

The Homotheism of Crowleyan Thelema
(& Questions of Lineage)

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

One thorny problem in the religious approach of our Church of Crowleyanity (or the CoC) has to do with the question: Is it an atheist institution? This has to be answered swiftly yet carefully.

First, it has to be emphasized that the Church in no way and at no time makes any claim to representing Thelema or to being the ideal embodiment of Thelemic ideology. There is no Thelemic body that should ever fear us or think us to be any kind of threat to their claim to authority. For the Prophet makes it clear that the Great Order is both manifest (in the form of A.'.A.'., a.k.a. the Great White Brotherhood) and unmanifest (i.e. eternal, and governed by Perfect Mind at once incarnate and discarnate), and that...

"Members of [the Third Order] are each entitled to found Orders dependent on themselves on the lines of the [inner] and [outer] orders, to cover types of emancipation and illumination not contemplated by the original (or main) system. All such orders must, however, be constituted in harmony with the A.'. A.'. as regards the essential principles...."

...and indisputably, the founder of our Church (which is an inner order claiming to work mainly along the lines of the A.'.A.'. as regards the essential principles, has been accepted by certain discarnate Masters into the Third Order, and so is rightfully entitled to so establish such an inner body.

However, there might be those who would for some reason oppose us in this, and call into question our lineage. First though one might suspect why anyone would ever take such a stance against us (is there not room for more ideas?). What would be their motivation? After all, it is not our claim that we are the only such body, or that we have any design to supplant other bodies. We neither make such a claim nor would it ever be our aim to take a hostile stance toward any other Thelemic body. Nor is it our policy - being an inner order - to look to profit financially, so nobody has anything whatsoever to fear from us. But the issue of our lineage, while it is a complex one that merits an epistle all its own, should be addressed.

While the question of spiritual or magical lineage is a difficult one,

we can at least state here where it is from which we come. I, Aleisterion, have proven beyond any shadow of doubt or criticism - even in very critical Thelemic circles - that I am the magical child of Alostrael - our Lady Leah Hirsig. While not wanting to come across as egotistical in this, I must specify facts in order to defend this lineage. But I will try to be brief.

Back in 2003 era vulgari, I went both privately (at first) and then publicly before every Thelemic representative I could find - Frater Hippokleides of O.T.O., Sabazius (and others therein, in hopes of reaching the otherwise unreachable Hymenaeus Beta) - possibly Heidrick as well (though I can hardly recall, though I know I had some sort of communication with him) - Bersson, Paul Feazey, Michael Staley, and others throughout Thelemic boards across the internet, in an attempt to make clear to them that while the published biographies insisted that Hirsig, the Ape of Thoth as she was known, died in 1951 e.v., it was my conviction based on personal revelation (obtained through a direct epiphany from Hirsig herself) that she actually died in the 71st Year of Thelema (the Year of Thoth, as this name numbers 71 by our numerology): 1975 e.v. But I was mostly ignored and roundly laughed at. Most never even responded. Feazey as I recall was contemptuous, writing back: "I am not validating this," (even though at this time my consort had actually corresponded with the Hirsig family and confoirmed the assertion), and he added, "wasn't she a little old to be doing sex magick?" Indeed! As if the aged cannot have sex!

Then, a little later in the same year, Soror Aliana (my lifelong love) privately contacted the grand-nephew of Leah Hirsig (a certain Jorge Maxit), who corresponded back and forth with her multiple times, sharing alot of private info (along with some interesting pics of some art made by Leah's sister I think) with her including the fact that Hirsig did in fact live until 1975 e.v. (thus confirming the accuracy of my previous revelation that she died in the Year of Thoth, living long enough to be my magical mother) - but as icing on the cake, he told us even more valuable inside information: that while she did indeed die in Meiringen, Switzerland, she was ***LIVING IN THE SAME LOCATION IN WHICH I WAS MYSELF BORN*** (New York), in the very year in which I was born, 1968 e.v. (the year of the first publication of the Stele of Revealing in archaeological literature).

