

# A Travelers Guide to the Left Hand Path

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The majority of society considers the term Left Hand Path (LHP) to be essentially evil or satanic. This document attempts to explore in a different light, the essence of the LHP and to distinguish how it varies from Right Hand Path (RHP) thinking. To better clarify and justify the importance of LHP practice in ones mental and spiritual operations. There exist a plethora of information that may be considered the LHP and many will involve the dark arts. However, just because one claims to be a Satanist does not mean one is walking the LHP. The dark side of existence, does involve the explorations of that which is considered by most to be taboo or off limits. Be it chaos magick, black magick, sex magick, occult technology or Satanism; such areas are explored to expand ones awareness and powers of presence.

Essentially, the LHP is the path to self-deification, toward the god-self. All areas of ones psyche, senses and abilities must be understood and mastered to complete the Self. Just as in Hermetic philosophy of the Alchemical King and Queen, as Above so Below, reveals the formula toward embracing both/all aspects of ones self to become complete and strive to reach ones highest potential. In the process we embrace all aspects of the Self and seek to control/overcome our fears and ignorance. However, this does not mean we must worship the devil, at one point we may no longer worship anything at all. It simply means we must come to terms with our own inner demons, we must face our fears, we must see the beauty in that which is considered foul to the senses. We observe all things in action without judgement or assumption, we speculate and reflect on that which is happening around us and turn this awareness on to our self. We do so to better understand who and what we are in totality.

Thus the LHP does indeed deal with the darker aspects of reality and self, but it is not limited to it, for the ultimate objective of the LHP is "Self-Knowledge". There are things within that many do not understand and fear, and therefore, do most avoid this essential part of our very nature. By so doing, do we cater to our fears and weakness. For we do not want to know the truth, we would rather exist in our delusions of grandeur. Many religions of the RHP advocate the submission to one or many Supreme Beings, such practice enslaves us to the religious dogmas and its clergy. The LHP is toward the path of Liberation.

Herein we may reference the bible, not as a factual document, but as a symbolic reference to the evolution of the human genus. For if we look at this widely misunderstood book we see that it metaphorically reveals the evolution of consciousness to a certain degree, beginning in Genesis and ending in Revelations. If we take the beginning we find Eve. The mother of homo-consciousness. If we were to analyze this story from a more objective approach we could regard Eve as the first intelligent primate. For she was the first to eat of the fruits of knowledge. The serpent is symbolic in that like thought it slithers in and strikes quickly, once bitten the venom of truth begins to attack the body/mind. This talking serpent was within Eve's own psyche.

So, somewhere in our ancestral lineage, a more primitive human life form, realized that it did not have to live by the rules of the clan, it did not need the clan to live, it could exist outside of its nature to succumb to its primitive emotional controls. And quiet possibly it would most likely be a female primate, because in the clan the female belongs to the alpha male, and no other monkey can have her. She is in basically his sex slave. This is the way of nature, to spawn genetically superior beings. But Eve, now was empowered with intelligence about what she wanted and who she was. Her mind was opened and existed beyond normality.

The sense of self in lower creatures does exist to a certain degree, it is equipped to satisfy its needs and desires to feed, sleep and mate. However, this primate, we call "Eve" took it to another level, she realized she existed. Her frontal lobe began to experience more profound thoughts outside of her immediate nature, she had ideas of something better for herself. And therein, she possibly had the first self realization outside of the Natural Order, the Garden of Eden..But she did not want to go alone she had her eye on a mate that she was attracted to. Perhaps Adam was a fine specimen in the clan, and Eve had the hots for him, but unfortunately for Adam he was not the alpha male. Therefore, Eve was off limits to Adam. Eve persuaded Adam to leave with her and told him they can leave the clan and be together. Adam with his hormonal urges liked that idea. Thus, the two left the Garden of Eden, never to return, with a new awareness of the power they had to exist in a different world.

