

Classic O9A Texts



Some Common Fallacies and Mundane Syndromes About or Concerning The ONA

Over the past thirty or more years, numerous mundanes, and many occultists of both the Left Hand Path and Right Hand Path variety (including an awful lot of pseudo-satanists), have written about, or discussed, or commented on, or pretentiously "analyzed" the Order of Nine Angles. Some of these people have even had occasion to debate - on such things as Internet forums - with someone actually from the ONA.

After over a decade of such things, it became obvious to us that the majority of these people, the majority of the time, were committing the same fallacies time after time, and that many of them, or most of them, exhibited the symptoms of certain identifiable syndromes. That these fallacies continue to be made and also increase in frequency, that the symptoms of certain syndromes still manifest themselves and the syndromes continue unabated and untreated - when the error of such fallacies has been pointed out and when treatment for such syndromes is now readily available (thanks to our generous replies over the decades) - is certainly indicative of just how badly our planet is still infested with mundanes.

Accordingly, we present here a brief guide to the some of the most common fallacies, and Mundane Syndromes, about or concerning the Order of Nine Angles.

If this guide helps only a few mundanes to self-diagnose themselves, and cure their affliction before they rush to spew forth, via the medium of the Internet or otherwise, their mundane opinion about the ONA, then it will be have been worth the minuscule effort, and the exceptionally brief time, it took us to lazily cobble this guide together.

Even if no mundane is ever cured of some fallacy or some syndrome by this guide of ours, we will still have the satisfaction that it may, just may, have made a few people laugh, which - in our small Occultique world dominated by people who take themselves far too seriously - cannot be bad.

Fallacies and Syndromes

A fallacy is a defect of reasoning, or defective reasoning, as when, for example, the premise on which an argument is based is false (fallacious).

The term syndrome, as used here, refers to a particular group of particular symptoms, indicative as these symptoms are of an underlying pathology - that is, of some defect of personal character.

Some Fallacies

The Aquino Fallacy

The faulty premise of this fallacy is that the ONA is only one person, Anton Long (AL) - and so the fallacious conclusion is that anyone replying on behalf of the ONA is AL using some pseudonym or other.

The fallacy is named after Aquino (Temple of Set) who was among the first to publicly use this fallacious argument, in the late 1980's CE.

Commonly and increasingly, this fallacy involves the assumption that Anton Long is Myatt, so that the person committing the Aquino fallacy often use the names Myatt and Long interchangeably.

Often, the person using this fallacious argument will claim that their "analysis" of the writing style (or whatever) of Myatt/Long with that of Miss Delta or Mister Epsilon, or whomsoever, "proves" that Miss Delta or Mister Epsilon, or whomsoever, is Myatt/Long.

Sometimes, the person using this fallacious argument will claim that since one or more ONA blogs or websites, or some articles, use the same or similar styling and/or layout as some blog or website or article by or assumed to be by Myatt, it means that Myatt is behind them all - clearly ignoring the obvious fact that such similarities, if not just coincidental, could well be a deliberate imitation designed to get mundanes to jump to such a silly, fallacious, conclusion.

In one well-known case, one comical mundane doggedly claimed, for months, that the use of commas by a certain Mister Nu "proved" he must be Myatt. In another, more recent incident, the writer claimed that because Miss Pointy Ears quoted and discussed some Greek, she certainly was Myatt, since it was well-known that Myatt also quoted and discussed Greek.

Sometimes, the person committing this fallacy will try and leave themselves wiggle-room in a somewhat smug attempt to appear "objective" and clever by writing things such as:

"I consider this hypothesis to be most probably true, though not proven..."

Appeal to My Cleverness Fallacy

The premise of this fallacy is - *look how clever I've been, I've tricked them ONA people, it was all some cunning plan of mine...*

The person then proceeds to retrospectively re-interpret all they have written - their replies on some forum, for instance - in this light, to "prove" that it was some sort of experiment they had been conducting, or some trick which "the ONA had fallen for".

Here is a typical "explanation" by someone using this fallacy and attempting to affect a rather patronizing tone in-line with their attempt to appear clever:

" My overall strategy was to begin with a balanced critique of certain of the ONA's claims, and with questions regarding those claims..."

The Magian-in-the-Machine Fallacy

The faulty premise of this fallacy is the mundane assumption that everything Occult/esoteric or "genuine", relates to, is related to, or is derived from, something Magian, or some Magian distortion, such as the perverted qabalistic traditions, the mumbo-jumbo grimoires with hebrew-esque "demons", and the pantomime "magick" used by groups such as the ToSers and the CoS, and by The Golden Dawn and people such as Crowley.

