

Self-Initiation Rites & Their Role in the Tradition of THEM

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[I] On THEM:

THEM is an Australian-based Order of six magicians working with the express intention of presencing the Dark Gods. For reasons that may elude the reader now - attempting to resurrect three basic codes of Living that have systematically fallen into disuse or distortion will aid this presencing in a vitally important way. These 3 codes are:

I.) An Oath to practice/presence the Sinister.

II.) An Oath to devote ones life purpose to serving Satan and Sinister Aims.

III.) An Oath made upon Pain of Death to restore the shattered code of Personal Honour, Respect, Chivalry and Solidarity to the Sinister and all who serve it WITH the adjunction that it not be done where it is not deserved but delivered With All Fairness.

["With All Fairness" means a requited/similar level of Respect, Civility, Loyalty is given in return by another member of the Syndicate. This is not a simpering, pseudo-moralistic attempt at surface niceties. It does not imply a dismissal of an enemies words, actions, or behaviour and the true caustic severity of the spirit of Satanism is upheld by the Temple at all times. Traitors + Enemies will not be forgotten. Traitors + Enemies will be dealt to without mercy with every force available to the Temple marshalled against persons or groups

found to be interfering/betraying the Currents of THEM or its members. Every force available to THEM at that time, and relentlessly, as new forces are accrued.]

[II] On Earning Access to Mvimaedivm:

Prior to entry into the Nexus 'Mvimaedivm' aspirants are required to undertake three separate Self-Initiation Rites to align themselves with the Temple of THEM and its current; intellectual interest and curiosity are necessary qualities, but these alone are not enough. An aspirant must demonstrate practical initiative from the beginning and take the reins to exercise their own Intent and Creativity by devising and executing three Rites to demonstrate Allegiance to the Temple of THEM and its Satanic Syndicate.

How you perform the three Rites is entirely up to you – by whatever system you find comfortable. The nature of the three Rites is not limited by any restrictions placed upon the Initiate; however no access will be given into Mvimaedivm until proof of Initiation has been received. Note: THEM is comprised of exceptional magicians & to cheat is to be left behind.

[III] Self-Initiation:

I.) Undertake a Rite of Self-Initiation to enter into an Infernal Alliance of Specie-hood [That is to say, a belief of being of the same Species] with the other members of the LHP [Left-Hand Path] also known as the Sinisterion.

II.) Undertake a Rite of Self-Initiation to enter into an Infernal Alliance with Satan.

III.) Undertake a Rite of Initiation to Seal oneself with the promise to uphold the Law of the Aeon and the Code of Personal Honour [ISS] of the Sinisterion + to enter into an Infernal Alliance to remain In Sinister Solidarity with the Brethren of the LHP + Never to betray any of the members of THEM, on pain of Death.

[Either Hermetic [i.e. Rites devised by oneself] or the ONA Self-Initiation Rite as per the instructions given in the book 'Naos' are acceptable. Forward proof of your Oaths to templeofthem@yahoo.com where a decision will be made on your access into Mvimaedivm.]

Once access is given - make use of the extensive Sinister Library + Connexions hosted within the Nexus and make your way forward.

*Whether you are destined to be Enemy or Ally:
Welcome to the WAR.*

EXTENDED NOTES:

[IV] The Function of Initiation:

The following instruction is given to aid those persons unsure of the meaning and purpose of Initiation.

In times gone by an Initiate Rite was an Ordeal conducted by Orders/Temples that allowed an uninitiated person to pass from the mundane world into the magical one by allowing the old persona and life [and thus the old understanding of life] to be Ritually abandoned, destroyed, cleansed from the world record and for the person to assume a new vessel with an enlightened, Initiated Viewpoint.

Such an Ordeal involved the neophyte/beginner being blindfolded and stripped naked before an assembly of Initiated Temple Members and subjected to a Rite involving Humiliation or Pain known as a "Shocking Ordeal". Although the nature of this rite differed from group to group this ordeal helped facilitate the feeling of vulnerability/fear/terror in the neophyte by ritually stripping away all sigils of personality and ego such as clothes and jewellery and inculcated the feeling of unworthiness + uncleanness in the uninitiated person necessary to accept the old life's destruction and the discarding of its falsehoods and embrace the new stage of Initiated awareness.

A parallel can be made with the mythical Phoenix who bursts into flames to give life to a new and stronger Phoenix that rises from the Ashes again and again.

Rites of Passage are a means of Initiation into Life's Mysteries. Generally speaking, a Rite of Passage indicated that certain mysteries were revealed to an individual upon them reaching a certain age. Once this personal thresh-hold of Tribal or Traditional Law had been reached the individual was shown how to Hunt, for instance, or given a Special Name, or allowed to join in certain festivities or mysteries previously forbidden, or sexually Initiated.

