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Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law

"Do What Thou Wilt"

I love this phrase. It has been the basis of much thought and many a great conversation.

Like many others, I have always been quick to argue that it is not an invitation to anarchy. I am no longer so sure.

It is traditionally followed by the statement that this directive is the Law; then qualified with "Love is the Law, Love under Will".

How unfair it is to make a clear statement, then make it conditional upon such an intangible, subjective conception as love.

Let us strip away the frippery and look at "Do what thou wilt" in isolation from its qualifiers.

Let us first assume that those considering this proposition are human, hence bound by our common experience – human nature. Let us further assume that my audience is a special subset of humans – those who seek something beyond human nature.

Over the years of my work as a magickian purpose after purpose has proven itself worthless. As AC said, "Pure Will, un-assuaged of purpose is every way perfect". This is so. In fact, this is probably the most important message in the entire body of AC's work.

As a student of esoteric cosmology, I have been paring the Universe back, hoping to reveal, in the realms of pure thought, the origins of and the reason for our being. These origins reside, Qabalistically, in the three levels of Ain. The cosmology that I have evolved is Ex Nihilo. My first attempts at expressing the Ex Nihilo conceptions bogged down in the need to assign purpose. The result is that while the basic physical principles expressed are sound, they wallow in mumbo jumbo about gods and angels and design and desire. Ex Nihilo as I now accept it is no longer All-from-Nothing, but All-Is-Nothing – expressed in many ways by AC, but nowhere as aptly as in the Nuit=0, Hadit=1 model. Zero is, in fact One. There is only one Universe and it is Nothing.

"Aargh! Esoteric claptrap!", you say. But no; the simple fact is that the nett mass/energy of the Universe is Zero. Logic dictates that this is so, or mass/energy would have to have been created. From what or by whom? If there was a 'something' or 'someone' prior to the Universe, then it must be embraced by the concept of Universe – as the Rosicrucians do in their magnificent concept of 'The All'. They, however, are entirely content to leave it at

that. I have been cursed with the need to seek deeper. They warn that such seeking is madness. I won't argue.

While I have a model that fills in the steps between Nothing and our here and now quite well, that is a bunch of detail that is irrelevant to the current essay. The point is that I have eliminated the possibility of a Creator or of any form of Universal Intelligence or Design.

We are the natural outcome of natural progression from an initial state, in accordance with simple physical laws. It is the function of infinite magnitude and infinite duration that all probabilities will be manifest. No matter how improbable sentience may be, no matter how miraculous our existence may seem, it has always been inevitable that we would at some time be exactly as we are.

This does not negate choice, free will, or 'True Will'. Sentience permits a very special experience. If your beliefs require that there be a God, then we, and other sentient species, are it. For we are the means by which the Universe sees and experiences itself. Through the power of will we can change what we see, change what we experience.

We can also affect the passage of others.

We each have the opportunity to see and experience the Universe for one lifetime. Very few people fully realise the extent to which this is a single trip ticket. They squander the experience in a many ways, documented quite adequately under the title "The Seven Mortal Sins". But is not for anyone to judge the chosen path of another. We will each have the Three Eternal Days after death to consider the merits, or otherwise, of our lives just passed.

Our journey is our own. One way or another, we are going to have a unique experience. We are part of the infinitude of possibilities. Why not, then, recognise this, accept that we are here without purpose and without a future beyond the longevity of our bodies, and seek pure experience, in whatever form pleases us. Whatever we do it is entirely consistent with the nature of the Universe.

Our choices only dictate the price paid for the experience and who pays it.

This is where we come back to anarchy and human nature.

It seems that each of feels compelled, upon finding something good for us, to assume that it will be good for others. Or we may have a vision of something that we think would be good for, with others as the only obstacle to its fulfilment. It is under these circumstances that our sentience leads us into conflict with the Nature of the Universe. We have the ability to impose our Will, whether benevolently or malevolently, on others, thereby diminishing their potential to fulfil their ideal experience.

Law, Religion and Social and Moral Code all provide guidelines on how, where and when individuals should and should not interfere with one-another. That's all good for the majority of individuals who will be satisfied with a McDonalds experience. Security is very nice. But there are those of us who need the whole smorgasbord, who have capacity for consequential thought and who want to evolve beyond 'human nature', who must "Do what thou wilt".

Have not so many great philosophers envisaged an 'elite', a class of 'supermen' rising from the common people? Is it so hard to believe that such a class can evolve, leading by example, using neither force nor persuasion, fostering every variation in thought and action, providing security only against prejudice and abuse?

It is quite a stretch to see the way from the world of today to one in which the All has become One; in which The Individual has given way to Society of Unique Individuals, in which the search for a personal God has relented, as each individual commits to the Natural Course of the Universe, that is God.

Anarchy is, of course, what we expect given our own intimate knowledge of human nature. But acknowledgment of the worst in ourselves and others is not license to sit back and wait to see if 'the world' will improve, or if someone else will 'get better'. Each of us, right now, has the individual opportunity and capacity to work to rise above the legacy of 'Original Sin'.

If we are seeking, then surely we must acknowledge when the Truth is found.
Knowing is the start.

Look to 'The Sphinx'.

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