

## **"Satanism" Oh really?????**

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Well, it's happened again, another school boy mass murder, this time in Oregon, and this one murdered his Mother and Father before going off to school and killing his schoolmates. I've already written about this phenomenon in my Essay "THE MASSACRE BY THE INNOCENTS" under the topic heading "THE PSYCHOPATHIC SOCIETY". But in connection with the press reports on this horrendous series of "schoolboy massacres: the press has reported what they claim to be "connections with Satanism". This latest case has the boy killer fascinated with the recordings of Marilyn Manson who claims to be a Satanist. I want to talk about this whole idea. I already have, so what I am going to do here is re-print a chapter from the second volume of my book. It's chapter 22, volume two, of **HERE WE ALL ARE...SO?????**

Because the two things are really not "two things" at all, because they really represent what is clearly a single topic, there is another aspect of the institutional religion's "God" that I obviously am required to talk about for a while, and that is the other side of Religion's duality. And that "other side" is religion's "other God" .....or.....THE DEVIL.

As you already know, I do NOT at all concur in the religious conception of primordial or essential "evil". There is absolutely no such thing as either absolute or intrinsic "Evil" nor is there any such thing as absolute or intrinsic "good". Both "good" and "evil" are simply the results of human perception. The conception of the existence of "sin" or things which are intrinsically wrong is one of the ways religions have managed to control people. But "sin" itself, is the most harmful concept ever to be foisted off on the human race. The cosmos is intrinsically neutral and things are what one makes of them. One of the greatest and most harmful failures of organized religion is the DUAL NATURE of their divine principles.

An important question which we really need to ask ourselves is this: Why did the human race, by and large, come to perceive so many basically abstract things in the context of polarities? Having done so, what is so very pernicious or negative about viewing things in terms of polarities?

The answer is, that humans, as a group, are just not too good at dealing with abstractions. Humans keep trying to force abstractions to fit into totally physical human pre-conceptions. How the human race was insensibly led to perceive things in terms of polarity, of "Yin and Yang"; is, or rather was, a function of the almost complete barbarism and naivety of primitive humankind.

The earliest humans, who were clearly animal-man, quite validly experienced in their day-to-day lives many obvious polarities, most of them clearly physical and unavoidably observable. From those physical observations early humankind drew totally invalid spiritual assumptions.

Over the ages human beings have loved to quote the "Hermetic Aphorism" which says "As above, so below" but they've always gotten it backwards. Humanity really has almost invariably premised their ideas of higher realms on "As below, so above" and that just "AIN'T NECESSARILY SO"!!!

There were the clear male-female sexual natures they experienced within themselves; with the clear exception of their Shamans who, besides bridging the physical and post-physical states, usually much more frequently than not (always if they were truly Shamans and not Priest-Mediums), bridged the masculine-feminine "gap". There was day and night, or light and darkness, there was hot and cold, there was winter and summer, which were bridged by the holy and ambiguous seasons of spring and fall, there was life and death which was bridged by the Shamans just as they bridged the gap between male and female.

From this they moved to another, and very much more ambiguous conclusion. They also experienced things and events which they perceived as beneficial or "good", while almost equally, there were events and things which happened to them which they perceived as malignant or "evil". The conclusion they came to was that these things and events were caused by spirits, some of them "good", some of them "evil". Once this happened, "God" and "Devil" were an almost inevitable development.

It's certainly true that sometimes there are in fact things and events that are influenced or caused by what are called "Spirits". We are, after all, all of us, essentially and intrinsically "spirits" ourselves. Of course, it is also true that these things and events may be viewed by the percipient individual as "good" or "Not-good". It's the identification of entirely neutral spirits as either "Good" or "Not-good" that is foolish. Pigeon holing "spirits" is even sillier than pigeon holing people. Well now, if the perception of duality, especially that of "good and evil" and "God and Devil" was the result of humankind's experience of natural and physical duality; and it was clearly so, what's so very pernicious about it?

Well, in answer, I've got to say that almost everything about it is pernicious, and the resulting misconception - misperception has had a really malignant effect both on individual human lives and upon the development of the many various human societies which are or were based upon such dualistic principles. It's what has made religion such a terrible thing! It's terrible firstly; because "protecting" or "saving" people from "The Devil" gives religions a lot more power than they would otherwise earn. Secondly; it's terrible because it give folks an out! It enables humans to dodge their responsibilities! "The Devil made me do it!" .....That's no reason but it's sure a damn good excuse! Or at least it's an excuse while religions are there to back it up!

The clear and at least virtually real dualities between black and white, day and night, light and darkness, hot and cold, male and female, are verifiable physically demonstrable dualities. But to go from thence to "good and evil", and even further to "God and Devil" is a disaster for those who do so. There are people who, misled by the religious, say that "if you don't believe in the Devil, you cannot believe in God", and you know what? They're absolutely right in some ways. After all, I neither believe in "God" or "The Devil" However, it is possible to accept the idea of a "Prime Mover Unmoved" or even of "The Creator Spirit" without needing a negative polarity to balance it.....

Don't you see that: If "God" can only exist IF the "Devil" exists, then they are clearly two equipotent halves which form a coherent whole, they are a "Yin and Yang". But you know as well as I that those people who believe in "God" and "The Devil" don't view them as a holistic conception at all! They view "God" and "The Devil" as entirely separate, allegedly unequal, and mutually utterly antagonistic entities and that's why they are entirely wrong, tragically in error!

