

The Magical Lineage of Crowleyanity

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

It is necessary to discuss the apostolic nature of our Holy Church. While other Thelemic camps argue over whose lineage is or is not valid, or whose is superior based on who expelled whom or whether or not another allegedly failed student of an alleged "centre of pestilence" was actually justified in overthrowing his master, our Church transcends such problems because our lineage is not of the flesh (*ex carnis*) but derives instead by intervention of magick, achieved by the magical will of either an incarnate master (as was the case with Frater Achad's initiation from Neophyte to Magister Templi as a consequence of the magical intervention of the Master Therion), or a discarnate intelligence, in which event the conveyance of lineage is by praeternatural consecration. In our Church, this doctrine is known as *ex consecratio corporis*, "of the hallowing of the body". We have no need to defend this doctrine, because Crowley himself espoused it. It was Israel Regardie, Crowley's most prominent disciple, who explained that Crowley believed *The Equinox* to be a Rosetta Stone for posterity in case of global cataclysm. Crowley wanted his Equinox to be of the best possible materials and craftsmanship, so that the quintessence of the Sacred Wisdom would be preserved in as permanent a form as possible, to ensure that it would stand the test of time, so that it could be discovered by a surviving generation of humanity entirely separated in time from those with lineage *ex carnis*, that they might forge a new link with the Secret Chiefs. The discerning student of *Liber L vel Legis* will observe that, in *The Book of the Law*, there is prophesied a certain "child of the Prophet". Therein it is predicted that this mysterious child should not be expected to come from any known Order or "house". It is written that he would come "not from the East" (Typhonian Ordo Templi Orientis) "nor from the West" (Caliphate O.T.O.), but "from no expected house". This is a prophecy of lineage. Crowley was truly prescient in his consideration of his Official Instructions encapsulated in *The Equinox* as a Rosetta Stone; indeed, these Sacred Instructions alone are sufficient for one who knows no benefit of lineage *ex carnis* to forge a genuine magick link with those Hidden Masters adumbrated by both the Logos Aionos (Word of the Aeon, Aleister Crowley) and his Forerunner, Madame Blavatsky. (The subject of the Hidden Masters or Secret Chiefs is a difficult one deserving of its own book.)

It is interesting that it was Regardie who expounded this particular theory of Crowley's, in the more concentrated form of Magical Instruction that was *Gems from the Equinox*. Here I am obligated, by holy debt of gratitude, to mention the late Dr. Christopher Hyatt, aka Alan Miller, the disciple of Israel Regardie, whose kindness and generosity alone were responsible for my own discovery of this Thelemic Rosetta Stone. A couple of decades ago, after having learned of Crowley through Regardie's excellent (though limited) biography, I endeavored to contact Regardie himself, by letter as well as by phone, not knowing that he had died just a couple of years prior. I was received by a secretary, who having heard my brief introduction asked for my name and put me on hold. After some minutes, I was answered by a stern but powerful voice who said simply, "Yes, Daniel?" He introduced himself as Dr. Hyatt. (In fact I recognized that name and proceeded to stumble over my words, lavishing him with thanks for taking my

call - yet I made the mistake of addressing him as *mister* Hyatt, which perturbed him not a little.) I told him my situation, that I had acquired Regardie's Eye in the Triangle and that I craved to know much more. He never even asked for money when he told me he was sending me the expensive *Gems*. "Pay me back when you can," he so kindly said. Without his generosity, I would not at that time have been able to acquire the book, so dire were my financial straits. I did finally pay him back a few years later. But the timing was ever so crucial. As soon as I obtained the Official A.'.A.'. Instructions a short time later, I ripped into them and dedicated myself (since I had no job at that time) day and night to adhering to its theory and practice. It was immediately thereupon that I began experiencing the profound and fantastic Bestial Epiphanies that forever altered the course of my life, and which instilled in me the irrepressible principle and determination that fuel my mission today. I shall be forever grateful to Dr.Hyatt for his immeasurable generosity and loving spirit.

