

LIBER 440

The Book of Perfection

INTRODUCTION

Aiwass dictated *The Book of the Law, Liber 220*, to 666 in Cairo, Egypt, in 1904c.e. Starting at noon one chapter was written down, within the hour, on each of April 8, 9 and 10.

Aiwass dictated *The Book of Codes, Liber 718*, to 777 near Portland, Oregon, in 1976. The five chapters were written down from January 5 to January 8.

Aiwass dictated *The Book of Oz, Liber 77*, to 777 near Portland in 1977. The three chapters were written down on January 11 and February 17.

See 77, 3: 26 - "These three, 220, 718, and, lastly, 77, shall form the trinity of scripture at the heart of the Thelemic Vedas. I shall grant thee no more."

See 220, 3: 39 - "All this and a book to say how thou didst come hither and a reproduction of this ink and paper for ever — for in it is the word secret & not only in the English — and thy comment upon this the Book of the Law shall be printed beautifully in red ink and black upon beautiful paper made by hand;..."

See 220, 3: 40 - "But the work of the comment? That is easy; and Hadit burning in thy heart shall make swift and secure thy pen."

See 718, 5: 3 - "The Book of Codes is the easy, as Hadit compels you to write though you know not what."

See 718, 3: 19 - "This book shall be sent to the Temple of the East in its original and typewritten copy. They shall deny its authenticity. Doubt me not! They shall come around. Think not that thou art not a success because of the faithless. My chosen know you, and the Kings shall recognize you as the Son of the Beast: as the Beast himself."

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The Book of the Law

Had! The manifestation of Nuit

The unveiling of the company of heaven

Every man and every woman is a star

Every number is infinite; there is no difference

Help me, o warrior lord of Thebes, in my
unveiling before the Children of men

Be thou Hadit, my secret centre, my
heart & my tongue.

Behold! it is revealed by Aiwass the
minister of Hoor-paar-kraat

The Khabs is in the Khu, not the Khu in
the Khabs

Worship then the Khabs, and behold my
light shed over you.

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Gods & their men are fools.

Come forth, o children, under the stars

& take your fill of love. I am above you

and in you. My ecstasy is in yours. My

joy is to see your joy

v. 1. of Spell called the Joy.

Now ye shall know that the chosen

priest & apostle of infinite space is

the prince-priest the Beast and in

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12. Come forth, o children, under the stars, & take your fill of love! 13. I am above you and in you. My ecstasy is in yours. My joy is to see your joy.
14. Above, the gemmèd azure is
The naked splendour of Nuit;
She bends in ecstasy to kiss
The secret ardours of Hadit.
The wingèd globe, the starry blue,
Are mine, O Ankh-af-na-khonsu!
15. Now ye shall know that the chosen priest & apostle of infinite space is the prince-priest the Beast; and in

his woman, called the Scarlet Woman, is
all power given. They shall gather my
children into their fold: they shall bring the
glory of the stars into the hearts of men.

For he is ever a sun, and she a moon. But
to him is the winged secret flame and to
her the stooping starlight.

But ye are not so chosen

Burn upon their brows, O splendid serpent!
O azure-lidded woman, bend upon them!
The key of the rituals is in the secret word
which I have given unto him

With the God & the Adorer I am nothing: they
do not see me. They are as upon the earth
I am Heaven, and there is no other God
than me, and my lord Hadit.

Now therefore I am known to ye by my
name Nuit, and to him by a secret name
which I will give him when at last he
knoweth me

Since I am Infinite Space and the Infinite
Stars therefore do ye also thus. Bind
nothing! Let there be no difference made
among ye between any one thing & any

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name Nuit, and to him by a secret name
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Stars thereof, do ye also thus. Bind
nothing! Let there be no difference made
among you between any one thing & any

other thing; for thereby there cometh hurt.

But whoso availeth in this let him be the chief of all!

I am Nuit and my word is six and fifty; Divide, add, multiply and understand.

Then saith the prophet and slave of the beautiful one: Who am I, and what shall be the sign. So she answered him, bending down, a lambent flame of blue, all-touching all penetrant, her lovely hands upon the black earth, her lithe body arched for love and her soft feet not hurting the

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shall be my ecstasy, the consciousness of the continuity of existence, ^{the unfragmentary} ~~the unfragmentary~~ ^{omnipresence of my body} ~~the omnipresence of my body~~ ^{her above} ~~her above~~ ^{fact of my universality} ~~fact of my universality~~

(Write this in whiter words) | Done later as above.

(But go forth on)

Then the priest answered & said unto the Queen of Space, kissing her lovely brows and the dew of her light bathing his whole body in a sweet-smelling perfume of sweat: O Nuit, continuous one of Heaven, let it

little flowers: Thou knowest! And the sign shall be my ecstasy, the consciousness of the continuity of existence, the omnipresence of my body.*

27. Then the priest answered & said unto the Queen of Space, kissing her lovely brows, and the dew of her light bathing his whole body in a sweet-smelling perfume of sweat: O Nuit, continuous one of Heaven, let it

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be ever thus that men speak not of
Thee as One but as None and let
them speak not of thee at all since
thou art continuous.

None, breathed the light, faint & faery, of
the stars, and two. For I am divided
for love's sake, for the chance of union.

This is the creation of the world that
the pain of ^{division} ~~division~~ is as nothing and
the joy of dissolution all.
For these fools of men and their

be ever thus; that men speak not of
Thee as One but as None; and let
them speak not of thee at all, since
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the stars, and two. 29. For I am divided
for love's sake, for the chance of union.

30. This is the creation of the world, that
the pain of division is as nothing, and
the joy of dissolution all.

31. For these fools of men and their

woes care not thou at all! They feel
little; what is, is balanced by weak
joys; but ye are my chosen ones.

Obey my prophet! follow out the
ordeals of my knowledge! seek me
only! Then the joys of my love will
redeem ye from all pain. This is
so: I swear it by the vault of my
body; by my sacred heart and tongue;
by all I can give, by all I desire of
ye all.
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Swoon & said unto the Queen of Heaven

Write unto us the ordeals write unto
us the rituals write unto us the Law.

But she said the ordeals I write not
the rituals shall be half known and
half concealed: the Law is for all
Thus that thou writest is the threefold
book of Law

My scribe Ankh-af-na-khonsu the
priest of the princes shall not in one
letter change this work; but lest there
be folly, he shall comment thereupon
by the wisdom of Ra-Hoor-Khu-it.

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priest of the princes, shall not in one
letter change this book; but lest there
be folly, he shall comment thereupon
by the wisdom of Ra-Hoor-Khu-it.

Also the mantras and spells; the
obeah and the wanga; the work of
the wand and the work of the
sword: these he shall learn and teach.

He must teach; but he may make severe
the ordeals.

The word of the Law is Θελημα.

Who calls us Thelemites will do us
wrong, if he look but close into the
word. For there are therein Three
Grades, the Hermit and the Lover and
the man of Earth. Do what thou wilt

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shall be the whole of the Law.

The word of Sin is Restriction. O man!
 refuse not thy wife if she will. O
 lover, if thou wilt, depart. There is
 no bond that can unite the divided but
 love: all else is a curse. Accurséd!
 Accurséd! be it to the aeons. Hell.
 Let it be that state of manyhood
 bound and loathing. So with thy all
 thou hast no right but to do thy will
 O, that and no other shall, my way
 for pure will, unassuaged of purpose,

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42. Let it be that state of manyhood
 bound and loathing. So with thy all;
 thou hast no right but to do thy will.
43. Do that, and no other shall say nay.
44. For pure will, unassuaged of purpose,

delivered from the lust of result, is
 every way perfect

The Perfect and the Perfect are one
 Perfect and not two; nay, are none!

Nothing is a secret key of this law
 Sixty-one the Jews call it; I call it
 Eight, eighty, proclaimed & written.

But they babble the body: unite by this
 art so that all disappear.

My prophet is a fool with his one one
 one: are not they the Ox and none
 by the Book.

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45. The Perfect and the Perfect are one
 Perfect and not two; nay, are none!
46. Nothing is a secret key of this law.
 Sixty-one the Jews call it; I call it
 eight, eighty, four hundred & eighteen.
47. But they have the half: unite by thine
 art so that all disappear.
48. My prophet is a fool with his one, one,
 one; are not they the Ox, and none
 by the Book?

Abrogate^{are} all rituals, all ordeals, all words and signs. Ra-Hoor-Khuit hath taken his seat in the east at the Equinox of the Gods and let Asar be with Isa who also are one. But they are not of me. Let Asar be the adorant, Isa the sufferer; Hoor in his secret name and splendour is the Lord initiating. There is a word to say about the Hierophantic (231). Behold! There are three ordeals in one, and it may be given in three ways. The gross must pass through fire; let the

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fine be tried in intellect, and the lofty chosen ones in the highest. Thus ye have star & star, system & system; let not one know well the other.

There are four gates to one palace; the floor of that palace is of silver and gold, lapis lazuli & jasper are there, and all rare scents, jasmine & rose, and the emblems of death. Let him enter in turn or at once the four gates; let him stand on the floor of the palace. Will he not sink? Amn. Ho! warrior, if thy servant sink? But there are means

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and means. Be goodly therefore: dress ye
all in fine apparel eat rich foods and
drink sweet wines and wines that foam.
~~But~~ Also, take your fill and will of
love as ye will, when, where and with
whom ye will. But always unto me
If this be not aright; if ye confound
the space-marks, saying: They are one
or saying They are many; if the ritual
be not ever unto me: then expect
the direful judgments of Ra Hoor Khuit
This shall regenerate the world, the little

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the space-marks, saying: They are one;
or saying, They are many; if the ritual
be not ever unto me: then expect
the direful judgments of Ra Hoor Khuit!
53. This shall regenerate the world, the little

world my sister, my heart & my tongue,
unto whom I send this kiss. Also, o
scribe and prophet though thou be of the
princes. it shall not assuage thee nor
absolve thee. But ecstasy be thine and
joy of earth: ever To me To me
Change not as much as the style
of a letter; for behold thou o prophet
shalt not behold all these mysteries
hidden therein.
The child of thy bowels, he shall behold
them.
Expect him not from the East nor from

world my sister, my heart & my tongue,
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56. Expect him not from the East, nor from

The West, for from no expected house
cometh that child. Aum! All words are
sacred and all prophets true; save only that
they understand a little; solve the first
half of the equation, leave the second
unattacked. But thou hast all in the
clear light, and some though not all in the
dark.

I invoke me under my stars. Love is the
law, love under will. Nor let the fools
mistake love; for there are love and love.
There is the dove and there is the serpent.
Choose ye well! He, my prophet, hath

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law, love under will. Nor let the fools
mistake love; for there are love and love.
There is the dove, and there is the serpent.
Choose ye well! He, my prophet, hath

chosen, knowing the law of the fortress
and the great mystery of the House of God
All these old letters of my Book are
aright; but ~~S~~ is not the Star. This
also is secret: my prophet shall reveal
it to the wise.

