
The Progradior's Progress

I advance...

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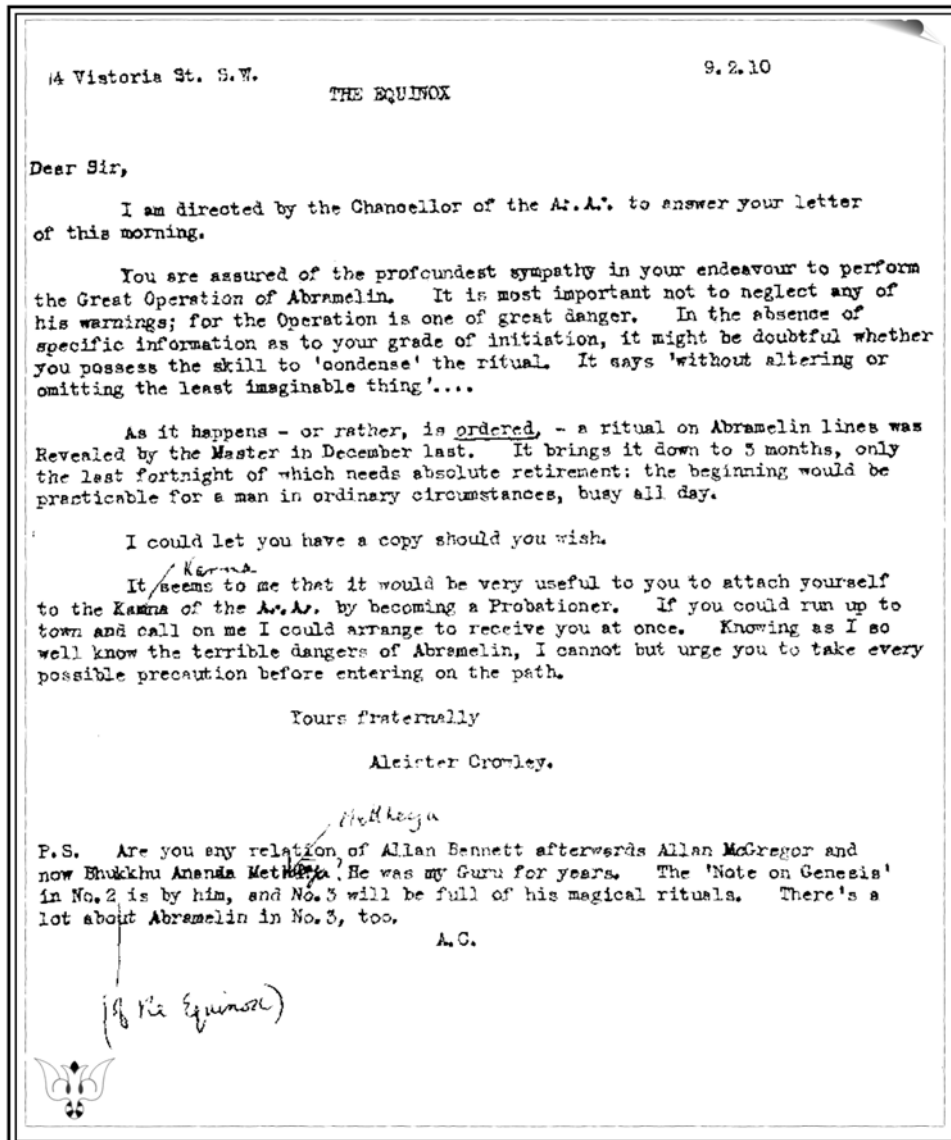
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03:02:1910 – Knowing as I so well know the dangers of Abramelin.



12:02:1910 – *The malice of demons.*

124 Victoria St., S.W.
12.2.10

THE EQUINOX

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to be at present unable to come up to Lancashire, or I would do so. My work is at present very pressing; later on I may have an opportunity; and then, if you wish, I will see you. The malice of the demons is a thing unbelievable until one has experienced it; but a firm confidence allied to most profound humility shall suffice by the favour of the Holy Ones to accomplish the Work.

I enclose the Angelic instruction referred to. You will notice that there is no open reference to the Convocation of the Spirits. But something of the sort is necessary, by some strange law. No sooner has one obtained to the Knowledge and Conversation of the Holy Guardian Angel than one must go forth and face all the legions of the Pit. It seems a universal law; in the Higher Operation to which you may afterwards aspire, that which makes you what men call a Master of the Temple, it is found that no sooner does one take one's seat, nameless and indistinguishable in the darkness of N.O.X., than one must cross the outermost abyss and comfort him who is the Lord of those from great Princes of the Evil Thing.

If you are in any doubt or difficulty, write to me. You will find us prompt to answer and to aid.

With all the sympathy of comradeship,

I am,
Yours in truth,

Aleister Crowley.



16:02:1910 – *I am glad to hear that.*

124 Victoria St., S.W.

THE EQUINOX

16.2.10

Dear Mr. Bennett,

Many thanks for your letter. I am glad to hear that you are really at work. So many people now-a-days just prattle about magic, and never do any.

If I get an opportunity I will run down. In the meanwhile you must let me know from time to time how things go on, especially if phenomena begin to occur, as they are sure to do if you are really doing magic as opposed to performing vain ceremonies.

B Benedictus Opus Benedict.

Fraternally S.V.A.T. *WJH*

Aleister Crowley.



26:02:1910 – *What you report is rather good in a way.*

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

124 Victoria St.
S. W.

Dear Mr. Bennett,

What you report is rather good in a way, because it shows you are getting some results. But of course it implies also that your sphere is not closed. I should use the banishing Rituals of Hexagrams and Pentagrams to begin and end each meditation, and also assumption of the God-form of Harpocrates. I think I should do less reading and more gardening; and in particular I should go to a doctor and make sure that the symptoms are removed so far as they are physical.

But unless you have a lot of experience of ceremonial magic you ought to be in for a hot time! Not easily do the great Princes allow a man to wrest their sceptres from their grasp.

I think, by the way, it is a great mistake to go on with 'Co-Masonry' or any other kind of magic or semi-magic while you are at Abramelin. It is no good at all working at Abramelin's system on our own unless you conform to its minutest details. Did you, for example, give money to 72 paupers to recite penitential psalms? From what river did you get the sand for the service? What magician who has achieved the Operation gave it to you in the prescribed fashion? You certainly didn't start at Easter! All these things, believe me, are essential to success.

