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When the popularity of *Rosemary's Baby* and *The Exorcist* reached pandemic proportions, the level of consciousness about the occult was stimulated to a height probably unknown since the time of the Salem witch hunts. These two movies made a case for Satanism existing among a group of followers not too different from ourselves. One consultant and actor in *Rosemary's Baby*, Anton LaVey, a former rock musician, later became better known as the founder of the Church of Satan.

### Roots of Satanism

This interest in Satan as an alternative to Christianity did not reach alarming popularity overnight. The roots of Satanism date back to the Old Testament. In addition, the practice and belief in magic, spells, and curses, as well as divination of the future, were found among all primitive people. Demon worship was widely practiced in ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia. Originally not associated with an evil spirit, it was simply a way to manipulate nature and fate.

The Jewish rabbis in the Old Testament condemned the belief in Satan because the devil was part of a non-Jewish religion. Second, rabbis saw demonology as an attempt to influence the destiny of man rather than accepting the will of God. As the Jewish faith moved closer

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to the time of Christ, Satan was used to protect the ideal of a perfect God. After all, how could a good God create evil? The credible answer was that he did not; Satan would be the responsible culprit.

Early Christian theologians believed that Satan, now a "reality," had no control over the followers of Christ, only pagans and apostates. The Gnostics saw the world as being evil and life on earth as a "prison sentence" imposed on them by the Yahweh of the Old Testament. Since the world was evil, the one who created it must also be evil. Ergo, Yahweh was evil. The good God must live far away in some distant heaven, and they were in bondage to the evil god, now called the devil, Satan, Lucifer, Papablas, or any other of the multitude of demonic names.

### Satanism in the United States

The greatest influence upon those who find Satanism so attractive must be the personage of Aleister Crowley. Raised in a traditional Christian family, Crowley became attracted to the occult while still quite young. Crucifying a dead toad, Crowley offended many of his own followers who made mud casts of his form and killed him in effigy. What made him so popular and effective was apparently the social conditions of the time, as well as his apparent charismatic authority.

In 1966, Anton LaVey founded the Church of Satan on the Satanic feast day of Walpurgisnacht, April 30. Gaining great popularity from LaVey's performing marriages and burial rites, the Church of Satan has grown to a membership that some estimate at 20,000.

As a youthful runaway, LaVey worked in a circus as a carney barker, a cage boy for Clyde Beatty, a hypnotist, and a bump-and-grind organ player for a stripper named Marilyn Monroe. He finally moved to San Francisco, where he was photographer for the San Francisco Police Department. Tiring of the alleged inconsistencies of traditional Christianity, LaVey founded a new religion predicated partly on the premise that "the strong shall inherit the earth."

### The Satanic Bible

The writings of LaVey provide the faithful with a written dogma and liturgy of the Church of Satan. The Satanic Bible, available in paperback, has sold thousands of copies. It illustrates rituals, rites, holy days, and lists the nine "statements" of the devil:

- (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, instead of concern for the psychic vampires!
- (7) Satan represents man as just another animal, sometimes better, more often worse, than those who walk on all fours, who because of his divine and intellectual development has become the most vicious of all!
- (8) Satan represents all of the so-called sins, as they 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! (LaVey, 1969, p. 25)

The basic teachings of LaVey concern a worship of the trinity of the devil: Lucifer, Satan and the devil. The Church of Satan is actually a human potential movement. Each member is encouraged to actualize his or her own potential. The level of actualization can be reached through magic, spells, rituals, and incantations to the demonic trinity.

The Satanic Bible includes an Invocation Employed Towards the Conjunction of Lust, Invocation Employed Towards the Conjunction of Destruction, Invocation Employed Towards the Conjunction of Compassion, a List of Holy Days, chapters on the Black Mass and Rituals, as well as a chapter entitled "On the Choice of a Human Sacrifice."

### Definitions in Satanism

To understand satanic worship and rituals, it is necessary to understand the terms used. The following words are fairly commonly used in satanic worship and rituals.

*Antichrist:* Enemy of Christ.

