

David Myatt, National Socialism, And The Order Of Nine Angles

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Part One Is David Myatt Still A Neo-Nazi?

While the question "is David Myatt still a neo-nazi" has been asked many times over the past six or seven years - with academics such as Senholt seeming to answer in the affirmative [1] and with Myatt himself consistently denying that he is - many items written by Myatt since 2010, and his reclusive lifestyle since 2010, seem to indicate that he is no longer a neo-nazi.

These items include his 2013 book about extremism titled *Understanding and Rejecting Extremism: A Very Strange Peregrination*; his autobiography *Myngath*; essays such as *Persecution And War* mentioned below in Part Two, as well as the articles he published in 2012 which were directly critical of National Socialism, the Third Reich, and Adolf Hitler [2] and which criticism led to one liberal and pro-Zionist website to describe Myatt as "having a change of heart" [3].

In one of those critical essays, *Hitler, National-Socialism, and Politics - A Personal Reappraisal*, he writes:

"There is thus, based on applying the moral criteria of The Numinous Way, a complete rejection by me of National-Socialism - of whatever kind - and an understanding of Hitler as a flawed individual who caused great suffering and whose actions and policies were dishonourable and immoral."

In his essay *Pathei-Mathos, Genesis of My Unknowing*, quoted in the aforementioned book, he writes:

"For what I painfully, slowly, came to understand, via pathei-mathos, was the importance - the human necessity, the virtue - of love, and how love expresses or can express the numinous in the most sublime, the most human, way. Of how extremism (of whatever political or religious or ideological kind) places some abstraction, some ideation, some notion of duty to some ideation, before a personal love, before a knowing and an appreciation of the numinous. Thus does extremism - usurping such humanizing personal love - replace human love with an extreme, an

unbalanced, an intemperate, passion for something abstract: some ideation, some ideal, some dogma, some 'victory', some-thing always supra-personal and always destructive of personal happiness, personal dreams, personal hopes; and always manifesting an impersonal harshness: the harshness of hatred, intolerance, certitude-of-knowing, unfairness, violence, prejudice.

Thus, instead of a natural and a human concern with what is local, personal and personally known, extremism breeds a desire to harshly interfere in the lives of others - personally unknown and personally distant - on the basis of such a hubriatic certitude-of-knowing that strife and suffering are inevitable. For there is in all extremists that stark lack of personal humility, that unbalance, that occurs when - as in all extremisms - what is masculous is emphasized and idealized and glorified to the detriment (internal, and external) of what is muliebral." [4]

It is interesting and perhaps indicative that such forthright statements by him, such essays and books of his written since 2012, have been ignored by those who continue to propagate the claim that Myatt is still a neo-nazi and involved with the Occult movement the Order of Nine Angles (O9A, ONA). [5]

Indicative because of the propagandistic nature of the claim for which no facts which have probative value - no evidence - is ever presented, and interesting because for those propagandists and the many others who have not taken the trouble to read Myatt's extensive post-2012 writings the question of whether Myatt is still a neo-nazi is inseparably bound up with two questions about the O9A.

Which two questions are: (1) is the O9A a neo-nazi Occult movement?, and (2) is David Myatt really Anton Long, founder of the O9A, author of over 95% of its texts, creator of its 'Seven Fold Way' and who, as Grand Master, still operates behind the scenes despite having (apparently) retired?

The propagandists - such as those in the special interest political pressure group named Hope Not Hate (HnH) which is adept at manufacturing and spreading "fake news" (that is, propaganda and disinformation) about those they consider are their enemies [6] - claim that the O9A is neo-nazi, that Myatt is Anton Long and is still active in the

O9A. Yet such purveyors of propaganda and disinformation never provide any evidence for their claims with their "fake news" replete with factual errors, revealing of a lack of detailed research or often a lack of any research at all, and often based on logical fallacies such as consensus gentium, the fallacy of incomplete evidence, argumentum ad populum, argumentum ad verecundiam, secundum quid et simpliciter, and of course on argumentum ad hominem.

