A Note On The Book of Wyrd

Since anti-O9A propagandists keep mentioning the fabled (unpublished) 1980s Book of Wyrd - not to be confused with a pamphlet of the same name written by a Mr Bolton in the 1990s - some notes about it are in order.

The original Book of Wyrd was compiled at the suggestion of Chris Bray in the 1980s. He initially agreed to print and publish it. The book was designed to intrigue, test, and recruit a few individuals given that at the time the ONA was recruiting via a PO Box (first in Church Stretton then in Shrewsbury) as mentioned in "The Sinister Game" text {1}.

Anton Long mentioned the Book of Wyrd in a 1992 letter to David Austen, a facsimile of which letter is in the *Satanic Letters of Stephen Brown*. {2} In that letter, AL describes the book as essentially a fable, and mentions that some of its contents belonged to the pre-ONA group The Temple of the Sun. Thus it formed part of the ONA's Labyrinthos Mythologicus {3}.

But to return for a moment to the question of the term 'Nine Angles' and the various rites and so on where the symbolism is employed. As mentioned in my previous letter, the 'Book of Wyrd' was essentially a fable. Chris Bray originally agreed to publish it and intended to 'hype' sales by various advertising ploys. This would have generated guite a lot of interest. The book was never intended to represent what at that time were the esoteric teachings and rituals of the ONA - it was basically an 'introduction' to the Order. Because the ONA version of Satanism was so different from what then was regarded as Satanism (basically the Church of Satan - few at the time in the U.K. knew of the Temple of Set) some common reference points were deemed to be necessary. One of these was a text called 'The Nine Angles' which appeared in the Book of Wyrd. This, and some of the rituals, was taken from a manuscript used by a group called 'The Temple of the Sun'. While this was a Left Hand Path group, it was not the ONA, nor even a part of the ONA, at the time the manuscript was written. (This was mentioned in the original Introduction to the Book of Wyrd.) Most of the (few) members left in this Temple did in fact join the ONA.

The esoteric meaning of the Nine Angles is given in several Order MSS, all of which have now been published in zines such as 'Fenrir' [one appeared in 'Brimstone'] and in works like 'Hostia'. As I mentioned to you in a letter dated 3.x.88 ev, the Nine Angles are understood as 'gates' (or nexions) to the acausal, seven of these being the spheres of the Tree of Wyrd. But beyond this, th nine re-present the pieces of The Star Game - a new form of magickal working appropriate to the next century.

The fact that copies of 'The Book of Wyrd' are still being read, for whatever reasons, is indicative of just how successful the pre-publicity of Mr Bray was. And the fact that its fables, intended to get people thinking for themselves, are not understood as fables is indicative of something else!

* I now move on to other tasks, and soon a new way of living - as is befitting, to gain even more experience.

Extract from a letter from Stephen Brown to Mr Austen, 1992 {4}

According to our information, Bray - or one of his associates - typed out the draft copy and sent it to AL for editing. Bray then for some reason decided not to publish the book. Someone ONA then photocopied this uncorrected draft version, added some marginal notes and a few additions to some of the copies and then mailed the

copies to people interested in the ONA. A facsimile of this draft version was added to the microfilm that the ONA made of some of its - and The Temple of the Sun - MSS and texts, with around ten copies of this microfilm sent to various people, including Professor Kaplan who mentions it in his 1998 book *Nation and Race: The Developing Euro-American Racist Subculture*.

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- {1} https://omega9alpha.wordpress.com/the-sinister-game/
- {2} Satanic Letters of Stephen Brown, volume two. Thormynd Press, 1992.
- {3} https://omega9alpha.wordpress.com/labyrinthos-mythologicus/
- $\{4\}$ In regard to the 'nine angles', refer to https://omega9alpha.wordpress.com /the-term-nine-angles/