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ANTI-SATANIST HYSTERIA SPREADING

NZ newspapers have recently carried a few items on 'Satanism' which give us an inkling as to the nature of the hysteria that has been whipped up in the USA by Christian preachers and their dupes in media and police depts.

The latter-day witch-hunt began in the USA with all manner of stories of Satanic child abuse, ritual murder of animals and babies, 'infiltration' of day-care centres, etc. These wild and weird allegations were quickly picked up by sensationalist-mongering journalists and talk-hosts who gave an instant and credible platform for all manner of neurotics to parade before t.v. audiences with their tales of how they had been molested by Satanists as children.

Despite the publicity that has been given to such allegations, and the fervent Christian policemen who have made a personal crusade out of combating the devil's disciples, an FBI study has concluded that the claims are baseless. Of course this does nothing to diminish the paranoid delusions of Christians, nor does it hamper those who have made their reputations and careers out of anti-Satanism, as can be deduced from the article reprinted below relating to yoga classes being cancelled due to fear of encouraging 'Satanism'!

Now the anti-Satanist lunacy is spreading to England and South Africa. At least the police in England appear to be made of stuff more rational than their counterparts in the USA and South Africa.

Several newspaper reports have reached us from SA showing that the embryonic witch-hunt there is taking on truly idiotic proportions. The Sunday Tribune (10 June 90) and Personality (14 May 90) have reported on the testimony of an ex-High Priest (isn't everyone?) named Peter. Among Peter's revelations are that in most sects it's the rule to sacrifice humans, and that high-ranking members of the military and judiciary are involved. At coven meetings a demon appears in the form of a shadow, and of course sex and drug orgies are engaged in, including the centuries-old past-time of copulating with demons. The latter appear in half-man, half-animal form, naturally. The focus on recruitment is in a 10-16 year age bracket. These young girls are sexually assaulted while drugged.

Peter told Tribune that he was obliged to have sex with his mother, the high priestess, as part of his initiation. On the other hand, Peter states to Personality that his mother was and is 'a big Christian' who knew nothing of his Satanic involvement. (The Devil certainly has poor Peter mixed up). Nevertheless, his story is treated with the utmost seriousness by these papers, and by his Church congregation, for Peter has now been saved by Jesus.

A Freudian analyst would have a field-day here: a classical Oediups complex; incestuous, cannibalistic and paedophiliac fantasizing; the need for public recognition and belonging.

Personality also features the good workers of Major Jonker, commanding officer of the East Cape Murder & Robbery Unit. His stories are almost as bizarre as poor Peter's, despite his responsible position. His story begins with hysterical schoolgirls enslaved by Satan, and the heroic Major discovering the HQ of the Satanist church in SA.

The girls, having been introduced to the Satanic cult, steal Bibles from their school and rip them up (some torn pages accompany the article as documentary evidence). The girls tell the Major that they can't sleep at night; the high priest appears at their bedroom windows (in one case three stories up).

Visiting the high priest's black painted house, he confiscates (on what grounds we're not told) black candles. Placing these on top of a 'witch-craft' book in a cupboard, the Major "was amazed to see that the candles had burned two neat holes in the plastic cover containing the book."

The Major's heroic battle against the hordes of Hell has given him nationwide attention, and he is campaigning for legislation to ban Satanism. "Although there are many factors that attract young people to this awful cult, there is only one way out - and that is to return to the Christian faith," pontificates the Major.

"The fact is that far more crime and child abuse has been committed by zealots in the name of God, Jesus and Mohammed than has ever been committed in the name of satan. Many people don't like that statement, but few can argue with it.

"The author has discovered that the facts of so-called 'satanic crimes' are often significantly different from what is described at law enforcement training conferences or in the media. The actual involvement of satanism or the occult in these cases usually turns out to be secondary, insignificant, or nonexistent.

"After all the hype and hysteria is put aside, the realization sets in that most satanic/occult activity involves the commission of NO crimes..."  
-K.V. Lanning, Satanic, Occult, Ritualistic Crime: A Law Enforcement Perspective, national Centre for the Analysis of Violent Crime, FBI Academy, Va., Oct 1989.