In Satanic Circles, Self-Initiation involves verbally and by action and intent taking a vow to oneself and to Satan to honour the Tradition [and its Laws] into which one seeks admission. Rites of Passage traditionally occur upon the Initiate reaching a new magical stage of prowess not an age-based one. However, in the Black Arts it is readily apparent whom talks the talk and whom walks the walk from even a casual glance at the memetic/magical evidence of any magician. The evidence [and accompanying merits] of reaching various stages arise of themselves via the self-effort and self-honesty of each Initiate.

A lot of intellectual argument has taken place regarding the so-called philosophical approach in Satanism to strive for Self-Mastery and Defiance against all Masters and thereby reject any requirement for them to place themselves at the mercy of a Higher Force by a formal contract. This contradiction stems from the poison of Magian representation within such groups as the misguided, Church of Satan. Arguments that arise/ensue over philosophical matters of control, freedom, liberty of the Satanist, by the Satanist, and the development of the [neurotic] manic fear of being oppressed by being led, guided or even offered advice by other Satanists lest it be deemed 'UnSatanic' has led to all manner of silly righteous fools proclaiming their 'independence'. Sadly, this so-called 'independence' may seem independent on a surface level that allows the Satanist a false feeling of superiority and to wallow in their own pride as a being 'free of the influences' of others; but beneath this low level of understanding their 'independence' is not independent of the magian

influences that have utilized spell craft within philosophy to get them exactly there to keep them away from actual Masters.

This dilemma of "free will" vs "under yolk" has been intuitively understood by Satanic Adepts for a long time; however the difficulty in explaining it at the level of neophyte has either been beyond grasp or has been transmitted in garbled green language and esoteric mystery. Some Orders even interpreted this wrongly by placing restrictions on their Initiates [such as the Temple of Set] forbidding a variety of activities. It was only when the Septenary system of the ONA surfaced that certain principles were revealed that enabled a lucid working counter to the Magian's powerful distortions [as so much had to be broken down and re-explained the task proved impossible for many adepts to do] and Sinister magical spears honed to such a sharpness as to pierce deeply through the confusion.

One such confusion is the misguided attempt by some to speak of a 'common' link uniting Satanists in the decision to practice Satanism as stemming from an initial involvement with the Church or Christianity and then a turning of the back on such practices to pursue an Anti-Christian living. There is a shred of truth to this but dealing with it in terms of religious reactionism has clouded the key components that each Satanist actually does share and has only served to twist the distortion further. Trying to understand these links of unity on an intellectual/religious level of discussion/inversion [Magian driven] is what led to the development of a major Magian structure, the Church of Satan. This seemingly anti-Christian reaction, however clever, still involved living within the restrictions of a Magian Matrix which very few understand the scope of: and even fewer the ability to transcend and change it.

THEM will say this only once: Making a formal contract is a very early and deliberate expression of the Will and the Proper Intent by an aspiring magician to accept to be guided by a Form until such time the new Initiate is able to understand and know the Form and break away from the guidance and make their own way forward. The aim of this Nexus and its members is to train the Initiate in the ways of the Sinister Tradition and to teach them to teach themselves. We are not an imitation of the ONA - we are an extension. The system of ONA contains lucid writings on how to attain Adeptship. THEM teach the magic that lies beyond the Abyss.

[V] Privileges:

The entire Septenary Way of the Order of Nine Angles inc. Sphere Texts, Hostia, Naos, Chants, Sinister Tarot, Insight Roles, Aeonics etc is hosted here in the Nexus enabling all who have the determination to follow it the best of starts. The Temple also hosts extensive libraries of the IOT's works of Chaos Magick, the Tempel ov Blood's Vampiric and Wamphyrism Manuscripts, and the White Order of Thule; adding further depth. Beyond these archived materials THEM teach a principled system of Black Magic to aid all aspiring magicians + some, even further.

These resources will enable you a guiding light re: the means to fulfill (I) and (II). (III) is embodied by THEM in the Personal Warrior Edict - "ISS".

ISS is short for "In Sinister Solidarity". ISS is a Living Code of sworn Loyalty to other members of THEM (and by proxy to all members of the Sinister Syndicate) to re-instate the value and importance of Civility. It involves a professional approach to business and the return of Fairness, Good Manners, Chivalry, Diplomacy and Assistance to other members of the Sinisterion. It also involves the genuine intention to re-define what it is to be traditionally 'human' by reversing the disgusting state of rudeness, greed, bad manners, ego-driven tantrums and verbal noise illustrated by the modern day materialist/occultist and magian/capitalist infected consumer.

Over-turning the distortion of escalating rudeness that is well fed by Magian currents has profound implications for presencing the Dark; one of which is the shrugging off of the post-modern approach that the Magian has infected the Matrix [and some aspects of the Sinister] with and by which it has sown discord that has prevented satanic magicians coming together as a cohesive force.

Solidarity, or coming together, whilst still observing the strict independent desire of each Satanist to make their own way forward without external guides, laws or authority has also been wrongly understood and only ever channelled through the types of argument typical of the Magian. The timeless practice of learning from a Master is to follow the Tradition of accepting guidance when beginning any magical craft. Unfortunately, the merits of the type of 'independence' mentioned above are being taken up by people far too early as a misguided statement of "defiance". People who are not even initiated in Satanism or the Sinister Tradition resist being instructed to undertake even the basic Rites of Passage/Initiation via the delusion that they are beyond such things, thanks, to the Magian ability to create powerful splinters of deceitful egotism and fear.