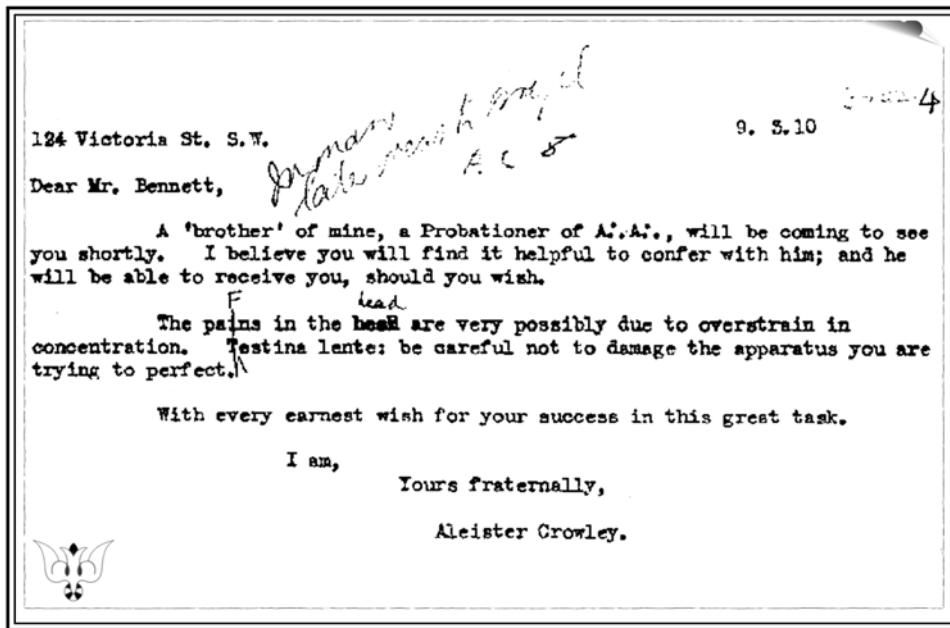
If, however, you still remain obsessed by 'voices' and such things after really trying the  and  rituals and Harpocrates and if concentration still hurts you I think it will be wiser to give up the Operation for a time and learn the game under circumstances of less danger. Courage is ~~and~~ the finest of qualities, but a brave man doesn't run his head in to an express train.

Yours fraternally,

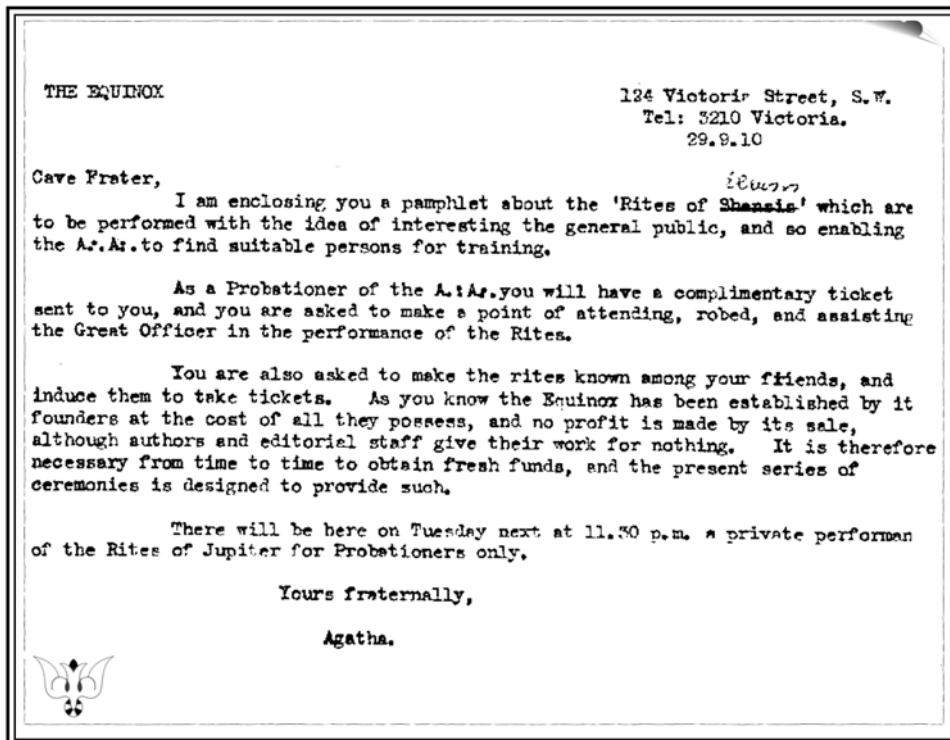
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c/o Fifth Avenue Bank
New York City

April 4th 1916

Mr. Frank Bennett
c/o Brazilian Consulate General
Sidney

Very Dear and Very Illustrious Brother -

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

We have your letter with the enclosure of your letter to the Very Illustrious Brother Yardley. We cannot in any way interfere with such arrangements as have been made by our Very Holy, Very Illuminated and Very Illustrious Brother Windram, our beloved Viceroy for the South African Union. We have no objection to conferring the rank of Viceroy upon our Very Illustrious Brother Dunn, as soon as his work justifies it; but we think that results should be shown before this is done. But of course the real degree will depend entirely upon the question of whether he or any other Brother succeeds in solving the secrets of the O. T. O. from the hints offered in various rituals and instructions. It is our custom to confer honorary degrees for convenience of working up to about the V. But the real secrets confer real power of a most exalted type, and no consideration whatever but that indicated above weighs with us for a moment.

Love is the Law, Love under Will.

Yours in the bonds of the Order



Ephomet X^o O.T.O.

Ireland Iona and all the Antaries

*fin 38/6.
Money order sent
to Island of Iona
Kilnabuck*



July, 1916 - The possibility of a visit in person.

c/o Cooks Tourist Office,
Broadway,
New York City,
N.Y.

July 1916
An XII

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Very Illustrious Sir Knight and Very dear Brother,

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

We have letters of yours of May 15, 1916 E.V. and am glad to note the contents.

We understand that Our Grand Sec. General wrote you recently with regard to the possibility of our visiting you in person. We should be very glad if this can by any possibility be arranged because more can be done in a month face to face than in a lifetime of correspondence, especially at such a distance. We do not think it would be any expense to you in the long run, as there is a good deal to communicate which should be of actual material value to the Lodge.

It would be kind of you to cable your decision to the above address at once, as it is necessary to make plans for the future. We do not know if V.H.V. I.V.I. Bro. Bathurst suggested any scale of expenditure; but it is only a question of the bare cost of travelling and living. Even so, a portion might suffice. It would not have been suggested at all, but since the war, Our personal Treasury has been depleted.

