

# The Basics of Anticosmic Satanism

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## Introduction

Anticosmic Satanism is a form of Satanism that draws most of its theology and ideology from an adversarial expression of Gnosticism. While there are many small sects of the belief that have their own interpretations and additional principles, the concepts common to all Anticosmic expressions are as follows:

- The world as we know it is the flawed creation of a flawed creator who has improperly asserted some level of control on the world and minds of common man
- Something above and beyond the creator is the true god, which has in some form birthed or generated the creator and the material with which the creator formed mankind, and/or this world
- It is the spiritual duty of adherents of the true god to pursue in some way a release from this world, often necessitating the utter destruction of this reality even down to its fundamental elements.

It is good to note that this does mean that Anticosmic Satanism is also NOT:

- Political by nature
- Exclusively Qliphotic, Qabalistic, or Qayinite
- Atheist
- A closed practice
- Exclusive to a Judeo-Christian basis

## History

While anti-cosmic thought can be seen in many traditional Gnostic texts, the term "Anticosmic" and its application to truly adversarial thought as in Satanism originates as far as we can tell in the late 1980's, culminating in the formation of the Misanthropic Luciferian Order (MLO) in 1995. Until that point, the theological base was primarily in heretical inversions of Judeo-Christian thought, but quickly began to grow to include re-interpretations of Norse, Sumerian, and South Asian cosmogony and pantheons. Most modern interpretations also include South American or African concepts, and regularly incorporate necromancy and ancestor worship in some form.

The most well-known and well-defined organization of Anticosmic Satanists was Current 218, through the MLO and later the Temple of the Black Light. Their primary focus is how Anticosmic Satanism is expressed in Lurianic Qabalah and Qliphotic workings. Their offshoots in Current 182 and Thursatru explore syncretism with the South American cult of La Muerte and the primordial Norse Giants (Thurs), respectively. Each Temple or listed offshoot is closed and not accepting members in any official capacity, though explorations of their works and praxis are encouraged.

Key texts include:

- The Book of the Sitra Achra by N.A.A.
- Liber Azerate by N.A.A.
- Liber Falxifer by N.A.A.
- 218 by Ekortu
- Thursakyngi by Ekortu

### Evolutions and Expansions

Beyond the original current, most expressions of Anticosmic Satanism are individual or in small groups, and organization becomes nebulous. Like most forms of Satanism, it is very focused on individual experience and interpretation. Practitioners of other currents will often write books regarding Anticosmic Satanism, but attempts at organization of exclusively Anticosmic practitioners generally do not get far enough to distinguish themselves or publish unique principles or praxis. Authors such as VK Jehannum, Damon Kael Thorne, and Tau To Naas are individuals providing their perspectives on the pre-existing current. There is still much that can be learned from their works, but they do not represent any existing structures of Anticosmic Satanism.

As the main and originating body of the practice of Anticosmic Satanism is closed to outside entry, individuals are encouraged to explore and make of it what they wish. Unfortunately this does lead to many types molding the ideals to meet their own agendas, such as in the case of the Lilin Society and Asha'Shedim where Anticosmicism was melded with Far Right political ideology and O9A concepts.

Politics, extremism, and ego can hijack the practice, as does occur with almost any form of esotericism or cultural niche. Many individuals have taken Anticosmic Satanism to be an expression of fascist or even ethnic superiority, using the Serpent Seed doctrine to portray the theoretical bloodline of Qayin as a real-world genetic predisposition to Satanism as superiority, similar to the Aryan bloodline in Neo-Nazi beliefs. Even among the founding Current 218, an accurate scholarly description cannot be made without acknowledging the groups evident glorification of suicide and murder, and ethnic supremacist undertones. This belief that Satan represents terroristic domination and authoritarian rule are not only present, but seemingly encouraged by the Temple of the Black Light's own interpretations of the Qliphoth.

Such extremes are understandably not uncommon, given the very niche and potentially extreme nature of the concept of Anticosmicism itself. To say that you are against existence itself generally has extremely negative connotations. However, they are not the only interpretations. Some have even come to re-focus the concept of Anticosmicism as a whole towards Freedom, framing Chaos and Gnostic liberation as pro-Communist or Anarchist. Then there are those that see the political arguments as distractions from the path and practice, claiming Anticosmicism as a purely transcendent spirituality, with philosophy focused on anti-materialism and non-duality. Understandably, these tend to draw more from Eastern mysticism and non-Western philosophies. One such current is in Vedantic Nihilism, which is explored through the key texts of Codex Aversum, and Metaphilosophy by Caine Del Sol. Most significantly, Vedantic Nihilism attempts to present Anticosmic Satanism free from the immaturity and Judeo-Christian foundations of its predecessors. In this, the "anti" portion of Anticosmic is less a negative perspective of reality, and more a positive interpretation of Truth as breaking an illusion or waking from a dream.

### Closing Thoughts

Anticosmic Satanism, as a path of philosophy and spirituality, is very open-ended, allowing for a great deal of interpretations by individuals and organizations. It is a very rich current, and a very deep well from which to draw. It can be intimidating to approach at first, especially considering the history and associations of the most notorious branch. Beyond this, the language itself can be a concern to many, as it takes a concept that some would consider negative via the Gnostic texts, and provides interpretations that are even further negative. However it must be understood that perceptions of negativity are not always truly detriment or dangerous. This is the entire point of Gnosticism, Satanism, and their progenitor beliefs in the Vamachara paths. Positive and negative are subjective in the cosmic perspective, and humanity is prone to welcome a comforting deception. The Satanist seeks the harsh truth, for growth often requires discomfort, but can bring greatness on the other side. Learning to see

through the bias of an author and discern the core principle they are trying to communicate outside of their personal context is the mark of a skilled and studious practitioner, and should be an aspiration of all who earnestly delve into such esoteric texts. The inquisitive and discerning stand to gain a great deal from the Anticomic path, but it is not for everyone, and it is perfectly respectable to not wish to delve further. Let your fascinations guide you.

Hail Satan.