*Archfiend:* A chief or foremost fiend (Satan).

*Black Magic:* Basically the same as sorcery.

*Black Mass:* A ritual of the Church of Satan which is a mockery of the Roman Catholic Mass.

*Circle:* A declaration of sacred ground.

*Coven:* An assembly of thirteen witches.

*Equinox:* First day of autumn or spring.

*ESBAT:* Coven meeting.

*Fire:* Symbolizes Satan.

*Goat:* Satan appears in the form of a goat.

*Hecate:* Goddess of the Lower Region and patroness of witchcraft.

*Hexagram:* Evil sign in the occult world; six pointed star in a circle.

*Important Dates:* September 22: Autumn Equinox

June 21: Summer Solstice

March 20: Spring Equinox

December 21: Winter Solstice

February 2: Candlemas

April 30: Walpurgisnacht

October 31: Halloween

November 1: Festival of Hecate

*Incubus:* A male demon that copulates with human females.

*Lilith:* Adam's first wife and later the wife of Lucifer.

*Lucifer:* The archangel cast from heaven for leading a revolt of angels. He is the "father" of the trinity of the devil.

*Mass:* A ceremony.

*Necromancy:* The art of controlling the spirits of the dead.

*Numbers of significance:* One: Equates with primal chaos.

Three: Triple repetitions, effective in incantations.

Five: Symbolizes justice.

Seven: Possesses mystic implications.

Thirteen: Number of members in a coven.

Four x Four: The devil's own number.

7 + 9: Multiples of these possess thaumaturgical potency.

666: Mark of the Beast, the devil's calling card.

*Pentacle:* Five pointed star.

*Pentagram:* A five-pointed star that is used as a barrier against evil. The pentagram with one point upwards repels evil, but a reversed pentagram, with two points upward, is a symbol of the devil and attracts sinister forces. In this case, the two points represent the horns of the goat, which is the symbol of the devil.

*Sabbat:* Holy days and celebrations, of which there are eight in a year; assemblies of witches in honor of the Archfiend.

*Satan:* A member, the "son," of the trinity of the devil.

*Solstice:* First day of summer or winter.

*Sorcerer:* Male witch.

*Sorcery:* The use of supernatural power over others through the assistance of evil spirits.

*Succubus:* A female demon that copulates with human males.

*Talisman:* An object believed to hold magical powers.

*Voodoo:* A form of primitive sorcery that was organized in Africa and is generally associated with fetishes (dolls, etc.).

*Walpurgisnacht:* The eve of May Day believed in medieval Europe to be the occasion of a witch's sabbath.

*Witch:* Female witch.

*Witchcraft:* The process of using the forces of the unseen world through potions, incantations, or ceremonies for the purpose of controlling or changing conditions or situations.

**TABLE 7.1** Organizational Elements and Levels of Personal Involvement with Satanic and Devil Worship

<i>Level I</i>	
Large membership	Fiscal organization maintenance
Stable membership	Long term membership
Formalized rituals	Lateral sect transfer
Ecclesiastical hierarchy	Human and animal sacrifice
Recognized authority	Converted and familial membership
Official holy days	
<i>Level II</i>	
Limited membership	Transient membership
Informal rituals and liturgy	No ecclesiastical hierarchy
Personal authority	No holy days
Total fiscal commitment	Moderate term membership
No lateral religious transfer	Human and animal sacrifice
Converted membership	
<i>Level III</i>	
Individual and solitary membership	No rituals
No ecclesiastical authority	No external authority
No holy days	No fiscal maintenance
No lateral religious transfer	Human and animal sacrifice
Self-styled membership	

### Levels of Personal Involvement in Satanism

As in any religious movement, some members are more involved and indoctrinated into the liturgy and rituals than others. In personal interviews with two high priests and several coven members of satanic cults, they report three levels of personal affiliation. Table 7.1 graphically delineates these levels of involvement and participation.