Of course this is hypothetical speculation, however our ancestral lineage has progressed greatly since whoever that first primate was that ate of the fruits of knowledge. That secret/forbidden knowledge beyond the natural order of things, the knowledge that belonged to the gods. This is what separates man from mere animal. No longer ignorant to the abilities that our mind is that which makes our species dominant. The acquired ability of making better tools and weapons. The ability to control and use fire. All of which is the ability to use the mind and to shape reality as we wish to see it. This ability of mind has wrought mankind to the level of godlike. To create and destroy ways of life. Such skills and abilities have placed upon wo/man the responsibility to think more deeply, such as ideals, death, meaning, purpose and

religion. This responsibility has long since been attributed to supreme beings, that we may avoid the responsibility of our own actions. However, on the LHP, our work is to be more and more self-responsible, to accept our failures and accomplishments as a part of learning to live life the best possible.

This brings us back to the LHP, most practitioners of the LHP believe in Apotheosis. Self Divinity. We actively seek higher truths, we test our knowledge and skills, we challenge our own beliefs. We do so that we may obtain greater knowledge and a better understanding that we may reach our highest ideals. To be more godlike in our lifetime. To seek out our own potential, perfection, presence and powers that can create and/or destroy. To become and experience greatness in our life. The Right Hand Path will scorn such desires, and attribute them to carnality, pride or selfishness. They will advocate that you are not a god, you should worship and bow down to god/s awesome power. A power/god that exist somewhere outside of you by whatever name. The RHP has a charade of gods to blame for humanities shortcomings, and they all think their god is the “one and only”. And they will kill to prove it. The LHP'er will take the aspects and ideals embodied by such gods and find them within him/herself to better him/herself. Be it Azoth, Baphomet, Buddha, Christ, Enki, Great Spirit, Horus, Jehovah, Krishna, Lucifer, Ptah, Pan, Ra, Satan or Set; each deity embodies a certain ideal of presence. The LHP'er will invoke this ideal presence from within his/her own being. This technique of using the power of belief to ones advantage instead of being controlled by it to ones disadvantage, is a practical theory of Chaos Magick. Chaos Magick is by theory a LHP system, in that it does not follow anyone's rules but ones own. RHP systems are a product of our primitive mind which encourages us to belong to the herd/clan mentality, to follow, not lead.

At this time we have before us what appears to be two distinct and separate paths, the Right Hand Path (RHP) and the Left Hand Path (LHP). What separates these two paths is the nothing more than the mind itself. It is in our nature to be dualistic. What we think one thing to be, the other must naturally be its opposite. The RHP brings to mind that which we value, that which is morally good. The LHP brings to mind that which we do not value, that which is morally wrong. This is the general understanding of the two paths. However, in order to formulate a better understanding, we should dig beneath the surface, we should study and discover greater truths about what things really mean. Not to just believe what we are told to believe but to see beneath the the surface. We learn best by experience. Reading offers a guide, but it does not bring True Knowledge until you experience it and that knowledge becomes a part of you in that experience. There exist in all walks of life armchair practitioners, those who read and think they know. Yet, they do not truly know, for they have not truly experienced anything of real value.

So, the RHP is suppose to represent value and moral goodness, to include, self-

sacrifice, service to others, love, beauty, peace, joy, unity/oneness, non-judgement, order, light etc.. Whereas the LHP must then be the counterparts of despise, evil, selfishness, personal gratification, hate, ugliness, discord, meanness, separation, judgmental of others, chaos, darkness, etc.. The RHP has predominantly has gods of creation, light and order. The LHP has many gods of destruction, darkness and chaos. However, this is always a matter of opinion, for what one may hold as good another may see as bad and vice versa. So therefore, we should look to the gods only as thought-forms of mans higher ideals. Discover our own ideals and connect with the power of that ideal that is godlike to us.