Let this be said once as well: No-one is exempt from learning and learning is never finished. No-one can hope to make their own way forward and possess the understanding of one of THEM without first being willing to learn the vagaries of form or show willingness to place trust in others to teach that form. Each member of THEM knelt down on one knee and expressed humility prior to being trained in the Black Arts - to show we knew our place and power and to be realistic and humble in the shadow of those with real power. And still we learn. Those who have the potential to understand what it is to be one of THEM will begin their training by making the submission onto one knee, too.

One of the major obstacles the Sinister has faced is the issue of Solidarity. The implementation of Solidarity has to date been an affair only approached in terms of physical likeness, proximity and Causal alliance. Many groups come together and are destroyed because of the hunger of their egos. Such groups subsist only for personal reasons and petty gain rather than being united by working toward impersonal/supra-personal goals and aims. Thus the greed and utility of members causes arguments, bickering, ego-struggles and ultimately collapse, tearing down the group from the inside. True Solidarity is not achieved on a personal level. The ego is responsible for all things that concern a human being on the personal level and alone it is not capable of rising above them. Only when the ego is controlled by the Self, can it be made capable. Neither [except very rarely, Qv the ONA] is True Solidarity fairly or practically achieved by a physical or mental congregation of persons working Satanic magic together or forming a group of people with similar interests or ideas; for the Satanist, more often than not, works alone. True Solidarity is achieved by an esoteric

or magical unity not in the causal world but in the acausal world where restraints of the Matrix such as Time and Space are irrelevant and both the beginning Neophyte and the adept Magus are joined/bound as one Expression of Satan by their sworn Duty to achieve the supra-personal/far-reaching goals of the Sinister Tradition. Only recently has this connexion been made conscious by Remote Solidarity.

Remote Solidarity is practiced within the Sinisterion under the "ISS" code. [See the MSS "Demaphyr" + "Remote Solidarity" for more information]. This "ISS" code is a development arising from the empathic emergence of a ring of six self-types. Although it can be imitated by persons in thrall to the ego on a shallow level - the nature of Remote Solidarity and its implementation is believed to be genuinely lived only by individuals who have acquired the Self [I.e. passed the Abyss and destroyed the dominance of their ego over themselves] and who thus have a highly initiated understanding and extensive experience in the importance of its practice and context inc. Aeonic Magic. Yet we remain optimistic that demonstrations of this code will issue from all persons frequenting this Nexus after even a rudimentary level of contact with the Temple and that the ISS code will come to dominate the reputation of Australian Satanism. Together these three codes represent only one black magical tendril or angle of THEM; others will/others may be revealed to you within the Nexus. Though the simplicity of their meaning might elude a visitor in the beginning; their meaning will become clear as magian confusions and complexities are eroded. As an uninitiated individual or neophyte it is enough to say to you that these three codes are considered by THEM to be of extreme importance to implement within Australian Satanism, and within this Nexus. Words are considered hollow unless accompanied by congruent/matching actions.

[VI] Further Notes: What is meant by I, II + III.

1. The Sinister:

A border experience. The candidate for Them goes to the border of the human world. It could be climbing to a high mountain peak, going far in the desert, descending into a deep cave, spending a night (or more) in the wilderness under the stars, a trip like that of the onas's black pilgrimage, exposing oneself to the elements (as in THEM's rain magick), it could be also a mushroom trip conducted in a place the candidate knows to be a nexion by his/her previous experiences, anything which takes one to the border of one's humanity, which confronts one with the naked fact of one's existence in a wonderful and horrible universe. Of course, if one is so predisposed, one may perform a ritual in such a special place with the due ceremonial attributes, invoking and evoking entities from the Abyss for sinister illumination. Some may decide to spend a night, on a certain date, in a place where a particularly atrocious massacre took place in the same date in the past.

2. One's own quest therein (an oath to follow one's own quest therein): Led to the border of one's humanity and beyond it, one is forced to take a decision as regards one's further existence. One should ask the wyrd for a revelation or a vision as regards one's quest on the sinister path and experience it till feeling inwardly quiet about it then give the oath to follow it.

3. One's solidarity with others on their own quests therein (an oath not to betray others on their quest therein). On his/her way back to the human world one knows

that there is, in fact, no return to humanity anymore except to those who have shared one's experience in their own quests on the sinister path. Here a revelation about a general suprapersonal aim (aeonics) may be experienced (if not already experienced during point 2). Such a solidarity being felt, one may take the oath of no betrayal. Henceforth one stays ISS.

These 3 steps being properly done one would get an idea about one's next degree of experience on the sinister path (knowing at least one's limitations). Note that they follow naturally and logically one by one. Simplicity is always to be kept in these matters.

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(MSS extracted from the +o+ Handbook)