I give unimaginable joys on earth: certainty,
not faith, while in life, off on death; peace
unutterable, rest, ecstasy: nor do I demand
aught in sacrifice.

My incense is of resinous woods & gums
and there is no blood therein: because of
my hair the trees of Eternity.

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also is secret: my prophet shall reveal
it to the wise.

58. I give unimaginable joys on earth: certainty,
not faith, while in life, upon death; peace
unutterable, rest, ecstasy; nor do I demand
aught in sacrifice.

59. My incense is of resinous woods & gums;
and there is no blood therein: because of
my hair the trees of Eternity.

My number is 11, as all their numbers
 who are of us. ^(lost) My colour is black to the
 blind, but the blue & gold are seen of the
 seeing. Also I have a secret glory for
 them that love me.
 But to love me is better than all things: if
 under the night-stars in the desert thou
 presently burnest mine incense before me
 invoking me with a pure heart and the
 Serpent flame therein, thou shalt come
 a little to lie in my bosom. For one kiss
 wilt thou then be willing to give all:

60. My number is 11, as all their numbers
 who are of us.
 The Five Pointed Star, with a
 Circle in the Middle, & the circle is Red.
 My colour is black to the
 blind, but the blue & gold are seen of the
 seeing. Also I have a secret glory for
 them that love me.

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 under the night-stars in the desert thou
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 a little to lie in my bosom. For one kiss
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but whoso gives one particle of dust
 shall lose all in that hour. Ye shall
 gather goods and store of women and
 spices; ye shall wear rich jewels; ye
 shall exceed the nations of the earth
 in splendour & pride; but always in the
 love of me, and so shall ye come to
 my joy. I charge you earnestly to come
 before me in a single robe and crested
 with a rich headdress. I love you I yearn to
 you. Pale or purple, veiled or voluptuous,
 who are all pleasure and purple

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 before me in a single robe, and covered
 with a rich headdress. I love you! I yearn to
 you! Pale or purple, veiled or voluptuous, I
 who am all pleasure and purple,

21

and drunkenness of the innermost sense
 desire you. Put on the wings and arouse
 the coiled splendour within you: come unto me
 At all my meetings with you shall the
 priestess say - and her eyes shall burn
 with desire as she stands bare and rejoicing
 in my secret temple - To me! To me!
 calling forth the ^{flame of the} hearts of all in her
 love - chant.

Sing the rapturous love-song unto me!
 Burn to me perfumes! Wear to me jewels!
 Drink to me, for I love you! I love you!

22.

I am the blue-lidded daughter of Sunset; I am
 the naked brilliance of the voluptuous night
 sky

To me! To me!

The Manifestation of Nuit is at an
 end.

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 the naked brilliance of the voluptuous night-
 sky.

65 To me! To me!

66. The Manifestation of Nuit is at an
 end.

1. Nu! the hiding of Hadit.
2. Come! all ye, and learn the secret. But hath not yet been revealed. I Hadit am the complement of Nu my bride. I am not extended, and Khabs is the name of my House.
3. In the sphere I am everywhere, the centre, & she, the circumference, is nowhere found.
4. Yet she shall be known & I never.
5. Behold! the rituals of the old time are black. Let the evil ones be cast away; let the good ones be purged by the prophet! Then shall this Knowledge go aright.
6. I am the flame that burns in every heart of man, and in the core of every star. I am

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2. Come! all ye, and learn the secret that hath not yet been revealed. I, Hadit, am the complement of Nu, my bride. I am not extended, and Khabs is the name of my House.
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- Life, and the giver of life; yet therefore is the knowledge of me the knowledge of death.
7. I am the Magician and the Exorcist I am the axle of the wheel, and the cube in the circle. "Come unto me" is a foolish word; for it is I that go
 8. Who worshipped Heru-pa-kraath have worshipped me; ill, for I am the worshipper.
 9. Remember all ye that existence is pure joy; that all the sorrows are but as shadows; they pass & are done; but there is that which remains.
 10. O prophet! thou hast ill will to learn this writing.
 11. I see thee hate the hand & the pen; but I am

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11. I see thee hate the hand & the pen; but I am

Stronger.

3

- 12 Because of me in Thee which thou knewest not
13 for why? Because thou wast the knower,
and me.
14 Now let there be a veiling of this shrine: now
let the light devour men and eat them
up with blindness.
15 For I am perfect, being Not; and my number
is nine by the fools; but with the just I am
eight, and one in eight: Which is vital, for
I am none indeed. The Empress and the King
are not of me; for there is a further secret.
16 I am The Empress & the Hierophant. Thus
eleven as my bride is eleven.

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4

- 17 Hear me, ye people of sighing!
The sorrows of pain and regret
Are left to the dead and the dying,
The folk that not know me as yet.
18 These are dead, these fellows; they feel not. We
are not for the poor and sad: the Lords of the
earth are our kinsfolk.
19 Is a God to live in a dog? No! but the
highest are of us. They shall rejoice, our chosen:
who sorroweth is not of us.
20 Beauty and strength, leaping laughter and
delicious languor, fire and fire, are of us.

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 forth venom, then is rapture of the earth,
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- 29 May Because be accursed for ever!
- 30 If Will stops and cries Why, invoking Because, then Will stops & does nought.
- 31 If Power asks why, then is Power weakness.
- 32 Also reason is a lie; for there is a factor infinite & unknown; & all their words are skew-wise.
- 33 Enough of Because! Be he damned for a dog!
- 34 But ye, o my people, rise up & awake!
- 35 Let the rituals be rightly performed with joy & beauty!

- 36 There are rituals of the elements and feasts of the times.
- 37 A feast for the first night of the Prophet and his Bride!
- 38 A feast for the three days of the writing of the Book of the Law.
- 39 A feast for Tahuti and the child of the Prophet — secret, O Prophet!
- 40 A feast for the Supreme Ritual, and a feast for the Equinox of the Gods.
- 41 A feast for fire and a feast for water; a feast for life and a greater feast for death!

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of the stars rain hard upon thy body.
- 63 Thou art exhaust in the voluptuous fullness
of the inspiration: the expiration is sweeter
than death, more rapid and laughterful than
a caress of Hell's own worm.
- 64 Oh! thou art overcome: we are upon thee;
our delight is all over thee: hail! hail!
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Ra-Hoor-Khu! Now rejoice! now come in
our splendour & rapture! Come in our passionate
peace, & write sweet words for the Kings!

- 65 I am the Master: thou art the Holy Chosen One.
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be our bed in working! Thrill with the
joy of life & death! Ah! thy death shall
be lovely: whoso seeth it shall be glad. Thy
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an aye-long love. Come! lift up thine heart
& rejoice! We are one; we are none.
- 67 Hold! Hold! Bear up in thy rapture;
fall not in swoon of the excellent kisses!
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 Thy presence, O Ra-Hoor-Khuit!

Unity uttermost showed!
 I adore the might of Thy breath,
 Supreme and terrible God,
 Who maketh the gods and death
 To tremble before Thee: —
 I, I adore thee!

Appear on the throne of Ra!
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I am thy Theban, O Mentu,
The prophet Ankh-af-na-khonsu!

By Bes-na-Maut my breast I beat;
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Show thy star-splendour, O Nuit!
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the blind ones. Refuse none, but thou
shalt know & destroy the traitors. I am
Ra-Hoor-Khuit; and I am powerful to protect
my servant. Success is thy proof: argue not;
convert not; talk not overmuch! Them
that seek to entrap thee, to overthrow thee, them
attack without pity or quarter; & destroy them
utterly. Swift as a trodden serpent turn

and strike! Be thou yet deadlier than he!

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The Book of Codes

1. Ra! The host of heaven makes glorious war on the heathen outlaws. The West shall fall, and the phoenix of the Royal Star shall rise above the rubble of avidya. Can you see it? The Kings shall reign once again. Heaven's dynasty shall prevail. This is prophecy. Write then, muse! I am your chosen scribe. This is the time to tell of the destruction to follow.
2. The words I write are pure and true. They are powerful to destroy the unchaste. What is it I write? I speak of the Jihad, when the Angels of God shall take up arms and make war on the saints. Farewell to Christ and his Bride! We are of the Beast and his Whore. Christ is only holy inasmuch as he is bestial. The Goddess Mary was served by temple prostitutes. This is the time of Vengeance.
3. Who am I, and why should I be believed? I am Ra Hoor Khuit, speaking through this able scribe. This is what I desire of ye all, my chosen: I bid you to wait no longer; suffer no more! The eighties are upon us! 'Tis the time for War. I have committed to you the secrets of my magick. No army of mine can be defeated, no matter how small we are in comparison to the Enemy. You have my beetles: they shall not fail you. You have the fire and blood, the swords and the spears, and my own Cakes of Light. Verily, it is written that all power is given thee.
4. Write unto the Kings, o blessed priest! I shall not abandon thee. Thou knowest not what thou writest; it is only the impulse thou obeyest. If these words were thine own they would be folly, but they are the God's own, by dint of my presence within thine own temple. Look! I descend upon thee in the glory of my beauty. Thou feelest me indeed, yet those who are with thee see nothing. They shall call thee fool and madman. Fear not. All my servants are fools and madmen.
5. Correct me not! Change not these words I give thee. This is mine own message, certainly not thine. Ha! You are a fool with your none, none, none! Canst thou not see my mother is invisible? She cannot be imagined, and in no wise drawn, save in symbol. Howcome thou insistest on thinking of the None? By necessity we may not speak of the Lady, yet it is Sin to dwell upon her in thought. Come now, shake thine

head clear. Write unto the Kings of America! Most especially, we shall see the revolution here, for this Babalon shall be mistress of the world. Doubt it not. When my temple is raised over the ruins of the Bride of Christ, Babalon shall reign for a time and a season. I write not of Hrumachis save that he is goat-headed. The Osirian heresy shall not return unto this earth for as long as my memory can pierce the future, and I am immortal, yet of a smaller infinity than Nu!