Two years after I was run out of town on a rail, Lashtal.com posted this information (a correspondence with certain others on the same issue)...

P.Feazey: "I'd certainly be very interested in the result of your

researches regarding the Scarlet Woman. Were you able to confirm the 1976 (?) death date of Leah Hirsig?

"Regards,

"Paul
webmaster@lashtal.com"

"kurt - Jan 13, 2005 - 01:34 PM

"Post subject:

"Hi Paul, Lea (without 'h') Hirsig died in Meiringen 22th February 1975 at 6.15 PM. We have the official documents from the 'Zivilstandsamt Oberhasli', near Meiringen. We had contact with a man, a hotelier, who's grand-aunt was Lea. He told us, that Lea was a 'very important' aunt for his father. He told us, if he could find photos from her, he would send it. Last year we travelled in that wonderful region of switzerland, searching for Lea's grave. The grave was opened 8 years before. (graves in that region only exist for 20 years.) But we could find all other informations and the contact with Lea's 'bloodline'. A few month ago a lady, "Mrs. Hirsig" from the 'Zivilstandsamt' in Amsolding CH (near Trachselwald, Lea's place of birth) called me to give more information about Lea. I was perplexed, hearing the name Hirsig from a lady with typical swiss - pronounciation. But it was 'only' by chance (C.G. Jung would liked it). OK. That's for today. Two years ago, we travelled to Cefalu. Last year to Meiringen. This year?. Please excuse our English.

"Regards
Kurt & Michela"

...Amazing really. This was two full years after I went before the same webmaster with the same information (but was scoffed at). Even though I was actually the first person to break the news, confirmed in the same year by Aliana (whose confirmation came from the Hirsig family directly), the two of us have never received credit in Thelemic camps for this stunning revelation. Primarily, I suppose, because they were all put off by my claim to being a magical child. To this day, nobody has acknowledged the validity of my claim to being Leah's child, even in the face of this confirmation of my earlier revelation. One can only think that others are interpreting our cause as some sort of threat, which it most certainly is not.

This, then, is from where our lineage derives, from Leah Hirsig, the last of the eleven official Scarlet Women (all others being inspired assistants of The Beast but indisputably doubtful cases as official Scarlet Women) to live on this planet. The question as to whether or not lineage can come magically in this way, as opposed (or rather in addition) to initiatic transference through laying on of hands, is a more complex matter to be reserved for another epistle entirely.

Now back to our first question (and the main reason for this epistle): Is the CoC an atheist organization?

I mistakenly made this assertion (but have since corrected myself, in the epistle entitled "The Trinitarianism of Crowleyanity") when I went around (as instructed by a Greater Authority) announcing the formation of the CoC, in order to make clear that, while ours is the "Aim of Religion", ours is also the "Method of Science"; and being scientific means accepting evolution, and that God is really Man, i.e. that we are evolving into That. My mistake rested with the word atheism itself, which assumes that Divinity is entirely non-existent. While evolving means that we go forward and not backward, it does not necessitate that we be exclusive in our view of what homotheism is.

Let me make this very clear. The Church of Crowleyanity is both polytheistic (as we believe that the Gods are objective Minds) and monotheistic (insofar as we believe in the Tri-Unity of the Gods); but in addition to this, we are also homotheistic, inasmuch as we believe that we are - beyond time yet also in the moment ("I am above you and in you") one with - and in time, evolving into - the Mindset of God (or to put it another way, the Gods). Ours is an inclusive rather than exclusive doctrine.

Homotheism is the Next Step in the evolution of the concept of religion. Its theory and practice as manifest in the CoC is revolutionary and certain to eventually take popular root among the great thinkers of the world. This is going to be the concept that propels the Church forward and ultimately lifts up the Prophet from the mire of disrespect in which he currently wallows among the world of profane secular thought, eventually satisfying that prophecy of The Book of the Law which states:

"...they that see thee shall fear thou art fallen: but I lift thee up."

"Love is the law, love under will."

-Aleisterion