Refs: Christchurch Star, Wednesday, September 19, 1990 - Satanic abuse probe  
Evening Post, 8/9/90 - Practice of yoga linked to devil cult  
The Evening Post, Tuesday, October 9, 1990 - Church warning as hysteria grows in UK over Satanic cults

[articles were originally re-printed in The Watcher, but have been omitted for convenience]

THE SECRET LIFE OF A SATANIST  
by Blanche Barton

Anton Szandor LaVey has been called "the most dangerous man in the world," "a charlatan," an "evil genius." What secrets lurk within the man who shaved his head on Walpurgisnacht, 1966, and declared the formation of the Church of Satan?

Written with the cooperation of her mysterious subject, Barton's fascinating biography reveals what has previously been hidden from public view, including: the dark origins of Satanic ritual; LaVey's early career as hoodlum, carny, lion tamer, burlesque house musician, and ghost hunter; LaVey's erotic involvements with Marilyn Monroe and Jayne Mansfield. Includes many pages of rare photos, and previously unpublished essays and documents by Anton LaVey. \$19.95 (Cloth) ISBN: 0922915-03-2

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BOOK REVIEW

The Secret Life of a Satanist: The Authorised Biography of Anton LaVey, by Blanche Barton (Feral House 1990).

Barton is uniquely placed as LaVey's confidant and secretary to write his biography.

In the opening chapter we are told that LaVey was born on 11 April 1930, in the sign of the horned ram, Aries, His ancestry is a mixture of French, Alsatian, German, Russian, Roumanian, Gypsy and Jewish.

By the age of 7 he was fascinated with the occult and supernatural, consulting his Jewish-Gypsy grandmother for illumination on what he read, who related to him the tales of her folk. Unsatisfied with the usual grimoires and popular occult authors, he found the most valuable sources to be those dealing with practical hypnosis, and the utilization of imagery, and the tales of Lovecraft, et al.

Although an individualist, LaVey's leadership qualities were recognized by other boys. School did not provide for the subjects which really interested him, and was a place to escape from.

Since 5 his musical aptitude was recognised and at 15 LaVey was playing for the San Francisco Ballet symphony Orchestra as second oboist. In the same year he dropped out of High school, hanging around poolhalls, in the company of gamblers, pimps, prostitutes, hustlers and pool sharks. He delighted in the incongruity of looking like a 'hood' while continuing to pursue his interests in painting, music, magic and philosophy.

Assisting his uncle in business at the newly emerging Las Vegas, LaVey came to know such underworld figures as Bugsy Seigel and his lieutenants, who imparted their social philosophy to him: Everything is a racket, including the Church. The superior man recognizes these facts and uses the rackets to work for himself rather than being a slave to others and a conventional life.

Feeling his alienation from the norm, LaVey sought out a suitable environment and considered both the Foreign Legion and the circus. He chose the latter. In 1947 he became a cage boy; at 17 he was performing with 8 Nubian lions and 4 Bengal tigers. He also became a master player of the calliope and various obscure instruments, and began to learn the magic effects of music on both animals and people. LaVey became and remained a legend among some of the great stars of the circus. He also came to know the revival preachers, who latched on to the circus, as con-men, and saw the carnal as the dominant influence on people, despite whatever dose of religion they are threatened with.

As a police photographer he was confronted with the worst aspects of human nature, and concluded that there is no personal god who cares for humanity. Man must be his own god, and take responsibility for his own actions.

LaVey realized the need not of a Holy Father, but of a 'rebellious brother'; that progress had been achieved by those who rebelled against God, Church and convention. Satan had been the rebellious figure who had traditionally defied the gods to bestow wisdom to mortals.

LaVey was assigned to investigate the 'crank' calls for the police, those strange noises coming from the cellar and the like. He also utilized his abilities as a hypno-therapist, and eventually clients began to ask him for more esoteric forms of help such as charms and spells.

With his odd pursuits and pet leopard he was by this time already attracting the attention of the media.

Influential and eccentric friends met at LaVey's 'Black House' for informal discussions and from this emerged the Magic Circle. This became more formalized, with LaVey performing rituals and opening his House to the public for seminars.

In 1966 the Church of Satan was formed from these activities.

From the mid-70s LaVey withdrew from public life, leaving his daughters and others to deal with the interviews and lectures, to concentrate on other fields of Satanic pursuit.

LaVey sees magical potency in isolation from the mainstream, and remains reclusive. He defines Satanists as those rare individuals who instinctly stand aloof from the mass in thought, lifestyle and cultural taste.

Music continues to be a predominant factor in his life, as does interest in old cinema and the production of 'humanoids'.