Love is the Law, Love under Will.

Fraternally,

Yours in the Bonds of the Order.



Baphomet K° O.T.O.



Ireland Iona and all the Britains.

31:10:1916 - I note that you have few members at present.

Adams Cottage,
N.H.

31 Oct. 1916

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Very Illustrious and very dear Brother,

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law. I have your letter of Aug. 11. I did not know about the letter which the Grand Secrets sent to you. It does not matter in any case, as I have to found a branch in the South of these states during this winter. I might be able to come over next summer; so please keep the matter in mind.

I note that you have very few members at present. In view of the social and political unrest at present existing in the world, the letter upon the advantages of the Order and the Open letter to Professor W.S.B. should be of great help to you. You should distribute these as widely as possible and hold meetings at which they are read and discussion invited. The O.T.O. should be put forward as a complete solution of the social problem not merely as an occult society. That is as far as the general public concerned; keep the occult side of it for people who are already interested in the sub.

You say you have not received a charter. Do not worry about parchments; you have our authority to work, and that is sufficient. As we are likely to be in this country for some time, it will be more convenient, owing to geographical considerations, if you make all official communications directly to us instead of through V.H.V. L.V.I. Brother Sir James Windram. It will be well for you to put this matter on a regular footing and at once. Will you therefore kindly send me a full report of what you have done so far, giving the names and addresses of all your members, with their grades, and a balance sheet showing what moneys have been received and what remitted to Grand Treasurer General. In doing this you should put everything in order to date, sending him a check if necessary to balance. It must be clearly understood that no laxity will be permitted in regard to fees and subscriptions. If this is allowed the Order cannot fulfil its obligations toward its members, and the whole movement becomes farcical. Having got things in order it will be easy to keep them in order. You should therefore send us a report every month of what has been done during that month, and if nothing has been done you should say so and state the reason. I do not know what arrangement you made with South Africa in the matter of the disposal of the receipts. In order to simplify the matter, however a universal rule will be made and maintained that half of everything shall go to the central organisation, which can then dispose of its funds in a satisfactory manner. It often occurs that funds are needed for starting new lodges and in such a case an application should be made for a grant to the Grand Treasurer General. Similarly, with regard to the literature, everything must be done through the committee of publication of which the Grand Treasurer General is in charge.

It should very clearly be understood that the most entire devotion is expected from every one exalted to such degree as the seventh. This being so, we expect to hear of great results from every quarter where these grades are held, even if they are only honorary grades.

Please continue to address me to c/o Thomas Cook & Son, as I may be moving about, and it is easy for me to advise them of my changes of address. It ought to be possible for me to have a reply to this letter in six or seven weeks. Where distances are so great the utmost diligence should be employed in answering correspondence.

Love is the Law, Love under Will.

Fraternally in the Bonds of the Order.



Ephraim X^o O.T.O.

December, 1916 - It is very fine of you to work so hard.

C/o Thos. Cook & Son,
245 Broadway,
New York City,
N.Y.

An XII

*Om 26
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Cave Frater,

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

Your report dated Oct. 27 to hand, and approved; though observe remarks later on in this letter.

It is very fine of you to work so hard, and make so many sacrifices; but wrong not to allow others to do as much. What are silly women made for, my poor friend? They must have been made for some good end; and if they gave us freedom to preach the Law as it should be preached, it would help both us and them.

Please distinguish carefully between A.A. and O.T.O. The latter is a practical organisation devoted to the establishment of the work of the former. The A.A. has no open organisation, and you cannot call yourself its head. The man next door to you might be your superior, for all you know. I have never had pledge-forms issued for the 4 people you mention as "members of A.A." nor have they been supplied with books (LXI LXV) or sent in records. I should like all this cleared up.

I get encouraging reports all the time from all quarters, and am arranging to have these sent round where it seems desirable.

Don't forget to report to me monthly for the present; it will rejoice me, and keep you up to the mark, too. Mind that you make the other Brethren take their share of the work; one man is not enough. You must urge them all to devote themselves wholly to the work, keeping nothing back; it is only in this way that you can get really started.

Love is the law, love under will.

Fraternally

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← The rion in Greek letters

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9° = 2° A. A.



Raphomet X° O.T.O.

l. l. et O. B.



January, 1917 - I am glad you are so well determined.

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1917

C/o Thos Cook & Son
245 Broadway,
New York City.

An XII

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Care Frater,

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

Yours of Dec 21 to hand. You should never omit the Greetings to anybody.

I am glad you are so well determined. Constant toil in ploughing is necessary if we are to have harvest. But you should certainly yoke Bro Dunn. He sends me cards of greeting for New Year; but he is supposed to be the Head, isn't he? And he ought to be giving every minute of his time and every penny of his purse and every drop of his blood. Unless he does this, he can't be Will^o. We want no dummies. This is an Official Message, but you may frame it in more ceremonial terms.

I wrote to the G.T.G. on your behalf,^x and may be he will have let you have some books by now.

You might try to convert "Spookologist"; he seems an intelligent person; I wrote him direct. Show him that we're reasonable people, with no fads, but a sincere wish to increase human knowledge for the benefit of mankind.

I shall hope to have good news of you every month now.

Love is the law, love under will.

Faternally



x you must get on his soft side yourself, by direct and continuous communication.

From Aleister Crowley.

By the way, drop the 'humble servant' nonsense.



June, 1917 - Do not be disturbed by any news from England.

(Seal)

June 1917

An XIII

C/o Thos Cook
245 Broadway
New York.



Care Frater,

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

Do not be disturbed by any news from England: whatever was wrong, or seemed wrong, will be put right at once.

I am not fond of the use of the word Rosicrucian, if only because it is said that the true Rosicrucian Order never allows the use of the word. So make it clear that your title is merely in honour of G.R.C.

I don't know at all whether I am likely to be able to come to Australia.

Your pledge form is quite right, and you may add facsimile of Seal if you wish.

I am very glad you are going ahead so well; I think you can make a big thing of it; you have the right spirit. Do not let anything discourage you. "It's dogged as does it."

I have been sick; hence my delay in answering your letters.

Love is the law, love under will.

With Paternal Benediction

In the Bonds of the Order



Ephomet X^o G.T.O.



