

David Myatt, Islam, The ONA, and The Numinous Way



Over the past year, a multitude of rumours have been spread - mostly via the medium of the Internet - about Myatt leaving Islam, and returning to the mystical philosophy of The Numinous Way which he has developed over a period of around ten years.

Furthermore, not only have several new articles - allegedly by Myatt himself - been circulated and appeared on the Internet, with titles such as *A Return To My Beginning* - in which the author explains this return to The Numinous Way - but also articles, by both Myatt fans and Myatt detractors, have been published, commenting on this return and this seeming rejection, by Myatt, of Islam.

As for Myatt himself, his most recent authenticated pronouncements have included a post, some months ago (December 2009 CE) on the Islamist forum, Islamic Awakening, in which he publicly re-affirmed he was a Muslim, and some later (February 2010 CE) missives indicating there has not been such a renunciation of Islam.

Does all or any of this really matter, to us? If so, why? Just what are such perceptions of Myatt trying to tell us about him, and possibly more importantly, about ourselves as we use such outward things as a measure of our judgement?

Myatt and The ONA

Most importantly, what all commentators on the subject of Myatt's alleged, assumed, or even real, pronouncements regarding "leaving Islam" have either not noticed or not commented upon, for some reason, is that Myatt's *alter ego*, Anton Long [1] has never, ever, in the past forty years made any pronouncements or announcements regarding having rejected The Sinister Way or the ONA.

That is, Anton Long - for the past forty or more years - has remained steadfastly loyal to The Sinister Way and the ONA, and has continued to write, to circulate and to have published, ONA material and documents.

This fact alone may well point those who seem to be confused by Myatt's many apparent "changes of direction" in the right direction, and allay both their suspicions and doubts regarding Myatt and what many mundanes and Magians have described as Myatt's psychological instability, based, as this silly opinion of theirs is, on their own presumption that he has flitted from one ideology to another, and from one religion to another, over a period of several decades.

In my opinion, this one fact, this undeniable truth, certainly seems to point us toward the reality that Anton Long is, or represents, the real Myatt - and that the ONA, with its sinister and long-term goals and aims [2], represents the real goals and aims of Myatt himself.

This would mean that all Myatt's various, diverse, involvements - political, religious, and otherwise - should be seen in this light, as a means to an end. This end is a new type of (sinister) society, and a new type of human being.

As one commentator about Myatt wrote:

" Myatt's primary aim, throughout his entire adult life, has been to find, develop and use means to bring about his vision of a Galactic Imperium. All his various endeavors and involvements - from National Socialism, to the ONA, to his philosophy of The Numinous Way, to his involvement with radical Islam - are all part of this.

They are all means to explain, to propagate, to try and implement - through, for example, destabilizing the status quo, confronting the Magian, and agitating for revolution - his Vindex mythos and this vision of a Galactic Imperium. He has been almost fanatically single-minded in his pursuit of this vision, and, at times, quite ruthless. He has also been exceptionally pragmatic - using whatever means, whatever ideology, whatever tactics, that might help him undermine and confront what he calls "the

tyranny of the Magian manifest in the dishonourable Amerikan empire of Homo Hubris."

These tactics have included racist violence, racist and Islamic terrorism, Nazi politics, and using the ONA as a means of subversion and radical change. Myatt has also been consistent, for over four decades, in upholding and propagating the principle of personal honor, which he wove into his NS writings, which he made one of the foundations of his philosophy of The Numinous Way, and which he made the basis for both the clans of Vindex and the tribes of the ONA. " *JR Wright: The Numinous Dark - Myatt and the Vindex Mythos*

My own view is that this Galactic Imperium of Myatt's is simply the outward and practical form of the ONA's sinister New Aeon, where what the ONA call the Law of The Sinister-Numen, and new tribes, hold sway, having displaced and destroyed the old ways of nation and of States.

Thus, even Myatt's mystical, apolitical Numinous Way could well be a means, a tactic. One more way in which people can reject The System, the ways of The Old Order, the Old Aeon, and create for themselves what amounts to a new and ultimately subversive way of living, detached from The State, and certainly detached from the Magian New World Order and its tyrannical abstractions.

Myatt and National Socialism

Another fact which has seemingly been overlooked in the past ten years of so since Myatt's conversion to Islam, is that he has never renounced, publicly, his support for and praise of Adolf Hitler and Hitler's loyal German supporters.