One may discover of their own that duality is just an illusion, and that one can exist outside of it, just as Eve did in the Garden of Eden (Natural Order). In essence, Eve was also the first LHP practitioner, she liberated herself, she broke the mold. The LHP teaches us to exist beyond the Natural Order, to experience chaos, in order to restructure our self. To be more and more active in Self-Evolution, by becoming greater and greater Self-Responsible. The LHP is the path to Self Mastery. The RHP generally looks down on the techniques that the LHP engages in and therefore only experience self-discipline (which is a part of it but below mastery). To master the self and to truly “Know Thyself” is to experience the darker side of our nature, to dabble in it, to think thoughts we were told not to and to experience that which we enjoy. On the LHP, we seek to know, to dare, to will and to keep silent. All the while working for greater understanding of the world and self. To take control and not be controlled, but in the same token building a mutual relationship with our world and our self.

In our base nature, we act on emotions, be it love or rage, in general the masses are controlled by how they feel. But when we step outside of our emotions and learn to control them we will make better decisions and see things more clearly. By doing so we are inflicting a Higher Will upon our lower self and world, we are in essence actively engaging Higher Knowledge which is the Higher Self. It is this Higher Self, that the LHP practitioners value most. That part of the self that reveals greater power over the self and over reality. All energy, emotions, values and efforts are aimed at this Highest Ideals of the Self, that God-Self within. That which you envision yourself to be. It may be so that many RHP’ers do feel or believe that their god exist within them as well, but the major difference is the LHP’er blames himself, works to correct his/her weakness and evolve the Self to a higher state of being. The RHP’er? Well it is of my personal experience they blame god for their shortcomings and failures.

The LHP, is essentially the path of Self-Evolution, Self-Illumination on an entirely different level than any RHP will tolerate. The primary difference is that the LHP implements science and logic into the spiritual equation, whereas most all RHP’s disregard it. The spirit or soul is essentially ones energy/light/conscious body. A body much like the physical one that has needs, such as exercise and nourishment to grow. As Above, So Below. The material world reflects the energy/spiritual world,

the same powers in the material world that create and destroy also exist in higher realms. Those same powers exist in us. Yet, if we do not work to master the self, and focus on our own godhood and our physical powers to shape reality, our energy form will not be strong enough to ever shape reality to any relative degree. And therefore we will in the end only experience non-existence.

Satanism or an other dark religion is not necessarily a LHP, there will exist LHP'ers in this type of system because they are learning valuable tools that will help them break out of the cage that confines, restricts and limits the Self. Such teachings give us the thoughts needed to liberate our self from the stifles of religious and governmental dogma. Such institutional dogma is today's ruling class, the new natural order or the Garden of Eden of today. A place where we are a controlled herd by those who think they are the alpha fe/males. Always trying to force their thoughts upon us, limiting us and essentially caging that which will be our next evolutionary jump in consciousness. Traveling the LHP will expose certain un/natural truths in our self and in others, we begin to see what is actually going on around us, the LHP is not to be traveled with a blindfold. This gives a sense of liberation, a freedom afforded by LHP thinking. It does not make us evil, yet we will not refrain from doing something that others may deem wrong. This is RHP thinking. And it can be certain that statistically there are more RHP murders than there are LHP murderers. The LHP'er understands the consequences of his/her actions and will not make a rash/emotional decision, however, they should not be underestimated.

As Above, So Below. There does exist some Self's who are more creative, others who are more destructive, some who are more orderly and other who are more chaotic. Each has their place in the scheme of things. We do not presuppose that all others must do as we do or think as we think. We understand and appreciate the diversity of the Universal Construct within and without of our own beings. We do, however, seek to empower our self so that we will not suffer nor be victimized by another's power struggles and we exist outside of all control except the control we exert upon our self.

In closing, it is my preference to walk somewhere in between the RHP and LHP, a more Centered Path that utilizes dualities and opposition to be more complete. However, this document was devised to reveal from my point of view the essential aspects of the LHP. We work on the physical, mental and spiritual planes equally, for the mastery of physical attributes affords a mastery of the mental and spiritual being. I am not a scholar, professor or teacher, but perhaps this travelers guide offers some assistance. May your chosen path lead you to your hearts desires. Let your own conscious be your guide to Self-Discovery. Enjoy the journey.