The latter are considered a major project for satanism, and the next great consumer industry. They are LaVey's answer to a number of human problems; artificial companions, which will give man's creativity and fantasy free-reign, rather than being programmed by t.v.

LaVey believes that Satanism will become the major religion in the USA, and points to the idolization of Satan by increasing numbers of youth as the 'Rebel King'. He believes that the current anti-Satanist hysteria whipped up by christians will back-fire, as people start questioning their idiotic allegations and asking what Satanism really stands for.

"No one ever 'gets to know' Anton LaVey", writes Barton. "If you're lucky you glimpse enough to know you don't know much about him."

Fire & Ice: Magical Teachings of Germany's Greatest Secret Occult Order by Dr S Edred Flowers, Llewellyn Publications, Mn. 1990, 215pp.

Dr Flowers is a scholar and author of international repute, best known for his works on German occultism and the runes.

He is also a leading initiate of the Temple of Set, and has dedicated this book to Re-en-Set, acknowledging the assistance of, among others, Dr Aquino and James Lewis of the Temple.

The book deals with the hitherto little-known Brotherhood of Saturn, from its inception in 1926 to 1970, after which its ritual and philosophy was reformulated. Dr Flowers draws on the Brotherhood's previously secret documents, brought to light in 1970 as the result of an internal dispute, and was assisted in his research by several saturnians.

Fire & Ice is the only book in any language on the Fraternitas Saturni (FS). Its cosmology is a Luciferian-Gnostic one, the basis of which is the planet Saturn upon which are concentrated the Luciferian and Satanic 'higher and lower octaves' respectively, which influence the Earth and govern the Aeon of Aquarius (along with Uranus).

The FS initiates concentrate upon the Luciferian 'higher octave', regarding Lucifer as the Light bearer unto mankind. Saturn is the Guardian of the Threshold between man and godhead which the aspirant achieves through gnosis.

The astrological characteristics of Saturn are: practical, cautious, constructive, responsible, patient, ambitious, thrifty, reliable and self-disciplined. Negatively: mean, narrow-minded, severe, aloof, dogmatic, heartless, and cruel. Some of the Saturnian characteristics were taken over by Uranus, which is humanitarian, friendly, kind, independent, original, inventive, strong-willed, versatile, loathing restriction. Negatively: eccentric, perverse, rebellious.

A synthesis of these characteristics gives the Saturno-Uranian complex which comprise FS philosophy.

Saturn is held to be the Great Judge and carrier of reason and intelligence. Saturnus breaks cosmic order and stasis, causing regeneration and

change. He is equated with Prometheus and the Genesis Serpent, the giver of knowledge (gnosis) to mankind.

The FS was formally established in 1928 by Gregor A Gregorius and other initiates of the Pansophical Lodge and OTO. The FS founders included those within the German OTO who accepted Crowley's Thelema; however the FS retained independence from both Crowley and the OTO. To the Crowleyan "Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law; Love is the Law, Lover under will" the FS added the words "compassionless love". Dr Flowers states that this reflects the Saturnians "Thelemic-Nietzschean" philosophy, a severe, pityless self-overcoming on the path to individual godhood. A Nietzschean solitude was also cultivated; an aloofness from the masses.

The FS was organised along Masonic lines, and comprised a synthesis of OTO/Tantric sex-magick, gnosticism, Thelema, astrology, alchemy, Rosicrucianism and the traditions of various religions.

Dr Flowers provides several rites of the FS, including the 'notorius' sex rite of Gradus Pentalphae, only alluded to by others.

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**ZEALOTS PUSHING FOR ARMAGEDDON**  
By Elisha ben Azazel

In early October Zionist Zealots (ZZ) attempted to lay the foundation stone for a synagogue on the site of the Dome of the Rock and the Aqsa Mosque. This site is the third holiest in Islam, from whence Mohammed is said to have ascended to heaven.

The Israeli Army, backed by the Government, responded by killing Palestinians demonstrating against the Orthodox Jews responsible.

Considering the ferment Islam is already in over the annexation of Kuwait by Iraq and the consequent Western move into Saudi Arabia (where Mecca is situated) this action by the ZZ can only be viewed as a calculated provocation of Islam. The motive is clear: to force a religious war between Moslem and Jew in the belief that the Jews will mobilize behind the ZZ and their plans for an Israeli Reich.