People experience things and events in and around their lives, and perceive them in certain ways.....some of those ways are merely objectively descriptive.....but others of those ways are quite subjectively interpretive. The most interpretive factors are those that make the distinction that the event or thing was either beneficial or detrimental, "good" or "evil". Events and things tend to be neutral, it is only in the interpretation placed on the event or thing by the percipient of that event or thing, that distinctions are made.

It is my strong belief that using perfectly valid criteria such as "male-female" and "day and night"; as the "jumping off place" for a "leap of faith" that produces an entirely imperfect belief structure which is both un-provable, and clearly false, is a thing which is entirely and relentlessly pernicious. It's pernicious because it isn't true, it cannot be proven to be true, and there's absolutely no valid evidence that can be used to prove it to be true. The enshrinement of falsehood as doctrine is not merely pernicious, it's entirely malignant. Anything based on falsehood and misinterpretation presented as unarguable truth is pernicious and malignant in the extreme. It is clear to me that the religions I've been addressing are clearly all guilty of presenting falsehood, misunderstanding and misperception as Dogma!

One of the most, if not THE most malignant of these falsehoods is the existence of the duality called "intrinsic good and evil" or "God" and "Devil". These paired forces, "good and evil"....."God and Devil", this intrinsic duality, this "Yin and Yang" raised to divine status, must be seen as a single unified concept. As a conception it is primitive, it is totally malignant, it is and always has been demonstrably harmful to humankind. It definitely hinders human evolution! When you really look at the whole idea it is simple and childish nonsense! I call it "simple and childish" because in order to "believe" in a "Devil" one has got to believe not simply in a "God" but in a "God" that is anthropocentric and probably anthropomorphic (male) as well, and far worse than that, one must then accept

the idea of a "God", or "Supreme Being", that is BOTH PERSONAL AND UNIVERSAL AT ONE AND THE SAME TIME! And that is utterly ridiculous!

A "Universal Deity", by definition is not separate from the cosmos it has created. Nor can the Cosmos be separate from its creator. All things which exist within that created cosmos exist too, within the body of the Deity which is the Cosmos. In such an instance then, "God" is "everything" and "everything" is reciprocally "God"! There is no place left in such a paradigm for an individualized "personal deity", at least not as religion defines the word "deity". Nor is there a space for a "separate but equal" spirit of evil.

Let's look at this "Devil" notion for a moment. The "Devil" concept is the idea that there is an eternal and equipotent (or very nearly equipotent) ENEMY of "God", who, and I use "who" as this is entirely an anthropomorphic (male) idea, "wars" against "God". Now if the conception concerned an "anti-creator", a spirit who was opposed to the "creation" of the physical universe, it might make sense. But that is not at all the case.

The fact of the matter is that: Ahriman, or Satan, or Lucifer, or "The Devil" is clearly portrayed as the patron or "Lord" of all things physical.....so the whole idea is entirely anti-rational. The story goes that: This so-called "war" is carried out by way of the "Devil's" eternally on-going attempts to bring about the spiritual, moral, ethical, intellectual, and physical complete degradation of humanity, and as a result of that process, bring about the eventual total destruction of humankind. The story goes on to tell us that this process results from the fact that humankind is a species, whose creation, we are told, the "Devil", or Lucifer, in his "pre-fall" character of Luciel, Arch-angel of Light and Supreme Arch-Angel, had not "approved of", or rather "had been jealous of", and therefore violently opposed. Though why a nearly completely omnipotent being, the highest of all the angels, would be jealous of a naked ape is beyond me. No matter how immanent the "Godhood" of that "naked ape" may be!

This whole mythology as it regards "Lucifer's Revolt" is, of course, clearly nonsense. BUT IT IS MALIGNANT NONSENSE! It really goes without saying that it is also a myth or legend that is totally untrue! Why is it "Malignant nonsense"? Well there are a lot of reasons and all of them are valid! First and foremost.....this conception is incredibly anthropocentric and egomaniacal. The "anthropocentric" clearly speaks for itself for this entire conception is based upon the importance of humankind!. The "egomaniacal" does too, for is it not marvelously egotistical and totally solipsistic to create a concept which implies that humankind is the single most important thing in the entire Cosmos because two omnipotent and divine beings are fighting over, and for, the possession and control of that race? It's malignant because, of course, it is utterly and completely untrue and all falsehood is pernicious at least. It is malignant because it has demonstrably and provably harmed humankind to a tremendous degree!

The conflict between "Yin and Yang", the "war between light and darkness", the unending conflict between abstract good and abstract evil. The terrible tensions between positive-active (masculine) and negative-receptive (feminine).....and as we've mentioned that gender dichotomy, you should really stop and think for more than just a moment or two about what an incalculable load of misery and suffering that particularly insane misconception of the intrinsic relationship between the sexes, one in which they are viewed as; male(positive) and female(negative), has caused! And it's all a total lie!

The only valid difference between male and female is strictly a matter of plumbing and reproductive function. The notion that males and females "think" differently or "react" differently or are differently abled, is entirely nonsense. People, whether male or female, are distinct individuals and that individuality is a terribly complex thing based on an intricate series of contradictory pressures. Sexual identity is not important, personal identity is. Sexuality has been used to limit human individuality for millennia, it's wrong, there's absolutely no excuse for it and it must be set aside as totally non-productive of human growth.

The interesting factor regarding this particular and peculiar misconception vis a vis intrinsic good and evil, is that it appears to be shared by all of the various institutionalized Religions humankind has developed for itself! That I think is due to the fact that all modern religions are probably descended from the same source. What that source may have been, we do not know and can only surmise.

All of this pernicious nonsense, no matter what it's philosophical - religious source may be, grows out of the un-sophistication and ignorance of animal-man. It was in animal-man's futile attempts to relate what few things they did know to what they knew nothing at all about, that this pernicious mis-conception arose.