Thus, their fallacious conclusion is that something or everything ONA has some Magian source - for example, that our Tree of Wyrð is based on, or some rip-off of, the qabalistic Tree of the lifeless, or that our use of the tetrahedron dates back to creepless Crowley.

The Fallacy of ONA Membership

This is the fallacious argument that because someone claims to have been associated with or even a member of the ONA, their criticism(s) of the ONA are valid and correct.

Those committing this fallacy thus make a spurious claim to authority, with invariably their claims being devoid of any factual content and anonymously made, or being so vague as to be meaningless and unverifiable. Often, this spurious claim to authority is made in support of whatever argument they are trying to present, such as "since I was a member of the ONA for [whatever] years, I know what I'm talking about..."

While a few of all those committing this fallacy may indeed once have had some sort of association with the ONA, they invariably never advanced beyond External Adept and invariably never did anything sinister on the practical level, having at some stage whimped-out, gone AWOL, rather than face having to do something really sinister in accord with the methodology of the ONA and as required by ONA training.

Quite often, their cowardice - their failure to be Satanic and sinister, in real life - is the reason they turn against, and become critics of, the ONA.

The Fallacy of the Exoteric

This is the fallacy where the esoteric is confused with, or replaced by, the exoteric - that is, some outer, exoteric, causal, form used by the ONA for some purpose (usually Aeonic) is mistaken for the inner (the esoteric) meaning of the ONA.

A classic example is the fallacious argument the ONA is and must be nazi because Anton Long/David Myatt was/is a nazi and the ONA produced texts advocating National Socialism.

The Fallacy of Derivation

This fallacy is quite similar to the Magian-in-the-Machine Fallacy, except that those committing this fallacy seek to show or claim that all or most ONA material and concepts are un-original and derived from other sources.

Thus, the fallacious argument is that since something ONA seems or appears to be or may be similar to something not-ONA - or more usually someone believes there is some similarity - it proves that the ONA ripped-off, or has used, the work of someone else, or some other tradition, often without acknowledgement.

A classic example here is the pseudo-mythology of HP Lovecraft and the ONA's Dark Gods mythos, with the claim being that our Dark Gods mythos derives from the pseudo-mythology of Lovecraft.

Some Mundane Syndromes

The Nosferatu Baggins Syndrome

This is named after Nosferatu Baggins, the editor of the monthly British zine, *DimLight*.

Note that Nosferatu Baggins was cloned, some years ago now, when the original became old and ill, with the new clone (and future clones, as needed) being thus able to continue the venerable tradition of the original.

One of the symptoms of this syndrome is the fixed belief that Myatt is behind the ONA.

The person suffering from this syndrome claims that the ONA is a dangerous/fantasy/pathetic/nazi/satanic cult which (surprisingly) doesn't really exist cos' it's only Myatt wearing a variety of silly hats and he's made it all up, and it has no influence whatsoever.

Interestingly, although people suffering from Nosferatu Baggins syndrome often claim that the ONA does not really exist, or has little or no influence, they spend an inordinate amount of time and effort writing about it and/or criticizing it, and/or writing about and criticizing Myatt, and/or writing about and criticizing members of the ONA, such as Chloe, the hot Asian chick.

Here is a typical quote from someone suffering from Nosferatu Baggins syndrome -

"...the ONA is yet another dogmatic, insular, paranoid, and inbred religious cult, one that is impervious to rational critique or dialogue, even with sympathetic outsiders"

and yet the author writes in the same post:

"the ONA is a tiny, almost unknown Left-Hand Path Internet organization that has grand delusions of changing the world..."

and goes on to claim that the person who replied to him "was Myatt".

Here is an early example, from the original Nosferatu Baggins -

"Myatt seems to put a lot of effort into self-promotion... and has a vivid fantasy life. He has no influence."

Which somehow contradicts his other claim that: "Myatt is a dangerous man..."

Thus, people suffering from the Nosferatu Baggins syndrome really believe several contradictory, silly, things, such as:

- (1) that the ONA does not really exist (being only an Internet organization);
- (2) the ONA is a cult (and hence since it is a cult it exists, and has members, in the real world);
- (3) it is all some fantasy in the mind of Anton Long and is therefore basically harmless;
- (4) Myatt/Long is a dangerous person who should be jailed for inciting hatred and violence and terrorism and supporting culling;
- (5) there are in fact some real ONA members out there who are not Myatt (for example, Chloe and Beesty Boy);
- (6) while they may actually be some ONA members, they're just teenage gangbangers (*pace* Beesty Boy et al);
- (7) the ONA has no influence, even though it has groups (nexions/tribes/members) in many countries such as America (WSA 352 for example), Canada, Russian, Europe, and so on, and even though ONA material has been translated into Russian, French, Polish, Serbo-Croat, Finnish, Italian, German, Spanish, Portuguese, and other languages;
- (8) the ONA is almost unknown, even though it has been mentioned in dozens of books, several academic papers, newspaper and magazine articles, has inspired several musicians and bands and artists, scores of people have written about how much they admire or have been inspired by the ONA, and Myatt/Long, and ONA groups such as WSA 352;
- (9) the ONA is irrelevant, although thousands of people, from all over the world, over several decades, have posted items about or written hundreds of thousands of words about the ONA or concerning the ONA, some of which are critical of it, with some of these people being those claiming it does not really exist. And so on *ad nauseam*.