#### *Level I*

The first level resembles religious affiliation with any church. Members are similar to other, more traditional church members, with an affinity for worship, familiarity with church ritual and liturgy, and recognition of church hierarchy and bureaucratic lines of authority. Regular attendance of church-related functions, observance of feast days, and organizational maintenance through contributions by members are all characteristics of this level of membership, be it of a traditional, recognized religious organization (Catholic, Baptist, Jewish,

and so on) or a member of one of the satanic churches: LaVey's Church of Satan, Dr. Michael Aquino's Temple of Set (also headquartered in San Francisco), or Robert and Mary Anne DeGrimston's Church of the Final Judgment. There are many instances where children are born into this religious affiliation. There may be movement of membership from one satanic "denomination" to another. Unlike the more traditional religions, there is no evidence of a "baptism." To become a member in the Church of Satan, for example, one needs only to complete an application and mail in the required fee (see Figure 7.1).

#### *Level II*

The second level of personal affiliation is membership in a satanic cult. A cult is composed of persons who are bound together by the acceptance of a leader, a less sophisticated system of beliefs, and a less formal ritual. The charismatic quality of the leader is essential since the leader will obviously lend direction to the cult's activity. The membership in the satanic cult is modally short-termed and will depend largely on the persona of the leader.

There are some excellent examples of satanic cults which have existed in America in the last few decades. The Charles Manson Family is probably the most infamous example of a satanic cult. It was certainly a cult membership based in no small part upon the charismatic authority of Manson himself. There is also a theory that David Berkowitz was involved in the same satanic cult as Manson, even though they belonged to the cult at different times (Terry, 1987).

Henry Lucas admitted to membership in a devil cult, along with Ottis Toole. Both Lucas (presently on death row in Texas) and Toole (on death row in Florida) are convicted serial killers. Lucas said he was also involved in the kidnapping of small children and was paid several thousands of dollars to deliver the children for human sacrifice or prostitution; others were sold to wealthy Mexicans (authors files).

#### *Level III*

The third tier of participation is on a personal, self-styled level. This involvement may be either on an individual dimension or in a small group. Ritualism is quite limited, if not nonexistent. The younger person is more inclined to participate in this measure of satanism. The member has little knowledge of the liturgy of satanism and may be quite heavily involved in animal sacrifice, especially small dogs and cats.

There are few members of any one particular self-styled aggregate. With no liturgy or religious hierarchy, the participant sets himself up as

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Figure 7.1. Application for The Church of Satan

the authority and proceeds to "worship the devil" as he deems appropriate. There is no need for fiscal organizational maintenance; there are no tithings or collections. There are no buildings, schools, churches, or a religious bureaucracy to financially subsidize. This "satanist" is a

loner with little knowledge of the satanic oath, satanic prayers, hierarchy of hell, or the personalities of the trinity of the devil.

Richard Ramirez, the Night Stalker, is a self-styled satanist. On his left palm he has a tattoo of a pentagram, and as he walked out of the court at his arraignment, he shouted, "Hail Satan." One satanist related during an interview that he was personally offended that people would put Ramirez into the same category as a Church of Satan member (author's files).

It is easily evident that not all people who practice satanism truly believe the same and practice the same liturgy. It is also true that some believers are more immersed in satanism than others without an awareness of the nuances of membership and doctrine.

### General Beliefs in Satanism

Within satanism, there are many belief elements which are prevalent. First, all satanists acknowledge the existence of God. After all, they profess, there could be no Satan without God. Just as every person has a good side and a bad side, there are interesting parallels when one examines the belief system of the satanic church.

### Trinity of Satanism

Consider, initially, the trinity of Satan. As Christians firmly believe in the God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, the Satanists believe in Lucifer, Satan, and the Devil. They are three different parts of one being (author's file).

*Lucifer.* Lucifer holds the position of the primary godhead and the ruler of hell. He is the god of power and can give power to his followers or take the power from them. Lucifer controls power. Lucifer has more power than Satan, who has more power than the devil. Lucifer, functioning in the same role as God the Father, has never been personally seen. He can, it is believed, take any form, animal or human. He is the Leader of Hell, the Worker of Evil, and the Ruler of Evil. Lucifer, once the shining angel of God, was cast out of heaven with his wife, Lilith. They later had one son, Mendes. Lucifer demands human and animal sacrifices.