This is not conjecture. The ZZ have been open about their intentions for a century. Whoever thinks that the ZZ are content with a little chuck of land in the midst of Arabia is ill-informed. According to the Torah the promise of Jehovah to Abraham was that his descendants will

inherit the lands between the Nile and the Euphrates. Zionism was created to fulfill the Jehovic covenant politically.

In 1948 A Abrahams, political advisor of the Zionist World Revisionist Executive, declared: "We must regard ourselves as the mighty nation that we are and not as the third rate state conditioned by the small territory we at present hold. We shall triumph and shall be restored in full strength and power... the return of all Israel to the whole of the land of Israel."

In 1952 Gen. Dayan stated: "Our task consists of preparing the Israeli Army for the new war approaching in order to achieve our ultimate goal, the creation of an Israeli Empire."

In 1969 Dayan predicted that Israel would extend beyond Jordan and into central Syria. (London Times, 25 June 1969).

#### DOME OF THE ROCK

The ZZ have coveted the site of The Dome from the start.

In 1967 the Israeli Army entered Jerusalem, the Army's Rabbi, Goren held a religious service in front of the Mosque, and the Israeli flag was hoisted.

The ZZ have long declared their aim to be the rebuilding of the Temple of Solomon on the site, and have published plans and photographs of the model.

In 1929 Klosner, president of the Society for the Defence of the Wailing Wall, wrote: "The Aqsa Mosque is situated on the sanctuary of sanctuaries in the Temple and it belongs to the Jews." (Palestine Weekly, 6 Aug. 1929).

On the 8 Aug. 1929 the Jerusalem daily Dowar Hayoum published a statement by Grand Rabbi Ishaq Cook before a Jewish rally at Jerusalem: "Jewish youth demonstrated their Macabi Military strength. They are ready to sacrifice their lives in order to redeem their holy temple at present occupied by the Aqsa Mosque."

That year ZZ tried to capture the Mosque. Another attempt was made during the 1948 war; the area of the Mosque was bombarded.

In 1969 a Christian Fundamentalist attempted to burn down the Mosque. This put the Moslem world in ferment, and no Arab Govt. accepted Israel's innocence in the matter.

The leader of the Oct ZZ demonstration, Gershon Salomon, stated: "The occupation of the Temple Mount by the Arabs must be finished."

With Islam in ferment, and the Moslems (including the Palestinians) responding to Iraq's call for a Jihad, the ZZ calculated that the time was ripe to make a move on The Dome, provoking a Holy War of their own. It would also be assured that the West would be favourably disposed to ZZ ambitions in its current anti-Iraqi state: US troops in Saudi Arabia would provide a shield.

Fortunately, these is no longer super-power rivalry in the region,

since the fall of the Soviet Empire and the Russian economy. However, Islam may one day soon pose a new military threat to parts of Europe, as in centuries past, and already have their potential fifth columnists and terrorists throughout Europe in the form of a large Moslem immigrant presence.

Whether the Law goes forth from Zion or from Mecca, Satanists should view with adversity the prospect of the unleashing of resurgent religious fanaticism of the world-encompassing proportions. A plague on both their houses.

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----- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -----

Thanks for the letter you sent me. It really raised questions in my mind. Yes, I deliberated intensely as to how I should answer your question on what such terms as 'death' band and 'brutal death metal' mean. You see, this term 'brutal death metal'; has something to do with 'black metal' music. Though there do exist bands in the same style as us they are not Satanic bands, and I felt that my acts belie my words. And gradually it dawned on me: there is quite a big conflict with our lyrics and TRUE Satanism. And I'm referring to your brilliant editorial in The Watcher (Sept. 1990CE) "Satan: God or Anti-God?". It was a most pleasant reading experience, and contained the fundamental Satanic affirmations. You say that "the only 'god' the Satanist worships is his own Self, leading towards a Godhead of our own conception." We do have a song, quite old though, called 'Goat-Worship' on our 'Demonomancy' demo. Yes, I emphasised 'old' because nowadays we have started to recognise the god within in our lyrics. Now we are into praising the absolute greatness and beauty of Satanism, instead of worshipping Satan or anything else.

Maybe our music could be consider 'black metal' but I can assure you that our band BEHERIT doesn't have anything to do with the things you mentioned (drunkenness, attempted suicide and animal sacrifice). Why should I call our music 'brutal' then? It's just that the music we play is very speedy, but suddenly it can turn into something we call 'doom'-part: they very heavy part. So, one could say it is brutal.