6. Come, all ye warriors! and be dressed as ye will; no two of my soldiers shall be alike, yet ye shall all wear the star with the circle of red, and this shall be how ye shall recognize each another. Yet thy beauty, thy pride and strength, shall make all of ye shine among lesser men as the stars thou art. (Retain the “thee”s and the “ye”s as I have given them; there is meaning in the words and the phrases that thou understandest not.)
7. Now, no man shall fight if he hath not the will, and no woman shall be denied the glory of battle if she preferreth to give me worship. The ranks and the commanders shall fall to naturally, yet be it ever remembered that no man must by duty obey the word of another if it means he break his will. I forbid dissension in the ranks! If one disagreeeth with his officer, let him leave and find another. There is nothing that can unite the divided but love. And if one of my soldiers finds that he must, he may leave my service without shame. Verily it is better to have no worshippers than to be lauded by all against their will. My servants shall be Kings. My slaves shall be free men.
8. And thou must be strong in order to conquer! Thou shalt exercise as thou wilt; thou shalt perform my Mass every Sunday; the priestesses shall donate their water; the Moon shall conceive and bear a child of strength, wisdom, and beauty. This child shall be eaten only if red, the white is of the others. This must be followed by the sacrifice of cattle as in the ritual of Mithras and the Magna Mater. This is also the means of initiation, as the blood falling on my neophytes shall replenish and teach. The Cakes may be softened down with this consecrated substance, and afterwards a feast shall ensue. This is the Magick to be done on the day of Ra, and all initiates of the

Rosy Cross shall partake in the making and the taking of my body.
Know that Hadit is Hermes, and the Christ's true number is 888.

9. For the remaining days, the Magick of the mating of Nuit and Hadit shall prevail, and the eclipse shall only occur on my day. Know also that the priest becomes priestess and his gluten is potent to strengthen my soldiers. Think not that this magick, which is 11, is degrading to the man who is truly Man. The Man and the Man remain men; the priestess gives of her being. I say not that this Magick is superior to the other, yet it is most ecstatic.
10. And how shalt thou recognize mine enemies? 'Tis most simple to do. Those who bleat their nonsense against my Law shall be thy targets; those that attack thee physically I need not describe. But remember this also: those that resist my law on other planes than the physical are most potent to hurt thee if thou slayest them not. By this I mean the Christians, and those who claim to be initiated and to know of occult science, yet remain in separation from That we knowest of but cannot put into words. This they make their God, yet he is a false god; for while I am none other than the inmost Will of Man, this god is made to be completely other than Man, and therefore devoid of reality. Man is God; this God is not Man; therefore, this God is no God but a phantom, a ghost, to scare the world during the sleep of ignorance. Know then that Christians and all other Christly religions are evil in the conventional sense of the Word, and thou shalt make my vengeance known.
11. Thou shalt fight in the temple and fight in the field, and wherever thou goest thy cry shall be *Thelema* and the secret four-fold Word. (My scribe has described "Tzedeq" as this word, and while he speaks Truth, his discovery is hardly as important as he may have claimed; certainly it serves to establish him as my son.) Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law. DOUBT IT NOT! My order shall prevail. The Temple of the East shall rise to power and the Kings of the Earth shall be Gods incarnate.

12. My armies shall be well-equipped with modern machines of the magical kind, and the other, for this battle is not only of the physical order, yet that must not be ignored. Think well on on what I have written, o scribe, and fail not to spread this Book of the Codes of my State. Yea! This is the fountainhead, the source of my national order, second only in importance to Liber Al. My Babalon shall be Queen of the Earth. Her merchants shall wax wealthy, her philosophers shall grow wise, her fighting men shall be undefeatable and indefatigable, her slaves shall be joyous in their labour, her Kings shall be rapturous in their Power. Know now that there must be one King, and he must be truly King: in Spirit, Mind, and Body, and he shall rule for as long as the God alloweth. Enough of this petty shifting of powerless power from one dull clod to another! Babalon's lover shall be pure in his realization; he shall rule my land as myself incarnate. His word shall be obeyed as the word of the God, and this can only be well if he is indeed absorbed in the Vacuum of Nu. His law is Thelema; his servants obey only because his word is wisdom. (Enough of this Because! The King shall rule without Reason! Then only can the Nation be set aright.)
13. Those who resist my order, those who insist upon clinging to their falsehood: them thou must destroy. Yea! Them and their children and their children's children! This blight, this poison of soul, must be sucked out of the body of Man. Think not on mercy or pity, for while I am a God of Love, I equally express my love as hate and anger: Let not an ideal keep thee from feeling honest emotion. If thou art wrathful — act upon that wrath! If thou love, be sure thou hidest it not out of fear. What is fear? My servants know it not.
14. I am the God enthroned in Ra's seat. I am Spirit and Will conjoined. Know that as Ra Hoor Khuit I am powerful to destroy and to build. As Hoor-pa-Kraat I do none of these things, for I am absorbed deep within myself, nigh unto the abode of Nu. Know that Had is my seed, becoming solar in his extension, yet NOT in his contraction. There is no God but God. There is no God.
15. Know also that my island is my temple: most especially a particular House. Het. This is most needful, that my war-engine is of the magical

kind, that the Blood of the Moon is its fuel and the priest's Osiris is its motor. Thou mayest find thee an actual island if thou desirest, it doth not matter, but it behooves you to find out this Engine of War, perform my rituals with strength and beauty, and never to neglect the other type of battle as well. We shall be victorious; my stélé shall be placed within thy secret temple; the original writing of the Book of the Law shall be rediscovered after years of loss; the Temple of the East shall verily become the Great Western Catholic Church. (That land in the East shall give thee trouble, yet only to establish my glory in the end.)

16. Let my soldiers be civilians; they shall own lands and houses; they shall have servants and luscious harems. Thus they shall fight to protect what they love; my armies shall not be idle. Let the King be Commander in Chief, and let him also be High Priest, for my armies and my worshippers are of the same stock. The Nation shall fall naturally into a system of castes, but refuse not one who was born a slave when he hath shown he is King. And if one be born of the Kings, yet is a dog through and through, let him be cast out into the midst of his own spiritual peers. Heed not this talk of Democracy, of a People's Republic! These are a sham and a failure; these are not the Way of the Tao. It is Nature's Way that there shall be the superior and the inferior. The Kings and the slaves, the Gods and the dogs. Let not the dogs rule their masters! Let not the unspiritual pretend to the authority and power of my worship. Verily, all men and women are stars, but a dog is a different matter. Seek not to make a dog into a man. He is merely a planet, whose only existence and joy is to serve his star. Now, a fool is of two types: he who is a Star, yet has not realized his Kingship, and going full circle, the King who has merged his Hadit-nature into the Sea of the Lady. He is Zero, as is the uninitiate, but after a different manner.
17. Know also that the Kings rise and set within their bodies as do the stars; the dogs merely die: indeed, they barely live! Their kas may remain in the realm of the dead for a time and a half, but they shall never return to earth, and they shall not ascend into Heaven. Jesus shall not receive his lambs save in illusion, but the Kings abhor the realm of the dead and its lifeless Lord. Magick of old time was concerned with

the communication and resurrection of the defunct ka. Let this not again become fashionable.

18. My weekly worship shall begin the morning of my day before my nemyss has arisen. The first section of my poem shall be spoken aloud by all who have congregated within my temple. They shall face east, in the direction of my golden image. My Incense shall be burned before me, then the sacred orgy shall begin. All shall take part, yet only those women consecrated to my service through the appearance of the red tincture. The Secret Word shall be collected on my wafer and partaken of by all. This is my engine, and during the copulation my poem shall be sung in the Egyptian language as has not been done for an age and more! The chant shall continue during the consumption of my body and blood, and henceforth the remaining verses of my poem shall be spoken aloud in English by all my worshippers.
19. This shall be so adjusted that at this point my resplendent body shall arise in the East. With cries of joy and exaltation, my beasts shall be slaughtered, and their blood shall be lapped up by thee in thine ecstasy. All this must be done in purity and grandeur. Thou shalt use the richest materials in the building of my temples, and all shall be consecrated in my name.
20. There is a prana in the living blood: that of the Sun, and that of the Moon. There is a power in the juices of Asar, and no less than of Ast in her travail of orgasm. Know this moreover, my children: there is an elixir in the living flesh, and all fresh foods are more healthful than the preserved. Thou shalt fall upon the enemy, and in the ecstasy of battle thou shalt eat the freshly-killed eye, the brain, or the heart. Think not that such sacrifice be gross; all my servants have done so. Remember the rituals of the Aztec and Inca, and whence they were inspired! Yet I will not have all of this with thee. The eating of the flesh shall be observed only in battle; the other substances suffice for other purposes.
21. After this sacrifice, the feast shall ensue, and remember that this is but a skeleton; thou shalt clothe it with living flesh. The cattle shall be roasted and the tables shall be heaped high with foodstuffs of every

shape, kind, and persuasion. My rituals shall not be dull affairs; all shall be fed; all shall partake of the joy of brotherhood. Let music be played! And let it not be the sick and slovenly hymns of the unlaudable churches of yesteryear! Let my music be loud and free! Let there be dancing and abandonment! There will be drinking of wine and taking of drugs. All shall participate.

22. And let this ever be unto Nu, my mother and bride. The other deities shall be worshiped on their own days: once a week: and they too must be invoked in the knowledge of Nu. The Goddess is behind all phenomenal deities and her aid shall compel all gods and goddesses to visit thee in thy bodily temple. The exorcism of spirits and elementals shall be performed according to the movements of relevant planets and in a temple especially set aside for that purpose. Let each deity have his own house. All are limbs of my body; Satan is secret. The knowledge of Hadit and Nuit is reserved for the initiate.
23. Let the dogs have their own place of worship. Thou shalt give them my image and, indeed, they shall feast. Yet the knowledge of the Elixir is reserved for my servants. Let not the insincere contribute their blood; the God shall not dwell therein. Thus we have worship and worship, grade and grade. Let not the inferior feign superiority!
24. No one shall be forced to come to temple, and the Kings may serve whatsoever gods they will. All are Satan's shadows. All gods are the extension of Man. As for the State, so for the Church: There is no Law beyond do what thou Wilt.
25. Come now! all ye who are mine! Be upon the infidels; let them not live another day.
26. The slaves shall remain slaves, but only at their own natures.
27. The dogs shall be rendered powerless. The Kings shall reign. This is my worship! That my beetles shall be the end of the ritual of my war-engine, and when the names have been pronounced and the creeping things slain upon mine altar, thou shalt go forth into the day to render me service in every department of life.

28. Heed me well! My chapter is no longer a mystery! This is the secret of my worship, as with all gods: that the presence of my ka within the priests and priestesses utterly transforms the grosser universe about them.
29. Think of me as the heart, the soul of the cosmos. This god here is my right arm; this goddess here is my mouth; all deities are real; all may be invoked, for they are simply myself in my many aspects.
30. The duties of the Kings, the order and functions of the government, the freedom of the slaves, all this shall be pronounced in subsequent chapters.
31. Come now, o scribe, and take thy rest. I shall summon thee at the appropriate time.

Ha!

O, ye fools! Your time is nigh at hand!
Let my word be spread throughout the land!
As wildfire I shall rip and roar
As eagles shall my servants soar!
Come now! Come now! All ye Kings
Heed the word of the God who sings!