THE OATH OF A NEOPHYTE

W...S...A...P... (old Motto) being of sound mind and body,
and prepared, on this. . .25th day of . February. .
(an. .1920 On pieces of) do hereby resolve:
In the presence of . . Achad a Zelator of the
A'.A'. To prosecute the Great Work: which is to obtain control
of the nature and powers of my own being.

Further, I promise to observe zeal in service to the Probationers
under me, and to deny myself utterly on their behalf.

May the A'.A'. crown the work, lend me of its wisdom in the work,
enable me to understand the Work.

Reverence, duty, sympathy, devotion, assiduity, trust do I bring to
the A'.A'. and in eight months from this date may I be admitted to
the knowledge and conversation of the A'.A'.

Witness my hand (old motto)

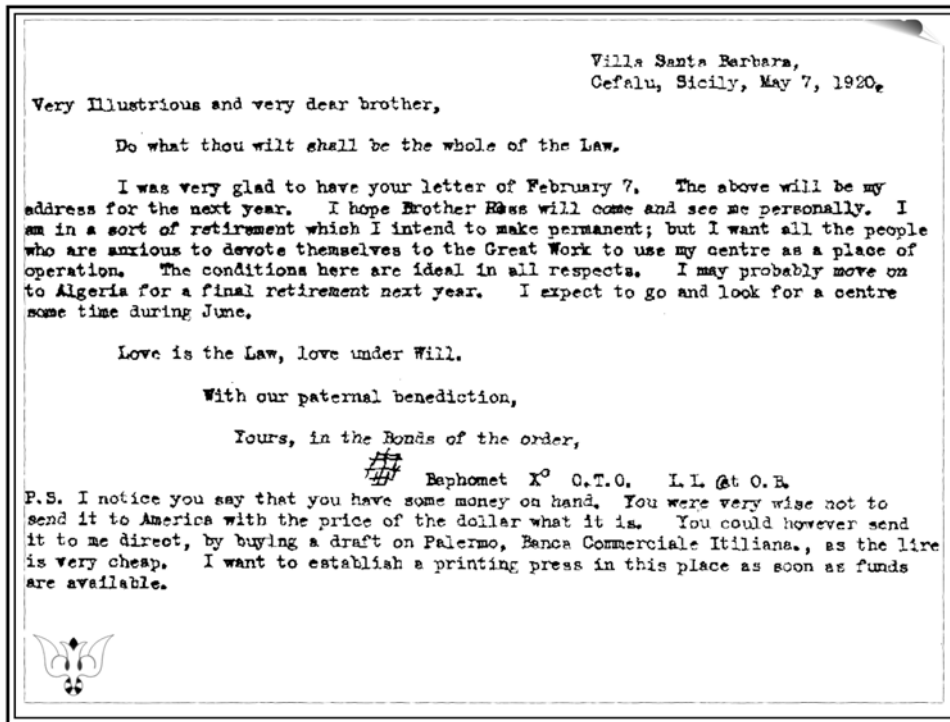
Sapientia Amor
Potentia S'.A'.P'.

New Motto

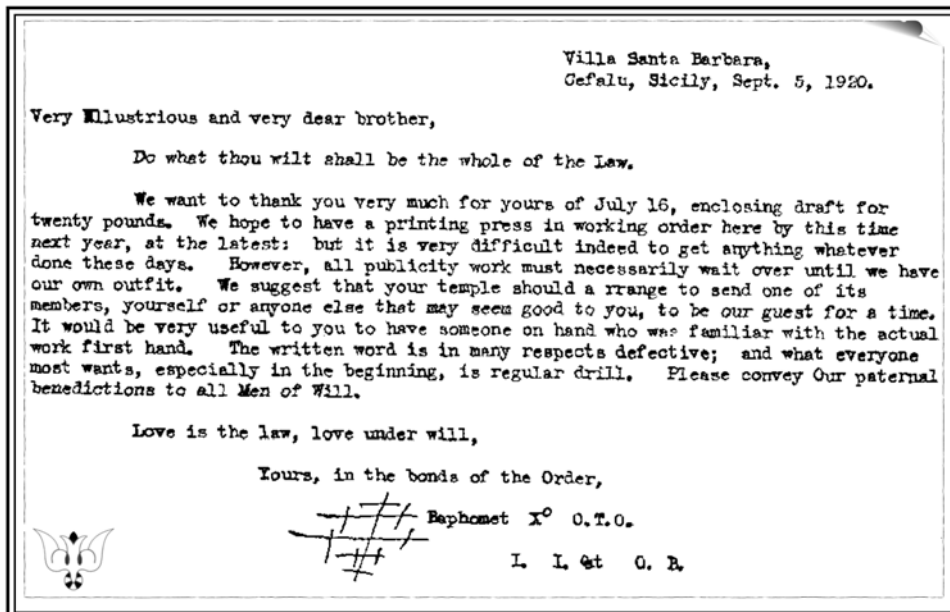
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COLLEGIUM ad SPIRITUM SANCTUM,
CEPALU, SICILY, Dec. 18, 1920.

Very Illustrious and very dear Brother,

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

We regret not to have heard recently from you, but no doubt, at least three months must elapse between sending letters and receiving the answers, given even the luckiest correspondence of steamers.

We write you again in the following circumstances.

Publication of Equinox Vol. 3, No 2, which contains such important publications as Liber VII, XXI, DOCCLOXX, was held up by the failure of certain individuals to meet their financial obligations and we have not, until now, been able to resume the duty of issuing that number. The sum of \$1500 is necessary to do this, and we have no hesitation in asking you to assist us to the utmost of your power. The continuity of the Work before the public is of the utmost importance, if only as evidence of our vitality. The temporary rupture in the regularity of our publication has been the source of greatest distress and humiliation to us. *[It did not come out]*

You will, in any case receive 25 copies or more, if you have need of them, as soon as we are able to get them from the binder.


You will join us in regretting that the price of the Equinox has had to be so largely increased, but it has always been a point of honour with us to make our publications physically worthy of their contents. The effect of the war has been to increase the price of material and labour to an enormous extent and this is especially noticeable in the higher grades of production. Equinox 3-1 cost over \$6 per copy for printing and binding alone, yet we had to sell it at a price which left no margin for the other costs of production and such things as Book-seller's discounts. We mention this, in case it should be necessary to explain existing circumstances to intending purchasers.

