

FOR CJCm - If wanted

COMPASSION IS THE VICE OF KINGS

Comment? #

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law...

The problem of 'right conduct' as espoused in the Book of the Law must be a central one for most Thelemites. Of course, the truth of one's 'True Will' is the final word, but as a document the Book is often mispercieved. There are many references to bloodshed, killing and torture. For instance;

'There is death for the dogs' or  
'Trample down the Heathen' etc.

Amongst the concepts of Kingship and the Warrior-way lurks the lure of facist ideology and totalitarianism that some so-called 'Thelemites' today espause, using the Book of the Law as their 'proof'. This is the 'might-makes-right' social darwinism of the Slave Gods and, hopefully, 'they are not of us'. I believe that the key to 'right action' running through the Book is hidden in the word COMPASSION (Commune Passion).

'We have nothing with the outcast and the unfit: let them die in their misery: for they feel not. Compassion is the vice of kings: Stamp down the wretched & the weak: this is the law of the strong ; this is our law and the joy of the world.....' AL.II.21

Seems like an endorsement of rampant willful violence, BUT later 'Hadit' says;

' ...veil not these vices in virtuous words, these vices are my service..' AL.II.58

As a Thelemite, I am a King, compassion is my vice and this vice is in service of Hadit. It is wrong to veil this compassion in virtuous words (bullshit) like 'altruistic' or 'charity' or 'paternal' etc. First, of course, one should look within and 'stamp down' the neuroses, slavish-programming and ego-tendencies that lurk in our own beings. This is far more efficient than striking out at everything that pushes your buttons and is therefore 'outcast and unfit'. The next step seems to be "compassion". What is this? 'Sympathetic consciousness of others distress together with a desire to alleviate it' says Webster's dictionary. Seems contrary to the spirit of AL, ... Or does it? If every man and every woman is a star, shouldn't our mission be to wake each person up to his or her 'starness'? As Perdurabo said, if everyone was doing their true will, there would be no conflict. Every person not doing his or her true will is suffering, of this there is no doubt. To these confused brothers and sisters we must be compassionate, but compassion may entail 'striking low' or putting somebody through their own 'hell' in order <sup>FOR THEM</sup> to wake up. Then ~~there~~ are the poor people who are twisted beyond repair. Like cancer patients who only want to end the agony, for them the end is indeed mercy. Yet it seems clear to me that NO ONE has the right to attack or hurt another without doing so with compassion. While the Book of the Law is superficially elitest (thus attractive to certain types at times) in essence it is cosmically democratic.

How can a 'Thelamite' justify spitting on someone less aware than he or she when Nuit clearly states;

'Let there be no difference made among you between any one thing and any other thing; for thereby there cometh hurt'. AL.I.22

Thelema teaches total responsibility. The sword has two edges and a compassionless being strikes out of fear. Where fear (egoic attachment) is, Hadit is NOT and thus one is then in deep trouble.

I am not advocating 'mercy' or 'turning the other cheek'. AL clearly states that one should turn on anyone who attacks you 'like a serpent' and neutralize the threat. Yet, we must love one another with burning hearts, with PASSION must we live our lives, in joy and beauty, showing others by our example that a life of ecstasy and 'True Will' is not only possible but necessary! The slaves, the dangerous ones, the unconscious clones, these Evolution will eliminate in this Aeon. As Adepts we are the incarnate force of evolutionary advancement. This is an awesome responsibility.

Love is the law, love under will.

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