*Satan.* The second personality of the trinity of the devil belongs to Satan. His parallel in the Christian Trinity is God the Son. Satan is the son of Lucifer, not a son in the same sense as Mendes but in the same sense as Jesus is the son of God the Father. Satan is the leader of the

"wasteland," the spiritual realm which surrounds the earth. He is called upon by devoted satanists for special favors.

*The Devil.* The main purpose for the devil is to serve as a liaison between the people and Satan. As may be a characteristic of any bureaucracy, there are lines of communication. This is evidently true also in the godhead of the devil. Satan communicates with Lucifer, and the devil communicates with Satan. The particular role of the devil is to tempt people to do the work of Lucifer and Satan. He wants to pull people into hell.

#### *Human Sacrifice*

Human sacrifice takes two forms: blood or burning. A blood sacrifice is usually reserved for those whose souls will be relinquished to Lucifer. This soul, which has been "martyred," will someday be reincarnated into the "wasteland" which is earth and later occupy a revered place in hell.

A blood sacrifice occurs in several of the ceremonies of satanism. The sacrificial victim is usually cut from the upper part of the chest to above the pubic bone. The heart is often removed, and mixed with blood, urine, and feces, becomes an anthropophagous mixture. This victim's soul will go directly to Lucifer, who will make a determination as to when it will be reunited with its body in a next life.

A burning sacrifice is considered to be a killing of vengeance or destruction. This type of human execution is reserved for those who have done something against the coven or church, and as such, they deserve to be killed. Other persons may be killed who are not satanists. With Level I members, however, these human sacrifices have seen some secret ritual or ceremony.

A victim burned to death can never be reincarnated, a vital concern to the satanist. Moreover, the soul from the sacrificed goes directly to Lucifer, making him stronger with each burned victim and each blood victim.

#### *Hierarchy of Hell*

Satanists believe that the earth on which we all live is surrounded by a spiritual "wasteland." Satan commands the wasteland, and the devil serves as a liaison between hell, earth, and the wasteland. Earth is hell. People can choose right or wrong; there is a "free agency" to choose between right or wrong. A person could live life and be good and plentiful, survive this life, and after death, go to heaven. If one does not

live life according to certain orthodox principles, that person would go to hell.

The satanist believes in reincarnation. If the member does what Lucifer, Satan, and the devil command, when physically dead, the member will be reincarnated. One will never move downward in class in the next life. A high priest, for example, would not come back in the next life as simply a coven member. He would come back as at least a high priest.

Hell is like the heaven Christians envision. In other words, hell is where good satanists will receive all of their wishes. Lusts will be satisfied, and in hell will reside Lucifer, Satan, the Devil, demons (Satanists' answer to the Christian's angels), and humans. Interestingly enough, there are two classes of humans in hell: faithful satanists and fallen satanists and Christians. The faithful satanists will receive all of their demands, and the servants will be the Christians and fallen satanists.

#### *The Demons*

The demons are at the service of the devil. The demons, then, are lower in the hierarchy in hell than the trinity of the devil, but they are higher than the humans in hell. Sometimes the demons will appear in spiritual form and carry spells of good (white) magic or bad (black) magic to the people on earth.

#### *Devices Used in Satanic Rituals*

In any form of religion, whether it be Christianity, Judaism, or Satanism, there are rituals and ceremonies. This can even be evident in the self-styled satanist. A ceremony is typically a unique happening, which is intended to mark an important event. A ritual is more. It is repetitive, traditional, and has a certain prescribed set of behaviors which is intended to symbolize and reinforce a system of beliefs. Satanic rituals certainly fit into this operational definition.

Table 7.2 lists the devices necessary (LaVey, 1969, pp. 134-139) for satanic rituals.

#### *Vestments*

Cowled or hooded black robes are to be worn by male participants. Females are to wear sexually-appealing apparel for the purpose of arousing and intensifying the adrenal or bioelectrical energy of the males.

