

The Real Anton Long?

One of the many spurious claims made in recent years about David Myatt is that he has admitted to founding and being the leader the O9A. Those making this claim state that their "evidence" is Myatt's political memoir *The Ethos of Extremism: Some Reflexions on Politics and A Fanatical Life*, written in 2012. {1}

What they do not state are the relevant facts from that memoir which contradict their claim.

Here are the relevant parts of Myatt's memoir.

"In respect of covert action, I came to the conclusion, following some discussions with some C88 members, that two different types of covert groups, with different strategy and tactics, might be very useful in our struggle and thus aid us directly or aid whatever right-wing political party might serve as a cover for introducing NS policies or which could be used to advance our cause [...]

The first type of covert group would essentially be a honeytrap, to attract non-political people who might be or who had the potential to be useful to the cause even if, or especially if, they had to be 'blackmailed' or persuaded into doing so at some future time. The second type of covert group would be devoted to establishing a small cadre of NS fanatics, of 'sleepers', to - when the time was right - be disruptive or generally subversive.

Nothing came of this second idea, and the few people I recruited during 1974 for the second group, migrated to help the first group, established the previous year. [...]

From the outset this first group was beset with problems for - in retrospect - two quite simple reasons, both down to me. First, my lack of leadership skills, and, second, the outer nature chosen for the group which was of a secret Occult group with the 'offer', the temptation, of sexual favours from female members in a ritualized Occult setting, with some of these female members being 'on the game' and associated with someone who was associated with my small gang of thieves [...]

I had to make do with someone else as organizer and 'leader' of this covert group, this person - then a comrade, a married businessman living near Manchester - being the one who had suggested the outer, the Occult, form of the group.

For some time, this underground group appeared to flourish, with some 'respectable' people recruited - initially a lecturer, a teacher, a solicitor, among others - with some of the recruits becoming converts to or in some way helping our political cause [...]

But what happened was that, over time and under the guidance of its mentor, the Occult and especially the hedonistic aspects came to dominate over the political and subversive intent, with the *raisons d'etat* of blackmail and persuasion, of recruiting useful, respectable, people thus lost. Hence, while I still considered, then and for quite some time afterwards, that the basic idea of such a subversive group, such a honeytrap, was sound, I gradually lost interest in this particular immoral honeytrap project until another spell in prison for an assortment of offences took me away from Leeds and my life as a violent neo-nazi activist."

As the context reveals,

1. Myatt does not state that he founded an occult honeytrap in the early 1970s only that it was established before another covert group and that the few people he recruited for the second group migrated to help the first group: the occult, honeytrap.
2. Myatt states that he was not the leader, the organizer, of that occult honeytrap and that its first organizer was "a comrade, a married businessman living near Manchester."
3. Nowhere does Myatt mention the O9A by name, and nowhere does he describe how it got its name.
4. All Myatt states is that he "had to make do with someone else as organizer and leader" as the person initially chosen to join C88 and then lead and organize the Leeds-based covert occult group declined the offer with Myatt writing that "for all my attempts at persuasion he was uninterested in both C88 and in my ideas regarding covert action."

Myatt described this person, whom he names, as having "natural charisma, a certain charm, and was an experienced and adept organizer [...] and of all the people I knew at the time the most suited to organize and lead such a covert group especially given the fact that its ultimate purpose was to aid our NS cause."

As is clear from Myatt's memoir the occult group was designed to be a neo-nazi honeytrap.

The Real Anton Long?

Myatt has consistently and for over thirty years denied being Anton Long. In addition several academics are of the opinion that he is not Anton Long.

For example, Professor Monette suggested that "Anton Long" was pseudonym used by many individuals over the past thirty years {2} while George Sieg considered equating Myatt with Long to be "implausible and untenable based on the extent of variance in writing style, personality, and tone" between Myatt and Long's writings." {3}

Professor Kaplan, who corresponded with Myatt in the 1990s, also considered that Myatt and Long were different people {4}.

But if Myatt is not Anton Long, then who might be?

In a neglected article - titled *Who Is Anton Long? Caveat Lector* {5} - written in 2011 and now only available in an archived version of the defunct "nineangles" blog the author wrote,

Who is Anton Long? Anton Long: the alleged founder - the documented Grandmaster - of the sinister, Occult group named The Order of Nine Angles. For three decades, it has been assumed - by journalists, and others, of the modern sub-species *Homo Hubris* - that Anton Long is just a pseudonym of one David Myatt [...]

[But if] David Myatt is not Anton Long, then are there any clues as to the real identity of Anton Long, Satanist?

The author states that there certainly are clues and goes on to provide them with two of the clues being that he was an academic and that he had subsequently written an academic textbook widely used by university students.

Several years after the article was published an investigator working for the anti-fascist group *Searchlight* tracked down the person, who in the 1970s had been briefly involved with the far-right group the National Front, and asked him for an interview. The person declined.

While there is no direct evidence that this person is or was "Anton Long" the fact that an alternative candidate exists is interesting given that no one in thirty years has provided any direct evidence from primary sources that Myatt is or was "Anton Long".

Since in his political memoir Myatt describes the first leader of the covert occult group as a "married businessman living near Manchester" then it is plausible that our academic who was "involved with the far-right group the National

Front" was the next leader and thus the first real "Anton Long", the one who gave it the name it is now known by and the one who wrote some or many of its texts and rituals.

For myself, I favour the hypothesis put forward by Professor Monette of "Anton Long" being a pseudonym used by many individuals over the past thirty years.

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{1} Available from <https://davidmyatt.wordpress.com/the-ethos-of-extremism/>

{2} Monette, Connell. *Mysticism in the 21st Century*. 2013. Sirius Academic Press. p.92.

{3} Sieg, George. *Angular Momentum: From Traditional to Progressive Satanism in the Order of Nine Angles*. International Journal for the Study of New Religions, volume 4, number 2. 2013. p.257.

{4} Kaplan, Jeffrey. *Religiosity and the Radical Right: Toward the Creation of a New Ethnic Identity*, in Jeffrey Kaplan and Tore Bjørgo (editors), *Nation and Race: The Developing Euro-American Racist Subculture*. Northeastern University Press. 1998.

{5} <https://web.archive.org/web/20110829153249/http://nineangles.wordpress.com:80/legends-myths-tests-and-laughter/david-myatt-ona-grandmaster-nazi-satanist-or-muslim/>