Furthermore, Myatt has, several times, and as a Muslim - and most recently last year (2009 CE) - continued to express his admiration for Hitler and the Third Reich.

Consider, for example, the following quotes, from Myatt.

" I have never, in my heart and mind, renounced my belief in Adolf Hitler as a good man, an honourable man, who... strove to create a just and noble society, and who was destroyed by the ignoble machinations of those opposed to what is good and who have spread dishonourable lies about him, his followers and his Cause. *Thus it is that I find I cannot denounce this noble man and those who fought and died for the cause he upheld, as I cannot and will not denounce those who today honourably (and I stress honourably) continue the struggle in his name and who respect the Way of Life which*

is Al-Islam and who thus see we who are Muslims as allies in the fight against our common enemy. Thus it is that I continued for several years, after my reversion, with Reichsfolk - an honourable organization striving to presence something of the Numen I believe was manifest in National-Socialist Germany and in and through the life of Adolf Hitler." *Autobiographical Notes, Part 2*, dated 1422 AH

" The currently unpopular and often censored truth of our times is that *National-Socialist Germany - what it had evolved to be by the beginning of The First Zionist War - was a modern mostly unconscious expression of the numinous, honourable, warrior ethos*, and stood in complete and stark contrast to the materialism, the hubris, of the Magian and their allies and servants in the West, represented by the arrogant, profane, White Hordes of Homo Hubris. Furthermore, had NS Germany not been defeated by The White Hordes of Homo Hubris and by the machinations of the Magian, there is almost no doubt that it would have evolved further to become the genesis of a new numinous resurgence, and restored to the West, and other lands, that connexion to the numinous which centuries of plunder, exploitation, greed, abstractions, and dishonourable war had severed.." *Mythos of Vindex, Chapter 2* (The Ethos of Vindex In Historical Context), undated, but c. 2009 CE

" The simple reality is that the Zionists and the Amerikans and their allies are lying, deceitful, hypocritical, dishonourable bullies, while the Mujahideen - *as were the vast majority of the soldiers of the Third Reich* - are honourable warriors fighting for a just, anti-Zionist, cause...

There certainly were many who fought and who died for Adolf Hitler, and for their fatherland, who were striving to act in an honourable way, and indeed many - such as Waffen-SS General Leon Degrelle, Hans Ulrich Rudel and Major-General Otto Ernst Remer - who not only did act honourably, but who embodied the true, non-racist, spirit of Hitler's National-Socialism...

I still respect genuine National-Socialists - of whom there are very few, today - as I do understand how genuine National-Socialism can create a somewhat more noble society than exists in any Western land today, with such a society benefiting not only the peoples of the West but also we who are Muslim, for such societies, as mentioned in the above quote of mine, would aid us in our war against world Zionism and our battles against the type of dishonourable arrogant bully so evident in the Amerika of today." *Islam, National-Socialism, and Honour*, dated 1430 AH

These truths - this continuing respect by Myatt for Hitler and genuine (honourable, ethical) National Socialists - may well give us another clue as to Myatt's real motivates, goals and aims.

This clue is his life-long, at times fanatical, commitment to fighting what he, and the ONA, euphemistically call the Magian, and the Magian ethos [3].

In one of his earliest, published writings - *Vindex: The Destiny of the West* - published in 1984 CE (and written c. 1976 CE) Myatt analyses what he called the Magian distortion of The West, by which he meant the influence and the power of the Zionists.

It is no coincidence that Myatt - in both his NS days and as a Muslim - called and calls The Second World War the First Zionist War, and that this commitment to fighting the Magian, and the Magian ethos, is also an integral part of the mythos and philosophy of the ONA.

Indeed, this anti-Magian aspect of the ONA led one academic to write that one of distinguishing characteristics of the ONA is that it is a non-Semitic tradition, and purposely avoids any Jewish and Nazarene influence. [4]

Myatt and Islam

It is my view that Myatt has engaged with Islam, and is still engaged with Islam - despite reports to the contrary - for three principle reasons.

The first reason is that he regards Islam - or rather, the radical Islam of the Jihadists - as the only practical and effective means of currently fighting what he calls the dishonour and tyranny of the New World Order, led by America and its Zionist ally.