**TABLE 7.2** Religious Elements in Satanic and Devil Worship Rituals and Ceremonies

Vestments	Altar
Phallus	Candles
Bell	Chalice
Elixir	Sword
Symbol of Baphomet	Gong

**Altar**

The purpose of the altar is to serve as a focal point. A nude woman is used on the altar because the female is the natural passive receptor and represents the earth mother. The altar is to be three to four feet high and five and one-half to six feet long. The altar will face west, and the feet of the altar will face south.

**Symbol of Baphomet**

In satanism, the pentagram is inverted to perfectly accommodate the head of the goat, its head representing duality and the other three points inverted to symbolize the Trinity denied. This Symbol of Baphomet is placed on the wall above the altar.

**Candles**

The candles represent the light of Lucifer. Only black and white candles are used, and never more than one white candle can be used. As many black candles as needed can be used to illuminate the ritual chamber. One black candle is placed to the left of the altar, and the white candle is placed to the right of the altar.

**Bell**

The bell is used to mark both the beginning and the end of the ritual. The high priest rings the bell nine times, turning counterclockwise. This is done at the beginning of the ritual to clear and purify the air, and at the end to intensify the workings and indicate finality.

**Chalice**

The chalice should be made of silver, glass, or crockery but not of gold. Gold is traditionally identified with Christianity. Therefore, all which is identified with Christianity is to be avoided. The contents of the chalice are to be drunk first by the priest.

**Elixir**

A stimulating fluid is used, but wine is not necessary. The elixir is to be ingested immediately following the Invocation to Satan.

**Sword**

The sword is the symbol of force and is held pointing toward the Symbol of Baphomet by the priest. If a sword is not available, a long knife, cane, or something similar can be used.

**Phallus**

The phallus is held in both hands and shaken twice toward each cardinal point of the compass. The phallus may be made of wood, clay or plaster.

**Gong**

The gong is used to call upon the forces of Darkness.

**Satanic Masses**

Satanic masses are offered several times during the course of the year. There are several days of the week which are appropriate for a particular service: Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Thursdays are especially appropriate for witches.

With each mass, there is an accompanying ritual. Colors, prayers, chants, words, meditation, and drugs may accompany each type of mass.

**Initiation Mass.** This mass is offered when new members are accepted into the satanic group, either in Level I or Level II. The new member will participate in the Mass as an acolyte, and once the new member has passed through the rite of initiation, he is sworn to secrecy.

**Gnostic Mass.** This type of satanic mass is frequently open to nonsatanic members who have shown an interest in joining the satanic group. Demons are called upon to intercede and convince interested nonmembers to join.

**Mass of Angels.** The manifest purpose of this mass is to ask for power from Lucifer to protect the high priest from demonic powers. On the eve of this mass, a black cock is killed, and the heart, eyes, and tongue are cut out and become a potion for the participants to share.

**Mass for the Dead.** The purpose of this mass is to petition Lucifer to free the celebrant from the fear of hell and to make the demons obey. A lamb

will be sacrificed, its throat cut, and the heart, eyes, and tongue removed and ground into powder and then buried with the lamb.

*The Black Mass.* This is probably the most bizarre and famous of all satanic masses. A parody and a mockery of the Roman Catholic mass, this ritual is done for evil purposes only.

During the Black Mass, an animal or human sacrifice is offered. This most holy mass is seen as a sacrament by the satanic worshipers, men wear black robes, and women wear black sexually erotic dress. The Black Mass is presided over by a high priest, who celebrates this mass to recall a spirit, to gain power, or to ask for insight into the future.

An altar is used which faces west. A nude female lies upon the altar with her head facing north and her feet facing south. The males in the coven all have sexual intercourse with the woman, and each member, male or female, then inserts a bread wafer into her vagina, which is then ingested.

In the Satanic Bible, LaVey (1969) denies the practice of a black mass. But the members of Level I and Level II who were interviewed admitted the existence of such a ceremony.

