dundee Who went without maps on a spell casting spree Quoth the lady; "Qabala? Who needs it to wallow?" And promptly lit up her Dumbala.

But the Trolls with one voice disagreed Concerning her plan to work at such a speed Yet all did agree with great raucous glee. On a demon to free which, upon arriving, made her quite itchy.

Love is the law, love under will.

On Yama, Niyama, and Samadhi

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Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

The most comprehensive instruction and commentary on Yama, Niyama and Samadhi that I know of occurs in Book 4 part I (on Yama and Niyama) and in Eight Lectures on Yoga (same subjects). By way of a small explanation I will offer what follows.

On Yama & Niyama: You must gain a certain 'basis of quietness', I might say, to really progress. Constant emotional turmoil is something that only a very skilled Adept can deal with (but doesn't have to deal with for he/she has conquered it). This 'basis of quietness' is Yama (control). Yama assists you in quieting the raging howls of the untrained intellect. Actually it is an open question whether we can really call this loose association of tendencies intellect or ego at this point. Here we encounter a defect or a limitation of our language. The complex which we are speaking of has not yet been disciplined into 'intellect'; it is rather a loose, wandering congeries of tendencies and other assorted junk. Yama also assists you in quieting the emotions; lower Manas or the Nephesch. Thus we can state our premise; through quietness comes control. Once you have established control you can begin taming and training the lower manas and the Ahamkara (ego making faculty). Thus our second premise; through control comes quietness (after another manner). This illustrates the spiral of progress not the circular movement of stultification and decay. You would do well to get this idea firmly into your mind as it is the essence of Spiritual progress. The Probationer benefits enormously from living alone or at least not with other Probationers. The influence of others is very disturbing to the process of quietness - control. Lao Tzu said it very well in the Dao De Jing "What can clear muddy waters? Stillness."

On Samadhi: Samadhi is the 'state' (maybe continuum would be better... no this is still flawed for in Samadhi there is no difference between the operator and the operation/result) produced by the union and the dissolution of opposites. Samadhi can only be experienced after firm control has been established and after subject has disappeared in object (Dharana) and after that process is Understood (Dhayana). Then and only then are you fitted to experience Samadhi. The rest is just good sex, good food, good beer... whatever.

A related subject and one that invariably gets attached to questions concerning Samadhi is that of the Knowledge and Conversation of the Holy Guardian Angel. Don't worry about Knowledge and Conversation yet; you must first train the intellect such that enough 'Knowledge' is available so as to render a basis for 'Conversation'. Or said another way increase your possibilities (experiences) such that their dissolution in delight will be all the more complete.

Love is the law, love under will.