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Aleister Crowley

After leaving the 'Order of the Golden Dawn' in 1907 Aleister Crowley set about to establish a new Order with his friend George Cecil Jones. This new Order was the Argentum Astrum (the Silver Star).

The Silver Star became the vessel for the mystical teachings of Aleister Crowley, centred upon the principles of Thelema, meaning Will.

According to Crowley:

"The A. :A. : is an organization whose heads have obtained by personal experience to the summit of Scientific

Illuminism".

Crowley's idea was to move away from the Piscean Saviour model used by the Golden Dawn magical system developed by Westcott and Mathers, to a model consistent with the New Age, where it is the Adept who holds the ultimate personal responsibility.

Crowley referred to the old and passing Age as the Aeon of Osiris and the new and coming Age as the Aeon of Horus, the Conquering Child. Thus the magick of the Silver Star (A.'.A.'.) shifts the Great Work emphasis of Osiris/Christ saviour paradigm (as found in the Golden Dawn and Rosy Cross) to one of self responsibility and self godhood, where every adept is like Horus, the Conquering Child.

Mythically all these ideas can be associated with the Great Work expressed through Chapter Three of Liber Al vel Legis (The Book of the Law) - where each person (and Order) is at liberty to go beyond the limits inherent within the old Piscean systems.

The old Piscean model being expressed in Chapter Two of the *Liber Al vel Legis* as the Aeon of Osiris, with Chapter One expressing the nature of the Aeon of Isis, attributed to Virgo.

The Book of the Law is the foundation work of Thelema. It is probably best to view *Liber Al vel Legis* as a poetic work of magick. It is a spiritual synthesis that includes the traditional Golden Dawn formula and moves its principles forward into the new Aquarian Age - which Crowley identified within Egyptian mythology as the Aeon of Horus.

Unlike many other magical systems, AA/Thelema is more of an organism than an organisation or a structure. Though there is an overall structure and a system in place, the inner workings of the Divine/Conquering Child within can only be properly understood through practice of the Law of Thelema, whose poetic summary is:

**Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law
Love is the Law, love under will.**

Apart from this, Thelema has no formally identifiable doctrine, for it reveals the entire structure and essence of AA/Thelema. It reveals the mystical unity of the relationship between the Cosmos and the Adept who has undertaken the personal responsibility of Thelema. As explained by Crowley,

Thelema means to move in alignment of our True Orbit, our True Will, which is the Law.

As you learn more about Aleister Crowley you will begin to understand the beauty, his subtle brilliance. Later you may find that though *Liber Al vel Legis* contains the nectar of Thelema, Crowley is also the ultimate Joker.

The liberation accessible through Thelema is entirely beyond that of other systems.

"Many lying spirits have I sent into the world, that my Aeon might be established, and they shall be overthrown" - Cry of 16th Aethyr Cry of Lea.

We trust that your time with us will be fruitful as it will be enlightening.

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