All of these dualistic conceptions grew out of primitive humankind's absolute inability to cope with the following idea:

IN THE BEGINNING THERE WAS NOTHING.....AND THEN THERE WASN'T!

But they knew, and they were absolutely dead certain that they knew, that:

"OUT OF NOTHING....NOTHING COMES!" ..... "EX NIHILO NIHIL FIT"

And that contradiction drove the whole race crazy. And that insanity led to religion!

Modern Humankind, or at least most of it, is no better at coping with it. I'm talking now about human perception not scientific perception. Scientific perception is dealing with that idea very well indeed! Science proves to us that there was never nothing! There is only energy, there was always energy, there is always energy, and there will always be energy!

Because humankind had absolutely no idea that there was never nothing, it was in humankind's futile effort to relate to that stupendous, stupefying, horrifying idea, an idea which grows out of the only thing humankind has ever really imagined to be true in regard not simply to its cosmology, but to each and every personal individual life: "FIRST THERE WAS NOTHING AND THEN THERE WASN'T!" , that all of humankind's troubles were engendered.

Because at the personal level, without the bridging of the Shaman~Shamanka to clearly demonstrate otherwise to them, it seems to the ordinary human that before they were born that they "weren't".....and after a person dies.....it seems that they "aren't".....!!! It was in this misperception that all the many dualistic and multiplistic cosmological fancies arose.

It is very clear that without the Shamanic intercession human beings wander, wondering, lost in time and space, viewing reality only "as through a glass, darkly". But luckily the Shamans - Shamankas came to assist humankind very early in the processes of human development. But was it only "luckily"?.....Later!

There are so many ways in which humanity has tried to describe and explain how the visible and touchable world of their daily experience developed out of what could only, as far as they were concerned, have been "nothing". Until very recently all of these attempts at explanation produced nothing but mythology. Today, science is having far better luck in explaining the same phenomenon, for both The Book of Genesis and "The Big Bang Theory" are ways to explain "creation".

Anciently, and to this day, what the human race has done is draw false conclusions from observed phenomena. Anciently humans, by way of their own highly developed observational powers regarding the world around them, and assisted by the even higher abilities of their Shamans, had developed the idea that they shared this world with non-physical spirits, and then, based upon observation and experience had decided, based on observation and on results that were entirely valid TO THEM, that some of these "spirits" were beneficial and others malignant.

Over time, and that means "long time", a very "long time" indeed, the ever-evolving human race also developed certain basic, pragmatic, experientially and experimentally based solid knowledge that light and heat could only be produced by friction. This was, of course, practical and experiential knowledge, and had nothing to do with early humankind's existential and cosmological searching. But it added proven data to their information base.

Friction they knew, produced both light and heat. They also knew that to produce the kind of friction that gave light and heat it requires one thing to "rub" against another, that's two different things, and that means duality. Duality, as I said earlier, was something they very frequently experienced in their lives (i.e. male and female, day and night, hot and cold, etcetera). Because duality was

apparently something so entirely ubiquitous our ancestors drew false conclusions from observed phenomena.

Those ancestors were also aware, this time through the agency of their Shamans, that the "spirits", who, and this is a thing which people have always known, or at least intuited, are intelligences who, if they exist at all, are composed of pure energy, very clearly shared many traits in common with light and heat. By which I mean to say that the spirits were not physical in any way, but their effects could be felt physically, and those effects were frequently a kind of light and either intense heat or intense cold. Their Shamans left them no room at all to doubt in any way that the "spirits" did, in fact, exist, and in many forms.

The major error shared by both the ancient Shamans - Shamankas and the ordinary humans was that "spirits" manifested the same sexual duality as humans did. Which of course, they didn't. Sexuality is a phenomenon of form, form absolutely requires physicality, which is something spirits do not share with humankind.

The differences between males and females are largely induced by their roles in whatever society they happen to live in. There are really no qualitative differences between males and females intellectually, and even less so are there spiritual differences. People like to claim that there are emotional differences but that is one of the greatest lies of all times. The fact that human males and human females appear to react differently emotionally to external stimuli is entirely induced by societal expectations. Human males are taught as youngsters that exposing the emotions is "unmanly" and female human young are taught that it's alright to be emotional. But that, like most other human sexually oriented behavior characteristics is immensely oppressive of the real nature of the individual child. In the society in which we live, which is clearly based upon Judeo-Christian "norms", individuality is the greatest victim. The loss of the right, and the possibility, to be truly an independent individual is the greatest loss any person can experience. People fear death, but what is it they fear most about death? They fear the possible loss of personal identity, but sadly enough, most of them have already sacrificed their real independence to the religion haunted society in which they live.

It isn't hard to see how our ancestors transferred their physical knowledge of the genitive nature of friction to their spiritual suppositions. In spite of the fact that this happened an immensely long time ago, this was still a relatively late development in the history of human religious notions. But how did humankind get from "good spirits and bad spirits" to the much more complicated and infinitely more pernicious concept that produced "God and Devil"?

It took a very long time. Earliest humanity decided that almost everything that happened to them, whether "good" or "bad" was the result of the work of "spirits". They were entirely wrong of course, the consciousnesses called "spirits" had and have very little to do with ordinary physical beings. Most things that "happen" to people and things.....JUST HAPPEN! In any case, wrong or right, Religion was

the eventual product of their efforts to propitiate those spirits so that "good" was preponderant over "bad". It is "The Devil" which is the most harmful of all these ideas! Let's see where "he" came from. If we wish to look at the various religious systems which can be described as "Dualistic", then we must look at all religions which base their theologies on the existence of intrinsic "good" and "evil".

