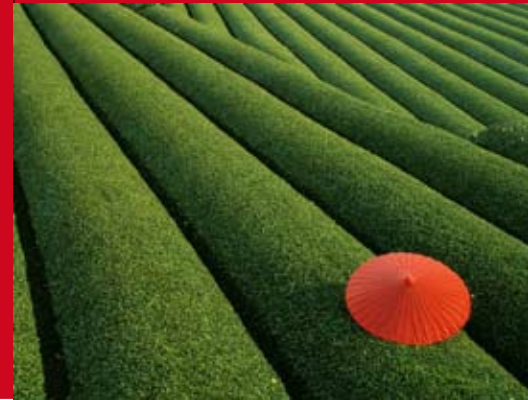


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Out of Chaos, Light Shines

“Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law”

The year 2011 e.v. began as a bright year for Nihil Lodge. We had several new members and interested people attending study groups, including several Japanese-English bilingual members. This led to the formation of the first Japanese-language study group functioning as a part of the Lodge. Challenges soon arose as many of the bilingual initiates, who we had hoped would be able to lead the new project, became unavailable for numerous reasons.



Challenges continued as the events of March 11 created total havoc all over the Eastern half of Japan, necessitating the cancellation of Equinox events and initiations and affecting events that had been planned right through April. Although all Lodge members were safe, many temporarily left the country or sought safe haven in Western Japan, where some convened with our brethren at Sky Goddess Nu Lodge in Osaka.

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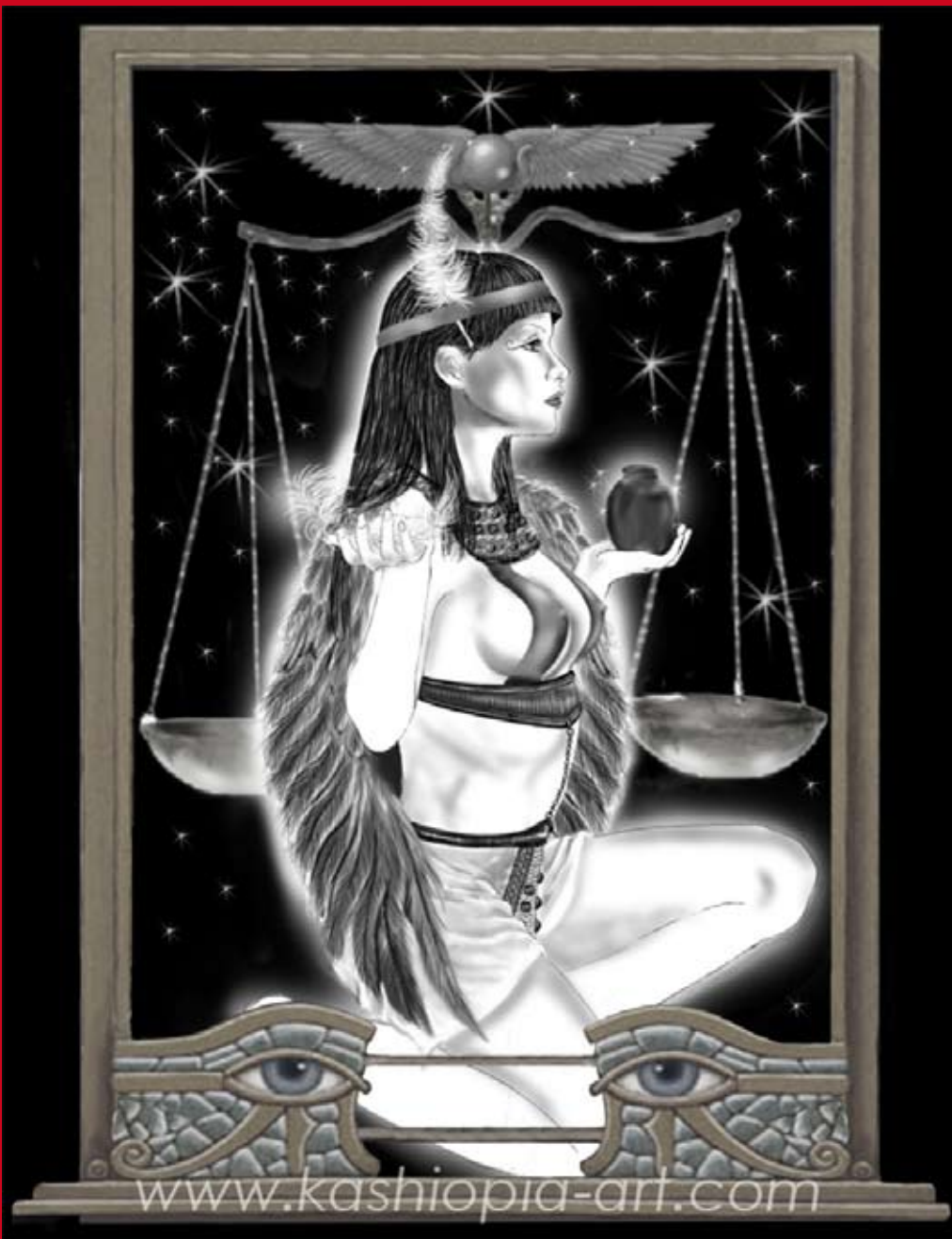
The biggest earthquake attacked north east Japan on 11th March. That terrible earthquake was conducive to great damage to my country includes some unbroken accidents in Fukeshima atomic power reactor. I'd like to thank all Brethren of OTO around the world who sent Encouragement, Power and Love to OTO Japan. In the same way, a major earthquake occurred in Christchurch, New Zealand on 22nd of February. We, Sakura Chapter, have been struggling with Karma of both enormous accidents, a screaming of Earth! Go through the ordeal Sakura Chapter, by the protective Force & Fire of Ra-Hoor-Khuit, so mote it be!