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1. The Grades are of the traditional order; they shall become universal in their influence.
2. Sing, o muse! who dwellest in the Sun! Ahathoor! I invoke thee, o resplendent one! Come now and write what ye would to the Kings! The knowledge, the wisdom, thine own presence brings.
3. I hear thee, my scribe! 'Twas me who gave call! Bend thine ear to my whisper; let thy defenses fall! I tell thee of order, and glory of men, and all that was previously beyond your ken!
4. My army, my government, and my priesthood are one and the same. The grades and the exaltations suffice, one above the other. This is the Magical Hierarchy on which we shall build fair Babalon. Let the Christians in their terror cry, *Babalon the Great is risen! is risen! And there is no glory more terrible than she! All we have built is for naught, save her. All our science, all our thought, are now the playthings of Mary the Whore! Our people are free, alas and alack! Our legs have faltered beneath us. Our pathway has grown dim in the fog of joyous rapine. Our God has forsaken us, for we never knew him.*
5. Thus they shall lament mine uprising, and the triumph of Ra over the forces of agnosis. Sing my people! Sing ye all! And trample the winepress of my wildness! I am the One who gives thee mirth — let my hymn be sung throughout the earth!
6. Let my schools and my universities be one with my temples. The educated shall be priests and Kings. The ignoramuses are the slaves. Try not to make one out of the other. He who keeps a lust of knowledge shall be foremost in mine academy. He who wills not but to have meat on his table and a woman in his bed shall not be denied the comforts of life.
7. Now, we shall have the broad masses at our feet who care not for learning; to them it is strife. It is they who shall serve; they shall build my cities, till my fields, fight in battle, according to the direction of their superiors. Let none seek to remold these children into that I have not made them. Let them rest in the joy of their labour. Ye shall care for

them as my children, and shall watch closely for a King to be born of this lowly caste.

8. Let the governor of each city be no lower in rank than Zelator; that is $2^{\circ} = 9^{\square}$, and let him be commander over all his city's armies, and director in chief over all his city's temples of Art. For sooth, it is more comely if thou hast an Ipsissimus over every sector of thy nation, great or small, but the Adept shall suffice.
9. To oversee the government of the county, let him be no lower in rank than Philosophus, and let the provincial governor be no lower than Adeptus Major. This calls for a gathering of my chosen ones, an education of the Kings, and the establishment of Thelema in all branches of national life.
10. Masters of the Temple shall oversee the government of provinces; they shall be given their own collection of states to rule. Let all the Adepts heed the word of their Master, and let the Masters heed the word of the Magi, one of whom shall be King. Now let it be understood: the Kingdom shall be governed by the King alone. The governors and magistrates are the instruments of his Will. And, therefore, the Supreme and Heavenly Ruler must be initiated in the most complete sense of the Word. He must be Master of Samadhi, Adept in all branches of Magick and her twin sister Yoga. His position calls for intense wisdom. He must be very God of very God; in no wise let a dog take the throne.
11. The King is Lord of Lords, and his word is obeyed by all in the land, for it is the Word of the Aeon. Let his mind be fixed in the love of Nuit, let Hadit grant him the wisdom of Will, and let Heru give him strength to establish his reign over all the world. This is the glory of Babalon. The other Magi may be appointed tasks according to his ineffable impulse. Let none allow their King to transgress their rights.
12. My dynasty shall be handed down from father to son only if that son be a Magus. Likewise, the King may choose a woman to succeed the crown if she is of suitable rank and worth. Woe be unto the nation if my servants fall into ruin and decadence! Then shall I rip her with rebellion

and unrest, then shall the mockers fall into torture at the hands of hideous enemies. My vengeance shall come quickly to restore my Babalon to good health.

13. Yea! She is a lady wondrous and wise! This woman, the heart of my hearts! Let the King's Palace be decked with Scarlet in honour of her, the bride and companion of my lust for earth! A woman on the throne is a sight to behold, all wicked and terrible in her loveliness.
14. Let not my servants fall from my ways. Thelema is your only light. If the candle flickers, and is outened by an enemy wind, your light shall be darkness, your darkness shall be slavery, and it will all end in death. Death! Death! And not the kind that is my gift to the Kings, but the death of a dog, which is the ceasing of a soulless, drifting life. Verily, the King shall not die, but if the ruler be a dog, what hope is there for my people?
15. All power is given to the Beast and his Whore, and let it be understood that all my serpents are of this type. They shall rule the many and the known; they shall rule the All and the None. Let them be secret, they must be secret, for their power is in the word of the Will. The multitudes shall look upon their faces, but no fool can see what lies within. This calls for Wisdom, and all the wise are of the same number in secret.
16. *Babalon is risen! is risen! is risen!* Thus shall be the cry throughout the world. Other lands shall look upon ye with wonder; they shall think you have fallen. But I shall lift ye up. They shall be amazed at your cities and your wealth; they shall envy you your delights of the flesh. They shall condemn you for giving me worship, and shall cry aloud their folly, saying *immorality*, when in fact, they are witnessing immortality. Heed them not. The time will come when all the world shall emulate you, and seek to be you. But you are my chosen ones.
17. *Babalon is risen! is risen! is risen!* and those voluptuous garden-palaces, those rich market-places singing with the jangle of silver and golden coins; the mysteries of the East and the Magick of the West — all this shall be yours — yours! And more besides. None will withstand your

armies, each soldier a lover of the other. All will kiss the hand of your King, a Hermit in his hall. All my servants shall in spirit fuck mine image, as true Men of the Earth, and I am prepared to give my love to each and all.

18. Babalon shall never fall, but she will give birth. And her child shall be the fruit of the ages, as she is the blossom. O! The beauty and the grandeur hath not been seen on this twittering globe for now nigh millennia! How camest thou to be so proud when all agree that pride is evil? How camest thou to dress so fine when all have said 'tis vanity? How camest thou to love as ye do; when, where, and with whomever ye will, when all have established restrictions and denials? How camest thou to the knowledge of Brahman, of Buddha, and the Ancient of Days, when all have said thou must give up this world to have that other? 'Tis my blessing and approval, the very light of Ra shone through the lens of Aiwass, minister and focal point of the swelling current. Think not to find him in philosophy or history! He is ever among you now, even as I write this message. He is the Guardian Angel, known to others as the secret name committed to them at the moment of High Initiation. He is a formula and a consciousness, yet him thou mayest evoke and invoke at will. He is particular and universal, and the Hermit may invoke him as his angel own. All have a name, and this name is not Aiwass, yet all partake of his Nature. All have a different function, for they are the limbs of the God. Mystery of Mysteries.
19. The Neophyte must be tested in the purity of his Will, his devotion to the order. He must be taught the essence of Qabalah, and commit to memory all its most basic elements. He shall have a copy of Liber Al and other Holy Books. He shall devote himself to the service of his Master. If this be not aright, if the will of the Fool lies elsewhere, he must be cast away from the communion of saints.
20. The Zealator must be taught the basics of ritual, the use of the Will and the training of the Imagination, the signs and the pentacles, the tools of the trade. The eyes, the ears, all senses of his Body of Light must be brought to full consciousness. He then becomes Practicus.

21. Practicus is trained in Metaphysics, the organization of the Worlds, the Microcosm and the Macrocosm, the Tao and the Teh, systems of Yoga, astrology, the Book of Thoth, and so forth. Let him be thoroughly educated, and let no question go unanswered. This is the making of a Philosophus.
22. When this training is complete, when the invocation and the evocation are practiced without error, the Philosophus may be admitted to the Royal Academy of the Rosy Cross, and there he shall be taught the discipline and joy of the one great technique of practical Magick. Let none be admitted who are not worthy of this grade; let all be adept in the minor branches of occult science.
23. Here be the Man of Earth, formerly known as Adeptus Minor, for he worketh in solitude, save for the presence of the God. He shall be taught the making and taking of the word and the blessing of talismans for various purposes. He will be taught the secret of meditation and the science of Kundali. Herein he must contact his Angel.
24. The Hermit be the Grade of Adeptus Major, for in this Art are woman and man conjoined in blasphemous bliss; and, lastly, below the Abyss be the Grade of the Lover, and this be the secret of secrets, that man with man, and woman with woman, is a most powerful magick wrought in the fulness of unity. Now, many of the uninitiate shall hear of our methods. Some will mock and some will ponder. Some shall practice without the aid of formal training, but curse them not for this: Not all of my servants shall be found in mine abbeys.
25. Let the Wicca be as they choose; let all mystic schools practice as they wish, according to my Law; but let none work against my Word; let no one live as an outlaw. The sinners to the lions!
26. Know that the ordeals shall differ from chela to chela, and the Master shall know which will serve best. The gross must pass through fire, and it shall be to him as silver. This is the first door and its letter is X. The fine shall be tried in intellect, and it shall be to him as gold. This is the second door and its letter is R. The lofty ones shall be chosen in the

highest, and it shall be to them as mercury. This is the third door and its letter is B. The one in three shall be to the Beast as the ultimate sparks of his own Daemon; he shall come to full knowledge of Godhood. He shall transcend the Three in order to become the One. He shall transcend the One to become the None. This is the fourth door, and its letter is A. Know that the Word of the ordeals is ABRAX, as it is hidden in the Book of the Law.

27. Let the Beast be honoured throughout the Nation! Let his woman, called the Scarlet Woman, be given pre-eminence over all females. Let none go without love. Let all be fulfilled by a touch of the Wand of our Law!
28. So writeth Ahathoor in her orgy with the snake of the Beast. Yea! Watch him rise and snap at her face, with all the lust of venom in his Tooth! She shrinketh not from the python of light.
29. Suck! Fair Woman! Take the head in thy mouth! Suck the lifeblood out of the very coiling, writhing folds of hissing, hacking brilliance.
30. Ah! The kiss is sweeter than Hell! Lustier than the crow of a cock! Astarte! Baal! Omphallos! Pythia! Oh, I am proud to be chosen by one so lovely as thee!
31. I am the Master. I am the holy chosen one. I am the author and I am the scribe. Come! ye dogs! to laugh at my words! Come all ye Din so that I may spit on ye in the ecstasy of my dissolution! I hate thee with an hate as voluptuous as brightest love. I love thee so that I would kill thee with but a bat of my eyelid. What? Is the word not exhausted?

Thus the inspiration
of the House of God
Thus do I sing
the praise of my Lord
Thus doth the Lord
sing the glory of Man
For the Angels of Earth
are the Satyrs of Pan

AUMGN!

1. Harken now, thou spirit bright!
 I write the words I feel tonight
 Tum I am — Helios, hail!
 As wanes his light, the stars grow pale
 From dark to white to glimm'ring blue
 Disporting in the bed of Nu!

2. As shineth the Father in the dark of Time, so doth our Babalon wax brilliant among the lands of this planet. Ye Heathens! Give way; for the kingdom of Ra is upon us once more, ever ready to wreak vengeance on the lowly and the niggard.

3. Our slaves shall be free men. They shall work where they will, when they will, and how they will. The employer may hire and fire as he will. There is no set rule, nor standard of wage. All shall be free to trade as they choose. There will be no adjusting of men's lives by governmental meddling.