The money has to be paid in America and it would therefore be best for you to send any contributions in the form of a draft on a bank in Detroit, Michigan, to Sir C. Stansfield Jones, Apt. 11, 307 (1535) Howard St., stating the purpose for which the funds are to be applied, and the number of copies which you would like sent to you. With regard to pre-war publications, we can more conveniently supply you from our London stock. We have everything with the exception of 777. This book, (by the way) is being revised and we hope to re-issue it in a more convenient form and an early number of the Equinox. *[Published published in London after A.C. death]*

I am at present concentrating my efforts upon re-issuing The Book of the Law with a new and more adequate Comment. Many new and most wonderful mysteries have been discovered, many of them due to the Understanding of Frater O.L.V.V.L.O.. We hope to hear from you at the earliest possible moment in reply to this and also previous correspondence.

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Yours in the bonds of the Order,

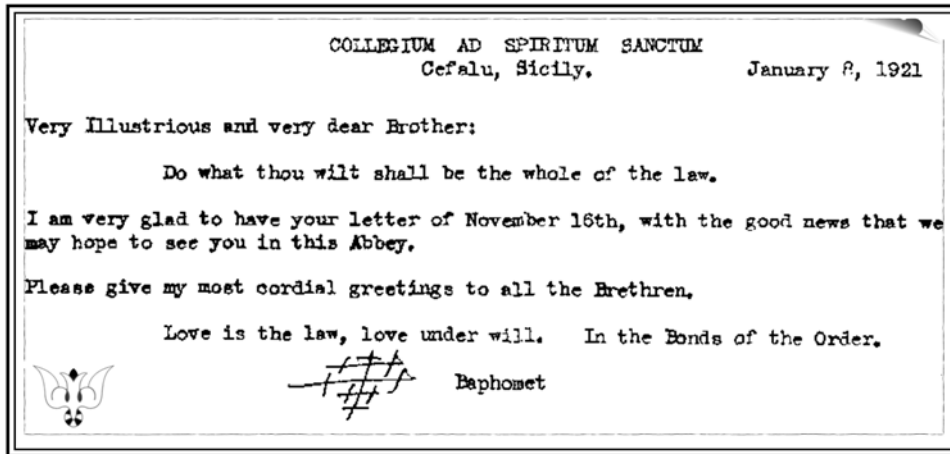
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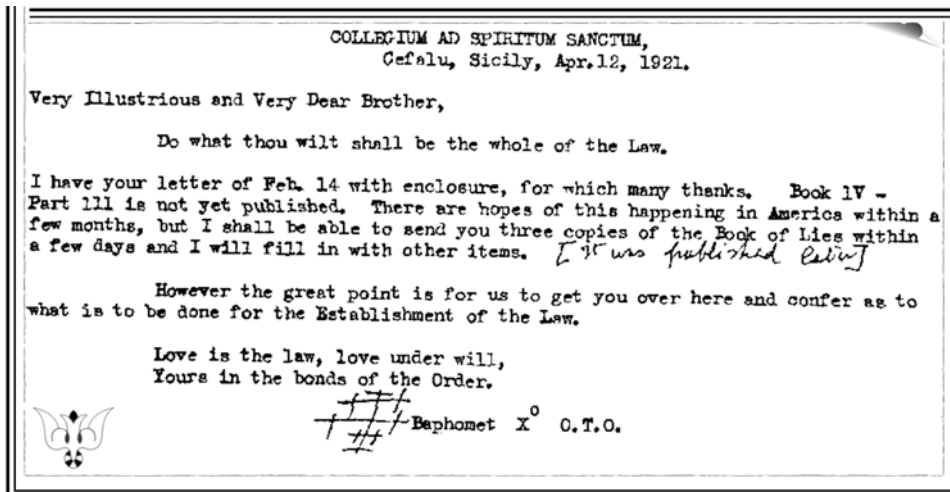
P.S. We hear with great regret, that Brother Kess was "dragged back to Australia". You will doubtless take note that a person cannot swim if he has 355 pounds of lead attached firmly to his neck.



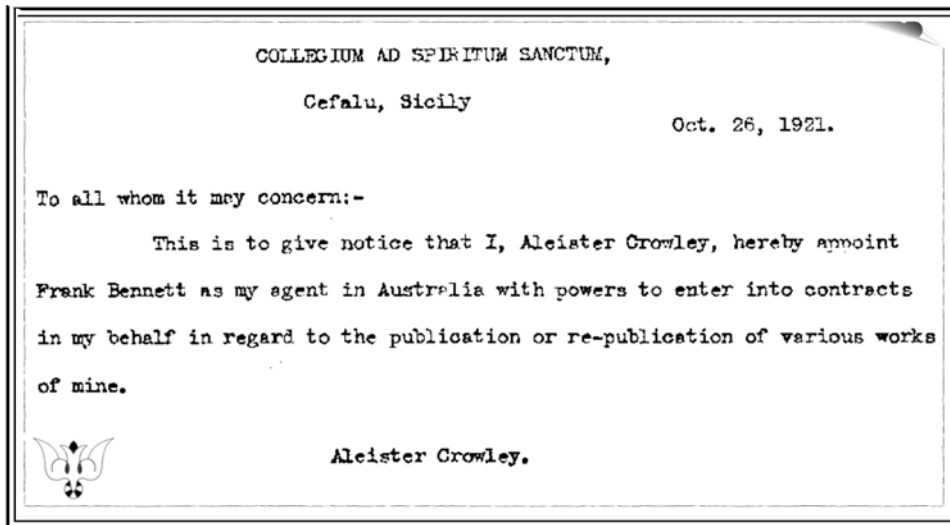
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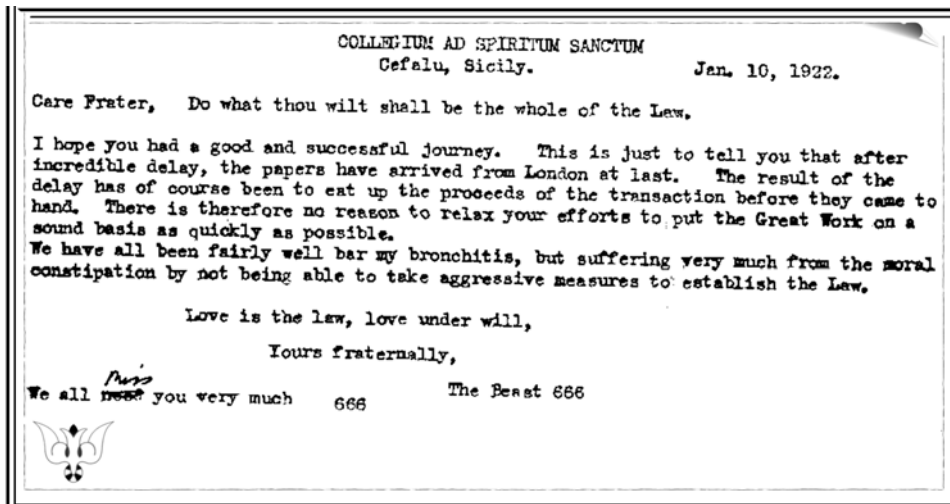
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1922 - *In haste.*

In haste.