Our Crowleyanity, which I have adopted from J.F.C.Fuller who first coined the term in *The Star in the West*, is *not* some slavish Old Aeon following of the persona of a man; for Crowley is dead and gone without trace. It is, instead, a movement that is magically linked, by the aforesaid lineage *ex consecratio corporis*, to that supernal Current into which he has dissolved and transformed. It is true, as James Douglas Morrison said, that "We live, we die, and death not ends it." While Crowley the man is no longer with us, we are indeed near to him in time, and his eternal Spirit lives on with the Saints of Our Lady Babalon in the Beast Her consort and slave, always dedicated to Her service among men. Ours is perhaps the first truly spiritual of Thelemic bodies, insofar as our apostolic lineage is incorporeal. And so it continues in our initiations today. For our initiates, obligated to perform self-initiation according to our tradition and teaching, are simultaneously consecrated from afar by the Adepti of the Church, who perform a similar service specifically for them in the secret temple of our Sanctum Sanctorum, thus receiving - even as we first received - a genuine, potent magical link with the discarnate Secret Chiefs of the New Aeon of Aiwass.

Before I end this little epistle on the matter of our spiritual lineage, I should be remiss not to point out how this doctrine of ours is also exhibited by our simple, uncontrived numerology. While others who use a contrived system of gematria the mechanics of which they themselves invented, our English "order & value" was there all along, being the natural order & value itself, whereby A=1 to Z=26. Whereas those who tout their contrived "English Qabalah" go on endlessly spouting abstract numerical correlations between words which only weakly boost their own inflated claims, we utilize our simple system of gematria to humbly teach our doctrine. As a case in point, we can learn much in this matter of spiritual apostolic transmission by close and careful scrutiny of the Stele of Revealing itself. For there, we see the ancient precursor of the Prophet, Ankh-af-na-Khonsu (known to archaeology as Ankh-fenkons I), standing on the right, offering his deceased Spirit to Shaitan-Aiwass, otherwise known as Ra-Hoor-Khuit. Between them is an altar; and we know from *The Book of the Law* that the altar's chief component is the censer, in which the spiritual cremation of dissolution takes place, in the flames of which Ankh-af-na-Khonsu (Aleister Crowley) freely offers himself in death to the Gods (Hadit and Nuit, or Beast and Babalon) who are conjoined in Ra-Hoor-Khuit (Aiwass). The

perfection of this doctrine is clearly exhibited in the numerology of the names themselves. For Ankh-af-na-Khonsu equals 144 equals Ra-Hoor-Khuit. What is amazing beyond the doctrine of spiritual identity this points to (in support of our sublime Crowleyan Thelema), is the fact that this is also the number of Shaitan-Aiwass! Our simple and unassuming gematria yields countless such gems.

However as already clarified, we do *not* worship the persona of the man Aleister Crowley. Crowleyanity is not such a simplistic, archaic continuation of Old Aeon hero-worship. Rather, we recognize in Crowley a gateway to that into which he has transformed through death and cremation: Aiwass, precisely in the same manner as Typhonian Thelemites, who utilize Lam in a similar way. For us, Crowley is alive and powerful beyond his former manifestation as a mere man among men (and a flawed one at that). His Spirit, his Energy, his everlasting Aiwassic Wisdom is inside of us, the Crowleyans, whose intimacy with the 93 Current is an everburning flame of unquenchable spiritual Force, that is transmitted to us, his heirs, through our dedicated and proper adherence to his teachings and ceremonial invocation of That Divine Essence which abides beyond the Abyss, in the City of the Pyramids, yet within every heart of man.

This epistle comes on the heels of an extraordinary and rare Epiphany of Our Lord the Beast, which emblazoned upon my simple mind these profound thoughts, which I now pass to you, the Chosen of the Beast, true heirs of his legacy.

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"Love is the law, love under will."

-Aleisterion