



Classic ONA Texts

The Dark Arts of The Sinister Way

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Introduction

The Dark Arts (aka Dark, or Sinister, Sorcery, or magick) include: (1) the basic skills of practical sorcery traditionally learnt - by means of practical experience - by those following the Seven Fold (Sinister) Way; and (2) an additional series of techniques or skills suitable for an aspiring Adept. The additional (advanced) skills include Dark-Empathy, using, or creating, nexions to access the acausal, and Acausal-Thinking.

The Dark Arts of The Sinister Way thus enable the practitioner to:

- (1) Participate in, control, and enable their own personal evolution - that is, develop their latent ability to consciously evolve to become the genesis of a new human species; and undertake that evolution.
- (2) Come-to-know certain acausal [sinister/archetypal] beings, and thus understand the acausal itself.
- (3) Work personal and Aeonic sorcery.

Practical Sorcery

Practical sorcery refers to External, Internal, and Aeonic Sorcery. These skills are outlined in texts such as *Naos* (for External and Internal Sorcery), and, for Aeonic sorcery, in grimoires such as *The Grimoire of Baphomet*, *Dark Goddess*. The esoteric essence behind the practice of Aeonic sorcery is given in texts relating to the mythos of The Dark Gods, and works such as *The Meaning of The Nine Angles* (parts 1 and 2).

Practical sorcery includes hermetic and ceremonial rituals, as well as Insight Roles.

Developing Acausal Empathy

Acausal empathy is basically sensitivity to, and awareness of, acausal energies as

these energies are presented in living beings, in Nature, and/or presented in the causal either via some acausal being, or directly, as “raw” acausal energy (that is, acausal energy trying to find some causal form to inhabit).

To develop acausal empathy, the following techniques are used:

(1) The Rite of Internal Adept.

This simple Rite - as described in *Naos: A Practical Guide to Becoming an Adept* - is the main, most effective, means of developing acausal empathy, and it enables the aspiring Adept, by its rigours, simplicity, and isolation, to attune themselves to the acausal essence beyond causal forms. To live for a period of no less than three months, in the simple manner prescribed and in an isolated location removed from human habitation and human contact, is how sinister Adepts have, for centuries, begun to develop the faculty of acausal-empathy and acquired the most important esoteric skill of being able, by using this faculty, of opening nexions to the acausal.

The standard form of this technique lasts for only one specific alchemical season (from Spring Equinox to Summer Solstice in Northern climes), which specific alchemical season is the absolute minimum amount of causal time required to enable the aspiring Adept to acquire the basic, and necessary, skills.

The more advanced form - lasting for a different and longer alchemical season (from Winter Solstice to Summer Solstice in Northern climes) - is however, while difficult and intensely selective because of this difficulty - more efficacious and develops much greater, more effective, skills, and indeed is the breeding ground of the Adept.

(2) Exploring the sinister pathways of the septenary Tree of Wyrd.

These personal explorations - as given in *Naos: A Practical Guide to Becoming an Adept* - enable the aspiring sorcerer/sorceress to begin the process of objectifying causal forms, and develop the necessary skill of finding, becoming sensitive to, and being able to distinguish between, various collocations of esoteric energies, whether the energies be personal (in the psyche of the individual and limited to the lifetime of the individual or a period in that lifetime) or archetypal (shared among various individuals over periods of causal time often beyond the life of one individual) or acausal (beyond both of the former types).

These explorations are recommended to be undertaken before the Rite of Internal Adept.

(3) It has been found, by practical experience, that the preliminary training afforded by following The Seven Fold Sinister Way - as described in *Naos: A Practical Guide to Becoming an Adept* from Neophyte to the Rite of External Adept - is an effective means of ensuring success in acquiring and developing those skills in acausal empathy that the Rite of Internal Adept can produce in an individual.

Thus, this preliminary training of following The Seven Fold Sinister Way from Neophyte to the Rite of External Adept - which includes Insight Roles, learning esoteric chant, and organizing a group to perform ceremonial magick - is highly

recommended, especially if the aspiring sorcerer/sorceress does not have a natural empathic ability.

Developing Acausal Thinking

Acausal thinking is basically apprehending the causal, and acausal energy, as these “things” are – that is, beyond all causal abstractions, and beyond all causal symbols, and symbolism, where such causal symbols include language, and the words and terms that are part of language.

The main and most effective practical means of acquiring and developing the skill – the Dark Art – of acausal thinking is The Star Game, as described in *Naos: A Practical Guide to Becoming an Adept*.

It is recommended that the individual begins with the simple form of the game – which only has 27 pieces – before constructing and beginning to play the advanced form of the game, as described in *Naos*. While the essentials of acausal thinking can be developed by regular playing of the simple game, it is the advanced form of the game that really develops the Dark Art of acausal-thinking.

In many ways, acausal-thinking can be considered to be a developed, and an enhanced, form of acausal-empathy, although in essence it is really a distinct, new, evolutionary ability whose genesis was acausal-empathy.

Using Nexions to Access The Acausal

A nexion is a specific connexion between, or the intersection of, the causal and the acausal, and nexions can, *exoterically*, be considered to be akin to “gates” or openings or “tunnels” where there is, or can be, either a flow of acausal energy (and thus also of acausal entities) from the acausal into our causal Space and causal Time; a journeying into the acausal itself; or a willed, conscious flow or presencing (by dark sorcery) of acausal energies.

Basically, there are three main types of nexion. The first is an actual physical nexion. The second type of nexion is a living causal being, such as ourselves. The third type of nexion is a magickal creation: that is, some form in-which acausal energy is presenced or “channelled into” by a sinister Adept.

Once a certain amount of skill in acausal-thinking and acausal-empathy has been acquired, the sorcerer/sorceress can conduct rites to open, or to create, a direct nexion to the acausal, and thus either access acausal energy, or presence – bring into the causal – certain Dark Entities, certain acausal beings, for whatever purpose the sorcerer/sorceress desires.

One of the simplest rites to do this is the “simple” *Nine Angles Rite*, in either the Natural, or the Chthonic, Form. A much more efficacious – that is, more powerful – rite to open a direct nexion to the acausal is The Ceremony of Recalling, with Sacrificial Conclusion, as given for example, in *The Grimoire of Baphomet, Dark Goddess*.

Other rituals, and means, are given in *The Grimoire of Baphomet, Dark Goddess*.

The Acausal, Sinister Entities, and Archetypes

The acausal can be considered to be one of the following: (1) akin to a 'parallel universe' (an alternative dimension or dimensions) existing alongside our own temporal physical universe; (2) a useful means to describe and understand 'the collective unconscious' posited by Jung'; (3) as both (1) and (2).

Thus the acausal entities - such as The Dark Gods - said by tradition to reside in the acausal can be considered as either archetypes of the collective unconscious (of our psyche) or as actual beings who exist in an alternative (supernatural) reality and who can, or who have the ability, to manifest in some form or other in our world, our universe.

The way of the Order of Nine Angles - the ONA way - is for the sorcerer/sorceress to conduct practical experiments - on themselves and others - in order to find answers for themselves. These practical experiments involve using The Dark Arts, as outlined above.

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A Note on Texts:

It is recommended that those desirous of learning the Dark Arts - as practised and as taught by the ONA - use original ONA facsimile texts of works such as Naos, and The Grimoire of Baphomet, Dark Goddess.

These - and all other necessary texts - have been collected together in the two volumes *The Requisite ONA* and *Enantiodromia, The Sinister Abyssal Nexion*. Both volumes are available in pdf format.