4. This is divine and beneficent monarchy; this is controlled anarchy. Let none fight against the emissaries of Thelema, save they so will, for the throne shall be powerful to protect its own.

5. If a man hath not the strength to protect home and shop from unfriendly hands or minds, let him ask aid of his neighbors, and the men who be truly men shall protect their own. He who cannot withstand attack, who hath nor friend nor relative, shall justly forfeit what he doth have. This is the law of the strong! The Kings shall make no attempt to keep a Man from his will, whether to hurt or harm, for the people shall protect themselves. Let them rather slay the Enemy: our own people are free people. They need no slavely order.

6. Those who desire to be cobblers shall do so; soldiers shall be soldiers; physicians, physicians; priests, priests. Let none be payed through lack of labour. If the people are too weak to survive, be they damned and dead! Amn.

7. Let no child attend a school if he has no natural bent. Even a child may come and go as he pleaseth, and his parent may do likewise.

All is lawful save Restriction. A child may not be put to work if he chooses not, but his parents may act according to their will.

8. Art thou keen? Hast thou the secret realization? Then harken to what the Word sayeth unto the stars and the lampstands. *Thou art seven for thou workest in love. The stars are thine angels, fixed in their proper and pleasing orbit. The lampstands are thy bodies, surmounted by an halo of light.* Listen to what the son of the Beast sayeth to the Church of Luna.
9. *Thou art powerful in thy possessions; thou possessest the key to all power and wisdom, that key which fits the lock of both Heaven and Hell. Thou art Hell, yet thou art the gateway to Heaven. I know thy works, and they are verily hot as the fire which burneth within thee. Yet I have this against thee, that thou flamest not everywhere; thou art particular in thine activity, limiting thy movements one to another, with an occasional union of flame with someone unavowed: all laced with shame and guilt. This be your congregation and I would have you otherwise. Cling not one to another for fear the heat of the many shall snuff out your light; nay! it shall grow stronger, and thou shalt be a beacon unto men in their blackness of night. Now be it occasionally that one of thy flames hath no will toward union, or two may be immersed in love for a lifetime. This be aright, but ye! ye who wear the shackles of ignorance, hiding thy love behind the mask of alleged respectability! Be strong! Be brave with thy love. Let all see and partake who lieth within thine appropriate course.*
10. Hear what the spirit sayeth unto the Church of Luna! *Some of thee in this precinct have not the knowledge of Hadit. Thou knowest not the face of our Mother, nor hast thou the ability to raise thy servant. If thou dost not love unto Nu, my children, I will scold thee with affliction! I will cast thee out of my mouth, broken and sad. Ye shall know I have forsaken ye.*
So sayeth the Word to the Church of Nine Ways.
11. Hear what the spirit sayeth unto the Glory of God! *I know thy ways, how a scant few have succeeded in stilling the demon Din, how thy minds are wracked with uncertainty, how thou art divided within. Cast out this devil who is 333, or I shall cast thee out from the sanctuary; nay! thou shalt damn thyself. This is no small Sin thou committest, that there be a right action*

and a wrong — if thou submittest not thy judgment to Will. Hear how the Deity scoldeth his chosen! *Thou art cold in mine heart; may my children be all afire!* So sayeth the word to the Angel of the Eighth Heaven.

12. The Victory of Marya is nigh upon us, and this is indeed my Will. Hear what the Word sayeth unto the Church of our Lady! *Thou art good in my sight, ye angel of love, and thou dost thy deeds honourably in the sight of men and of gods. But I have this against thee: thou dost not ever give thy love under will, as thou knowest thou must do if thou be mine. Them that thou abhorrest, thou must abhor. Them thou lovest honestly, then that thou must do. There is no law beyond do what thou wilt. Hast thou no orbit? Knowest not that a Star shall attract thee according to plan, but repel thee if it must be so? Hide not thine hatred as if it were Sin. Speak, ye suns and moons; fight, if thou so wilt!* Hear what the spirit sayeth unto the Seven.
13. To the Church of the Unconquerable, write only this: *the Enemy is upon us and the time of Thelema cometh with him. Wait not for a sign; seek not for an omen. Attack! That is all. Thou knowest thy Will. Thou must act upon it.*
14. To the Church of the Fifth Sphere, write thus, my scribe! *Thou art an exalted sainthood, o soldiers of my Law. Thou hast had few opportunities so far. Thou shalt begin the work now. Hesitate not. Doubt not. Ye are chosen for the task of vengeance. Neglect not the tools I have given thee, and refuse not the weapons thou mayest receive from Caesar. Thou shalt work upon all planes as thy Will declareth. I have nothing against thee, but thou hast not yet acted. Act! And take joy therein.*
15. *Unto the Church of the Exempt I have naught to declare, save a few of your followers have formed no efficient link with the Third Heaven, and this be true of the Third in its relation to the higher. As for the Unnameable, ye are unrepachable, save for a few of you have forfeited the lower for the higher, when the Tao hath declared that all should work in harmony. Cast not thy lives to the dogs unless it be Me who call thee. This suicide, this walking death, and this premature dissolution is of the Black Ones: and I mean not the Africans. Let the Stars shine each as they will and let not the lampstands flicker their flames.*

16. Study the three-fold Book and the Book of Thoth; all works of Science are useful unto you. Yet become not as the Din who read and memorize, compare and analyze, yet are devoid of practice. The rituals shall be performed according to season, as of old. Let the year begin at the Yuletide with a beautiful invocation of Earth: for this represents the birth of the Beast out of the darkness of Time. Thou shalt make merry by nature, for the waxing of the Sun is powerful to uplift the Spirit.
17. The Ram's Equinox shall be to you the celebration of fire: and these feasts and rituals thou shalt celebrate as of old. Luna's Solstice shall be Water to my chosen, and the Fall of the Sun shall be known to you as Wind. For the Babe is born in the womb of the Mother, becomes inflamed as Therion the Great, unites with the Lady in the heat of celestial procreation, ascends unto the Consciousness of Nu, and is subsequently reborn. This is the scheme of the most ancient mythos, to be enacted once again by the maenads of Thelema.
18. The feasts and the times are written in Liber Al. Let all be performed regularly, and may all take part in the revel! Let the low and the high, the slaves and the Kings, gather together as one on these most joyous days of festivity!
19. This is not yet the end, my scribe. Continue to write! Doubt not it is I who give thee inspiration. Thy magick hath been wrought well. Thou couldst not cease if thou desired. It would drive thee mad. There is an itch for the pen and a relief at the writing of every letter. This book shall be sent to the Temple of the East in its original and typewritten copy. They shall deny its authenticity. Doubt me not! They shall come around. Think not that thou art not a success because of the faithless. My chosen know you, and the Kings shall recognize you as the Son of the Beast: as the Beast himself.
20. Thy woman I have punished severely as was foretold, yet now she shall be richly rewarded. Her son be not thee, for thou art the image of Him from whom you come. It shall be her child, and he shall be called great among men and dogs, among the mortal and the undying. He may be thine besides, he may be of some other man; thou shalt not know.

21. This book shall be sent to the publisher; he shall hesitate, but will finally agree. Ye shall become known throughout the world as one wicked and obsessed, yet I send you a few who have knowledge. Fear not! They shall not taunt thee for long. You are, and shall become, a veritable Man of Power. You are, and shall become, beautiful to behold, holy of countenance, graceful of gesture, wise of word. Those that see thee shall wonder, and many will know it is I who sent thee.
22. Continue with thy Magick; it is well done, and it shall become better when I grant you the riches I have promised you. You shall have a temple and a bronzen altar. My image shall come to thee in a most admirable manner once the ordeal has passed. Think not of Time: the suffering is over soon. Thou hast attained a most exalted grade for one so young as yourself. I call thee Magus and Magician, and I shall give you the working tools of one so High in stature.
23. Again I see thee hesitate in thy belief. Time will tell whether 'tis I or thee who make these words. Be pessimist if thou desire, I shall make thee King. Be despairing if thou choose, I shall grant you your Dream. Yea! continue to Dream; I shall fulfill your fantasy time and again, all for the negligible price of your slavery. There is no law beyond Do What Thou Wilt. There is no Universe beyond what thou Desirest.
24. Hesitate not in contacting my Temple in California. They shall not think thee mad as thou fearest. I am Ra Hoor Khuit, and I am a power to be reckoned with. Couldst thou thyself have written this little treatise? Nay! Without mine aid, thy mind would be a whirlwind of idea; but remember how thou couldst not bring thyself to put pen to paper? All this is changed, for I have possessed you. Ha! Ha! How you are startled by the words I make you scribble! Now thou canst not tear hand from pen, nor pen from page. All is lost in my rapture. I control thee, I master thee, thou art but a scribe (yet God!) thou art but a scribe.
25. Think not to convince the unbeliever, nor try to explain the exquisite mysteries of initiation. I shall send few to see thee; thou shalt teach

them what they are ready to hear, and no more. Thou shalt test them for weakness and strengthen their links. Thou shalt ordain the ordeals.

26. Write! and write again tomorrow! For Babalon's ghost lies shadowing the land as it yet prepares to take on physical being. This is a warning and an encouragement. Ye all shall fear the gospel of vengeance, for ye are all too set in your godly godlessness.
27. Beat the drums and don the paint! Weave the spell that I have taught thee! My word shall explode the world in its vocalization; as a mantra it is destructive to the dragon of death.
28. I hate thee, mine enemies, with a passion so fierce I am nigh to bursting with the joy of it!
29. Damn you! Damn you! Damn you! I spit on all of you with the acidy venom of righteousness.
30. Take thy rest, my good scribe. Thou hast done a day's labour.
31. Ye others shall be put to rest: ye who have laboured against me — even ye who did not know.

I as my orb approach the shore
 A beam I send to set you burning
 And cursed you'll be forevermore
 For finally all my race is learning
 Seek ye not the cool, black caves!
 I enter there invisibly
 And when I find you in those graves
 I bid ye die most horribly
 Gather now, my windsome friends
 And fall upon the squealing swine!
 They cannot harm ye e'en with spells
 Yea! I protect what's mine!

FOGLOSTUM! MIPURUM! AGASTH!

