

# COMMENTARY ON THE EPISTLES OF LORD SATAN

## **The First Epistle: On the Jewes**

One defining characteristic of traditional/theistic Satanism is its vigorous opposition to and even implacable hatred of the 'religions of the Book' or 'god of Abraham' (the god of the Jews, Christians and Muslims).

But this opposition is coupled with a recognition of the external reality of the 'god of the Jewes'. In ancient Roman culture, Christianity was seen as a dangerous, subversive and *atheist* cult, because Christianity denied the deities of Rome - and that the emperor was a god. This has lead some to dismiss traditional Satanism as merely 'reverse Christianity' and for others, e.g. Brother Nero, to deny that Satanism is 'reverse Christianity'!

However, performing a reverse rite of Christianity is not quite the same as being opposed to it: the reverse rite has some kind of magical intention – to gain power as a result of going against the [Christian] grain, as it were; and opposition need not be expressed by reversing a religion's rites.

The language of the Epistles is extremely hostile to the 'religions of the Book' (Judaism, Christianity and Islam). But there is no recommendation to reverse or parody the rites of these religions.

There is a curious reference to the 'Jewes'. They are described as being 'psychic fores in support of the god of the Jews'. whether this term has anything to do with initiated Freemasonry is never made clear – and one suspects it has not; the word 'Jewes' is purely synthetic.

Note that Lord Satan proclaims Himself Creator of the world.

## **The Second Epistle: On the three Threes**

This obscure missif seems to be at once a description of a Cosmology, the nature of matter and the 'mystical experience' of a typical devotee of Satan!

These elements are interlinked. 'No-mind seems to be regarded as being of the

highest value. It is linked to the Awareness of Now. This awareness is how matter becomes aware of itself.

Perhaps it is a state in which matter becomes aware of its 'effervescence'; but it is also when matter falls into non-existence; on the human level, the awareness of now leads to ecstasy as well as dissolution.

All standard mystical talk – and seemingly out of kilter with the general satanic value of 'vital existence rather than mystical pipe-dreams' (Anton LaVey).

But the Epistle also links pleasure, death and the demonic realms in terms of the human experience of them. Congress with the demons, it is suggested, leads both to dissolution and to ecstasy (see Epistle: On the Demons).

It is further suggested that just before matter falls into non-existence, it has a moment of self awareness brought on by contact with the Demons, and that this moment is ecstatic.

### **The Third Epistle: On the Truth**

Apart from the obvious championing of polytheism, Satan declares Himself to be a deity. He is not an anti-deity, and, indeed, recognizes the existence of other gods, even the 'Jew-god'. He opposes only the god of the Jews. Lord Satan is not opposed to godliness, the quality of a deity that makes him or her supremely worthy of devotion; unless it could be said that ungodliness is worthy of devotion, which would indicate non-existence – *but Satan has not said this!*

However, Satan rejects the idea of a 'universal deity' or even the Hindu idea of Brahman or Dhammapada, or an underlying spiritual reality. Although not stated in the text, this would imply that there exists a universal set of characteristics a deity must possess to make the deity worthy of devotion. In polytheism, this list of characteristics would vary from deity to deity. See Epistle Five.

The Fourth Epistle: On the three Qualities of Satanism

The Epistle begins with a casual reference to the Jew-god having rebelled against Lord Satan. This information is to be found in the Book of Origin (Book of Ages, Onyx Bible of Theistic Satanism, a work which Satan says He rejects (see Eighth epistle and commentary on the Onyx Bible)

Be this as it may, Satan's devotees are the Outsiders and they continue to rebel against the matrix of the Jew-god!

This matrix has been created by the very language of humans; so infected is our language by the Jew-god, that this language has seized control of human perception of Reality. Presumably, the language being referred to here is English, being the lingua Franca of the world and being highly influenced by the King James Bible. Surely this influence has nowadays become much distilled?

All Satan's devotees find themselves in rebellion against the Jew-god and express their rage against this god by all articulate means, but also by rejections, on occasion, the language of humanity itself.

The entities of Lord Satan – called the Demons – may be accessed to take revenge on the Jew-god and his Jewes; the use of magick against them is encouraged. The cause is just: the devotees of lord Satan exact vengeance on the Jewes for their past persecution of Satanists.

### **The Fifth Epistle: On the Demons**

Demonic possession is a source of pleasure, but in order for this to be so, there must be a degree of human consciousness left intact during the session in order to appreciate the experience!

It is this intact consciousness that will have no fear of death. This is because the consciousness will be aware of the pleasure of possession

Note that it does not matter how daemonic possession is to be achieved.

There is a brief reference to one of the functions of the Demons which is to defeat the Jews

### **The Sixth Epistle: On the Outsider**

This epistle has some puzzling elements

Surely it is only those who have felt attracted to witchcraft have felt outside society, not everyone?

Number two: if criminality is done in the name of Lord Satan, it may be meat and proper

This is because an action is moral if it is approved by Lord Satan. However in the Onyx Bible Revised, the 11 Rules of the Earth the State has a right to seize the

assets of a convicted criminal.

Of course, it may be that not all criminal acts meet with Lord Satan's approval

It would be naive of a devotee to expect automatic approval of actions

The rest of the text alludes to the history according to traditional Satanists – this must be taken at face value.

### **The Seventh Epistle: Speaking in Tongues**

It is a strange recommendation. However, some secrets cannot be communicated using normal language. Some meanings are secret. This creates a certain attraction to something dark and hidden. Perhaps this is the attraction of meaninglessness. It arises from the ecstasy of communing with Lord Satan. While some may extract meaning, speaking gibberish, so-called, can simply be a means of liberating oneself from normal consciousness.

### **The Eighth Epistle: On the Onyx Bible (sic)**

Since this was written, the revised version of the Onyx Bible is now in circulation, however even this version cannot be fully trusted not least because it uses the English language!

### **The Ninth Epistle: on the Freedom**

In Satanism, there should be no prophets, priests or churches. The idea of organization is profoundly un-satanic. This is because the beliefs and practices of Satanism are in a state of constant change. In fact satanic expressions are but temporary outbursts of that which cannot be expressed. It is no use becoming attached to any of them – such attachment is what a church may represent. There is freedom to be had from such non-attachment!