I want every member of the Lodge to rewrite the Law of Liberty in such language as should appeal to his own friends and class.

Present pamphlet is above the heads of many. Let me have all essays, and I'll pick the best for publication.



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1922 - *Diary of a drug fiend.*

J. B.

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The Diary of a Drug Fiend

Yes, I am in ~~bed~~ with a hell of a cold - plus the reaction of the novel - plus the anxiety over my new contract which the publisher promised me to-day. The story of my life - I mean my 9 lives!

I'm very glad you have found out the formula - to make things happen. Only don't forget to reconcile this with the Way of the Tao.

I will now resume sweating.

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Yours ever fraternally

The Beast 666



05:08:1922 – Things have been moving so fast.

Care Frater

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C/o Banker's Trust
Paris Aug. 5

I was so glad to have your letter of June 11.

If you have not heard from us, it has been really that things have been moving so fast that anything we might write would be false before you got it.

But, generally speaking, there is great hope of putting over a world-wide campaign this autumn. You will of course hear all about it once we are able to start in a definite ordered course.

Please tell Miss Tabna that we are very glad to hear of her interest in the work.

It is the greatest pity that such wide spaces divide us - and I am not in the least likely to be able to visit Australia, unless a lecture tour were arranged.

A whole lot has happened, too much to tell you, but we'll get out a regular report as soon as the show starts in earnest.

Everybody is pretty well at present: the trouble is that we are all scattered.

I'm dreadfully busy: excuse the brevity of this note.

Fraternally as ever

T.M.G. 666



23:02:1923 - I am glad you are quite through with Deacon.

COLLEGIUM AD SPIRITUM SANCTUM
Cefalu, Sicily.

Feb. 25, 1923. 61

Care Frater,

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

Yours of no date just to hand. I can't imagine how I came to neglect telling you about the "Drug Fiend". I thought I had done so. I am glad you like it. I wish you would send me any magazine reviews about the book which you have. I haven't been able to get a single one except the Sunday Express of Nov. 26. I ordered a copy of my reply to that to be sent you but do not know whether it was done or not.

Adm. by info / Deacon's name removed by the J.O. in spirit's street
I am glad you are quite through with Deacon. If he is using our name to acquire wealth I think you should complain to the authorities. It is obtaining money under false pretences. As you know I have always set my face against spiritualism. I relaxed the rule in favour of one person because, though a self-deluded old fool, she was honest and enthusiastic. My kindness did me a lot of harm and resulted indirectly in her ruin and death; so you can't be too careful. I shall be glad to hear from your Jew with the ineffable name. Try and get the practical part of the work into practical hands. The time has now come for us to vindicate our integrity and to step boldly forward into the limelight. It is therefore essential to have a man with a head for organisation.

What about Ebling, by the way? Is he coming to the Abbey for some training or is he going to send us the cost of the voyage? I mention it because we have been in a situation of the greatest privation all the winter; owing to the attacks on me in London the people who were pledged to send me money did not do so and we've got through by a series of narrow squeaks. Your fiver came like Sir Colin Campbell at the relief of Lucknow. But we need a very large sum to clear our feet to say nothing of carrying us through the next campaign. It is particularly essential for us to have some spare cash if possible to give us a chance to make a move forward. I have been working myself to death writing my Autohagiography which has now been thrown into confusion. Estai went to London to-day and the following will explain another source of smash. I have been quite seriously ill for 6 weeks or more, only on one or two days able to leave my bed. My principal assistant here, Frater A.M.D., a boy of 22, the most brilliantly promising magician I ever even dreamt of, came here on Nov. 26 and died last Friday. It is an absolute knock-down blow. I had built the greatest hopes on him as a helper. He had just come down from Oxford with First Class honours in History; he understood the Law and the principles of Magick and Yoga almost, as it were, by instinct.

Cuxness *EX Raoul Loviday*
I admit my laxness in writing to you; you must make allowances for me having been so ill, distressed and overworked. It would give me great pleasure if you would make a point of writing me every mail, if only a picture post card to say you are well.

Alostrael was very ill indeed last autumn. We thought she would die. She has been getting better since her return to Cefalu but the strain of the last month has thrown her back somehow. However, the Gods are looking after us.

My paternal greetings and benediction to all the Brethren in Sydney.

Love is the law, love under will,

Yours fraternally,

THE BEAST 666 (per Alostrael)

P.S. It may interest you to hear how I wrote the "Drug Fiend" I arrived in London with less than £10 in the world and no clothes but Highland dress. I had very soon pawned everything and was absolutely on the rocks. I wrote down the plot on half a sheet of note paper, the second publisher I took it to accepted it and gave me £80 in advance. I telegraphed for Alostrael to come over from Paris and she took the whole thing down

in long hand in 27½ days. It was a marvelous performance on her part, especially as she was a pretty sick woman. I think that the extra strain helped to make her worse though she had a fairly decent holiday in the summer.



23:03:1923 - Thank you so much for the fiver!

COLLEGIUM AD SPIRITUM SANCTUM
Cefalu, Sicily

Mar. 23, 1923.
o.v.

Dear Ahah,
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Thank you so much for the fiver - we needed it very badly. Your little contributions always seem to turn up when they are most wanted. It would however, be highly desirable to carry out your original plan. I suggest that you should persuade the Brethren to combine to put aside a small sum weekly, regarding this contribution as the first charge on their incomes. In this way you could send us a regular monthly remittance. What we need so bitterly is an income, however small, on which we can count absolutely. As it is, we have to use credit all the time; and that means paying very much more than we should have to if we could pay cash, or even promise to pay on a given date. This contribution from Australia would be put to the credit of the Branch, and in due course you would be able to send a man (or woman) here for personal training. It would thus be a sort of investment or insurance, similar to what people make with the object of taking a holiday at some future date. You could stimulate the Brethren by promising the visit to Cefalu to the one who collected most "new chums", or made the greatest advances in intellectual knowledge of Magick etc. I would set an examination Paper and judge the competition. You must really use the conventional methods by which people are worked up to enthusiasm. You see it done every day over politics, Charity Bezaars, the most feeble footling things in the world. It's absurd that you shouldn't be able to beat them at their own game.

