

LIBER ALIF:
A Note on the Founding of the Ordo Templi Baphe-Metis

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On January 14, 1985, e.v. (An LXXX, A.H.), the Ordo Templi Baphe-Metis was founded by Ares Animo, the Emperor, 325. This came about as the result of ritual sex-Magick, undertaken for the purpose of consecrating a hand-hewn plaque depicting BAPHOMET (after a sketch by Eliphas Levi, though with the pentagram inverted, as in Case's Atu XV). Fra. Ares Animo had fashioned the plaque two days earlier, Sol in Capricorn (appropriately enough). He had assumed leadership of the Order by virtue of his knowledge that in a previous incarnation, he was a Knight of the Temple of Solomon the King (Templar), named Rawlfe. (The Order's Akashic medium had spelled the name Ralfe, though this did not work out Qabalistically. Ares Animo uses Gematria to check and double-check suitability of appellations, and it was in this way that he identified Sarahiel, his Holy Guardian Angel and determined as well that his Magick number was 325.) Rawlfe's Great Work, the medium reported, had been cut short by an assassin. In his present incarnation, Ares Animo has resumed the Great Work, and to that end founded the Ordo Templi Baphe-Metis.

Prior to founding the O.T.B., Ares Animo had considered himself a probationer in the Ordo Templi Orientis, having quite successfully mastered at least the divinitory arts of that august organization. In a state of trance, he received, from Sarahiel, a divine message, or Essential Truth:

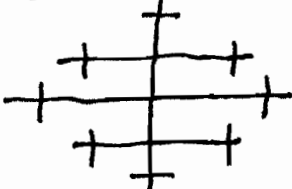
THE ECSTASY OF SEX IS THE ECSTASY
OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF "GOD"

This revelation had not been found anywhere in the literature of the O.T.O., the writings of To Mega Therion (Aleister Crowley), or anywhere else so far as Ares Animo could discern. It is obviously a Tantric concept. Ares Animo may have known it intuitively all along, as he had experienced out-of-body episodes during coitus with certain partners and knew that workings in the IX^o release powerful energies and that sex-Magick, therefore, would play an important role in his own Great Work.

Prior to the afternoon of January 12, all of Ares Animo's attempts to evoke the Great Hermaphroditic Deity had failed. He had not been able to exchange gnosis with his Lord by fasting,

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use of mind-altering chemicals, or even, in one desperate attempt, the tattooing of the God's Sacred Cross on his arm:



Finally, on January 12, working in the VIII^O, the exchange of gnosis was consummated. At the exact moment of union, the temple was filled with the sound of bells -- the bells of the Sacred Goat of Mendes. Baphomet was Ares Animo and Ares Animo was Baphomet and the two were as One. Ares Animo was rechristened DAEVA ARES ANIMO.

The Ordo Templi Baphe-Metis is now accepting Probationers. It is a Gnostic-Thelemic temple order with members world-wide. The Order consists of an Outer and an Inner Order. Previously, Ares Animo had thought that the Inner Order was made up exclusively of spirits and daemons, rather like the so-called Secret Chiefs who were said to be in occasional contact with the Golden Dawn. Research into Templarism, however, convinced him that the O.T.B. should have an Inner Order for those initiated into the Higher Mysteries. Probationers are expected to have (or to acquire, through O.T.B. Home Study Course lessons) working knowledge of the following subjects:

1. Qabalah
2. Divination
 - a. Tarot
 - b. I Ching
 - c. Geomancy
3. History of the Knights of the Temple of Solomon the King (Templars)
4. The writings of Aleister Crowley, To Mega Therion, The Beast, 666.
5. Alchemy
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9. Hermetic Magick
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11. Sex-Magick (Advanced grade)
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