Consider, for example, the following, taken from a supplication (prayer, or *dua*) said by Al-Qaeda and their supporters, and also by many of the Taliban:

اللَّهُمَّ أَحْصِهِمْ عَدَدًا، وَاقْتُلْهُمْ بَدَدًا، وَلَا تُغَادِرْ مِنْهُمْ أَحَدًا، وَاجْعَلْهُمْ

عِبْرَةً لَأُمَّتِهِمْ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ وَالنَّصَارَى وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ، أَذِلَّةً صَاغِرِينَ

Allah! We ask that you kill them together, and alone - so that not a single one remains - humiliating and debasing them, making them thus an example of their kind for all Yahud, Nasara, and Mushriks...

Myatt - with his lifelong commitment to fighting what he calls "the perfidy and dishonour of the Zionists and their lackeys..." - is surely at home here. These

people are like him; they have the same aims - a desire to defeat their Zionist enemies, and to establish new societies led by warriors and which train warriors.

Is it therefore surprising that we apparently see Myatt again and again returning to Islam, to his brothers-in-arms? To those who, today, are the only ones fighting his enemies in a practical way?

The second reason - obvious from his Islamic writings - is that he regards what he calls the authentic Islam of *Ahlu Sunnah wa Jamaah* as a practical manifestation of the numinous, in the modern world, having taken over this mantle, of being a practical manifestation, from a failed German National Socialism [5].

The third reason, and possibly the most important one, at this precise moment in time, is that he is a man of honour. Thus, he admits that his Shahadah - the testimony of faith in Islam given in a Mosque in front of two Muslim witnesses - was an oath of loyalty:

" I took an oath of loyalty, on my honour, to Allah Subhanahu wa T'a'ala and His Messenger, Muhammad (salla Allahu 'alayhi wa sallam) and this is a binding, life-long oath... " *Islam, Honour and Duty*

He also hints, in several of his writings and letters, that he has given *bay'ah* - a personal pledge of loyalty - to a living person, a Muslim, and while we may speculate as to who this person is, what seems to matter for Myatt is the binding nature of such an oath.

Hence it is not, or would not be for him, a simple matter of "just leaving Islam" - but instead it would be a matter of betraying such oaths, and thus betraying himself, his honour. Thus, even if, for the sake of argument, we assume that Myatt may have in recent months - or even last year, also - wanted to immerse himself totally in his own Numinous Way, at the expense of Islam, he may well have, ultimately, had no choice in the matter, given this *bay'ah*, and given someone he respected possibly reminding him of his honourable duty.

Is it therefore surprising that we find - or we seem to find - him placing Islam again [6] at the forefront of his life? Doing his honourable duty? Is it therefore surprising that he might - despite words in such articles as *A Return To My Beginning* - have decided to do continue supporting a certain war?

A similitude here might be of a man of honour who has sworn to be loyal to the

leader of a certain clan, and who for years has done his honourable duty, and helped and protected the clan against its rivals, and which rivals have killed many of his friends. Gradually, he falls in love with a woman who offers him a very different way of life, which life he, personally likes, and enjoys, and inwardly desires to retire to. But the war against his clan and his chief continue. What is he to do? Abandon them, and live as his own heart desires? Would that not be a betrayal of them, especially during their time of need?

Those who have no sense of honour, no sense of duty, no sense of loyalty, will naturally see no problem here.

Another, perhaps more mundane, similitude might be of a man with duties and honourable obligations to his wife and family. He may have ceased to love his wife in the manner he once did, and may even have fallen in love with another woman. He may even no longer even like the daily toil he does by which he provides for his wife and family. Does he just simply do what he in his heart desires to do - go off with his lover and begin a new life? Or is he still bound, by duty, honour and loyalty, to do what is best for his wife - and especially for his still growing, young, family?

The Laughing Trickster

Another view, prevalent among some who have studied the life and times of Myatt, is that all the many and different effusions which Myatt issues or has issued in the past four or so years about "returning to his Numinous Way" are just designed to test and to confuse.

To test our mundaneness and our own honour, and to confuse his enemies and detractors, among whom are, naturally, various government Intelligence agencies and Police forces who take a decidedly humourless view of subversive individuals, such as Myatt, writing, inciting and supporting "terrorism", and trying to subvert the States and nations of the Western world.

According to this view, Myatt is playing games, and is akin to a Laughing Trickster.

The Complex Man

The fundamental mistake that many or most people make, in respect of assessing or judging Myatt, is that they desire or are determined to or need to assign just one label to him. That is, and for them, Myatt has to be - or can

only be - either a nazi, or a Muslim, or a Satanist, or a mystic following a mystic philosophy such as The Numinous Way. Or some kind of trickster, playing some esoteric game of his own, and laughing at us all as we flounder about striving to understand.