We have then got to look at all of humanity's religious systems with the exception of the most austere, purely agnostic sects of Hinayana Buddhism, those people who follow ONLY the proven direct teachings of Gautama Siddhartha himself, and also the most intellectually abstract and severe and truly "Vedic" among the Brahmanists (Hindus), those called Vedantin Brahmins.

The question that arises is, if there are two groups within major and mainstream religions which are not dualistic, how, and why did all the rest become dualistic?

Well, one reason is that humans ALWAYS find it so very much simpler to follow the path of least resistance!

Humanity's original religion was, of course, animism-spiritism-poly-theism, and naturally it was totally dualistic in a quite simplistic sense of the term dualistic. It was the Mazdazdians who developed a more sophisticated version of duality. It was from the Chaldean Mazdazdians that present day mainstream religion obtained its dualistic philosophy. It was intrinsically dualistic Chaldean Mazdazdianism that was the basic source of all of this planet's institutionalized religions today. Or at least so I believe. I believe so because the basic elements of Mazdazdian duality are easily identifiable in all contemporary religions and there are very few other elements which partake of such wide-spread commonality.

The religion of Egypt may have contributed some things to the mix, such as the Osiran-Setian Duality, but Egyptian Religion, and its "Gods" or "Neters"; were intrinsically far too abstract, far too intellectually complicated, and most of all, like all things Egyptian, far too place specific, to be the foundation of our world's religions. Egyptian religion was one that was very clearly among the most advanced conceptually, but it was the religion of people of the Land of Khem and of no where else!

It's also true that almost all mainstream religions firmly deny that their religion is derivative! They all claim not simply perfect originality but divine revelation as well! Because they make those claims of "individuality" and "revelation", when that claim is proven to be untrue.....the entire religious structure is totally invalidated! So-called "Divine Revelation" is not only always simple "revisionism", it is also always a sign that the person or religion claiming it is totally insecure about the validity of their argument. A valid proposition does not need to be of "divine" origin in order to be valid.



The Jews, who are the primary source of Western Religious beliefs today, picked up this slightly more sophisticated dualistic approach to Theology/Cosmology from the Zoroastrian successors to the Chaldean Mazdazdian Mages during the period of their history called "The Babylonian Captivity". During this period of their social and religious history the religion of the Jews underwent what, while it seems important, was nonetheless, intrinsically only a very superficial change from an extremely primitive spiritist-animist but monotheistic form of propitiatory religion to a somewhat more sophisticated version of the same primitive system to which had been added Zoroastrian dualism. In the course of this maturation process, Jahweh the vindictive gained the Universality of Ormuzd - Ahura-Mazda but unfortunately for humankind, did not change "his" character and personal attributes at all! Ormuzd, or Ahura-Mazda was a very much more benign and neutral god-concept than was Ycch of the desert Ibirii.

Now, the "light principal" Ormuzd - Ahura-Mazda concept included in its nature, the "dark principle" or Ahriman. Because of that the Jews picked up an extremely "watered-down" version of the Ahrimanic Principal, and, as appropriate to the level of social and intellectual sophistication of the Jews themselves at that time, their version of the Ahrimanic concept, Shaitan, or "The Adversary" or "Tempter", was very much less complicated.

In any case, the "Satan concept" was never to be an important part of Jewish Theology and is very infrequently mentioned or dealt with in Jewish thought and religion. This is hardly surprising however, because the Jewish Deity, Jahweh, was far too terrible in "his" actions, far too terrifying in "his" attributes, to require any thing more negative than itself to awe "his" adherents into cowering submission!

As I indicated earlier, I suppose that it's fair to say, and not altogether impossible that the Jews or Hebrews had previously "picked up" an extremely distorted version of the Osiran-Setian Dualism during their 220 year sojourn in Egypt. Set, in his most exoteric aspects, could easily be seen as a foretaste of "Satan". There's certainly an etymological connection!

But, once again, the Egyptian concept which the Set-Osiran dichotomy represents was far more complicated and essentially abstract than the triadic religion's Satan-God dichotomy because Set and Osiris were not entirely separate. Set and Osiris, like Baldur and Holder, Apollo and Dionysus - Artemis, and The Dioscurii, were part of an almost entirely universal "God-concept" in which a pair of twins represented the "Sun and the Moon", the "light and dark" or "positive-negative" aspects of reality. The fact that these were depicted as "twins", or two "sides" of one entity, show that to these peoples, "good" and "evil" and "darkness" and "light", were seen as two sides, or rather two faces, to one reality. Two necessary sides! The "twin god" concept tells us that evil is good.....and good is evil!

Another aspect of the "twin Gods" concept is sexual. There are Freyr and Freyja who are both twins and lovers and who represent healing and nature. There are

Apollo and Artemis who represent healing, artistry, nature, and sensuality and virginity as well. There is the Apollo-Dionysus duality which represents the mystery of male and homosexual as Dionysus is, while the masculine aspect of Artemis, a feminine but still masculine aspect of Apollo.

Personally, I think that as far as the "set-Osiris duality" and the Hebrews are concerned; it's probably more a kind of "distant memory" that "clicked" when it was confronted with the Babylonian duality. I say this because it is not clear to me that the Ibirii or Hebrews were intellectually or philosophically open to the very complex and extremely esoteric Egyptian Religion during their stay in Egypt.

Islam too, as an outgrowth of Judaism, relegates its own representative of the Ahrimanic Principle; which is Eblis or Shaitan, to a mostly inferior, historically ignored status. The current Iranian fascination with "The Great Satan" is entirely political and has nothing at all to do with dualistic theology!

