



The O9A And Empathy

Editorial Introduction

Given how the Order of Nine Angles (O9A, ONA) has been misleadingly portrayed in the last few years in the Media {1}, and even in Courts of Law, {2} we reprint here an article published in 2011 about the importance of empathy in O9A tradition.

The article was subsequently included in the 2019 book titled *Tyberness* (ISBN 978-1696821742) and which book was part of a trilogy that presents an initiated and detailed understanding of both O9A esoteric philosophy and of the Occult methods of the O9A. The two other books in the trilogy are *Feond* (ISBN 978-1687255624) and *Baeldraca* (ISBN 978-1689931953).

A rare O9A manuscript dating from the early 1980s, dealing with the O9A Rite of Nine Angles, emphasized the importance of women and of empathy in O9A tradition, stating that

"only through the female are the forces represented by the three alchemical substances and their nine combinations capable of being released in a physical way [...] It is the empathy the individual possesses for their surroundings and the forces that makes the rite successful. Such empathy is the only aim of the grade ritual of internal adept and, indeed, of initiation itself."

This rare manuscript was published, in the 1980s, in Stephen Sennitt's LHP Nox zine, and was later included in the book *The Infernal Texts: Nox & Liber Koth*, Falcon Publications, 1997, ISBN 978-1935150732.

A reading of *Dyssolving: Diary of an Internal Adept* {3} also highlights the importance of empathy in O9A tradition, with the Rite of Internal Adept designed to cultivate in the candidate the human faculty of empathy in relation to Nature.

{1} LA Weekly, May 2, 2018. Chicago Reader, Dec 14, 2018. The Independent, Feb 18, 2019. The Daily Telegraph, Feb 17, 2019. The Sun, 22 Feb 2019. The Times, March 22 2019.

{2} At the October 2019 trial at Manchester Crown Court of a teenager charged with terrorism offences, the prosecuting counsel - Michelle Nelson QC - stated that the O9A is "self-consciously explicitly malevolent" and is the "most prominent and recognisable link between Satanism and the extreme right," and that a "things to do" list written by the defendant included the entry "shed empathy".

{3} <https://omega9alpha.files.wordpress.com/2019/11/diary-internal-adept-v1.pdf>

The Place of Empathy in the Esoteric Tradition of the Order of Nine Angles

The Order of Nine Angles considers empathy to be important, and a natural human faculty; a faculty which enables an intuition concerning - a knowing, an experience of - other humans, other Earth-dwelling life, of Nature [1], and of the Cosmos ('the heavens') beyond the planet which is currently our home. The knowing that empathy provides is that of a-causality; of ourselves as a nexion, and of the non-linear connexions which bind all living beings because such beings are alive.

In effect, empathy provides a wordless (an esoteric) understanding - a perception - of the nature of living beings, and this perception compliments the perception of phenomena by means of the observations and experiments which forms the basis for scientific knowledge. Thus can empathy - when cultivated, developed, and used - extend the limited knowledge, and the limited understanding, of Reality that we may obtain from science.

In the O9A, the cultivation of the faculty of empathy is an essential part of the training of the initiate as it is considered to be one of the many esoteric skills which Adepts must possess, and - indeed - as one of the esoteric skills which distinguishes an Adept from a non-adept. Thus, when consciously cultivated and developed by esoteric means [2], empathy is a Dark Art; and the skill, the faculty, so used by an Adept is and has been variously described by the terms esoteric-empathy, dark-empathy, sinister-empathy, and sinisterly-numinous empathy.

The rudiments of this skill - of this particular esoteric Dark Art - can be learnt by undertaking the standard (the basic) Grade Ritual of Internal Adept, which Ritual lasts for one particular alchemical season (around three months) [3]. Mastery of this Dark Art involves - with one known exception [4] - undertaking the advanced Rite of Internal Adept, which lasts for a different alchemical

season (at least six months, sometimes longer depending on geographical location).

However, further development of this skill, this faculty, is, while exceedingly difficult, possible according to O9A tradition and involves a successful completion of the traditional, the Camlad (the Rounwytha) Rite of The Abyss [5], and it is this further - this advanced - development and then the use of the faculty of empathy which not only distinguishes the Magus/Mousa but which also provides them with a deep insight into the true nature of Reality and thence the beginnings of wisdom.

The esoteric technique that is the O9A Rite of Internal Adept has been shown, by many decades of experience, to work in cultivating the faculty of empathy, and thus in developing the skill of Dark Empathy. During this Rite, the candidate has nowhere to hide - they are alone, in a natural and non-urban environment, bereft of human contact; bereft of diversions and distractions; bereft of comforts and especially bereft of the modern technology that allows and encourages the rapid and vapid and mundane communication of abstractions and impulsive emotions and responses.

All the candidate has are earth, sky, weather, whatever wildlife exists in their chosen location - and their own feelings, dreams, beliefs, determination, and hopes. They can either cling onto their ego (their presumed separate self-identity) and their past - onto the mundane world they have chosen to temporarily leave behind - or they can allow themselves to become attuned to the natural rhythm of Nature and of the Cosmos beyond, beyond all causal abstractions: beyond even those esoteric ones manifest, for instance, in the Septenary Tree of Wyrð, which are but intimations, pointers, symbols, toward and of the acausal essence often obscured by causal forms and by written and spoken words, and which acausal essence such a development of empathy provides a wordless and an esoteric understanding of.

Thus does this Rite affect, and change, the candidate, and thus does it serve as the foundation for the next stage of the journey, some years hence: the move toward, into, and beyond The Abyssal Nexion, and which nexion is where the beginnings of wisdom can be found.

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Notes

[1] We consider Nature to be a type of being. That is, Nature is something alive which has the property of existence; which changes, and which causes or brings about changes in those other types of living being - those species of living beings - which are part of Nature. That is, Nature is the animating force which imbues living beings here on Earth with the property of life and which causes or

brings about changes in such living beings.

[2] This conscious cultivation and development of esoteric skills - in this case of empathy - is one of reasons for the existence of esoteric, Occult, groups such as the Order of Nine Angles. For such esoteric groups have the knowledge, the personal experience, the traditions, the techniques, to facilitate and encourage such skills, and which skills enable the interior, personal, alchemical, change in the individual - the journey from Initiate to Adept and beyond - which it is one of the aims of all genuine esoteric groups to encourage.

[3] The basic or standard Rite is given in O9A texts such as *Naos*, and involves the candidate in dwelling alone in an isolated wild area for at least three months.

[4] The one exception is the Rounwytha - the rare individual (who is usually of the female gender) who is naturally gifted with this still uncommon faculty. Refer to *The Rounwytha Way In History and Modern Context*.

[5] This Rite is given in *The Abyssal Nexion*, and involves the individual living in isolation in a dark cave or cavern for a lunar month.

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