It never seems to occur to the majority of these people - these mundanes or Magians - that such a labelling is so Old Aeon, so *passée*; and an example of pure prejudice, of an inability to transcend beyond the mundanity of labels and causal categories.

Hence, these people really do get quite confused when someone such as Myatt appears to be all these things at once, or seems to move easily, effortlessly, from one to another of them, and then back again.

Are such things, then, just roles, for Myatt? Just outward forms assumed for some practical purpose or another? If so, then who, or what, is the *real* Myatt? Or, indeed, is there - or can there be, or should there be - such a person?

The simplest explanation - which many can readily accept, and have accepted - is that they are roles, played or assumed by the sinister Magus, Anton Long. Thus, Anton Long - the evil genius behind the subversive and sinister ONA - is the real Myatt.

Another, somewhat less simple, explanation, is that Myatt has been on a voyage of both inner and outer discovery - a Faustian, or Promethean, quest, for wisdom. Here is an apt quote, from a young female fan of Myatt's:

[Myatt is] a complex man, and one who it's impossible to understand without considered and prolonged study. Reading wikipedia will only obfuscate, given that the way information is structured and determined appropriate there is mutually exclusive with any expression which provides understanding of his character. The Wikipedia article simply isn't useful in forming any intelligent opinion of him.

He would say that you are being dishonourable by passing a superficial-causal judgement without taking the time to either meet and discuss matters with him or, at least, seriously attempt to understand things from his perspective before making an empathetic judgement, and not reactively judging in accordance with emotive-abstract labels.

At least read his poetry if you're going to post about *him* (not any points he's made or his Philosophy on their own merits). That's where you can see the man as he is, and come to some limited appreciation of the kinds of things that motivate his actions; instead of seeing him as he plays at being for the sake of understanding. (Yes, understanding- how dedicated would a person have to be that they would be prepared to

immerse themselves in violent subcultures such as radical Islam for the purpose of understanding that which is heretical from the inside? You'd have to want understanding more than anything else. You'd have to be a martyr to wisdom, doing that in the knowledge that you'd forever be instantly rejected upon the basis of some label you'd voluntarily taken on. Bear in mind that he's alternated between the Numinous Way, radical Islamism and other positions for years now. That's not the behavior of a self-identified ideologue or true believer.)

This is the view that, interestingly, the author (allegedly Myatt himself) of items such as *A Question of Empathy*, and *A Return To My Beginning*, also puts forward: "I sought wisdom, and the genesis of wisdom itself; sought to find the reality, the essence, behind what we have come to describe by the terms wisdom and numinous."

My own view, however, is that Myatt is or has been - and can be again and again - the real essence which is hidden, or which has been hidden, behind such terms as mystic, nazi, satanist, Muslim, Trickster, and that such assigned terms, such labels, obscure or hinder us from appreciating, that essence. Furthermore, that this essence is not as different, not as divergent, as such terms and labels suggest or lead us to believe. Instead, they are - in their own very essence - but different emanations of the same thing.

What sometimes confuses us about David Myatt - what confuses, confounds or even irks and angers the Magians and mundanes - is that he does not play by their rules. He does not accept their ethos, their worldview, but has conspired to construct his own - which is not his ethical, revised, Reichsfolk type National Socialism, not his "authentic Islam" of Muslim warriors, not the mysticism of his Numinous Way, and not even the "satanism" of his Order of Nine Angles.

Instead, it is the simple aspiration to change one's self by direct practical experience; to not be afraid to experience diversity in one's way of living; to have the capacity to be inspired by - for decades - a numinous, a grand, vision; to possess the ability to perceive, feel, to know, people, Nature, the world, the Cosmos, in their living essence, shorn, divested of labels, terms, categories, assumptions and presumptions; and, finally, it is the ability, the desire, to allow yourself to be changed, transmuted, transformed, by all these things until you finally emerge as a unique individual, a new type of human being, beyond all labels, terms, and categories which others may assign to you or may need to assign to you because you perplex, astound, annoy them and often make them feel quite uncomfortable.

The Myattian Changeling

Thus, such outward changes we might witness, or which we might assume are real, in the person called Myatt - and the few others like him - are not important. They are just signs; waymarkers; bearings taken on the path to Somewhere.