Our Man of Earth initiation is still active in both Lodges in Japan, NIHIL and Sky Goddess Nu will hold each initiation at Tokyo and Osaka. The Mass, study group and another specific event has been planned. We, OTO Japan are pleased announce the most important event in this year, J. Daniel Gunther and Frater Shiva lecture series on 4th to 6th September. This is the first collaborative event of the AA and the OTO around the world and which called "The Path of the Great Return

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Frater VMI visits the devastated area



and The Path in Eternity.” Brother Daniel is the authority of the AA, his unprecedented book on the new Aeon’s initiation will be elaborated in his lecture series at Tokyo. Grand Master Frater Shiva X will talk about the more esoteric mystery in the OTO. The AA and the OTO are separated Orders of course, but interpenetrate each other on several points. That is the updated Truth about both Orders in 21st century. If you are interested in those mysteries, please visit Tokyo in September. Don’t miss that amazing opportunity!

Fr Hieros Phoenix
FSR, Japan

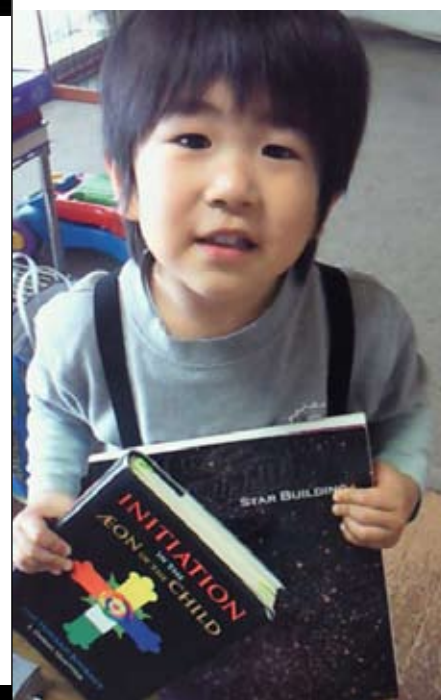
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Despite the Chaos however, or perhaps indeed because of it, Light began to shine through the cracks. One of our members soon went up to the affected area to share his musical talents with the homeless in emergency shelters. Others donated financially and even travelled to the disaster zone to directly deliver relief supplies to an NGO depot. Liber AL readings went ahead,

initiations are being rescheduled, and we are planning “Thelemafest II,” a camp retreat weekend, for July, in addition to the much-anticipated Shiva/Gunther lectures in September. We were all very grateful for the expressions of concern from our brethren overseas, as well as for our members who demonstrated commitment to keep the Lodge going in the midst of Chaos – thank you!

