

Self

Satanic Worship Today



SATANISM

It must be noted that Satanism usually does not involve the intense ritualization that can be seen in pure paganism. Satanists often don't bother to construct ritual circles to ward off demons. Why? Because they simply don't care. Their intention is to bring about close intercourse with Satan and his demons.

Police authorities have agreed that today Satanism can be broken up into three basic groups: (1) adult groups, (2) adult and adolescent groups, and (3) adolescent groups. Law enforcement officials believe that the second group combining adults and adolescents brings about the most extreme potential for abuse and death of children if those children aren't related to the adults in the group.

The all-adolescent groups usually are experimenters with Satanic rituals. They seldom are sincere, involved or knowledgeable practitioners of pure traditions. Officials point out that the fact that these youngsters' ignorance of the implications and ritualized skills by no means inters that adolescent Satanism is less dangerous than that practiced by other groups. Involvement usually brings addiction, which leads to deeper involvement. Some authorities have estimated that at least a third of those involved in totally adolescent groups have the potential to kill.

Whenever police investigators uncover evidence indicating the presence of worshippers of Satan, there is one book almost certain to be found. That volume is a 272-page paperback, published by the reputable New York firm of Avon Books, entitled "The Satanic Bible".

Since its first appearance in December, 1969, "The Satanic Bible" has gone through 30 printings. Hundreds of thousands of copies of this volume have been sold around the country. The book sells steadily, year after year, and can be found in stock at almost any bookstore that carries paperback editions.

The Satanic Age was born in 1966. That's when God was proclaimed dead and so called "sexual freedom" basically began. Satanism, as always, existed prior to that point, but it then began to play a more important role.

One of the major parts of Satanism is the Black Mass. It has been described in many ways. Today, probably the most common type of practice would be described as follows:

One person within a coven is designated to go out and steal a host from a Catholic church. Another may be asked to steal holy water from a church. The Black Mass itself is a blasphemy of Christianity. The Black Mass twists the Catholic mass. The host which is blessed by the priest is believed to become the flesh of Christ; the wine that is blessed by the priest represents the blood of Christ. The point is, by stealing the host, the Satanists desecrate the Flesh of Christ. And when they steal holy water blessed by a priest and the wine, they are attacking the sacraments of the church.

"These are the nine Satanic statements:

- "1. Satan represents indulgence, instead of abstinence!
- "2. Satan represents vital existence, instead of spiritual pipe dreams!
- "3. Satan represents undefiled wisdom, instead of hypocritical self-deceit!
- "4. Satan represents kindness to those who deserve it, instead of love wasted on ingrates!
- "5. Satan represents vengeance, instead of turning the other cheek!

"6. Satan represents responsibility to the responsible, instead of concern for psychic vampires!

"7. Satan represents man as just another animal, sometimes better, more often worse than those that walk on all-fours, who, because of his' divine spiritual and intellectual development, has become the most vicious animal of all!

"8. Satan represents all of the so-called sins, as they all lead to physical, mental, or emotional gratification!

"9. Satan has been the best friend the church has ever had, as he has kept it in business all these years!

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A Satanist always believes in God. Satanism requires a mocking of the principals of Christianity, thereby requiring that its adherents believe in God, while rejecting all He represents.

CULTS

One reasonable estimate of cults, sects and deviant movements in existence today in the U.S. puts their number at between 500 and 600. Those are just the ones that are currently active. The potential numbers reach the 2,000 mark, according to knowledgeable sources.

The United States has seen a tremendous rise in cult and sect activities in the past quarter-century. Some experts claim that as many as 25 million Americans are directly affected by cult and sect influence. History has shown that dealings with such groups has been extremely difficult for the law enforcement community as well as the military. Of course, one principal reason is that such cults and sects are able to utilize the protection granted by the Constitution to freedom of religion. The courts have traditionally had a difficult time in deciding which are legitimate religions and which are groups that exist only to prey upon their members or upon society itself. Thus it becomes relatively easy for cults and sects to flourish, since the law offers the same amount of protection to them as it does to more mainstream, more legitimate organizations.

Cults generally have the following characteristics:

Membership is voluntary and achieved, through some sort of test.

A self-elitist image. Cult members often develop an "us versus them" mentality.

