

ALEISTER CROWLEY'S SATANISM

INTRODUCTION

This is a collection of quotes from Aleister Crowley showing the importance that “The Devil,” “Satan,” or “Lucifer” did indeed have in his religious system of Thelema. Although Crowley did not use the term “Satanism” when describing his religion, it is obvious from his writings that he did in fact consider Aiwaz, the spirit who dictated *The Book of the Law* to him in 1904, to be one and the same as Satan, the Devil of Christendom, albeit obviously not in the same theological sense of Him being the source of “Evil” or a rebel Angel against “God.” Instead, to Crowley, it almost seems that Satan is “God.”

This is not an attempt at saying Aleister Crowley was any sort of murderer or criminal, and is not an attack on Crowley nor on Satanism. On the contrary, this list of quotes is simply here to affirm that Crowley was much more of a “Satanist” than many occultists would care to admit. As Hymanaeus Beta, Frater Superior of the O.T.O. rightly pointed out: “If he was a 'Satanist,' which most of his students would dispute, it was on his own terms.”

THE EVIDENCE

“I was in the death struggle with self: God and Satan fought for my soul those three long hours. God conquered — now I have only one doubt left — which of the twain was God?”

- *Aceldama: A Place To Bury Strangers In*

“. . . my falling away from grace was not occasioned by any intellectual qualms; I accepted the theology of the Plymouth Brethren. In fact, I could hardly conceive of the existence of people who might doubt it. I simply went over to Satan's side; and to this hour I cannot tell why.”

“I resolved passionately to reach the spiritual causes of phenomena, and to dominate the material world which I detested by their means. I was not content to believe in a personal devil and serve him, in the ordinary sense of the word. I wanted to get hold of him personally and become his chief of staff.”

- *Confessions*

“The Devil' is, historically, the God of any people that one personally dislikes. This has led to so much confusion of thought that THE BEAST 666 has preferred to let names stand as they are, and to proclaim simply that AIWAZ, the solar-phallic-hermetic 'Lucifer,' is His own Holy Guardian Angel, and 'The Devil' SATAN or HADIT, the Supreme Soul behind RA-HOOR-KHUIT the Sun, the Lord of our particular unit of the Starry Universe. This serpent, SATAN, is not the enemy of Man, but He who made Gods of our race, knowing Good and Evil; He bade 'Know Thyself!' and taught Initiation. He is 'the Devil' of the Book of Thoth, and His emblem is BAPHOMET, the Androgyne who is the hieroglyph of arcane perfection.”

- *Magick in Theory and Practice*

"Thou spiritual Sun! Satan, Thou Eye, Thou Lust! Cry aloud! Cry aloud! Whirl the Wheel, O my Father, O Satan, O Sun! Thou, the Saviour! Silence! Give me Thy Secret! Give me suck, Thou Phallus, Thou Sun! Satan, thou Eye, thou Lust! Satan, thou Eye, thou Lust! Satan, thou Eye, thou Lust! Thou self-caused, self-determined, exalted, Most High!"

"Now this word SABAF, being by number Three score and Ten, is a name of Ayin, the Eye, and the Devil our Lord, and the Goat of Mendes. He is the Lord of the Sabbath of the Adepts, and is Satan, therefore also the Sun, whose number of Magick is 666, the seal of His servant the BEAST."

- *Liber Samekh*

"She certainly gave me what I've been losing. Youth's intensity, its craving, the soul-priapism, huge lust and fierce to her, clamour for her to realize with me that mightiest marriage-dream, that Sacrament of Satan that may be consummated only beneath Night's dome, in utmost silence, because its Elements are not symbols of things, but They themselves."

"When I was Levi, I drew myself as *Ayin* or Baphomet, 'The Devil' with Beast's Head. This is the Beast throned, crowned, exalted; the leaper, the erect, the butter-in. Her womb is my city, Babel. This *Ayin* is then my phallic will, my Holy Guardian Angel, Aiwaz, who was afterwards called Satan."

"Come, Come, Come, Aiwaz! Come, thou Devil Our Lord!"

"My light! O my father the Devil! It hath made all things one, being perfect, even as doth the Darkness!"

"And Her Concoction shall be sweet in our mixed mouths, the Sacrament that giveth thanks to Aiwaz, our Lord God the Devil, that He hath fused His Beast's soul with His Scarlet Whore's, to be One Soul completed, that It may set His image in the Temple of Man, and thrust His Will's rod over them and rule them. And that imperléd sea, dark with that oozy shore-mud which it washed, shall wash us, body and mind, of all that is not He, moisten our throats and loosen our loud Song of praise, Thanksgiving unto Him."

"I sing for God, our Devil, our Lord, Aiwaz."

". . . and know that all my joy, perfect, transcending sense, is given of Aiwaz, whom we call the Devil, whose name is Will, loud-uttered by cocaine, is Love."

"Our Lord the Devil's their Word, the Word Thelema, spoken of me The Beast."

"I with Alostrael alone - we shall do Magick unto our Lord the Devil such as the Earth hath never known."

"Yea! as I loath, I lust; I prostitute myself to thee, perversely prurient - Wilt thou not make this night the nameless nuptial, the Devil thy Lord and mine at Our Black Mass?"

"I invoked Aiwaz, was shown a phantasm of Baphomet, and suddenly determined to recognize this for Him!"

- *The Magical Record of the Beast 666*

HYMN TO SATAN

I adore Thee, King of Evil,
By the body Thou hast fashioned

In the likeness of a devil.
By its purity impassioned

I adore Thee, King of Evil!

I adore Thee, Lord of Malice,
By the soul that Thou hast moulded

Lovely as a lily-chalice
To the sombre sun unfolded.

I adore Thee, Lord of Malice!

By its thirst, the cruel craving
For things infinite, unheard-of,

Dreams devouring and depraving,
Songs no God may guess a word of,
Songs of crime and songs of craving—

By the drear eyes of the devil
Bleak and sterile as they glitter

I adore Thee, King of Evil,
With these lips, as dry and bitter

As the drear eyes of the devil!

I adore Thee, I adore Thee,
I abase myself before Thee,

By the spells that once awoke the
Lust of Chaos I adore Thee,

I adore Thee, I invoke Thee!

- *The Equinox*