## Satanic Ceremonies

### *Night of the Beast*

Unlike the Black Mass which lasts all night, the Night of the Beast is a three-week ceremony. The ceremony commences at the third full moon of the year with the purpose of replenishing power and gaining new power to foresee the future. It is a great time of happiness, and strangely emotionally similar to the Christians' Christmas. At this time, the newly indoctrinated satanists are invited to participate in the oath to Satan with the new member making a pact with Satan to give his or her soul to Lucifer. Second, the inductee will learn the principles of black magic. Third, the initiate will learn the vocabulary of Satan; and last, he or she will participate in human sacrifice.

The celebration of The Night of the Beast is the opportunity for a high priest to suffer martyrdom, his soul to be dispatched to Lucifer for his uses, and be reincarnated at some future time. It is also an opportunity for parish members to assume the position of high priest, as someone will be needed to fill the now vacant position.

The ceremony begins with the slaughter of a goat. A cloven-hoofed animal is necessary for this ceremony because of its symbolism of Satan. The goat will be slaughtered and hung on an inverted cross, which has been suspended over the altar. Thirteen high priests will march *counterclockwise* around an inverted pentagram, which has been drawn near the altar. As the high priests walk slowly in procession, the hope of each is that a drop of blood from the goat will fall upon him. This is taken as a sign that Lucifer has selected this minister as his chosen one; he is to be martyred.

Once this drop of blood from the goat has fallen upon a high priest, he will be killed midway through the Night of the Beast ceremony. His wife, if he is married and she is also a believer, will be killed as well. If he is single, or if his wife is not a member of the church, a woman must be chosen from the coven. There are coven women who have been specially trained and educated, much like nuns in the Catholic Church. One will be chosen by the high priests to join the sacrificed male victim.

The male is always sacrificed first. He will be drugged and hung inverted upon the satanic cross. He is to be a blood sacrifice. His abdomen is opened from below the throat to the pubic bone. His heart is cut out because this is the life source. The eyes are also removed because the eyes are to see the future. The blood is drained and the blood, heart, eyes, and urine are all mixed with wine into a potion which the members of the church will drink. The procedure is repeated for the chosen woman, and again for the closing night's ceremony.

The bodies are hidden or disposed of. The intent is that the bodies will never be found because the bodies are needed by Lucifer to reunite the souls of the numerous martyrs.

The Night of the Beast is presided over by an "Overlord." This person was once a high priest, but because of his martyrdom in a past life, has been elevated to the present status of Overlord or "bishop." As with many other satanic rituals and ceremonies, including the Black Mass, there is no evidence that this ceremony occurs with any great frequency.

### *The Passover*

Every six months, in February and August, the Passover Rite is celebrated. The purpose of this ceremony is to reaffirm the satanists' belief in the dead and hell. This rite lasts only one night, and there will

be two human sacrifices: a high priest and his wife, or "Bride of Lucifer."

#### *The May Day Rite*

This occurs on May 1. The general purpose of this ceremony is to celebrate the beginning of the new year and also to celebrate the new life of satanism. There is both animal and human sacrifice, a high priest and a woman. As with the Passover, the rite is presided over by 13 high priests, and the participants are the Overlord, the coven members, and according to belief, demons.

#### **Crime Scene Elements**

In satanic killings, in any of the three dimensions of personal involvement, certain elements may be present. The extent of the evidence will vary according to the level of personal involvement in satanic ritualism and personal affinity. There is less evidence left at the scene of a satanic killing than there is in a devil worship murder perpetrated by a self-styled satanist. The latter is less careful of the crime and the crime scene. Conversely, the coven of an organized satanic cult will be very careful in the covering of the scene itself.

#### *Circle of Salt*

In a Level I affiliation, and in fewer scenes of Level II and Level III, there will be two circles of salt which will surround the ritual scene. The investigator would be aware that the circles of salt, or any amount of salt found at a suspected ritualistic crime scene, would be a sign that a satanic sect or a devil worship cult had been involved. There also may be bowls of salt of different colors around the altar.

The colors of salt, as well as banners and other symbols, all have expressive meanings. Table 7.3 lists the meanings of the various colors.