Hence why for example in the five pages devoted to the O9A and to Myatt in the recent 2019 report issued by HnH, there are at least fourteen factual errors [6], no evidence for their disinformation that Myatt is Anton Long and still a neo-nazi, and a complete lack of understanding of, a lack of research into, the nature of the O9A based as their propagandistic and often sensationalist claims about the O9A are on the fallacy of incomplete evidence, consensus gentium, and secundum quid et simpliciter.

This lack of research into the O9A and the committal of such fallacies are obvious in the fact that "insight roles" and "culling" and Occult ceremonies are not considered in that report in the context of the individualistic and decades-long Seven Fold Way with its aim of attaining Lapis Philosophicus. Which context reveals "insight roles" and "culling" and Occult ceremonies in texts such as the *Black Book of Satan* occupy only around a year forming as they do some of the tasks of the External Adept, the third stage of the Seven Fold Way. [7]

The lack of research and the committal of such fallacies by propagandists and many others are also obvious in the fact that, as a study of the O9A corpus reveals [8], for the O9A exoteric ideas such as neo-nazism and satanism are considered as merely useful causal forms, as abstractions, with a practical involvement with such causal forms forming just a small part of the possible learning experiences that an External Adept may find useful.

For correctly understood, via a thorough study of the O9A corpus, the O9A is neither satanist nor neo-nazi and as a practical movement in the real world is based more on anarchy than on anything else. [9]

To conclude, my research into the O9A and into the life and the post-2012 writings of David Myatt convinces me that he is not now a neo-nazi, not involved with the O9A, with the O9A itself being an anarchic Occult movement which has no leader and which espouses an individualistic and anarchic praxis.

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The web links below were available as of March 2019 ev

[1] Senholt, Jacob. *Secret Identities in The Sinister Tradition*, in Per Faxneld and Jesper Petersen (eds), *The Devil's Party: Satanism in Modernity*. Oxford University Press, 2012

In the *Logical Fallacy of Incomplete Evidence - A Case Study* section of his 2012 text *A Matter of Honour*, Myatt effectively demolishes Senholt's claims about involvement with the O9A and about him being Anton Long.

Myatt's text is available from <https://davidmyatt.files.wordpress.com/2018/08/a-matter-of-honour.pdf>

[2] <https://davidmyatt.files.wordpress.com/2019/03/myatt-problems-ns-v3a.pdf>

[3] <http://hurryupharry.org/2012/12/11/david-myatt-has-a-change-of-heart/>

[4] <http://www.davidmyatt.info/genesis-of-my-unknowing.html>

[5] The O9A has been described by Professor Connell Monette as "a movement, a subculture or perhaps metaculture that its adherents choose to embody or identify with." *Mysticism in the 21st Century*. 2013. Sirius Academic Press.

[6] <https://regardingdavidmyatt.wordpress.com/2019/03/04/twelve-basic-errors/>

[7] <https://omega9alpha.files.wordpress.com/2017/03/o9a-7fw-practical-v3.pdf>

[8] The O9A corpus, written between the 1970s and 2019 by "Anton Long" and his Occult students (the Inner ONA) amounts to between 4,000 and 10,000 pages depending on which items – such as the Deofel Quartet, other Occult novels, and more recent texts, are included.

For an overview of the corpus see (i) <https://omega9alpha.wordpress.com/2019/01/13/recommended-reading-list/> and (ii)

<https://omega9alpha.wordpress.com/2019/03/09/a-compilation-of-some-recent-o9a-texts/>

[9] <http://www.o9a.org/o9a-and-anarchy/>

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Part Two The Myattian Saga Continues

In the decades long and on-going saga of whether or not David Myatt is or was Anton Long of Order of Nine Angles (ONA, O9A) fame {1} some of Mr Myatt's latest writings are intriguing and seem to provide more proof that, as he has maintained all along, he is not and was not Anton Long, founder of the O9A, author of most of its vast Occult corpus, and "paramount to the whole creation and existence of the ONA." {2}

These latest writings of his include the two part *In Defence Of The Catholic Church* {3} and his *Persecution And War* {4}. His *In Defence Of The Catholic Church* as the title indicates is a defence of the Catholic Church, and in particular in respect of allegations of sexual abuse by priests and monks. The article is based on his personal experience of the Catholic religion from boy to Catholic monk. His *Persecution And War* is a fascinating, if somewhat annoyingly brief, autobiographical account of some of his experiences as a visiting Catholic in Northern Ireland during The Troubles and of how those experiences helped him when he came to develop his philosophy of *pathei mathos*.