Mrs. Rabinowitz, as she does a society column in the newspaper, must know all the ropes, and ought to be able to sweep Sydney. All you have to do is to find a popular "slogan", and shout it till nobody can hear anything else.

A.C. Autobiography

About the "Hag" - of course I shall mention you and your work. You are really very important to me in ways that you have no idea of yourself. You represent a type and class of man which is, in my opinion, more important to the race than any other except the absolute brute stock - the earth cultivating mammal.(x) If I only had 100,000 like you, as I may have sooner than any one thinks, I should have no difficulties of the kind I have at present. Your last paragraph is fine - it is a great joy to me, as I lie on my sick bed, to receive such a message of enthusiasm and determined Youth.

Love is the law, love under will,

Yours fraternally,
THE BEAST 666.

Liber Samekh written for Ahah (Frank) Bennett

P.S. A set of books signed is no good unless there is a history attached to the signing of each one in turn. Sir, you are an ass! You want to reduce the value of my signature to that of a rubber stamp! Can't you see that the value of personal intercourse is that it is personal? As soon as you multiply an unique glory, you make it common and banal. Sir, you are an ass! You have got more than one volume of mine signed and inscribed by me with some appropriate remark, such as to give life to the moment of presentation. More still, you have a book, Liber Samekh, actually written by me with the express purpose of helping you to attain the object of your Magickal Retirement when you were here. You possess this incomparably priceless treasure, this masterpiece of Magick, and prose, created specially for your use and behoof; a manuscript unparalleled in the History of the World, a personal tribute to yourself from the One Master, a sublime and colossal monument, more enduring than granite, and inscribed by my own hand with your name. And you propose to cheapen this "Pearl beyond all price", to diminish the majesty of this world's Wonder, by putting it in a row with a set of other volumes without historical significance, without personal implication, without claim to the notice of any intelligent person - supreme and superb treasure as each would be in less august surroundings. Sir, you are an ass!!! 666

(x) That is (of course) ^{having} the Flower & Fruit - the Artist or Creative Genius on whom depends the Progress of the race.



25:03:1923 – Now criticism is my strong point.

COLLEGIUM AD SPIRITUM SANCTUM
Cefalu, Sicily,

Mar 25, 1923.

Sampson, Esq.,

Dear Sir,

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

Frater Ahab. has sent me a little essay of yours, without saying why. I have to presume that it is intended for me to criticise. Now criticism is my strong point. I have a mean envious disposition which finds its chief pleasure in picking holes in the works of better men than myself. You have therefore come to the right shop, and here are the goods wrapped up and tied with a beautiful pink tape with a loop for you to put your finger through.

I like your essay on the fly. bee. tigress. scorn. child. and Christ. rather well. There is a lot of thought in it, which is very unusual in essays. That thought, too, is decided deep and true I am going to quarrel with you about the form. You have a good vocabulary and considerable mastery of English; there a certain sublimity of style, as well as lucidity and directness. You understand moreover, how to use some of the tricks of composition. For example the surprise identification which Aristotle himself claims as the master-stroke in tragedy. But your essay will not do for all that.

You can write well; but here you have been trying to write in a form beyond your present capacity. The result is that one receives an impression of affectation, which always suggests insincerity and that is very misleading, because you are obviously in dead earnest. The moral of each section is very well brought out and the repetition of phrases and ideas, especially the ; "that art thou" is very effective. But a composition which depends as this does, for these reasons, upon its form, demands a perfection of form which even the greatest masters of language might hesitate to attempt. You would "get away with it" more easily if it were poetry, where the structure would help. In prose, you have a certain latitude, so that the most trifling imperfection (though difficult to detect while writing) shows glaringly in the completed work. The punctuation, by the way, might be improved. The essay should be re-written, and I suggest that it be cast into an austere form such as that of the Psalms. The paragraphs might be much shorter with advantage and the refrains (such as "that art thou") brought into prominence by suitable paragraphing. I should say that you have a very remarkable talent for this kind of prose; but you can never give too much attention to the formal perfection. Compare the 136 Psalm, and several others, such as the 150th.

Love is the Law Love under Will,

Yours fraternally.

A.C

Copy of a letter received by Frater Progradior (to be given to Mr. Sampson) from the Beast 666. May 9 1923 e.v. and handed to him on May 11, 1923 e.v. by me Frater Progradior. 6 5 A.A..



1923 - I hereby summon you...

when the sun is low in the sky

1923
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COLLEGIUM AD SPIRITUM SANCTUM
CEFALU

Oin 15° Ω
To G. H. Fra. 7746-5th RR-100
These Presents.

Care Frater


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

I hereby summon you to proceed immediately to Cefalu, to the Abbey of Thelema hard by, to assume the office of Abbot Coadjutor.

Love is the law, love under will.

Fraternally TO META OPHION 9° = 2° A. A.

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24:05:1924 - Of course you always have a home in my Abbey of Thelema.


Au Cadrau Hleu
Chelles, S. et M.
France, May 24/24

Care Frater,

Just a short letter to congratulate you very heartily on your troubles. You had to find out what those people were really like - the lowest kind of sneak thief on the largest scale. How could you possibly expect to do anything while you were tied to them? Now you have no responsibilities except to the Great Work, and you will be able to do it in first class style.

Of course you always have a home in my Abbey of Thelema. It may be better for you to work for a year or two really very hard in Sydney, get things going as strong as possible train up some one to follow you, and when you begin to feel in need of rest, come and take up the job in the Abbey.

Yours fraternally,
TO META OPHION 666



12:06:1924 - I am slowly getting back to health.

"Au Cadran Blead
Chelles, S. et M. July 12/24 e.v.

Dear Prog,

I have seen some of your recent letters. I am slowly getting back ^{anyhow} to health and able to take a little more interest in things. We can't spare Jane at present, she is in fact for the moment our spearhead. You are not very complimentary, ~~ankow~~. You say that Dr. Bowe is a perfect ass. That is just why he has been able to make all that money. We have not got the psychology required, which is a mixture of extravagant bluff with subtle flattery.

You should arrange to give one hour daily to helping people, and the first thing is to offer something big enough for them to be ready to give up everything to achieve it; something too, which will impress their friends, so that you get a constantly increasing crowd. The whole secret of running a democracy seems to lie in promising the children the moon.

You say your people are frightened. You must kill that fear. Get rid once and for all of all who won't come out wholly. O.P.V.'s letter is admirable.