IT REMAINED FOR CHRISTIANITY TO ELEVATE THE NEGATIVE SIDE OF THE DUALITY TO THE LINCHPIN OF THEIR RELIGION!

That dualism which features the object of my discussion.....The Devil.....as an equal (or very nearly so, because if "you can't have God without the Devil", they are clearly equals)) adversary of, and to, the Creative Urge, is based upon the Persian original and is almost entirely limited to Western Civilization and, in particular, to that portion of it which was overwhelmed by Christianity. To which, and through which, Christianity as an institution, and individual Christians as individuals, have together wrought unimaginable harm through their total pre-occupation with evil.

I HAVE COME TO THE INESCAPABLE CONCLUSION THAT CHRISTIANITY IS AN ENTIRELY PASSIVE-SUBMISSIVE BELIEF STRUCTURE WHICH IS BASED ALMOST ENTIRELY ON THE INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIAN'S TERROR OF WHAT THEIR RELIGION TEACHES IN REGARD TO POST MORTEM REALITY.

Because of that terror, Christianity, as an institution, has been driven by its own fears into a position of total avoidance of the inevitability and naturalness of the post mortem state, and has made of death a thing of horror and woe to be avoided at all costs. Not that anyone of them, including their putative deity, has ever managed to avoid it!

The practices and beliefs that grew out of that preoccupation with death, have been totally subsumed by Christianity's absolute and unending preoccupation with "sin", "evil", and, of course, the alleged progenitor of "sin" and "evil"....."Satan". Because of that monomaniacal preoccupation with sin, with the "wages of sin", and with the awful post-mortem retribution for "sin" which is threatened by their religion, we find Christians in a position in which it is absolutely unquestionable that:.....

"LUCIFER"....."MEPHISTOPHELES"....."BEELZEBUB"....."THE DEVIL"....."THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS"....."SATAN".....OR THE SO-CALLED SOURCE OF ALL "INTRINSIC EVIL", IS THEIR REAL OBJECT OF WORSHIP.

Christianity is not a religion based upon the love of good, or "God", or upon beneficence based upon that love. No, it is no such thing at all! It is an incredibly oppressive and coercive belief structure totally enthralled by terror of death and of post-mortem retribution. A religion whose entire world-view is almost completely limited by and to the fear of, propitiation of, fascination with, and when all is said and done, WORSHIP OF, a supernal "evil" power. Due to their fear of "Satan", who among many other functions, administers the "post-mortem retribution" and who is, simultaneously, the cause of that retribution, Christianity has enslaved itself to that "force", entirely imaginary though it is!

It is not a conscious thing to Christians but it is, and very conspicuously so, the essential nature of their religion, whether consciously so, or accidentally so! I'm not saying that just because I don't like Christianity. Let's look at the evidence. If my premise isn't correct, why do some sects of radical Christians build round barns because they believe the "Devil can catch you in corners!"? If I'm wrong, why do so many "God-fearing" Christians believe with Saint Paul....."Spare the rod and spoil the child"? Because children are seen as especially susceptible to Satan's influence. Remember the saying: "idle hands the Devil's work do make"? When these "spare the rod folks" say they're "going to beat the devil out of a child".....why is it not just a quaint turn of phrase?.....Why do Christians, mainline as well as radicals, attribute so many facets of the life experience, especially those things which are life affirming such as sex and humor, to be "works of The Devil"? Why did the so-called "Fathers of Christianity" consider laughter to be sinful? Why did they consider simple joy to be sinful? Why do so many Christians, mainline as well as radical, view the Human Body and its beauty as "Satan's Snare"? Why do so many Christians, mainline as well as radical, hold so firmly with Savonarola that all beauty is the "Devils snare"? If I am wrong about Christianity's absolute preoccupation with "The Devil" why then is almost anything which is joyful, happy, and life affirming attributed to "Satan"? Art, music, dance, laughter, poetry, literature, the theater, opera, and, when it was first introduced, even coffee, all have been designated "works of The Devil"!

In their total preoccupation with "Satan".....even wealth is seen as "Satan's". To both the Christians and the Mazdazdian-Zoroastrians, Ahriman-Satan is viewed as the "Patron" or 'Lord" of the Planet.....IF THAT'S NOT THEIR GOD THEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS!

I've complained that one of religion's greatest flaws is that it propagates complete falsehoods, and that it completely knowingly does so, that it lies and lies and lies! The two most harmful of those lies are to be found in Christianity's eschatology and in the dualistically engendered belief in the essentially evil nature of humankind!

THERE IS NO GREATER LIE THAT HAS BEEN TOLD TO HUMANKIND IN ALL OF HISTORY, THAN THAT LIE WHICH INSISTS THAT THE INTRINSIC NATURE OF THE HUMAN CONDITION IS EVIL!

LIFE IS NOT A CONDITION OF INTRINSIC "SIN"!

THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO SUCH THING AS "INTRINSIC SIN"!

"Sin" is an idea which is totally silly, or at least it would be "silly" were it not so very deadly!

Mahayana Buddhism, Adwaitee Brahmanism, and all extant Animism-Spiritism or Pantheistic tribal religions have "devils" and "demons" it is true. But those are not supreme and intrinsically evil forces! In all of these groups the demonic forces are simply the same old "good spirit-bad spirit" dichotomy that humans have been propitiating since the race first dropped out of the trees! It's only the Judeo-Christian-Islamic Triad that makes of the dichotomy of perceived "good and evil" the foundation of their belief structures.

DAEMON EST DEUS.....INVERSUS!!!!