Exclusivism. Members think they are the only ones possessing the truth and the only ones who will be "saved" in the event of a catastrophe.

Hostility. Since cult members believe only they possess the truth, gradually hostility is generated against society in general. This also works in reverse, with society prejudiced against the cult because of lack of knowledge or falsehoods about the organization.

Acetism. Cults often demand sacrifices of self-comfort, finances, etc., from their members in order to promote the group's cause. Cults often generate large sums of convincing members to turn over their personal wealth for the good of the common cause.

Priesthood of all believers, though usually on a scale of various levels. Members often feel free to make adjustments or to take actions as long as the end justifies the means. This can lead to extremism and terrorism.

Two basic structures are found in most cults and sects. First here is the authoritarian model, in which most of the direction comes from the top, from the charismatic leader. Policies and principles of the organization are decided by its leader, and others down the line are bound to carry out those policies. Then there is the non-authoritarian model, in which those in the lower echelons of the organization have some say-so in creating or carrying out policies. It might be said that there is a smidgen of "democracy" in such groups.

At this point, it might be good to list some of the hundreds of heavy metal bands who have been accused of dealing in messages of Satanism, witchcraft and other deviant forms of activity.

A brief listing of such groups includes: The Apostles, Agnostic Front, Articles of Faith, Alien Sex Friend, Bad Religion, Battalion of Saints, Corpse Crinders, Criminal Youth, Christian Death, Castration Squad (the band consists of five females), Crucifix, Condemned to Death, Catholic Discipline, Child Molesters, Church Police, Crown of Thorns, Dead Kennedys, The Damned, D.O.A., Dayglow Abortions, Fleshheaters, Fall of Christianity, Graven Image, God, Icons of Filth, Leather Nun, Legal Weapon, Millions of Dead Cops, Mob Vengeance, Mission of Christ, Manson Youth, New Christ, Neon Christ, The Nuns, Rosemary's Bblys, Suicidal Tendencies, Shattered Faith, Septic Death, Stillborn Christians, Sacred Order, Satan's Cheerleaders, Some Weird Sin, Sex Gang Children, Sick Pleasure, Sex Sick, Scarlet Harlot, Salvation Army, Skulls, Ultra Violence, Undead, Vice Squad, Violent Children, Voodoo Church and Wargasm.

One of the newest cult groups is Thee Temple Of Psychick Youth (tcy). To be a member, they must constantly ask the question, "Why?" to EVERYTHING.

Recruitment

Usually the non-traditional Satanists are fanatically secretive. It's not a simple matter for anyone interested in affiliating with a cult to go out and say, "I want to join." Becoming a Satanist is not as easy as joining a mainline denomination of a church. This just doesn't happen.

If a person is not recruited, but chooses to join a Satanic coven, the background investigation will be extremely thorough.

It is necessary to remember that Satanists are protected under the First Amendment but that Satanism itself is not recognized as truly existing in today's society. Most of the people involved in Satanism come from all walks of life. Members include physicians, attorneys, police officers, pastors, housewives, blue collar workers, teenagers, white collar workers and teenagers. The list goes on and on.

The one thing that Satanists want to protect is their identity. The fact is they know if they are exposed as being Satanists, or worshipping Satan, that professionally they will be finished. They know that they are protected in the worship of their religion under the First Amendment but they are very concerned about being exposed.

This probably is why outsiders can be placed in mortal danger by attempting to put the light of publicity on any coven or by attempting to identify members of Satanic cults.

In the recruitment process by Satanists, background investigation is thorough because members want to be sure of exactly who is coming into their group. They will do all they can to guard against infiltration by an undercover agent. Informants face tremendous danger.

Informants will be found with their hearts or their tongues cut out. The latter action symbolizes that the informant has betrayed the oath of secrecy that he had sworn to. Unless the person up for membership has been an active-born member of that particular community and is well-known to other Satanist members,

extra precautions are taken. When a new member is recruited, he will not be exposed to secret rituals such as animal sacrifices. New members will not be asked to eat human flesh. These rituals will be allowed only after other members are certain that the new member is sincere in his beliefs and can be trusted with the secrets of the coven.

New members won't be asked to drink human blood; they won't be asked to participate in sexual orgies; they won't be asked to become intimate with a homosexual high priest. These events will be kept secret from the new members.