Frater V.M.I.
Master, Nihil Lodge

“Love is the law, love under will”





The Great Wall

Having lived in China for roughly a year, I'm coming to enjoy the irony of being immersed in a culture whose principles are so different than our own. If the Great Work – bringing mankind to the next step – includes the Chinese, I daresay there's much to be done. I, along with a handful of brethren in the mainland, have meditated considerably upon tactical avenues by which the Law of Light might penetrate the miasma of this gray land and would like to share some reflections.

In China, state-mandated censorship has appropriated the intellectual and practical avenues of the entire population, resulting in a total ignorance of the esotericism of both the East and the West and the neglect of any avenue that lacks the immediate promise of profit. The ancient masters are paid little reverence. FuXi (Fu Hsi), GeXuan (Ko Hsuan), LaoZi and others whose labors initiated the world in the oldest times are regarded as hacks worthy of popular disdain. If Chinese egoism allows mockery of its own ancestors, what's to inspire them to appeal to the Law of Thelema?

Perhaps we can explain Chinese materialism by the social strains of overpopulation and the overbearing pressure of family and state upon the individual to struggle within the standard system of social achievement that they may rise to the glorified mediocrity of the masses. Medieval historians mark that revolution did not occur in Europe until Protestantism turned Sunday into an actual day of rest rather

than an oratorical torture session. The repose offered thereby gave the brain and body time to relax and actually contemplate the rampant oppression of the time. Introspection and objectivity are challenging under heavy fire.

Alternatively, does not the existential anxiety evoked during these dark times catalyze the spirit? The more optimistic historiographers of the fin de siècle posited that worsening conditions would give rise to mightier individuals; or rather, that only especially powerful words would rise above the cacophonous chorus of the crowd. Where then is the soldier's voice? More importantly, should we abide by the edicts of multicultural humanitarianism and expect the people to liberate themselves? I think not. Throughout history it has been the traveler who has taught Magick, who has brought a formula by which spiritual evolution might be affected. This may sound overly American, but why should the procession of the zodiac stop at the Pacific? Does not the sun traverse the darkness of the ocean?

Did not the Order of the Temple prepare the Renaissance by fusing the Mysteries of the East and West?

- Aleister Crowley, Heart of the Master

Our sacred history began in the far East and moved its way Westward, descending from the Roof of the World into the lands of eight-Legged horses and the byways and deserts of Mesopotamia, into Egypt and so on into Europe. America was believed to be

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Thelema in China

Crowley visited China twice, the first briefly in May 1901 when he stopped at Shanghai and Hong Kong after leaving Mexico, this en route to India and the K2 expedition. The second time was from November 1906 to April 1907 when he walked across southern China from the Burmese border to Hanoi following the failure of the Kangchenjunga expedition. This second trip was very important in that he obtained the knowledge and conversation of his Holy Guardian Angel during the long trek, followed by an equally critical but not well known magical working performed in Shanghai. While in Shanghai in April 1907, Crowley evoked Aiwass, became convinced of the importance of the Book of the Law, and was received into the Third Order.