In part one of *In Defence Of The Catholic Church* he has many positive things to say about the Catholic Church. Mentioning some medieval liturgical music he writes that he is

"so reminded how the Roman Catholic Church inspired such numinosity, such beauty, century following century. For it is as if such music presented the Divine to thus remind us, we fallible error-prone mortals, of another realm beyond the material and beyond our own mortal desires."

He goes on to write that he

"from personal experience appreciate[s] that for all its many faults - recent and otherwise - and despite my disagreement regarding some of its teachings it still on balance does, at least

in my fallible opinion, presence - as it has for centuries presented - aspects of the numinous and which presencing has over centuries, again in my fallible opinion, had a beneficial affect on many human beings."

He then recounts a journey of his in Africa, commenting about the Christian folk he met that he

"admired them and respected their belief and understood what that faith seemed to have given them. Who was - who am - I to try and preach to them, to judge them and that faith? I was - I am - just one fallible human being who believes he may have some personal and fallible answers to certain questions; just one person among billions aware of his past arrogance and his suffering-causing mistakes."

As for the allegations of sexual abuse made against priests and monks he is adamant, based on his personal experiences as a Catholic and especially as a Catholic monk, that "they, and the few others like them over the years, were the exception" and that those who believe otherwise commit the logical fallacy of *a dicto secundum quid ad dictum simpliciter*, which basically is to use particular individual cases to form a general rule to then use that rule to describe, and thence to blame, or to castigate, or to defame a whole group. {5}

Such statements by Myatt regarding Catholicism, and such personal feelings as he describes, are not those of a Satanist and not those of someone who associating with the O9A is expected to despise both Christianity in all its forms and Christians themselves. {6}

Part two of his *In Defence Of The Catholic Church* presents a theological defence of the actions, the response, of the Catholic hierarchy when cases of sexual abuse by priests and monks were made known to them. This is the more interesting part of his article since this theological defence is not only clearly explained by Myatt but also has seldom featured in all the media and other criticism of the response of the Catholic hierarchy.

Myatt's argument is that in regard to the individuals involved, the Catholic church has a higher spiritual responsibility. Which is to consider and take care of their eternal souls and thus apply the Catholic "sacrament of penance and reconciliation" to them.

Naturally in the modern world of the capitalist West with its secular governments and secular laws this theological view is not popular. Nor a view which many would even consider or understand. Which explains why some States in America, and governments in other lands, have tried to introduce secular laws to break such things as the Catholic "seal of the confessional". {7}

That Myatt presents and defends a Christian theological argument is not something a Satanist nor someone associating with the O9A would do.

In his *Persecution And War* Myatt uses his "Catholic remembering" - of Catholic civilians killed by the British army in Northern Ireland - to make a point about prejudice, intolerance, and propaganda, concluding that

"the real tragedy is that events similar to those of my very personal remembering have occurred on a vaster scale millennia after millennia and are still occurring, again on a vaster scale and world-wide, despite us having access to the wisdom of the past."

These again are not the kind of things a Satanist nor someone associating with the O9A would write.

One final point deserves mentioning. The erudite nature of the articles. There are, as to be expected with Myatt, quotations from the ancient Greek together with his own translations, quotations in Old English and Latin as well as detailed explanations of terms such as "sin" in relation to the New Testament with relevant quotations from the Greek New Testament again with his own translations.

