

O9A Esoteric Notes LXXVI

Preface

Since the retirement of Anton Long in 2011 (ev) various individuals associated with the Order of Nine Angles (ONA, O9A) who are conversant with O9A aural tradition have issued several texts which reveal hitherto unpublished aspects of that tradition. Some examples being the meaning of the term fayen {1}, alchemical and hermetic antecedents of the O9A Seven Fold Way {2, 3}, the term numinous in the O9A expression 'the sinister-numinous tradition' {4}, the term Atazoth {5}, the terms Gates and Nexions {6}, Chants and Mimesis {7}, Anglicized Names In The Sinister Tradition {8}, further notes relating to the O9A Baphomet tradition {9}, and several texts dealing with the Picatrix {10}.

In this Esoteric Note another part of O9A aural tradition is discussed. The text is a substantially revised version of an obscure editorial footnote added to a recently republished 2013 ev O9A text.

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Archaic Spelling In O9A Esoteric Tradition

Standardization of spelling in the English language is a relatively recent convention. For centuries after manuscripts such as Beowulf were written in Old English and for centuries after books were first printed in the English language copyists and authors continued to use different spelling of certain words.

For instance from the 16th century (ev) until at least the 19th century (ev) the word now conventionally spelt Alchemy might be spelt Alchymie, alchymye, alkamye, alkemye, alkamy, and alkemie, among other variants, including a variant used in the 18th century in the US State of Virginia: achemy, qv. B. W. Green, *Word-book of Virginia Folk-Speech* published in 1899.

For sly, mischievous, and esoteric reasons which those well acquainted with the O9A corpus will be aware of, in the 1970s (ev) "Anton Long" decided in certain circumstances to continue this tradition of individualistic spelling. For as often in O9A works there is an 'exoteric' meaning or intent, and an 'esoteric' meaning or intent.

Thus letters, communications or Order of Nine Angles texts might sometimes include what seemed to be, from the perspective of recent spelling convention, a "spelling mistake".

A case in point being the word "subserviance" - spelt in modern English subservience - which occurred in a letter to Michael Aquino, of the Temple of Set, dated 7th September 1990 ev and which letter along with others was publicly published two years later in *The Satanic Letters of Stephen Brown*. The relevant section of the letter is

"We feel there can be no religious dogma about Satanism or the LHP: no subserviance to someone else's ideas or ways of living. Each individual develops their own unique perspective and insight as a consequence of striving to achieve Adeptship - a perspective and insight which derives mainly from practical experience, both magickal and personal."

The sly, mischievous - the exoteric - reason for this type of inclusion was to ascertain if it provoked a personal and/or a public reaction in the person reading it. A common reaction being along the lines of judgmentally dismissing what was written because "the author couldn't spell."

In the particular case of this letter to Aquino there was no public reaction, with Aquino either seeing through the ruse or dismissing the "mis-spelling" as a typo. As noted in the O9A text *Defending The ONA* issued in 2009 ev,

"Those who could not see beyond the outer form (the words; the syntax, and so on) to the essence (always contained quite clearly in such letters) so obviously failed, restricted as their apprehension was by the norms of their own times, by their own preconceptions, by society, or whatever."

The esoteric reason for this type of inclusion was that there were esoteric clues for either the pedantically inclined sagacious or those who intuitively understood that there might be something esoterically interesting to find, and who therefore might discover the source, and thence something of esoteric or scholarly interest, or who might simply be amused.

In regard to the spelling "subserviance", the clue was the older word subserviate. For the word subserviated occurs in a sermonizing Nazarene tract which has the ponderous title *A Dialogical Discourse between Adonibezeck and one of the 60 Kings he tormented and kept under his Table: The Discourse supposed to be in the other World*, and which Nazarene tract was published in 1685 ev.

In this case, the esoteric intent was to amuse and instruct given the mention in the tract of "60 Kings kept under a table" and of "a discourse supposed to be in The Other World", highlighting as these do both the real nature of Biblical tall-stories about some ancient "chosen" Hebrews and how such stories, told and preached about for centuries by zealous Nazarenes, distorted the pagan ethos of the West, subservient as so many in the West were, and still are, to the theology and the Hebrew ethos, and the un-pagan ethics, embedded in the

tall-stories contained in the Biblia Hebraica, in vernacular translations of that work, and in the Nazarene New Testament.

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{1} <https://omega9alpha.wordpress.com/2016/07/25/fayen/>

{2} *ἀρρενόθηλυσ: Alchemical And Hermetic Antecedents Of The Seven Fold Way Of The Order Of Nine Angles*, e-text, 2015.

{3} *The Eludent Order of Nine Angles*, e-text, 2018.

{4} <https://omega9alpha.wordpress.com/2018/02/15/esoteric-notes-concerning-the-numinous/>

{5} <https://omega9alpha.wordpress.com/2017/02/02/order-of-nine-angles-esoteric-notes-lxiii/>

{6} <https://omega9alpha.wordpress.com/2016/03/31/o9a-esoteric-notes-xlix/>

{7} <https://omega9alpha.wordpress.com/2016/05/05/o9a-esoteric-notes-lv/>

{8} <https://omega9alpha.wordpress.com/2016/03/12/order-of-nine-angles-esoteric-notes/>

{9} <https://omega9alpha.wordpress.com/baphomet/>

{10} <https://omega9alpha.wordpress.com/picatrix/>