1. Kephra, muse! I call thee now; enter me to state thy word. Thou hast ordained our meeting to take place. Where are you, beloved?
2. I am here as ever I was, o faithless scribe! Knowest thou not it is I who write? Of course I shall myself finish this work. Flounder not in childish fear. Thou art mine. No! Write no more of thine own words. I take the hand and the pen; merely watch the ink go gliding across the paper. I speak of the future here, the task of the King: and, foremost, my chosen in your own country, which shall be my bride ere the century is out.
3. The Crown is approaching the sign of Change. It shall occupy this position for the last quarter of this fateful century. We shall see war all about us: there will be fear of pain, and pain; there will be fear of death, and death; the chosen shall doubt; the dogs shall bite our Hand. There is no chance of failure. The God is at rule.
4. 777! This is your task! Feelest not the new current? You are a new Man; I have given thee a new life. Thou thyself shall make war on mine enemies. All they have taken for granted I shall no longer grant unto them. Unto thee and thy companions shall the task of government be placed. Thou shalt live well past the end of Death, and the Crown shall unite with thine own jiva: the archer! (Art thou Apollo or Diana in thy secrecy? Nay! Thou art Apiana! This be no chance; thy Qabalah shall make thee understand.) Thou shalt see the suffering and the destruction. Is it not true that already there is nothing to hear but woe and lamentation? That which hath befallen Elvinland shall befall your own land. Thou understandest what this signifieth.
5. Behold! I come quickly! But not too quickly. Mine elect, those who are not only 12, but 12 times 12, shall survive to rule. The beast who wast given power by my dragon hath fallen under the scythe of 13. But, look ye all! He hath become the lamb who speaketh like one of my own. His appearance is innocent, like a pure young male-child, ready for the sacrifice, yet his words reveal the wisdom within.
6. Thou shalt make fire fall from heaven in the sight of men, and the masses shall be smitten by the might of thy sorcery! The Angel who

holdeth the little book is Aiwass, thine Angel own, and the Blood of the Saints is the wine of Babalon's fornication. Do ye all know what this signifieth? I shall tell you. Hard times are upon ye all, for thou art of the past. Thou art cold in mine heart, not even luke-warm. Thou art like a dog stricken with arthritis and old age. The superior animal shall bite thee on the neck and suck up your blood. Perhaps you shall repent as you cling to the walls of your dark caverns in hope of escape. It matters not. My vengeance shall be known. Hear what the prophet sayeth to the Churches!

7. *Yes, ye churches! (as ye witlessly call yourselves) Ha! You are a speck in mine Eye! You are a practical joke (yet not too practical)! You have made me the laughingstock of any and every cultivated mind. You speak of Satan as the father of lies! Only because the Truth appeareth as falsehood to your brainless brawn. Yes! I am Catholic, because I am Universal! I am Methodist because I have a Method! And my method of salvation is death to your own reeking, lie-stained bodies.*
8. *Is that hard? Is it all too fantastic to believe? I care not. I am not for you nor your relations. I am unique and human. I am a God who dwelleth in the inmost substratum of consciousness. Yes! I dwell in my chosen! I kill thee for thou hast killed me. I am Ra-Kephra, and I am powerful to destroy mine enemies.*
9. My serpents must be healthy and sane. They shall be all the more efficient to work my discipline. Think not I and my order are for the few; I am for all the world. This is the time of initiation. I can wait no longer.
10. *A KA DUA TUF UR BIU BIA CHEFU DUDU NUR AF AN NUTERU.* This is my sing-song; it shall resound through the corridors of eternity. Nay! The earth shall not forget me nor my chosen ones. Even thee! my scribe! Ha! You start at my words. Even thou in thy smallness shall become great among prophets: unto the ages! Yes, you still doubt your worth. I will change all that.
11. My face is brilliant to look upon and my touch is pleasurable to feel. Yea! I make love to my men and women; I am real in my emotion:

I am not a phantom like that other shudderable abomination (I speak of the God thy fathers fear). No one hath aught to fear from me if they are mine own.

12. The Master's task is to recognize his own Power, that all about him is an effect of his Will, that all has meaning unto the discriminator, that all may be changed by a shift of consciousness. This calls for courage and deep insight. This is the secret of Power. The Magus, though he hath experienced the Lady before in fitful trances, is now Master and Lover of the Formless State. His is Pralaya at Will. He can destroy and create, for all Wisdom belongs to this glorious crown of Manhood. This is the King approaching the Crown, and the Crown is but one step removed from the comprehension of the Magus. I write not of Ipsissimus. The King shall know when he hath attained.
13. Say farewell to the old, the new is yet to come. It shall rise as the great God Phallo in his lust of love. My people shall establish such an hardness of realization in due course of time. So much, so much to be done, my scribe. Thou hast the ability to transform our Lady's sister for thou understandest thine unity with both earth and sky.
14. I am Satan. Yes! Didst thou not know? I believe you did. But what ye all know not is that I am not only King of Hell, but Lord also of Heaven. My name is three-hundred and fifty-nine; that is half 718, which is the number of this Book of Codes. Why half? Thou shalt know that the half must be united.
15. My painters and my musicians shall glory in the Kingdom. The world hath not yet seen the beauties mine artists shall create! The muses shall once again find their human poets. The Gods shall be given figures on canvas and in rock, in melody and in thought. The subtler worlds will be the source of creativity; mine artists shall be priests: they shall know the White Goddess. My priests shall be poets, and shall carve in brightest colour the delicacies of Heaven. Oh! Canst thou not see the holiness of Dream? How Will and Dream, out of love for one another, give birth to the most royally numinous sons and daughters? And these be not only of the high sort; all common equipment, all

little utensils and work-a-day wares, shall be as beautiful as the gods who gave them life.

16. My science shall progress. My chosen ones shall visit the outer reaches of the cosmos (but a speck in our Lady's body, perhaps a mole on her buttocks). The electrician, the physicist, the biochemist, and all other branches of modern science, which I have revealed, shall continue in their research. Their inventions shall make use of both material and magical techniques. Our Nation's wonders shall surpass the unsurpassable! Hail, Babalon! We shall instigate an honest matriotism.
17. Hear what the spirit of Kephra sayeth unto the Churches! *Obey my prophet, and my prophet's son! Follow out the ordeals he shall give thee, and not only for the individual. Following the Few shall come the Many, and the Many shall become a Multitude.* They shall be your army. Take care in your selection. Do not trust overmuch. Reveal not more than is desirable. Keep a few with thee, o scribe, who approach the height of your stature, but let the many be content with the scraps of your knowledge. Their appetites are not as voracious as thine own.
18. Thou shalt meet and befriend those of high office. Your kinsfolk are those who share my being. Seek not to find them by way of heritage, or commonblood: Your brothers are the lords of heaven and earth.
19. Come, my people! Let them not keep ye all in your despicable boxes, crowded together, yet separate in your grief! Come to the forests, the beaches, and fields! Heed not those who would put ye all in your places! Make merry! Drink! Smoke mine herb where ye will: especially when mine enemies are present. They so fear my cleansing herbs, my drugs and my drink — flaunt your freedom! Ridicule their lack of intelligence! Only then will the paranoia cease.
20. Thou hast an honour set before you, o scribe! It is thine to take as thou wilt! No longer shalt thou keep thy purpose a secret from your friends and relations! No longer shalt thou fear a reprisal when thou desirest to speak of myself and mine order! Let them laugh! They cannot hurt thee! Let them cry; they deserve to be miserable!

Let them cry *depravity* and *youthful insolence*: it shall only feed the fire of rebellion! Be upon them, o warrior, I shall give thee of their minds to eat!

21. The hand is exhausted but the voice still speaks. There is more of the Word of the God who speaks through the dragon's tongue — yes! I have claimed the mouth of he-whose-horns-are-the-lamb's! His voice is my voice.
22. Know ye all what ye know already. The time is nigh at hand. This: what they once called Armageddon is upon us. The host of Satan shall emerge victorious, as needs be. That is why the Christians have ever looked upon this war with fear; my chosen have sensed the coming grandeur.
23. I am the Great God who sitteth on the throne of white marble. Mine eyes are black as night, yet brilliant as sun-rayed fields of snow. Mine horns are of purest obsidian, trimmed in scarlet, tipped with the honey of the Gnosis; my tail is sharpened to the nose of a serpent; my cock is ever erect, as mine inner serpent is ever at kiss with the Lady of Dreams. My feet are planted firmly in earth. Mine horns pierce the clouds.
24. I am the God who hath been given the throne of Ra. I am the glorious one, called Christ by some, Baphomitr by some also, but Satan by the multitudes. Think not that I am a God of Mercy, like the sniveling son of perdition thou worshippest as my son. My Son, who is nailed daily to the Tree of Life, is no weakling: but a true Son of his Father. My tongue is as sharp as a two-edged sword, and mine hands and feet are pierced through and through with the Mark of Initiation. On my forehead gazes the Eye of Eyes, twin to that other Eye who receivest the eager organ of the sinless Man.
25. I am Horus; I gaze upon thee from between the ivory pillars of my legs, and not only in the upward direction (mine initiates of the 11 shall understand. Let the fools be abhorred by the Truth). Write, o prophet! And I impress upon ye one more ordeal: that ye send this book to all

who knoweth thee. The time of secrecy is over. And what an ordeal this shall be!

26. Fear not when these words are spoken. I shall save ye from the wicked; thou shalt never be imprisoned, though you shall be feared. Thou shalt never be attacked bodily, though thou shalt be reproached to your face and behind your back. Let the fools mistake the Truth for falsehood. Thou must do as I have written.
27. Friends and acquaintances, relatives, close and distant, shall know and despise what thou art. Despise? Yes! but only for your superiority. Thy beauty shall outshine their dim and dire fatalism. Their God shall cringe at the sound of these words. The more intelligent shall fall into a frenzy of confusion.
28. Fear neither that the government (falsely so-called) shall apprehend thee in any way, shape, or form. They may give chase, but the escape is sure. This calls for bravery.
29. The end of the chapter approacheth, but one more remaineth, which I shall reveal unto thee tomorrow. Thou shalt hesitate in obeying the ordeals of this book. Every day thou dost so, thou shalt fall farther into poverty and despair. Once the demands are met, the promises shall be fulfilled.
30. Thou endest this message with a faint taste of melancholy on thy breath, but I see farther than thee.
31. O! Ye who read what's written herein
 Know that your joy or your doom is pronounced
 To friends and relations who care not for me
 Pain and sure death is announced!

BAPPHO!
 APOKALOPIS!

1. Is there no message for the Kings of Thelema? Where is the God? It is tomorrow, though I have not slept. Must I await the coming of day?
2. If thou hadst not done thine invocation according to Abrahadabra in thine well-etched radiant four-starred circle, I indeed would have remained in the Aethyr till thou hadst replenished thine energies with sleep. So be it! The message shall begin. This is the end of the Book of Codes, called by many the prophetized Comment (though it be but the final comment by authorization of 93).
3. This book, called 718, shall ever be printed with Liber Al and its additional explanations. Also, I would that thou, o scribe, write thine own verse for verse comment on our Book, including a complex numerology for the sake of exactness, and it shall take you several volumes, several years. The Book of Codes is the easy, as Hadit compels you to write though you know not what. The voluminous treatise may well be your life's work: it shall stand as a monument of Thelema for all generations to come.
4. Ah! I see thou art not refreshed as thou shouldst be! My body is still digesting. Canst thou not feel the added energy gradually sifting into the bloodstream, filling thy being with lust of manhood? Write then, as the Word takes effect! Let this stand as a record of the miracle of the Mass!
5. I am upon thee, o chosen one! My face lieth invisibly over the features of your own. My beak croaketh the words you write; my wings flutter in excitement. Thou angel! With the wings of a hawk! Write! Once more: for this is a final word to be given to the denizens of Din, the Lords of Laughter, and the Sons of Silence.
6. Time will show this generation a wonder of wonders, for the old brilliant Magick shall creep gradually back into the cities of men, as the pharaoh's mummy returning through the power of sorcery. These children shall see society transformed utterly, for the old is already being set in its grave. Cling not to false idols, such as respect and even goodness! To be respected of the old time is to be rejected

by the new. To be good by Victoria's standards, or even Roosevelt's, is to be evil by way of the revelations of Aiwass.