Cults look for middle-to upper-class people, people who have an education and are willing to make a lifetime commitment. Where do they find such people?

Members assigned to recruiting are well trained. They look for adolescents, going to train stations, to bus stations, searching for kids with knapsacks on their backs. They'll go to counseling clinics, knowing that those people already have problems and may be searching for solutions.

Investigations

Of interest to the general reader as well as law enforcement officers is the following list of some of the things officials may come across during crime scene investigations:

1. Mockery of Christian symbols, such as an inverted cross.
2. Discovery of candles or candle drippings of different colors.
3. Non-discernible alphabets.
4. Unusual drawings or symbols on walls or coverings, such as pentagrams, hexagrams, etc.
5. Use of stolen or vandalized Christian artifacts.
6. Use of animal parts (feathers, hair, bones) to form signs and symbols on the ground as well as human body parts.
7. Investigators should look for the absence of blood in an animal.
8. Officers should work closely with humane societies to assure that autopsies are performed on animal carcasses that may be found. Autopsies cannot only determine if an animal has had its blood removed, but also often can ascertain the cause of death, such as electrocution.
9. Animal mutilations, as well as human mutilations including the removal of specific body parts, such as the anus, heart, tongue, ears. For instance, Satan worshippers might remove a dog's front legs, as they believe that Satan can use the legs to move around.
10. Effigies, such as voodoo dolls stuck with pins. Such dolls are often made out of straw, or wax, or even paper. Others are constructed from cloth. Some are manufactured items purchased in stores. The method used does not matter.
11. Investigators should look for altars containing artifacts, such as chalices, parts of human skulls, athame, candles of different colors signifying different types of rituals. The altar can be located in a small area, such as a closet or in a small corner of a room. The altar room usually is painted black; other times, it will consist of red walls with a black ceiling. Windows usually are covered so that no light shines in.

12. Bowls, in the form of sea shells, or regular bowls made from wood, glass or human skulls. The bowls may contain different colored powders, which may be made from dried wolf's eyes or dried bat's blood.

13. A skull, with or without candles. A skull can be that of a human or it can be a simulated human skull. At occult stores, a real human skull may sell for as much as \$150. Skulls manufactured from fiberglass or other materials may sell for \$ 50 or less.

14. Robes, especially black, light or scarlet.

15. Rooms that are draped in black or red materials.

16. Books about Satanism, which play an important part in rituals.

17. Candle drippings, the colors of which will indicate the type of ceremony conducted at the scene.

18. Statues, which are used to protect ritual areas from demonic forces.

Black candles are used for evil, loss, adversity, protection from evil spirits, as a shield from the evil eye, and to repel black magic.

Blue candles represent truth, health, inspiration, wisdom, immortality, royalty, sincerity, devotion, kindness, patience, fidelity, honesty, peace and harmony in the home.

Brown candles signify a balance, a concentration, indecision, telepathic power, study, initiative, communication, earthiness, thrift.

Green stands for abundance, cooperation, generosity, fertility, success, luck, money, ambition, greed, envy, peace, harmony, health and healing.

Orange represents joy, enthusiasm, friendship, attraction, stimulation, self-control, adaptability, intellect and organization.

Pink stands for affection, service, love, honor, spiritual awakening, unselfishness, leadership, and it represents the feminine part of a person.

Purple involves dignity, ambition, idealism, wisdom, psychic ability, power, progress, independence, protection, pride and honor.

Red stands for life, love, sex, courage, energy, strength, health, impulsive fiery willpower, conceit, vitality and magnetism.

White signifies purity, truth, sincerity, spirituality, wholeness, generosity, expansion, outgoing cleansing, respect, innocence, prophecy and clairvoyance.

Yellow represents unity, success, universal love, activity, creativity, action. It can be used to develop occult powers, invoke spirits, for inspiration and concentration.

People who have been recruited into Satanism have desecrated cemeteries, smashed tombstones, broken into churches, stolen things from churches, ripped up Bibles, desecrated walls in churches, dug up graves and offered bodies in sacrifice to Satan.

Anyone who stumbles onto such a scene could very well be killed.

We must educate ourselves and others to recognize these people and to nip the bud before it blossoms into a destructive force.

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