As for the term 'death metal', I think it is just one of those stupid cliches that 'heavy metal' has been full of from the early bands of the 70s. Bands which play 'death metal' just seem to sing about death. In our case you could say we sing about the death of christianity, and the label 'death band' is just a lousy joke; ignore it.

Satanic Greetings  
Demon Ov Fornication  
Satanic Metal Temple, Finland

Many thanks for your initial contact and for the copy of The Watcher. We're working towards the same goals (whatever they are...), that's for sure! Fraternal Greetings.

Vade Ultra! Hail Satan! Carl Abrahamsson,  
Thee Temple Ov Psychick Youth, Sweden

Thankyou for issues 3 & 4 of The Watcher. Your articles, "Satan: God or Anti-God?" and "Crime and Punishment" are lucid expositions. You might be interested in my article, "Eugenics: the Orphaned Science," found in the anthology Apocalypse Culture (Amok Press, 1987).

Your refusal to be drawn into intra-fraternal squabbling is quite

admirable. It's unfortunate that so many adherents of the left-hand path are drawn to the dubious ego-enhancements of grandiose titles, petty power plays, exclusive claims to the Truth, and other comedies straight out of a Keystone two-reeler.

Hail! Hail! The Gang's All Here!  
Adam Parfrey, Feral House, L.A.

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We believe that all repressive elements, whether they are social, personal or whatever, should be seen as obstacles o your path that you should seek to remove with Joy. The Joy of Life, the Joy of Will, and the Joy of Magick. there are constantly "evil" forces at work, trying to control you and ensnare you into the web of their will. Never accept this! They will claim being "good", when in fact they are "evil", and they will keep you down by imposing anxiety and anguish in order to have their way from the very first day of your Live! Beware!

The definition of "evil" must always be "that which is anti-you". The definition of "good" must always be "that which is pro-you". When looking for "morals", seek "nature". It's all very, very simple. In fact, so simple that most people seem to find it hard to grasp. Most people accept the "truth" from above. Most people won't question the core of the meaning of their own existence. And if they should do so, they very rarely change those things they find obstructive and repressive. We, on the other hand, do!

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worlds, the space that is the corner of  
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destroyers... he bornless forever who  
wait for our call. Soon they will come to  
collect that blood which is required by  
Them. To understand Them is to pass that  
Abyss beyond which the man ceases to be."

### The Message of the One of Thoth

Much has been uttered - 'in shrivelled hallways untidy with the Blackest Inventions' - concerning the entities/energies known as the Dark Gods. Hitherto, all information regarding 'They who will have Blood' has consisted of misrepresentations and absolute rubbish. q.v. the works of H.P. Lovecraft, who intuitively grasped vague hints of the genuine Dark Tradition, whilst presenting it within the context of the 'opposites' (as with 'The Necronomicon' in its many hoax forms). Those who wish to know the Dark Gods are required to pass the Abyss - the experience of going beyond 'opposites' - to understand what these energies are in essence (i.e. they just ARE) and to remain sane and in one piece.

From an uninitiated viewpoint, the Dark Gods are indeed the most hideous and terrifying manifestations of the acausal on this causal plane. Due to the Nazarene Tyranny establishing evolutionary regression, very few can comprehend even the most remote hint of Chaos (or The Dark Gods) in its primal state, i.e. they do not perceive the essence hidden by appearance; they are bound by 'moral projections'. ('He is the damned, the baser for a moral corrupt'.)

While the Dark Gods may be perceived as 'convenient abstractions' or Archetypal Energy, they may also be regarded as having an actual existence (and it is up to the individual to decide which of these, or neither, is the correct for him/herself). The Dark Tradition, continued by small numbers of Adepts since the Hyperborean Aeon to the present day, contains many tales of the origins of the Dark Gods. Whether one chooses to see these as myth or mythos, is, at the end of the day, a matter of personal taste according to which viewpoint is the most magickally useful.

Previously, weakening a Star Gate (or nexion, a physical link between the causal and acausal) and bringing the Dark Gods has involved hideous rites of sacrifice and suffering, and in terms of results, vile uncertainty principles. Refined magickal techniques (such as the Rite of Nine Angles) have replaced many of these bloody shamblings (the Blood remains, mostly in menstrual form) and the Return of the Dark Gods is now an easier proposition, both in terms of what can be done ceremonially, hermetically and how mass Consciousness can be effected by Aeonics techniques. However, certain cases involving those who, unprepared and otherwise, have attempted to bring the Dark Gods, have resulted in madness

and/or death. Such events are always followed by the shedding of blood on a larger scale - the Darkest of negations must have sustenance. And is bloodshed necessary anymore?

