



ORDO TYPHONIS

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A Brief History

The *Ordo Typhonis* is a body of initiates whose aim in the Outer is the establishment of the Law of Thelema.

Ordo Typhonis is the name currently applied to an arcane tradition once known as the Stellar Wisdom, which had its roots in Lemuria. After the submergence of Atlantis the tradition was perpetuated in the mysteries of North, Central and South America, and in the Polynesian Sea Cults. It attained its apotheosis however in the pre-monumental period of Egypt's history. In its decline it was carried over into the Typhonian Dynasties, ending with the XVIIth, although remnants of it are traceable in the XXVIth Dynasty. In later ages the Wisdom reappeared in fragmented form in certain Far Eastern traditions.

Coming to more accessible and comparatively recent times, the Current surfaced again when Jacques de Molay (*circa* 1393) concentrated it into the *Order of the Knights Templar*, in connection with the Mysteries of the Holy Graal. At this stage it assumed a Masonic cast.

In the 18th century the tradition appeared under the leadership of Adam Weishaupt (1748-1830); it was then known as the *Order of the Illuminati*. In the late 19th century an Austrian adept named Carl Kellner gave to it a new impetus and the name by which it was more recently known – *Ordo Templi Orientis*. Kellner was the first Supreme Grand Master of the Order in its modern guise. In 1905 Kellner died and a German Theosophist, Theodor Reuss, became its Head; the Masonic element then became dominant. In 1924 the English magician Aleister Crowley took over the leadership, becoming the third Grand Master until his death in 1947. For the ensuing eight years the Order's affairs were conducted in the Outer by its Treasurer, Karl Germer.

During the 1950s another English occultist, Kenneth Grant, realigned the Order with the Stellar Wisdom which had originally infused it. He also established within the Order a dependent cell, *New Isis Lodge*, for the purpose of channelling praeter-human or extra-terrestrial

transmissions. The Lodge operated between 1955 and 1962, during which period the Stellar Wisdom was fully aligned with the Current of Thelema (93' .') with which the Order had first been inspired under Crowley's leadership.

The Order now operates in the Outer as *Ordo Typhonis*, The Typhonian Order. One of the Order's concerns in recent years has been the development of methods for dealing with the massive 'nightside' forces now erupting in the Earth's astral ambience. A potent means of encounter and investigation is now, in consequence, consolidating within the Order. Similarly, another specialised cell has been formed to explore the Cult of Lam, a trans-mundane entity contacted by Aleister Crowley in the course of the Amalantrah Working. The work of this cell is to develop those magical techniques most effective in furthering contact with Lam, a significant Gateway to the core of magick, which is the forging of insight through trafficking with wider and deeper ranges of consciousness.

In order to avoid any misunderstanding, it is here emphasised that the *Ordo Typhonis* does not undertake the training of novices; nor is It a Teaching Order. It is a highly specialised organisation, designed to transmit the vital magical current which emanates from the dynamic heart of radiant energy, veiled by the image of Shaitan-Aiwaz, 93' .'

The *Ordo Typhonis* has at all times upheld the principles of individual Liberty, Fraternity, and Universal Benediction. Its aims and its doctrines have been expounded in the writings of successive Grand Masters, each of whom has redefined the programme of the Order in accordance with the development of esoteric and magical techniques.

A more detailed account of the Order's current activities is given in Kenneth Grant's Typhonian Trilogies; in particular, see Chapter One of *The Magical Revival*. For an insight into the Inner Group Working mentioned in paragraph six above, see *Nightside of Eden*. For examples of transmissions, see 'The Wisdom of S'lba' in *Outer Gateways* and 'Liber OKBISH' in *The Ninth Arch*.

Conditions of Membership

Applications for membership will be considered only after the satisfactory fulfilment of the following conditions:

(i) The formal acceptance, in writing, of the Law of Thelema as it is defined in *Liber AL vel Legis*, sub figura CCXX.

(ii) The daily performance for nine consecutive months of a magical or mystical practice. The practice should be chosen by the candidate and details submitted in advance for approval. A daily Record should be maintained over the course of the nine months, detailing the starting time and duration of the practice, an account of the session, and any other observations which seem relevant. A typewritten copy of the Record should be forwarded at the end of the nine months for assessment, bearing on the title-page the candidate's name, address, and date of birth. The Record will be due within one month following the completion of the practice, and should be accompanied by the formal acceptance mentioned at (i) above. Note that all Records, of whatever grade, become upon submission the property of the Order.

A candidate who is already a member of, or affiliated to, any occult, religious or political organisation which has not officially accepted the Law of Thelema, is not eligible for admission to the *Ordo Typhonis*. Where such acceptance exists, the candidate is required to provide written confirmation of that fact from the Governing Body of the organisation concerned.

All candidates must be 21 years of age or over at the time of their membership application.

The *Ordo Typhonis* places its members under no financial obligations whatsoever.