#### *Candles*

Candles comprise an important role in the satanic ritual. As stated earlier, black and white candles are to be used by satanic sect members. Never more than one white candle is used. Therefore, wax drippings found at the ritualistic crime scene may serve as an index of satanic involvement. If candle wax is found in colors other than black or white, then it can be assumed that the participants are Level II or Level III worshipers.

**TABLE 7.3** Significant Colors in Satanic and Devil Worship Rituals and Ceremonies

Black	Darkness, evil, devil, night, satanism, occult
Blue	Tears, water, sadness, pornography
Green	Vegetation, restful, nature, soothing
Orange	Personal aura
Purple	Summons spirits, summons spirits of destruction
Red	Blood, life, energy
White	Cleanliness, purity, innocence
Yellow	Perfection, wealth, glory, power

#### *Mockery of Christian Symbols*

The inverted cross is a sign of satanic or devil worship rituals. Often the inverted cross is made of stone and hung above the altar. An animal or human will be sacrificed above the altar and blood may be found on the ground below the cross and altar.

Christian symbols may be desecrated. Statues, crosses, crucifixes, chalices, and other symbols associated with Christianity may all be broken and in pieces.

#### *Satanic Symbols*

Drawings of the inverted pentagram or a hexagram may be present. The pentagram or hexagram is always enclosed by a circle, which serves as a protective device from harm and danger from the demons.

In addition there are other satanic symbols as exemplified in Figure 7.2.

The satanic alphabet may also be present, with the letters drawn upon the ground to spell a prayer, statement, or warning. The satanic number of the beast, 666, may be present, but this is so well known that accepting this as an unimpeachable indication of direct satanic involvement may be in error. Also, the swastika, older than the Nazi Party itself, is primarily a symbol of satanic worship. If the swastika is present alone without any other visible satanic symbols, the inference of satanic involvement will be diminished.

#### *Blood*

Because of the emphasis by Level I participants on blood sacrifice, both human and animal blood may be present at the ritual scene. If, however, everything occurs as ritualistically planned, there will be little blood found of either type, human or animal. The blood is drained

AC/DC	Anti-Christ, Devil Child
S	Satan-Stoner
MARKOS	Abracadabra
FFF	Anti-Christ
666	Anti-Christ
NATAS	Satan Reversed
6,9,13, XIII	Occult Numbers
	Swastika
	Pentagram, White Magic
	Pentagram, Sign of Occult
	Lucifer, Morning Star
*	Ank

Figure 7.2. Satanic and Devil Worship Symbols

from the victim and mixed with certain body parts, urine, and feces, and made into a potion thought to have magical powers for satanic purposes.

Of course, when burning is the method of execution used, blood most likely will be missing. The reason for burning, however, must be kept in mind for the various levels of satanic involvement.

#### Bodies

Human bodies will usually not be found at the ritual scene. This is especially true if evidence at the crime scene reflects Level I participation. If the method of murder involves bloodletting, the body is going to be moved and hidden so that at some future time, the soul will be reunited with the body at Lucifer's command. The burned body, however, will often be left at the scene after the artifacts of the ritual have been carefully removed.

A body found at a crime scene where death has been caused by evisceration and cutting is not the result of a satanic sect; rather, it is a cult or self-styled killing. Positioning of the body, foreign objects

inserted into body orifices, or bodies found where parts of the body have been removed will all reflect Level II or Level III involvement.

With a bloodletting sacrifice, the body typically will be cut from the pubic area to the upper chest. The heart, parts of the intestines, and other parts of the body will be removed, as well as the eyes. The body will be mutilated as a result of this action. There may be fecal matter smeared over the body, and the body may also be anointed with oils and incense.

With a satanic sect, however, it is unlikely that the body will be found at the kill site. If discovered, its recovery will probably be more by accident than through investigation.

#### Animals

Small animals, such as dogs, cats, frogs, rabbits, and so on, are all favorite targets of sacrifice for satanic cults or devil worship. Perhaps one reason for this choice of animal is the lack of sophistication or knowledge of the dogmatically correct animals of sacrifice.