Returning the Dark Gods will fulfill the Destiny (in its dying form) of this Aeon - the Western, still about 350 years left to run- by establishing the next Aeon, which has no word since it is Chaos itself. This Aeon progression has been a gradual opening of various acausal - or magickal - centres on this terrestrial plane. It is important to remember that there never was a 'golden age' way back when from which the human race toppled and has been trying to grovel back to ever since, armed with hints of 'lost knowledge' constituting the various 'mysteries' (not in the Greek sense of the word) we have today. In one sphere of evolution, we have reached an intuitive stage - the culmination so far of the Aeon progression - where we can decide our own destiny. For this reason, it is generally agreed that the terrestrial centres are now exhausted - the new Aeon may very well be 'Galactic' in form (either symbolically, i.e. representing the forward looking nature of civilisation, or literally, the consequence of the same).

Establishing a forward looking civilisation reveals the nature and purpose of Satanism. Those (for example) qabalistic magicians who think they are contributing towards this progression should think again.

The Return of the Dark Gods will bring torment, gnashing Darkness and Death to some, and bounty to others. As stated, we have reached a point in consciousness to recognise that the world is up for grabs. The strong will survive and the weak will perish - an obvious statement, though difficult for those bound by Nazarene morality to accept.

To invert the Established is only a starting point, a means to an end. For most, that stage beyond may be realised in time. But for now, it is enough just to start. As Derek Farr, bastion of the film noir, so eloquently said in his early film 'Lethargy':

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of a dying priest."

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THE FIRST REBEL  
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"Satan is the first free-thinker and Saviour of the World.  
He frees Adam and impresses the seal of humanity and liberty

on his forehead, by making him disobedient."  
Thus stated Mikhail Bakunin, the Russian Anarchist philosopher.

Jehovah, Allah and many other god-concepts have been used since the dawn of humankind to enslave the individual and stifle his ascent, at the behest of vested interests, ruling the cliques and coteries. Often it is that Government and Church have worked hand-in-hand to crush the human spirit.

What then of Satan, whom Bakunin praised as the first free-thinker and liberator of man? Is it a paradox that this Father of Anarchism should identify with such a figure, for is not Satan simply another God-despot?"

No! Satan - whether defined as a symbol, an archetype or a literal entity - is not God, but Anti-God.

What did Bakunin mean, with his allusion to the freeing of Adam through disobedience? Turning to the Judaeo-Christians' own scriptures we find that it was Satan who offered humankind the choice of free-will, or continued enslavement to the tyrant-god. The first archetypical human couple chose freedom, and willfully disobeying the godly-tyrant partook of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge, gaining self-consciousness and the ability for independent thought. (Genesis 2-3).

Satan is representative of freedom from godly-tyranny and the worship of ignorant superstition. Satanism and 'devil worship' are antithetical rather than synonymous, for the latter simply substitutes Satan for Jehovah/Jesus; the devil-worshipper is an inverse-Christian.

#### WHAT IS SATAN?

Who or what then is Satan? A malevolent figure of hideous aspect demanding that his adherents kiss his arse in homage> Reading the Old Testament and The Revelation this sounds more like Jehovah.

The following is a more apt description of Satan, as given by Paul Carus, author of The History of The Devil:

"Evil personified appears at first sight repulsive. But the more we study the personality of the Devil, the more fascinating it becomes. In the beginning of existence the Evil One is the embodiment of everything unpleasant, then of everything bad, evil and immoral. He is hatred, destruction, and the annihilation incarnate, and as such he is the adversary of existence, of the Creator, of God. The Devil is the rebel of the cosmos, the independent in the empire of the tyrant, the opposition to uniformity, the dissonance in universal harmony, the exception to the rule, the particular in the universal, the craving for originality, which bodily upsets the ordinance of God that enforce a definite kind of conduct; he overturns the monotony that would permeate the cosmic spheres if every atom in unconscious righteousness and with pious obedience slavishly followed a generally prescribed course."

Satan is the embodiment of those forces which lead to progress and human ascent by upsetting the static order. Thus we see the rationale for Bakunin's championing of Satan, for he is the proto-Anarchist.

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