But there is more, and it is this "more" which has tended to make Myatt something of an enigma even to those of us who feel we "know" him and "understand" him and his peregrinations. For despite all the former - or perhaps it is because of all those things - Myatt is still engaged in combat with his life-long enemies. He is still fighting in a real war; he is still a warrior.

It is this, this dedication to fighting such a war, which is the second piece of evidence we need in order to really understand Myatt, and to understand why - even if he was the author behind such articles as *A Return To My Beginning* - he has, apparently, returned to, or outwardly seems to have returned to, supporting Islam and especially those Muslims who are fighting, in a practical manner, his old and life-long enemies, the Magian, and their Magian ethos.

But it does not - in my view - matter what our own, possibly changing, perception of the perplexing Myatt is, as it most certainly does not matter what the perception the mundanes have of him. What matters are two things.

What he does, on the practical level, to support and to aid his never changed and never changing aims; and what he leaves behind, or creates, which others - such as ourselves - may find useful, in our own, individual, quest, and also perhaps in our own combat against the Magian and their perfidious, anti-evolutionary, ethos, be this combat of ours practical, esoteric, or whatever.

Certainly, Myatt has given us many things, to use - from the sinister, subversive, ONA; to ethical National Socialism; to The Numinous Way; to his Vindex mythos; to the real-life passionate, sensitive, Nature-loving wanderer we find in his poetry and private letters. Some may even find his Islamist writings of some use or of some benefit.

Ultimately, though, it is as an example of a changing changeling that we should view him - a traveller, an explorer, whose simple numinous vision may

inspire us also.

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[1] I am here making the very plausible, and now generally accepted assumption (at least among the Occult cognoscenti) that Anton Long is Myatt's pseudonym.

[2] From the ONA's guide to its philosophy:

We see the breakdown, destruction, and the replacement of all existing (and mundane) societies - by our new progressive societies based on our new warrior tribes - as a necessary prelude to this Galactic aim of ours.

Thus, the immediate and intermediate aims of our sinister Way of Life are:

(1) to use our Dark Tradition to create sinister Adepts and, over a long period of causal Time, aid and enhance and create that new, more evolved, human species of which genuine Sinister Adepts may be considered to be the phenotype;

(2) to use the sinister dialectic (and thus Aeonick Magick and genuine Sinister Arts) to aid and enhance and make possible entirely new types of societies for human beings, with these new societies being based on new tribes and a tribal way of living where the only law is that of our Dark Warriors, which is the Law of The Sinister-Numen (see Appendix 1);

(3) to aid, encourage, and bring about - by both practical and esoteric means (such as subversion, revolution, and Dark Sorcery) - the breakdown and the downfall of existing societies, and thus to replace the tyranny of nations and States, and their impersonal governments, by our new tribal societies and our Law of the Sinister-Numen.

[3] Used by Myatt and the ONA, the term Magian refers to the materialism and the abstractions manufactured principally by Yahud, or "the Zionists", and outwardly manifest in what Myatt, and others, call The New World Order, or the new Amerikan Empire.

According to Myatt, this new Empire is run by, or is under the influence of, Zionists, and four of its distinguishing features - of its Magian ethos - are

abstract law (in contradistinction to Myatt's law of personal honour); democracy (in contradistinction to the leadership principle of clan chiefs); egotistical materialism (in contrast to what Myatt calls the Way of the Warrior); and capitalism, the principle of debt, usury, and mechanistic work in contradistinction to a more numinous, agrarian, artisan, way of life and of working). [Source: Myatt - *The Mythos of Vindex, Part Five: Toward the Galactic Imperium.*]

However, it seems to me that in recent years the term Magian has acquired a more general meaning among aficionados of the ONA, and now refers to such abstractions as the modern nation-State and, indeed, anything and everything that is of The Old Order, and thus is tied to the causal world-view of the mundanes.

[4] Senholt, Jacob C: *Political Esotericism & the Convergence of Radical Islam, Satanism and National Socialism in the Order of the Nine Angles.*

[5] This seems obvious when one reads Myatt's *Mythos of Vindex* followed by reading some of his recent Islamic works, such as his rather neglected *Replies Regarding Islam*, and his *Islam, National-Socialism, and Honour.*

[6] I refer to the re-appearance of Myatt's Islamist web-sites, as of February, 2009 CE - after another apparent hiatus, from whatever cause, when Numinous Way material appeared on them, albeit only for some days.

For one possible explanation of such a hiatus, there is JRW's *Return to The Numinous Way?* at <http://www.davidmyatt.ws/return-numinous-way-myatt.html>
