



The Order of Nine Angles - Proem for Novices

0. The essence of the Order of Nine Angles (ONA, O9A) is the internal (the 'alchemical') change of the individual, on an individual basis, followed by the development of their personal character, self-understanding, and the acquisition of particular esoteric, and exoteric, skills and abilities.

1. The basis of this change, development, acquisition, and self-understanding, is practical exeatic experience - that is, exeatic living, and of necessity both exoteric and esoteric - and the always individual learning and knowledge (the *pathei-mathos*) that results from such exeatic living. This individual learning and knowledge is the making of the Adept and the beginning of wisdom.

2. An essential part of exeatic living is the setting of demanding and difficult physical goals, and undertaking dangerous challenges, and the striving to achieve these goals and challenges. Another part is for the individual to go beyond, to transgress, the limits (the bounds, conventions, the laws) imposed and prescribed by the society or by the societies of the era in which the individual lives, and which transgression often involves the individual being or becoming a 'heretic' or an 'outlaw' or a 'revolutionary' or a dissident or a 'criminal'. One 'heretical' form (or role) sometimes used in current and past Western societies is that of 'satanism' (as the O9A define satanism). Another is political and/or religious 'extremism'.

3. It is for each individual to decide for themselves the way and the means of practical exeatic experience, although one way of esoteric, exeatic, experience which the individual may choose, and which has proved useful for others over several decades, is 'the seven fold way' with its overt occultism, its techniques of a 'group nexion', The Star Game, and Insight Roles, and grade rituals such as the basic Internal Adept rite where the individual lives alone in rural isolation for around three months. One way of exeatic living is that of 'the Drecc' where there is an adversarial life lived according to the O9A Code of Kindred Honour.

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