Sect members will make every effort to secure the "proper" animal to offer Lucifer, who demands blood. Usually, the goat is the desired animal of sacrifice. If this animal is not available, another cloven-hoofed animal can be substituted. If, however, the animal is a dog, cat, or other "inappropriate" sacrifice, this might indicate a younger perpetrator or one who has been involved in the group a relatively short period of time.

#### Conclusion

As in any crime scene, there is a mixture of profiling elements. It would be safe to assume, however, that the preponderance of satanic elements indicates a level of participation in satanism. This participatory involvement, which entails to some degree a belief system and knowledge component, will reflect not only only the amount of worship liturgy but also the method and selection of the total satanic ritual.

Table 7.4 describes the elements in sacrificial rituals and personal involvement, whether it be through sects, cults, or self-styled devil worship. As one can envision from this table, there are fundamental differences in goals, motives, rationalizations, methods, and drives, according to the type of ritualistic offender. If there is a body found at a crime scene with fecal matter spread upon the corpse, and if satanic pentagrams and numbers are present, one would suspect a devil worship killing. If this proves to be the case, a young offender with a

**TABLE 7.4** Elements in Satanic and Devil Worship Ritualistic Killings

<i>Ritual Elements</i>	<i>Satanic Sects</i>	<i>Devil Worship Cults</i>	<i>Self-Styled Devil Worship</i>
Animal sacrifice	yes	yes	yes
Human sacrifice	yes	yes	yes
Victims	members	strangers	strangers
Blood sacrifice	yes	yes	yes
Burn sacrifice	yes	no	no
Executioner	priest	leader	self-stylist

limited amount of active involvement in an official satanic church would be suspected. After all, a bloodletting victim is a martyred "saint" for the church, and his or her body would be cared for in the appropriate, revered fashion. In other words, it would not simply be left at the scene. If this were done, then Lucifer would not reunite the soul with the body at a future time.

A burned body would be deliberately placed at a site which would accelerate its discovery. A victim burned by a sect sends a message to other sect members that this member has violated the confidentiality of the sect. The sect will not tolerate a member's disobedience, and the burning execution not only conveys this message, but will also negate any potential for reincarnation.

A careful examination of the crime scene will yield some information regarding the level of participation. It is proposed that a sect-related crime will be committed by a person who has been in the community for some time, is intelligent, and has been a member of the sect for some time. On the other hand, a ritualistic crime perpetrated by a self-styled devil worshiper will offer a profile of a younger perpetrator, maybe a transient, and probably less educated and lower in the socioeconomic scale. Also, the self-styled and cult offender are more of a danger to society because their victims are almost entirely strangers. They will kill not for worship purposes but because of their quest for power.

The elimination of a person's life can never be taken lightly. An investigation must take into account all parameters. Because there has been mutilation, anthropophagy, or any other bizarre act which would, on the surface, indicate a sex crime, further investigation may indeed yield a different result.

## 8 Psychological Profiling and Rape

Rape has definite cultural definitions. Brownmiller (1975, p. 115) claims rape is "a conscious process of intimidation by which all men keep all women in a state of fear." She further adds that rape in time of war is the victor's prerogative; the vanquished surrenders yet another form of property. When women are viewed as chattel, rape confirms their inferior social position.

Conversely, a study of rape in Pennsylvania in the early 1970s espoused a position of victim-precipitation (Amir, 1971). This stance "validated" many of the myths about rape: Women secretly want to be raped, the primary motive for rape is sex, and so on. This chapter, however, focuses upon the role of sex and power, and how these elements come into play with the very repugnant crime of rape. While there is little space or time to refute the myths raised by Amir's work, it is stressed here that rape is a crime of power and violence, and that sex is the weapon used.

### Definitions of Rape

Popularly, rape is viewed as a sexually-motivated act. It would be better viewed as a violent crime. Statutory rape is sexual relations with a person below an age prescribed by statute. Forceable rape is sexual penetration without a person's consent; this is the crime which has captured the attention of the criminal justice enterprise.