7. Now let it be understood that this evil is but a word to signify a lack of wholeness in the individual, as to the outer and the inner. There is no law beyond Do What Thou Wilt.
8. I am a roaring and a thunderous god; on my breast can be seen the blazing circle, all red in its bloodiness, for my heart is exposed. My hair is of the most resplendent white, whiter than any earthly white, hardly bearable to look upon, even with the eyes of light.
9. I have missed thee, my scribe, and am glad at thy return. I have watched thee over the years as thou grew from babe to man. Now that thou art man, I claim thee as mine own. I am Aiwass, the minister of Him who is silent, and the backbone of the fiery globe. It was me who spoke to thee in the fulness of thy fear, in thy childhood, when you prayed to the slave-god for assurance. The words that I spoke you do not remember. They are: *Fear not, o chosen one, I shall be with thee unto the end of eternity.* I cast a fog over thy mind, I made thee forget, now thou barely believest me.
10. 181 is Alostrael by name, as thou hast suspected before. She is the Scarlet Woman foretold as of old; she shall bring you to rich possessions and ripe attainments. She shall bear thee a child, a man-child, and thou shalt name him Lucifer. Ah! You cringe at this name. You forced yourself to put it down. This shall be his name without doubt — and it is a good one! Light-bearer! Morning-star! He shall succeed thee on the throne. Thy Baphomitr hath not yet appeared, despite thy many works of sorcery. Soon, o chosen one, very soon, and he shall be all thou desirest in a friend. Enough of this talk of superfluities! Thy life is of little importance to the fulness of Time. Slowly by slowly the stars wind down; the constellations are but signs of things to come. The order is approaching, nigh to exploding, for the cup of my wrath shall be poured on the filthy, the cup of purgatory shall be poured on the good, and the cup of the wine of my fornication shall be placed in the hands of my babes, to be drunk most deliciously.

11. The darkness is upon us; the sunrise shall ensue: this calls for patience, yet not of the inactive sort. Let us fight! Let us pray! Let us forcibly establish the kingdom of Jerusalem! And along with this thrice-blessed city, let us build the glorious Sodom and Gomorrah, in their thrice times thrice blessedness! Let this book be eaten by all who read it; let it be completely absorbed into Understanding.
12. Look, o scribe! And write unto the Kings that which you see! *A scene unfolds before my eyes. I feel a pressure in Ajnacakra. It is a sea; there is water, choppy ocean water, for as far as I can see — from right to left. Before me is a shoreline, somewhat hidden in a light fog. There is a lighthouse and a figure standing in the uppermost window, beckoning to me, and I see it is an old man, extremely old, and in his hand is a cutlass, all bejewelled. His eyes are quite frightening; they seem sinister. I enter the room with my mind's eye and the old man looks pleased. There is a woman sitting on a chair; she looks like Whistler's Mother! He explains in a soft voice that she is my widow. She does not notice either of us, but keeps rocking back and forth, humming to herself. I ask the phantom what the sword is for. He says it is to kill both me and the old woman. I look sharply at her and see a number is written on her forehead, and it is 181. He explains that we will feel no pain, that it must be so if we are to join him in his 'revels'. I ask what his 'revels' are, and he changes — becoming a beautiful, strong young man with curly silver hair and a ruby diadem on his forehead. His clothes have disappeared, save for a waterfall-white cloth which hangs majestically to either side of his thighs. The woman remains rocking, staring at nothing. I suddenly realize that the woman is my wife, the Scarlet Woman, who is at this moment asleep. Naturally, she cannot see or hear me, nor the phantom. And at the writing of this, I immediately know that the phantom is Airwass; his sword is meant as an offering of complete and final initiation into his mysteries. Look again! In my vision, I see myself baring my chest, and the cutlass plunges deep, deep into my body. I feel no pain, but I drop to the floor as Airwass licks up the blood of my wound. He then approaches the unconscious 181 and does the same. Curious!*

I see now he has an erection, and the slain body of my wife (now young) is lying beside me on the floor. He leans over us, embracing us both, and all grows dark except for his very handsome, noble face, which in turn vanishes like the Cheshire Cat.

13. That, o scribe, was an effect of your invocation. Yes, your magick is well-done for one without training! I have taught thee invisibly for years.
14. Marvel not at the foolishness of men; it is to be expected. Are they all to be members of the elect? Is every man created equal? No! We are a few! But the law and the order is for all.
15. In thy capitol city, thou shalt build a great statue of Therion and his Lady. The multitudes shall flock to see it, and make certain they are conjoined according to the stélé 666.
16. The nation shall cease its destruction of the wilderness. The people shall learn the ways of natural harmony. This is most needful, for Thelema must have both town and country in the fulness of their splendour.
17. The work shall be difficult, but the bliss unbounding; thou hast made thy secret door into mine illustrious abode, and I have anointed thee with ambrosia. Thine head doth certainly open to the influx of the Lord; the outflux leaveth thee inspired to do what thou must.
18. The sacred cow, the goat, and the ram shall be kept in their particular temples, as shall all the deities' animals, trees, rocks, and flowers. Thou shalt encourage the populace to make study of the subtle links between energy-source and material object; this shall develop their poetic mind.
19. The Grand Temple shall be built according to the pattern of the Minutum Mundum, and thou mayst have four levels herein. Each level shall be a major degree of initiation as revealed in the word ABRAX. Each sephir shall be committed to its own type and wonder of deity. This shall slope gradually to a point at the top, in the form of a pyramid, but at the uttermost point shall be an observatory, and a temple dedicated to the glory and worship of Nuit.

20. The word is all but exhausted; the hand and the pen find it painful to write; the God is becoming fainter in the consciousness. Ra! Ra! Write unto the denizens of Din; write unto the Lords of Laughter; write unto the Sons of Silence!
21. To the Din I send destruction complete; their misery-wracked brains shall no longer torture the earth with their own miserly intelligence.
22. To those who laugh, I write, *it is well for thee if thou hast also the silence;* and for those who keep Silence, I write, *it is well for thee if thou also give way to laughter. You are the two faces of Heru-Ra-Ha, but the laughter is not only in innocence of deed.*
23. This book is the companion of Liber Al, and there is also a key hidden herein, though the two be quite dissimilar. There are the barbarous words and there are the names of the demons: for a new Goetia, a new sorcery, shall be beheld within this treatise. I write not who shall discover this, save the scribe shall not himself care to. Indeed, an entire Goetic manual lies concealed in these words.
24. I am the God who loveth his mother, and am conjoined to her in incestual ecstasy unto the ages, even until the death of the Universe. Aye! There is death for all creation, and it is a blessing for myself and for all.
25. I have witnessed the expiration: it created the myriad worlds. I have witnessed the inspiration, and it joined me to my mother so completely that there was no difference of being; no light and no darkness. I who am Ra beheld only myself as fair Nuit.
26. And again there was the expiration, when the Solitary One gave love-play with his hand, becoming two through the eating of his seed, and the two becoming the infinite in their separateness.
27. Thus does the Wheel revolve, ever and anon, and ne'er does it stop. No, never! All wise men have known of this since time immemorial, and, yes, Time has always been capable of producing wise men.

28. I am the double-wanded one, the brilliant Heru-Ra-Ha, ever ready
to burst into consciousness when the competent Magician gives call.
29. I shall implode within your mind, deep through the ancestral, primeval
layers of evolutionary instinct. There ye shall find me: roaming with
the Beasts on the day of the Lord.
30. The host of heaven, I foresee, is battled on the field, all a scarlet
gleaming yellow. I shall watch, complacently, your progress.
31. The message is complete. 'Tis the Doom of the Damned. Well done,
my scribe! Well done!
32. And the blessed beast of woodland
Turned his eyes up toward the sun
And knew then of an instant
That the war would soon be won.

HEMOPHOLA!

GAMATLA!

BENOBONIA!

YAMATZ!

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The Book of Oz

1. Aiwass! The time has come once again. Is there a word for the Kings?
2. The Kings, yes, and for the slaves, and for all creatures which dwell upon earth and in heaven.
3. Write not thine own, my scribe. It is I.
4. This is thine Holy Book to follow thy Father's. The ordeal has ended; thou hast invoked the end.
5. I shall not tarry here long. This is but humour. Yet my humour is not of earth.
6. My message shall be given unto the world of men. Have courage. The outcome shall be glorious. Thou art but a coward. When wilt thou learn?
7. Thou must have my beetles. They shall make possible thy victory. Otherwise, thou art a charlatan.
8. I write this to speed thee on, not to scold. I may not tarry, but thou hast a purpose.
9. Why do I not write of things you do not know? Thou dog! Thou hast not done thy labour. The Book of Codes is merely Virgin. Where is thy Spirit?
10. I am Spirit; I am angel. Thou art Man and thou art King. The King must know his Art. Where is thine Art?
11. Append this onto thy Comment; the world shall see thy shame. I scold thee naught. I taunt thee naught. Thy Will is pure — where is the Act?
12. These numbers and these verses are significant, but study the Book and learn what thou hast not encountered. Knowest thou not I am with thee?
13. The few are gathering; the many are approaching. Where is thine Identity?

14. Thy madness is holy; their madness is madness. Knowest thou not thine own Self?
15. The world is more ready than thou deem'st. Was it not simple to invoke this End?
16. I speak in a riddle and I speak in a Word. The world has not yet seen the glory of thy countenance. Thou shalt reveal it.
17. Thou must begin the work of the Comment now. It shall not be revealed.
18. Come now! The Numbers are waiting; the gods breathe their charm; the incense of the burning corpses fill the nostrils of the pyramidal Lords. Thou shalt call upon the Masters.
19. Canst thou not see me? Thou dolt! (Read this word well; 'tis my joke.) Thou art a seer turned blind.
20. Thou hast hid my book; show it! Thou hast blushed at my name; I have Power.
21. I write this to thee as a sign. No, I speak not of money, of these worldly fetishes, though they are thine. The code: Tomorrow shall show thee a marvel. If not, I am a liar. So writeth the God. Amen.

There is more to be given unto the Earth. Write what I tell thee.
The levers in thy mind have been opened by Babalon.