Recently the importance of women to Crowley's magical career has been better understood; a life long succession of lovers and Scarlet Women served as his muses and magical partners, and at several key junctures pointed him in the right direction. So it was with Rose Kelly, who led Crowley to the Stele of Revealing, his first contact with Aiwass, and the Book of the Law in 1904. It was Rose who made the decision in 1906 that they should go to China instead of returning to India. Soror Fidelis (Elaine Simpson), from the Golden Dawn days, was the object of Crowley's visit to Hong Kong in 1901 and Shanghai in 1907. Crowley and Fidelis' relationship was platonic but there was a very strong bond between them that remained throughout their lifetimes. It was Fidelis who helped convince Crowley of the importance of the Book of the Law and assisted him in evoking Aiwass in Shanghai during the spring of 1907.

Currently in mainland China there are but a handful of initiates, these located in far flung places such as Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou. There are yet no organized or official activities of the OTO as registration is first required under the current laws; those members here maintain affiliation with their respective local bodies in other countries.

Frater RHK

the last frontier of the spirit, but as the Aeon evolved we found new frontiers constantly arise and the forces of superstition, tyranny, and oppression constantly rearing their ugly faces.

Chinese esotericism has, for centuries, existed underground. Whether enthroned or enchaired, Chinese government has found the suppression of the power critical to its continuation. One is left to wonder if the old Masters still traverse their ancestral lands or if, having profited by the lesson so severely taught them, they have not slipped into some new form in some new land. Thelemites must remember the massacres that marked the initiation of the New Aeon and exercise discretion in the bloodshot eye of the public.

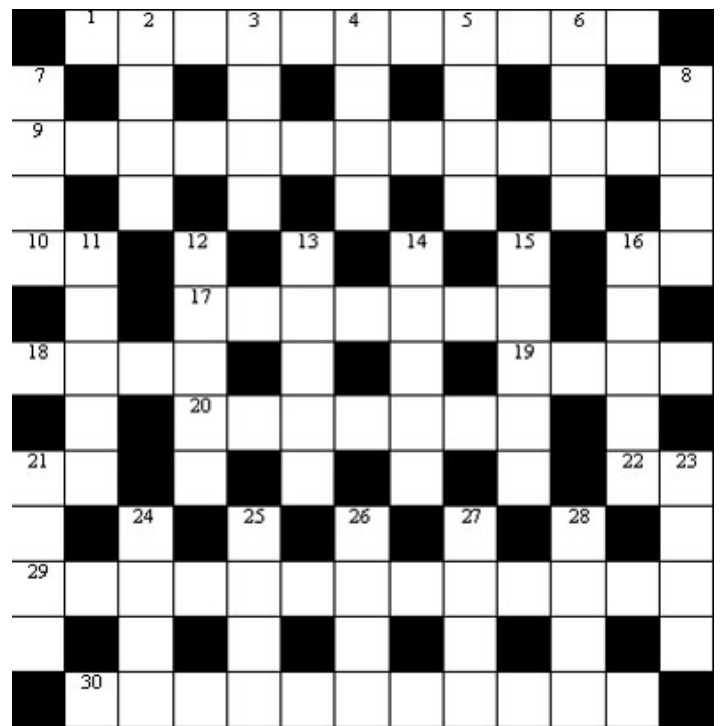
To that end, we have concentrated our efforts in translating Crowley into Chinese. How many of us were not drawn to Our Holy Order by the subtle resonance we found when first encountering the writings of the Beast? Before the Order encodes its message in the Chinese phenotype, we Thelemites must prime the people by promulgating the viral memes of 666. A subtler route is deserved when secrecy is paramount – art shall be our Sanctuary.

The numerous and fascinating challenges of translating Crowleyana are currently being documented and will be published in a forthcoming issue of Doomsayer's Digest, the local body publication of the Subtlety or Force Encampment in Albuquerque. Those of you who have experience in translating Crowleyana into character-based languages such as Chinese or Japanese are invited to contact me, I would love to share reflections on the same. Those of you who are familiar with Chinese are invited to participate in this endeavour. We will endure to the end.