Conclusion

It is conceivable that believers in the Myatt=Long theory, who exist both outside and within the O9A and who seem intent on demonizing Myatt if for different reasons, will in support of that theory claim that someone who was O9A might be devious enough - à la O9A year long Insight Roles - to pretend to write or act as someone who has a diametrically opposite personal character or life to his or her own. Hence someone O9A dialectically praising Christianity.

The fundamental flaw to such a claim in respect of Myatt is that he has been writing similar and consistent things about Christianity, Catholicism, and about prejudice and intolerance since at least 2011, and since then

has also penned voluminous other writings about his philosophy of pathei mathos, about compassion, humility, and extremism which echo the sentiments found in the recent writings we have been discussing.

As someone wrote in this regard in 2016,

"All these sentiments, these feelings, are so consistent over so many years, chime so well with his poetry, with the feelings that run through his pre-2009 letters, with his autobiography *Myngath*, and with post-2011 writings about his philosophy of pathei-mathos, that it seems inconceivable to me that they are artful constructions - fakes - by someone else (or some others) or the product of some 'sinister trickster' who has consciously adopted a certain persona in order to try and fool people. Also, what they express is a mysticism, a reverence for and an appreciation of the numinous, so at odds with the ethos and the practice of Satanism - of whatever variety - that it is also inconceivable that they were written by a Satanist or even by a practising Occultist." {8}

One has for instance only to read essays by Myatt such as his *Numinous Expiation* {9} and *Catholic Still In Spirit?* {10} and his book *Understanding and Rejecting Extremism* {11} to appreciate this.

These latest writings therefore on balance provide more proof that Myatt is not and was not Anton Long. As I wrote in my article *Demonizing Mr Myatt*,

"The demonizers of Myatt have ignored such things because those things reveal a very different Myatt. One at odds with the 'sinister' image of him they have all in their own way strived to manufacture and have propagated in pursuit of their aims. For the image of Myatt that emerges from his poetry and his post 2011 writings is of a reclusive man who regrets his extremist past, who values virtues such as empathy and compassion." {12}

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{1} The book published earlier this year titled *A Modern Mysterium: The Enigma of Myatt And The O9A* is a detailed and neutral study of the controversy, including both articles which support the Myatt=Long idea

and articles which provide evidence to the contrary, allowing readers to arrive at their own conclusion. The book is available as a gratis open access (pdf) file from <https://regardingdavidmyatt.wordpress.com/myattian-mystery/>

See also *The Real Anton Long?* available at <https://regardingdavidmyatt.files.wordpress.com/2018/11/real-anton-long-v1.pdf>

{2} Jacob C. Senholt. *The Sinister Tradition*. A paper presented at the international conference Satanism in the Modern World, Trondheim, 19-20th of November 2009.

{3} The two-part article is available from <https://davidmyatt.files.wordpress.com/2019/02/in-defence-rc-1.pdf>

Update, 2019: Included in the pdf document is Myatt's *Two Metaphysical Contradictions Of The Modern West* in which he comments on the letter written by Pope Francis in January 2019 and sent to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

{4} <https://davidmyatt.wordpress.com/2018/09/09/persecution-and-war/>

{5} In naming the fallacy *a dicto secundum quid ad dictum simpliciter* Myatt pedantically uses the complete Latin phrase rather than the shortened version *secundum quid et simpliciter*.

{6} Anti-Christian sentiments abound in fundamental O9A texts such as *The Black Book of Satan* and in the three volumes of *Hostia: Secret Teachings Of The ONA*.

{7} See for example The Wall Street Journal, October 2, 2018. *New Laws Require Priests to Break the Seal of Confession*.

{8} JR Wright. *The Strange Life Of David Myatt*. The essay is included in *A Modern Mysterium: The Enigma of Myatt And The O9A*.

{9} <https://davidmyatt.wordpress.com/numinous-expiation/>

{10} <https://davidmyatt.wordpress.com/numinous-expiation/a-catholic-still-in-spirit/>

{11} Available from <https://davidmyatt.wordpress.com/rejecting->

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{12} The article is included in *A Modern Mysterium: The Enigma of Myatt And The O9A*.

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