A Devil, is a God.....reversed! That is the meaning of that old Latin axiom. But, as regards what I'm talking about right now, the truth of the matter is that, when one considers the nature of the theology of the religions which are "mainstream", or dominant in our society:

"GOD" (ALLAH, JAHWEH, JEHOVAH) IS A "DEVIL".....REVERSED!!!!

In other words:

DEUS EST DAEMON.....INVERSUS!!!!

It is absolutely clear to me that neither "God" nor "Devil" exist! At least they do not exist as our religions have made nightmares out of both ends of that silly spectrum! The Judeo-Christian Islamic religions, the dominant religious force on the planet, have made a terrible mistake.....they promoted, or rather they elevated a minor "salamander" or Fire Elemental, which is the most that the entity variously called Ycch, or Jahweh, or Jehovah, or Allah, or "God", of their religious traditions could ever have been, to a Universal Deity.

It is pretty obvious that elementals and other non-physical or spiritual consciousnesses can be found displaying many levels of evolution. Unfortunately the Judeo-Christian-Islamic "Triad" chose an elemental of the least developed type upon which to base their Theology. Basic elementals are the only level of proto-physical consciousness that are available for visible contact with primitives to enable them to build such myths.

The most important thing for us all to bear permanently in mind in this discussion of duality as it has manifested in human society as "God" and "Devil", is just how

much terrible harm has been inflicted on humankind by the concept taught by humanity's religions that the human condition is intrinsically evil.....the idea that physicality is wrong....the lunatic notion that one needs feel guilty about one's state-of-being!

It is absolutely impossible to deny that the Doctrine of Original Sin which Christianity derived from both its Jewish roots and the Stoicism of Epictetus has only one thing to say, and that thing is that: IT IS INHERENTLY WRONG TO BE HUMAN!!

AND THAT IS EITHER INSANITY OR A BALD-FACED LIE!

It is absolutely clear to me that many of the people who were the founding fathers of what we now know as Christianity were, in fact, when not enervatingly stupid, more than just probably insane. If "The Confessions of saint Augustine" are any guide, the "founding fathers" were, as Augustine was, driven to mental breakdown by the inherent dichotomies of stoicism and Christianity and the simple fact of their human condition.

But that is not true about the leadership of that huge but still hardly monolithic thing which we call modern Christianity. On the other hand it is clearly unquestionably true when we speak of some of the non-mainstream or peripheral Christian sects, and it is definitely true when applied to the fundamentalist leadership. A good portion of that "leadership" can certainly be said to at least border on the insane, and a not inconsiderable percentile of the fundamentalist leadership are totally insane. In this case, of course, "insane" must be understood to possess its intrinsic meaning.....i.e. an absolute incapacity to separate fantasy from reality. They cannot separate the fantasy that is their religion from the reality of human life.

The mainstream Christian leadership is hardly to be seen as insane or accused of such. No they are clearly not insane, but nevertheless, as they are sane, perhaps it's far more culpable, they are engaged in selling humankind a really damaging lie with their teaching and preaching on evil and sin! And I think they know it!

The Devil, and "his" concomitant....."sin", are a unitary concept. You really can't have the one without the other. As that concept was finally fully developed by the Christian establishment it is not at all a Theological concept

WHAT IT ACTUALLY IS, IS A PROPAGANDA INSTRUMENT!

The primary purpose of this "sales tool" was to create a situation in which "Daemon est Deus Inversus!"!!!!

The primary purpose of Christianity was, and still is, to separate human beings completely from their natural state-of-being, to divorce the human condition from reality. The purpose for doing this is, as always, control and power and profit for the religious hierarchy!

The reason behind this scheme was to create a need where none had ever before existed! Human Beings were to be convinced of their own total unworthiness, they were to be convinced of their absolute need of "salvation", they were to be convinced of the existence of a totally super-human entity whose only purpose was the damnation and degradation of human beings, they were to be convinced that the only vehicle for their salvation was Christianity! It worked! Humankind "fell for it", the priestly schemers triumphed.....as a result the civilization based on Christianity lives today.....divorced from nature.....divided from the natural joys of the human condition.....enraptured by self-hatred, self-rejection, and fear, and guilt!

The primary vehicle for this "convincing" was the creation of "The Devil". The founders of Christianity took the most popular Gods of the pre-Christian societies and converted them into "The Devil" (It's amazing how many of the characteristics of Apollo, Hermes, Herne, Cernunnos, Odhinn, Loki, Yngvi, Frohdi, Dionysus, Lugh, Pan, and Mithras can be found in medieval descriptions of "The Devil").

The founders of Christianity who made the devil out of the Lord of Light, didn't bother with the complexities involved in turning any "Goddesses" into "demonesses". Perhaps because they lacked understanding and knowledge. Perhaps because like the Jews before them (out of which group at least, Saint Paul, who was the primary inspirer of the eventual religious character of Christianity, evolved), the founders of Christianity totally devalued the feminine side of the human race. Saul of Tarsus ("Saint" Paul) was clearly a misogynist and, as his relationship with "Saint Timothy" clearly indicates, probably a largely but not entirely repressed homosexual. He was also clearly a misanthrope!

In spite of that total over-all devaluation of the feminine they did do one thing that turned out to be anything but a simple thing. It was also a terribly contradictory action, and has remained contradictory and confusing within their theology to this day. What did they do? Well, realizing that a really strong majority of people at the time gave at least as much honor and devotion to The Great Mother Goddess as they did to Apollo, they turned Isis–Hathor–Demeter–Astarte–Frigga–Brigid, or the Motherhood aspect of the triple Goddess, into "Mary the Virgin" or the parthenogenic "Mother of God".