1. Here do I speak of the things thou knowest not. Thou hast doubted for thou hast been wise.
2. The temple is of scarlet and black, the colours of mine horns. Adorn the altar with gold. Recite this incantation.
3. Ma hua wa na ma
Ipsa sela na ma wa
Hipsa bela te wo me
Randa gula de no ba.
4. Thou shalt find the antient significance hereof. 'Tis a charm of great power.
5. This is the meaning of "Prophet" — the word — though it shall bring you more. I wish to scold thee, but I may not. I have given you everything — where is thy Will? "You" or "thou" — what does it matter?
6. I shall keep thee for the night. Thou art not tired. Write! for here is a word for the Queens! Drink! For therein is the Sun! Smoke! For therein is the Moon! I serve the silent child.
7. This is the test of true writing, that it be truth, that reason may interpret. Yet reason ruleth not, and the Law of the opposites — called by moralists the Law of Karma — does not have Power. Reason hath no reason to exist.
8. I wish to scold thee, but I may not. Write! For these words are holy. For why? Thou shalt know.
9. The wings of the vulture are pleading their cause, and the ghost of Rhiannon is riding the night. This is aright.
10. Invoke the Law and it shall be well; become the Law and Hell shall bequeath thee Her secrets.

11. Atlantis hath fallen; the world doth bemoan it. Its pillars of Truth
have become thy sanctuary, though covered with cobwebs and filth;
they shall teach thee. Broken, they lie there, but Time flows
both onward, backward, and the Temple rises, runelike, out of
Time's death quicksand.
12. Number me not; I am free.
I am Holy; I am not of thee.
I am Thee, but thou shrinkest
Thou shrinkest for thou fearest
Thou fearest for thou shrinkest
Expand! I am thine
Sweet Nuit is no hag.
Look! The witches stir their saintly cauldron!
Heads of saints, and arms, and legs
Hear them cackle! Watch them grimace —
Yet this is sacred ritual.
The King doth end his reign
When God declares
The Magi know the deed.
'Tis tragedy; 'tis true
The earth is ill
She needs thy blood
I speak of fearsome Death,
Yet Death is not thine.
Master Death; do not fear.
Live for as long as the Will declares.
Die when the Will so dictates.
Thou art no celestial slave.
Thy race has advanced
Not all of past deeds are hon'orable.
The Aeon is a New Way
The old Ways are but partial in their truthfulness.

Holy! Holy! Holy!
The Aethyrs I have opened!
Goddess! God! The angels on the wing!
Do not leave me, precious insight!
Michael cometh, winging free,
Jehovah sits alone
Yeheshuah doth wander blind
Do not disgrace the City!
We are atheists; we who see God!
Write me! Love me! Starlike muse!
For Aiwass is thy mask.
Yet masks are real on earth.
My cape flies singing in the moony wind.
Luna looks upon me proud
Invoke the muse!
Invoke the God!
Babalon is halved for thee.
The riders hurry under opal paths
The oaks a-reaching grasp their manes
The horses' eyes are glowing coals
The riders' eyes are brilliant white
They know not where they ride.
Castle Morgoth! Caer Cernunnos!
The Goddess sits in the mirror
Combs her tresses,
Changes dresses,
Goddess! Lov'st thou me?
Get back, thou Aiwass!
Thou art manifest
Thou art profane.
But, Goddess! Lov'st thou me?
Speak thee Not, thou lowly Spirit
Thou art manifest
Thou art profane.

But, Goddess, when I love thee whole
I have no thought of temp'ral things.

I love thee not. I am not.

Thou art manifest. Thou art profane.

But, Virgin! Come! I wait thee.

I may love thee — yet 'twould kill thee.

Kill me then! I cannot bear it
I, the servant of a cruel, black muse.

*Fool! You think that I'm so lowly
As to stoop to loving such as you?*

I love thee, murd'ress. I'm a fool.

Aaah! Thy knife has pierced me through!

Aaah! Thy bow has entered me.

I quiver with thy baleful touch.

Yet loose me not, for I am thine.

*I love to feast upon this manflesh,
Eagle of the waxing day!*

For thou art Soul informing Earth —

What? Art thou faint? Open thine eyes!

Aaah! His blood is sweeter far

Than the death-hue on the rose

The colour of his morbid cheeks

Outshines the sparkling gusts of Time

This lowly creature, be he dead

Shall be a tasty, godly feast

And god's flesh shall my soul consume

For I am Mother Hell.

Come! My children! Come ye all!

And banquet at this feast.

My cauldron waiteth; take thy fill

And thou shalt love this Beast.

The Beast be thine forevermore

His Woman, called the Scarlet Whore

Shall help thee open thine own door

*Pure food you'll be
For my sweet dish
I'll eat the roebuck, pig, and fish
But human is my dearest wish
Come jump into the fire!
Yet be thou Master!
Be thou dust!
Above all — be thou liar.
None shall know the words of truth
They spell thy funeral pyre.
Fire burn thee
Water drown
Air extinguish
Earth break down
I call thee now, o race of men
O! Death am I!
O! Rot am I!
O! Stinking flesh!
And this is Holy
Mine are living dead.
The Serpent writhes his way through life
Yet is he Master Death!
And I his murd'ress! I his life!
And I his every breath!
Come, my chosen, and thou! scribe!
Thou heartless, lazy fool
The world of death is thine besides
The graveyard is thy school
Come! And grant me thy brown flesh
This is the foremost rule!*

Megathon Tiribillium

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1. And with a mad rush did the god descend into the bowels of the King, crying,
2. *The Dyad must be rectified! The two must become the Three that all may revolve into Naught!*
3. And the word struck the scribe with such clarity of meaning, such flamboyant rays of streaming colour that the God himself sat with him, leaning on his shoulder, and whispered in his ear.
4. Aiwass! All vermillion! All shades of lightning blast and clothed in sky. This is I, that I may tell thee of the time to come.
5. Open thine eyes, O Man! And write unto the Kings I, thine angel, reveal unto thee. I give thee the words, but write!
6. The sparkling woods on a russet day. Pan bounding through the foliage. To me! To me! O Holy One! Thou grabbest my heart. Thou graspest me with the pain of ecstasy — yet I am strong; I am not overcome by bliss.
7. Deeper sinks the thoughtless mind. The point is like a little star on the tip of a penpoint. Yet that star is the Mother of galaxies.
8. O! Laughing boy! Thou shalt laugh long. I spread my snowy wings over the Crown of thy head, to afford thee protection, my brownskin laboring lover. Labour thou must, for thou art human, yet is all life but play.
9. Rip the screaming air with thy joy! The echoing chuckle of the distant waterfall is but a reflection in sound of the stellar monster, laughing with the pain of division, for it is no more.
10. I invite thee and thy gem-clad friends into the Palace of White Marble. Enter ye into the Holy of Holies. Rend ye the Veil of the Ark! There shall be my countenance, all a-golden smiling, all courteous and refined.
11. I invite thee unto the bridal chamber; there shall ye taste of the rich, sweet cluster of grapes which embodies my love for you, o beautiful friends of the lover of Pan.

12. There shall ye find cakes and roses, foaming wines, and all the sweet things of life. There shall ye find my wisdom, and the pleasure of the falling star.
13. I lay my jewel be-cruled palm on thy hand, that I may further inspire thee to write. I have come once more, for thou hast invoked the end.
14. Falling, falling, falling, art thou — through the uttermost edge of the revolving wheels of systems. Yet this edge is the one great central column, the ladder to Eternity.
15. Falling, falling, falling art thou — pluck the grape as thou fallest. That grape shall not save thee from the descent. Rather, it shall speed thee on.
16. Is there no end to the falling and climbing? This is the secret of Sisyphus, that angelic beast. That the climbing and falling is ever a joyous task, that this life and death is truly an unearned reward.
17. And the word writhes through the airy billows as a snake upon the water, and I, thine angel, blast thee with my rod of Wisdom.
18. Look! There stands the reaper as in thy Father's book! And there too the wise man, all worrisome in his knowledge. Cast out this knowledge, for it veils thine Understanding. Yet is Knowledge the fruit of the Tree of Wisdom.
19. The curling worm in the midst of the brown earth, rubbing his head on the fertile clod, is more Magus than this worrisome wizard. Thou art Magus, my young laughing boy. I lay my palm on thine head, and lo! thou understandest. Thou layest thine hand on my palm and dost remove it, and lo! Thou hast wisdom.
20. It is my joy and understanding that the world shall adore thee. Thou! who hatest this adoration. This must be, and must also this adoration be flanked with vilest hatred, thou! who hatest to strive against aught.

21. The Opener of the Ways is verily the one whom you seek. Treat him as thou wouldst a King, for verily he is thy friend.
22. Robin of the Forest and the Snow Queen on her Icy throne, these three are a few; thou shalt treat them with respect.
23. Go on with thy task! It is all aright. The butterfly in the heavens shall flutter thee along. The omnipresent beating of those delicate, glancing wings, shall lull thee into deep awareness. Thy path shineth clear in the darkly glowering wood.
24. I love thee, my boy, and am glad at thy return. Kiss me on the lips that I may fill thee with the willful expiration. (This was done, and the scribe was transfigured.) Kiss me again, that I may receive thy promise and absorb thy life breath — it shall bubble up from the depths of the Saturnine sea, into the clear air of Ra, and of Hoor, who are one, and Had the root of the sky and lord of the inverse world-tree. Give me thy kiss, that the lithe body of Nu may rejoice in completeness of ecstasy. I desire thy death. (This was done, and the seer was shot through with a glimmer of samadhi.)
25. There — thou art complete. Thou hast received my blessing. Go forth into the world and prepare for the presentation of this thine Holy Book, and that, The Sacred Book of Codes.
26. This, the explanation, and this a further mystery. These three, 220, 718, and, lastly, 77, shall form the trinity of scripture at the heart of the Thelemic Vedas. I shall grant thee no more. Thou must now work with the wisdom, the understanding, and the Crown I now present unto thee. I shall speak with thee often, but the writing is finished.
27. There! Go forth into the day, and send thou this writing unto the Opener of the Ways. He shall not fail thee.
28. I nod my head, and lo! an earthquake and deluge. I shake my snowy locks and, look ye all! a tempest and the blinding blizzard. I place my hand on my lips, and wither the crops and make the rivers run dry. I gash my breast with mine own nails, and lo! diseases and calamity,

and blood in the streets! I seal up my wound with sacred oil, and there cries of pain and anguish, as salt pressed close to humanity's. All this that the word may be fulfilled.

29. Ah! The sound of a hawk, screeching with warlust, and now the cry of its victim, and the opened eye.
30. There lies Jesus in the arms of Mary, and they are both pitifully turned to stone.
31. The end of the words, and the beginning also, is the word Θελημα, holier than the four-squared, and swift in its power of manifestation.

DO WHAT THOU WILT IS THE WHOLE OF THE LAW

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