

## Truth About Darkness - Rev. S. Nagash

Darkness is something that some believe is a facet of the Left Hand Path. For some groups, this may be true. For the Church of Lucifer, it is not. Lucifer, the Morning Star, stems from Latin, this is the full definition: LIGHT: Lucifer -fera -ferum [light-bearing , light-bringing]; m. as subst. [the morning star]. Now, being a part of the Left Hand Path, one seeks for knowledge and creating their own personal reality via magick. When studying magick, you study yourself. The end goal is en-LIGHT-enment. What is so dark about that?

Also, I have been told, in passing conversations, that the WILL will stagnate without darkness. Now, within darkness there is nothing. In this same conversation, I was told to look at a midnight sky and experience the darkness. When I looked at the midnight sky, I saw not darkness, but millions of points of light. Stars.. The Left Hand Path practitioner seeks out these points of light, these tid bits of knowledge, shining bright within the darkness, illuminating it. Knowledge is light, ignorance is darkness.

Now, concerning those who are confused. There are many, many occultists out there who are quite knowledgeable. But it tends to be an incomplete knowledge. To know something and applying it, are two completely different things. For example, I know someone who was a member of the Temple of Set. (I must note here that this article is in no way of a defamatory nature to the Temple of Set.) He got as far as receiving the Crystal Tablet, The Book of Coming Forth by Night, Ruby Tablet, the Diabolicon and a few others that I cannot remember at this time. Then, he started analyzing the ideals of the Temple of Set, and its Setian Philosophy. I do know that he once stated to "higher ups" within the Temple of Set that Xeper will lead to the demise of Set. I am not commenting as to whether or not he is right or wrong, and that is not the point of this article anyway. Not long after that, he left the Temple of Set. His over-analysis of that which is spiritual belief, was his way to find an exit, whether or not he was right. Before that, he had studied LaVeyan/Modern Satanism, and left that as well when he felt that he "knew" everything about it. I don't believe he was a member of the Church of Satan, but then again, this article is not about the COS either. Then, he joined the Order of Shaitan. Upon hearing the inane ramblings of the now defunct Order of Shaitan's High Priest, he left them and came to the Church of Lucifer. His tutelage in magick, he had learned some of our magickal principles and Luciferian Philosophy. Rev. Frederick Nagash and I explained to him what we are all about. In recent conversation, he has tried to analyze the Luciferian Tradition. No matter how many times he was told, he constantly and consistently clung to the ideals of darkness.

In later conversations, he told me that he will not refer to magick as being "black" or "white". Which is good, that is breaking from the christian ideal. However, he did mention the Lord of Darkness, which would imply "black magick". Also, he mentioned the "Black Flame" which, I do give credit to the Church of Satan for, since they are the ones who created the term, and use it as the title of there Newsletter/Magazine. And then, he mentions his "Black Heart". Now, the heart is an organ that is within one's body to pump blood. If a heart was truly black, one would not be alive. He tends to use these

"darkness" aspects, but refuses to use the term "black magick", which is a total hypocrisy. Now, over the past few weeks, this person has left the COL, stating that we are not Free Thought. Well, he wanted to learn about my personal beliefs, which is Luciferian. He wanted to become as such, and utilize the magick, however, he kept mixing the stigmas of previous learning, and mixed it with traditional Luciferian belief. It doesn't work that way. That is why it is Traditional, there is a way of doing things, that have been that way for many many years. So, in this, he left, but he didn't have to. I would not have treated him any different than before. I will not condemn someone for their beliefs, (as long as they don't twist the truth of what it is, either through translation or what have you), for not everything works for everyone. Either way, we wish him well on his journeys. Back to the story...

It seems that he just couldn't handle any other ideals than the stupidity that the christians have imposed upon mankind. That is that any other belief other than Christianity is darkness, and that they are the only religion/spiritual belief that is light. Now, you can see how Christianity has brainwashed mankind. There are millions of people who have this belief and cannot be break free from it. The Left Hand Path practitioners that fall into this category, no matter how many books they read, no matter how many teacher they have, their belief in darkness will limit them as a magickian. They will never amount to anything magickally, ever.

Darkness, by terms of meaning evil, bad, or wicked, is a christian ideal. Darkness, in reality is ignorance. Light is merely knowledge and knowing. Shedding "light" on the subject is adding knowledge to your brain, as opposed to staying ignorant and in the dark. This is the truth about darkness.