This was entirely with malice aforethought. Demeter and Frigga and Isis and all of the other Mother-Goddesses were earthy and symbolic of both the joys and pains of life. "Mary Mother of God" was made to be both a virgin and, because of their anti-feminism and their hatred of life's basic joys, she was made to be, improbably, a Mother. It is important to remember that, to the earliest Christians, especially Saint Paul, Motherhood and marriage were not necessarily desirable states. Those people hated life, they hated mankind for being alive, and so they hated sex in all of its manifestations. They made the "Mother of God" both a virgin and a mother because motherhood coupled with virginity was an utterly inhuman attribute and was symbolic only of the pains and denial they wished to become inherent in the lives of their followers. It also made life almost impossibly

difficult for all women who could not "live-up" to that impossible paradigm. "Mater Dolorosa" is her primary attribute. The "Sorrowful Mother" has caused pain and sorrows to all women who have fallen under the sway of the religion that invented her. Because of the character given to her, and the negativity towards sex and true motherhood that her character imbued in all other women, the Church Fathers succeeded in their goal. The remoteness given "The Holy Mother" only served to further devalue physical women.

It is also clearly true that many, but not all, of the various "Virgin Goddesses" that pre-dated Christianity had long been symbolic of the darker side of life and of spirit. Most human sacrifice had been at altars of the "Moon Goddess", or some version either of a Virgin huntress or a crone. The Irish Morrigan, the Hellenic Artemis, the Teutonic Hela, and the Nordic Skaadi, are certainly terrifying in many of their attributes, and in the east, the Dravidian-Indian "Kali" to whom the Shaivites make living sacrifice is just such a one.

The over-all goal of the Church Fathers was to divide the people from their former beliefs and allegiances and make them fear the post-mortem results to themselves of any respect or allegiance paid to their former deities, who were now "revealed" by Christianity as devils and demons. The twin lies of "heaven" and "hell" were created to further that goal. There are absolutely no such places anywhere in the universe, but Christianity and the other religions have certainly made a "hell" out of physical existence on the planet earth!

Once again "Death", or rather, the "Post Mortem State" or what happens to an individual after they die, is used as the threat! This makes of Christianity a simple and very brutal "Protection Racket".....i.e. "stop thinking for yourself.....do what only we say.....give us your absolute and blind allegiance....or you will be tormented in the flames of Hell by the Devil and his minions for all eternity!"

It all results from the innate human misunderstanding of the meaning of the human condition. Now what can we, should we, "do" about it?

Do we pass a law "against" Christianity? Do we physically attack Christianity as the most powerful and corrupt of all religious institutions?.....No, that's how Christianity gained power in the first place.....Christianity always glories in, and profits from, false martyrdom!

Most of those whose names are listed in "The Book of Martyrs" are entirely fictional. But this is entirely true:

**CHRISTIANITY HAS CLEARLY MARTYRED INFINITELY MORE PEOPLE THAT EVER WERE MARTYRED ON ITS BEHALF.**

Do we pass laws "against" institutionalized religions in general? No, we've got far too many laws now.....far too many of them based upon Judeo-Christian intrusive notions of "morality" and altogether too many of them largely unenforceable! When laws are passed which people find intrusive, which people find absurd, which people refuse to honor, then all respect for "Law" and the structures

upheld by "Law" is lost. The structures themselves, eventually and inexorably follow .....

Do we propagandize against organized religion? No, not really though this work of mine might surely be construed as simply propaganda against Institutional Religion. It is, in part exactly that, I certainly would be ashamed to so divorce myself from reality as to deny it! But it's something I believe to be far more than just propaganda against Institutional Religion.

What can we do? There's only one thing we can do and that is we must provide an alternative to "Big R Religion".....we must provide an attractive alternative which is constructive rather than destructive, valid as opposed to invalid, honest as opposed to corrupt!.....We must provide an alternative that is neither patriarchal or feminist.....We must provide an alternative to the aimlessness and loss of modern religion.....We know the need of humankind, and now, having identified the need, we clearly must fill the need!

Humanity desperately needs something to respond to their need of transcendental and existential security.....Humanity really deeply needs something external to themselves to enable them to gain a valid internal sense of self-worth!.....Humanity needs to be told that it's really O.K. to be!.....Humanity needs to know that being human is a good and a positive thing!.....Humanity needs both it's existential and social fears ameliorated!.....Humanity really needs its hand held!

HOW?????.....BY WHOM?????.....WITH WHAT?????

It is my strongest hope that in the preceding pages I have largely invalidated, or at least tentatively invalidated all the systems for religious oppression which my readers have experienced. I hope I've been able to point out to you many things about your fondest beliefs that you have never even thought about before this. I hope I've been able to connect the cutting edge of science to your daily lives. I hope I've been able to at least link that science with your own view of reality. I know that I've been beating my drum now for lo these many pages and so I very much doubt that anyone is going to be too surprised by what I am going to prescribe.

I am proposing a kind of Neo-Shamanism as a replacement for religion. I assure you however, that Shamanism is NOT a religion! Certainly both entities deal with humankind's relationship with the spiritual, but the resemblance ends there.

What is the difference?

RELIGION IS SOMETHING IN WHICH A PERSON BELIEVES, AND, BASED UPON THAT BELIEF, FOLLOWS. SHAMANISM IS SOMETHING WHICH ONE IS AND, AS A RESULT OF THAT STATE-OF-BEING, PARTICIPATES IN FULLY.