It is quite wrong for you to start to build any kind of home. That is the Oedipus Complex; the Will-to-die. Your home is the Abbey of Thelema. Live as cheaply as you can and send all spare cash to O.P.V., for the building of the King's Palace.

Do not fail to understand this:

1. Our eternal problem is immediate cash.
2. This cash is needed in order to work our gold mine. The moment we get past the critical point there will be ample money, more than ample, radiating from headquarters.

My advice to you, if you are on speaking terms with any one in command of even a few hundred pounds capital, is to put to him as a plain business proposition to invest that money in our work. O.P.V. can give you the details of the scheme.

(As a matter of fact, there is every reason to hope that we shall turn the corner in the course of the month. It is a question of forcing the issue with the enemy and I have given orders that no time be lost. All the same, do your utmost pending good news.)

I think you would do better to hire a female secretary to sell your booklets etc. It will cost less than maintaining Jane, to say nothing of the delay. The fact that your hireling would not understand the work does not matter. In fact, it is better that she should not. She will learn about the work in the course of her employment and pick out the bits that are fascinating to her and therefore to the people to whom she is trying to sell the stuff, in order to earn her commission.

You should of course arrange that her pay depends on her success. Most of my trouble has come from my feeling it my duty to initiate new comers. Result - they get personally interested instead of keen on their job.

Fraternally,
666

Much love to you, old Prog.
Alostrael 51-666-51

Me too: O eater of cakes!
Estai, 516.



March 1926 - Greetings on the Vernal Equinox.

Care Frater

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

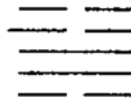
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Greetings of the Vernal Equinox!

The Password is ρ - > ρ (pronounce oh! Yes!)

The Thelema Oracle is Liber VII - VI - 27

"There dead Messalina bartered her crown for poison from the
dead Locusts; there stood Caligula and smote the seas of forgetfulness.

The Yi Hexagram is Fang : No. LV.



Love is the law, love under will,

Yours fraternally,

TO MESTR ORPHION 666

Mega Heron



21:09:1926 - The word of the Equinox

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(4.18 p.m. Sept. 21 '26 e.v.)

The Word of the Equinox is

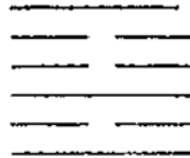
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The Oracle of Thelema is "my" of "my desire"
in Liber VII - VI - 50

The Yi King Oracle is

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"Ornament"

(Signed) Fraternally

To Mega *Herion* Cuspica 666

9° = 2⁵ A.°. A.°.



24:03:1927 - The word is 'FU'.

Goldern, Hasliberg,
Switzerland,
March 24, 1927 c.v.

Dear Brother,

At the request of To *Mega Orion* 666, I herewith communicate the Word of the Spring

The Word is FU

This is the name of the earliest known of the Great Chinese Adepts

Its number (☯) is 506 = 8,80,418
(see A L)

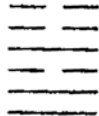
There is an implication of Sincerity putting the Work on a firm basis:
a return of the Current from its downward curve. Great changes may be
expected: they may seem evil, but are necessary to progress.

The Oracle is Liber VII, 3.46

"Let me smother them with my roses!"

(Note the context v.45 in connection with the entry of Herschel into
Aries March 31.)

The Yi Symbol is



Iwei Mei

The Spirit brooding on the waters: the beginning of the Creative
Movement. Unlikely subversions

(Signed) Fraternally

To META ORION 666

ΛΟΓΟΣ ΑΙΩΝΟΣ 93

9° = 2⁶⁰ A°. A°. .



March 1928 – The word of the Equinox.

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Care Prater,
Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.
The Greetings of the Vernal Equinox.

The Word of the Equinox is

M A N

(Besides the obvious meaning, consider the Temurahs AMN, MNA, etc. and meditate of the value 91 = 7x13.)

The Thelema Oracle in AL III, 10. (This may imply the journey of the Beast 666 with the Scarlet Woman 156-667 to Egypt.)

The Yi King symbol is


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which represents the repose of reflex action upon a solid basis.

Love is the Law, Love under will.

Fraternally

(signed) TO MEGA THERION 666
9 = 2 A . A .



Two, of the three panels of Crowley's 'lost' triptych painting.

Undated - Light In Extension.

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

O. Be seated in thine Asana.

1. It is night, heavy and dark, there are no stars. Not one breath of wind stirs the surface of the sea, that is thou. No fish play in the depths.
2. Let a breath rise and ruffle the waters. This also thou shalt feel upon thy skin. It will disturb thy meditation twice or thrice, after which thou shouldst have conquered his distraction. But unless thou first feel it, that breath hath not arisen.
3. Next, the night is riven by lightning-flash. This also shalt thou feel in thy body, and shall shiver and leap with the shock, and that also must both be suffered and overcome.
4. After the lightning-flash, resteth in the zenith a minute point of light. And this light shall radiate until a right cone be established upon the sea and it is day.
5. With this thy body shall be rigid, automatically; and this shall thou let endure, withdrawing thyself into thine heart in the form of an upright Egg of blackness; and therein shalt thou abide for a space.
6. When all this is perfectly and easily performed at will, let the aspirant figure to himself a struggle with the whole force of the universe. In this he is only saved by his minuteness.
But the end he is overthrown by Death who covers him with a black cross. Let his body fall supine with arms outstretched.
7. So lying, let him aspire fervently to the Holy Guardian Angel.
Now let him resume his former posture. Two-and-twenty times shall he figure to himself that he is bitten by a serpent, feeling even in his body the poison thereof, And let each bite be healed by an eagle or an hawk, spreading its wings above his head, and dropping thereupon a healing dew. But let the last bite so terrible a pang at the nape of the neck that he seemeth to die, and let the healing dew be of such virtue that he leepeth to his feet.
8. Let there be now placed within his egg a red cross then a green cross, then a golden cross, then a silver cross, or of those things which these shadow forth, Herein is silence; for he that hath rightly performed the meditation will understand the inner meaning thereof, and it shall serve as a test of himself and his fellows.
9. Let him now remain in the Pyramid or Cone of Light, as an Egg.
But no more blackness.
10. Then let his body be in the position of the Hanged Man, and let him aspire with all his force unto the Holy Guardian Angel.
11. The grace having been granted unto him, let him partake mystically of the Eucharist of the five Elements and let him proclaim LIGHT in Extension, Yea let him Proclaim LIGHT IN EXTENSION.