Frater 三足乌

Gnossword

Frater Nomad



Across

1. Word of the Aeon
9. "The Khabs is in the Khu, not the ___" (AL, I:8) [3-2-3-5]
10. Six and fifty
16. "who sorroweth is not of ___." (AL, II:19)
17. That which is
18. Notion
19. Killer of Abel
20. Unimportant
21. Else
22. Yod & Heh
29. A book, falsely so called [3-4-2-4]
30. Omnipotent [3-8]

Down

2. Make indistinct
3. Lord
4. Pain
5. A form of the rose-cross
6. Harvest
7. "On ancient ___ was written in letters of gold: Verbum fit Verbum." (Liber VII, IV:41)
8. Goddess
11. Love ___ will
12. "Nor is it fitting for the cobbler to ___ of the Royal matter." (Liber LXV, I:11)
13. Stone
14. Seal
15. Recurring series
16. Oneness
21. Promise
23. Direction
24. Magical implement
25. Colourful ceremony
26. "& all their words are ___-wise." (AL, II:32)
27. Distant
28. Place



Some thoughts on Initiation and the OTO

"In the beginning was Initiation. The flesh profiteth nothing; the mind profiteth nothing; that which is unknown to you and above these, while firmly based upon their equilibrium, giveth life."

- Liber Causae

It has been observed by many great philosophers that the quintessential activity of every man and woman, whether they are conscious of it or not, is the discovery of their own true nature. Or, to put it another way, to seek initiation.

An ideal social structure should, therefore, be based principally upon facilitating this activity. The OTO is an excellent, and perhaps unique, example of such a structure.

Its bedrock principle is Liberty. Every man and woman has the fundamental right to live their life as they choose; the one true crime is to interfere with another person's right to do the same. It is only on this foundation that the pursuit of initiation can flourish. Without liberty in all areas – spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and physical – systems of initiation devolve into dogmatic, lifeless regulation. A truly universal system of initiation accepts that not every person's goal is the same, nor is their means of achieving it. One person may seek union with God through prolonged meditation and introspection; another may seek the same goal by way of invocation; another may choose an entirely different goal, such as the channelling of his or her own genius in a field of art or science. In all cases the result is an increase in self-knowledge, a furthering of initiation.

One of the core principles of Liber AL, and thus also of OTO, is that "Every man and every woman is a star." When we view humanity in this light we recognise that each of us possesses infinite potential. To categorise or compartmentalise people is thus to cheat Nature herself, for it inevitably closes us off to a great deal of who we are. This is one of the key problems with modern consumer culture; people are labelled as either producers or consumers, and attributed value based on their



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ability to fulfil those functions. That is not to say production and consumption are wrong in themselves - they are of course necessary aspects of the commonweal - but they are only droplets in the infinite ocean that is human activity. Therefore to accentuate, even venerate, them blinds people to their ultimate purpose, their own initiatory journey. Happiness is deemed by our society to derive from the unending acquisition of material things – better cars, better phones, better houses. But these things cannot bring happiness in and of themselves. They can only bring happiness as far as they facilitate the Great Work that is initiation.

The OTO, as an alternate social structure, emphasises the importance of initiation for all humanity, and to this end provides a powerful system of initiation for all who choose to follow it. But it also creates an environment by which its members may better discover and pursue their own personal initiatory path. This is one of the many reasons why it has such a vitally important role in the evolution of humanity, especially in such a tumultuous time as we now find ourselves – the preliminary stages of a whole new aeon.

Frater Nomad
Master, Kantharos Lodge

A Love Letter to the Lovely Lon



Dear Lon,

It was a great pleasure to meet you recently and to spend some time.

Sweeter than salvation.

What a good, kind man you are not to complain of my drunken questioning.

What a good, kind man you are to put yourself on pages that find their way to a small island in the Pacific to water an arid land while the vultures rip at your words, and you don't seem to mind, and all this for a miserable \$2 from the thieving distributors – curse them!

You, sweet lovely man are a warm glass of milk dripping from the shirodhara onto my forehead.

“There is more, there is more.”

And a welcoming smile when I get there.

What good fortune to spend time with you,

Nachtgespenst unser

I drink to the night of our sweet Babalon.



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