In Shamanism, the numinous acts upon, and interacts with, the inhabitants of the physical planes of reality. It is entirely experiential and most important factor of all, it is initiated by the numinous. In true Shamanism, while there is at least an implied ontology, there is no Cosmology, no Theology, no Eschatology, and most important of all, no mythology. Religion, however, and I do mean all religion, is merely a body of "official" myths, speculations, and theories about Cosmology, Eschatology, theology, and ontology. with references to the numinous far a few between and usually fantastical, all of which is imposed upon other humans by the official administrative center of the religion in question.

Humanity, if it is to survive both the present traumas and the coming traumas, must go, in its relationship to the numinous, in its relationship to the realities of spirit, from an anecdotal and extremely oppressive relationship, which truthfully, is all humanity has ever had from its organized religions, to an experiential and un-oppressive relationship in which each and every person consciously has their own personal interaction with the numinous.

Somehow, each and every man and woman must allow the numinous to "reach out and touch" them by way of the Shamanic rainbow bridge.

Somehow, each and every living man and woman must consciously cross the Shamanic rainbow bridge between life and death at least once, and preferably more than once, in each of their lives.

"Everyman" and "every woman" must know, not believe, not think, but know, that there is infinitely more to life and existence than that which meets the eye and that which the hand can touch!

Everyone, must learn, via the Shamanic interface, that life is death is life is death is life! Then, and only then, may we ALL say: "death where is thy sting?"....."Death where is thy victory?"....

**FOR DEATH AND BIRTH ARE SIMPLY DOORWAYS FROM LIFE  
EVERLASTING INTO LIFE EVERLASTING!**

For what is truly of value in life itself, always is of the character of the numinous. The mind itself, and the consciousness and ever growing awareness of which the mind is the vehicle, is of the numinous, it has very little connection with corporeality!

It is, of course, true that Shamanhood is not available to Everyman and Everywoman, and it probably won't be for millennia of further evolution. But today, Everyman and Everywoman can easily and joyously experience the Shamanic bridge through interfacing with those who can be the bridge.....Both for themselves and for everyone.....Shamans and Shamankas, or the Tulkus among us!

The most important question we must answer in this regard is this: do we have to revert to primitivism to do this?

The answer? NO! Of course not! In fact, it would be totally counter-productive to do so. Why? Well it's because pseudo-primitivity is fake primitivity, and what is fake clearly isn't real, and if it isn't real, it isn't, nor can it be, valid.

In six years, in the year 2001 of the Common Era, the twenty first century of the common era begins, that.....is a fact....it is a fact that cannot be ignored. Humanity must live in that reality, the reality of the twenty first century, and in no other.

The most important thing I'm trying to accomplish is create a methodology for the expression of the Shamanic linkage with the numinous that is appropriate and valid in the century to come. We cannot go backwards, it would be a disaster to try to do so! The Shamanic linkage, the Shamanic experience of the numinous, the Shamanic experience of the world of spiritual reality,.....is very real indeed! The Tulku who speaks with and for the numinous does exactly what they say they do, they relate humankind with the realms of spirit in an interlocutory and healing manner.

To make it as real to you as it is to me is the task I have set myself to accomplish! Needless to say, it is impossible for me to make it real to you by way of the medium of the printed page. Experiential is experiential, it is not the same as "learned"!

In this work I have spoken of the condition I call "tripolarity", one of the reasons experience is so important is that once a human being has experienced the actual reality of their own tripartite nature, then life can never be the same for them again. To really know tripolarity is to know your own immortality, and you can't imagine how much that changes your life for the better every day and in every way.

So far in this book I've talked about Shamanism a lot but it's mostly been in a "comparative religion" sense of the term, although it is clearly not a religion. I've also talked a lot about Shamanism in an historical perspective sense. Now I think it's time and past time that I talked about the Shamanic experience in the experiential sense.

There is clearly a greater reality that exists outside of and beyond our own personal physical reality. There is simply no question of that fact. There are also "beings", centers-of-consciousness who exist within the context of that greater reality. They are the numinous consciousnesses that are at a different level in the evolution of consciousness than are those who exist in the physical levels of the many levels of realities in which consciousness evolves.

Physical beings, human beings, must evolve and mature away from considering these entities as "Gods - Goddesses" or "divinities". Humans absolutely must remove all elements of awe, fear, and worship from their relationships with these beings. It is perfectly feasible for humans to have mind-to-mind relationships with extra-human beings. It is the creation of such relationships and the building of a

bridge between those levels of the realities that has caused me to develop my philosophy.

The philosophy itself, and the format of the ritualistic Neo-Shamanic activities that are part of the philosophy, is designed to meet the needs of both the human participants and the non-physical trans-human participants. It is absolutely necessary that the bridging of the realities takes place at this time, and that a greater scope of clear two-way communications be established between numinous consciousnesses and the consciousnesses of those in physical form.

Ritual is simply a carefully designed and crafted process to "short-circuit" or bypass the blockages to such bridge building without harming the physical components. The major block existing in communications between the physical entity and the non-physical entity is the surety on the part of the physical entity that they cannot do such a thing. Now of course, not every physical person can, there are certain criteria which must be met. But, nevertheless, for those who meet those criteria and possess the intrinsic ability ritual is a subtle and harmless way to remove both that negative attitude and those blockages.

At this point in history, there is an urgent need for the entities which we call "numinous", or the entities of higher consciousness, to be enabled to manifest directly within the rapidly changing milieu that is our physical universe. What do these manifesting entities hope to accomplish? What purposes do they serve? The answer is simple and forthright, but it may sound a little melodramatic. The answer is that their motivation is to save the human race from self-destructing, and to save the planet itself from further destruction. The reason for that motivation is that at least at this point in the evolution of consciousness, the human condition is a vital ingredient in that evolution. It won't always be so, but it is so now.