The Baldrick Syndrome

One of the symptoms of this syndrome is the persistent use of the *Appeal to My Cleverness Fallacy* - and the person suffering from this syndrome attempts to show how clever they are by spurious pseudo-intellectual argument or by pretentiously (and almost invariably inappropriately and out of context) quoting the words of some well-known (and always mundane) person or "authority".

The underlying pathology here is one of mundane hubris - the sufferer really believes themselves to be somehow "superior" and "clever" - and often even "sinister" - and without exception has no real life practical experience of doing satanic, sinister, dangerous or heretical deeds, and so has never undergone the formative character building experience arising from the sinister pathei-mathos that forms the basis for true sinister Adeptship.

Thus, the writer tries to make up for their lack of real, dark, practical experience by pontificating at length about the ONA - for common symptoms of this syndrome are blogorrhea and forumorrhea.

Suffers of this syndrome often think they are clever, but - like the fictional Baldrick [I have a cunning plan...] - they always seem to end up making a fool of themselves.

The Weasel Word Syndrome

The sufferer of this syndrome has the fixation that Anton Long, founder of the ONA and author of nearly all of its massive corpus of texts, *must be* David Myatt, even though, to this day the link is unproven, with no evidence to support it even after three decades of people frantically searching to find such evidence.

Furthermore, the person suffering from this syndrome can't stop themselves from prefixing Myatt's name with some weasel word or phrase, and/or adding some weasel suffix after Myatt's name. In fact, this often amounts to an addiction.

Thus, the person suffering from this syndrome just cannot rationally and un-emotionally discuss or even mention Myatt without making some vituperative comment about him or without prefixing/suffixing his name with some weasel word.

Quite often, such sufferers seem quite able to rationally and un-emotionally discuss other people, but when it comes to Myatt, their addiction proves too much for them.

Some typical weasel prefixes and suffixes used by people suffering from this syndrome are - *weirdo*; *alleged* (as in alleged conversion to Islam); *diminutive* (in reference to his height, which is actually five foot nine inches and average for men of his generation); *nutter*; *pseudo-intellectual*; *amateur translator*; *loony*; *wackjob*; and so on ad nauseam...

Here is a classic - *Myatt is both sick and weird..*

Here is another - *the sicko satanist Myatt...* [Note here the prefix *satanist*, blandly and boldly and erroneously stated by some mundane as if it is some statement of fact.]

The underlying pathology is either an unconscious envy/jealousy of the creative works, and the varied life, of the individual in question, or (possibly more commonly) an often rabid hatred or dislike of Myatt founded on a subsuming prejudice based on what the sufferer assumes or believes are Myatt's political and/or religious views, and/or on Myatt's alleged or assumed activities, and/or on what some opponent of Myatt has written or said about him in the past.

Sometimes, the person suffering from this syndrome sincerely believes in their delusion and/or obsession that they have some sort of "mission" to discredit and/or "expose" the individual in question.

Furthermore, a few people suffering from this symptom have been known to have previously been in love with, infatuated with, or full of admiration for, the individual in question - almost invariably from a distance - and which love or infatuation or admiration has turned to hatred because of their own defective, weak, character.

The Charlatan Syndrome

The person suffering from this syndrome generally confers on themselves some grand-sounding title in a silly attempt to "prove" their credentials and their esoteric knowledge. Such spurious, publicly claimed titles, have included, in the past, Magister, Grand Magister, Ipsissimus, Adept, and claims such as being High Priest (of the Wibbly-Wobbly People, or High Priest of DarkLord Butt-Face, ancient deity of the ancient people of the Amorous Empire, or whatever, and so on.)

Sometimes, the pathology is so advanced that an individual claims to be the "true representative of Satan (or The Prince of Darkness)" duly appointed after some ritual or some mumbo-jumbo where Satan/The Prince of Darkness appeared to them and/or spoke to them and gave them a "mandate".

The Charlatan-Ego Syndrome

This is similar in pathology to The Charlatan Syndrome, save for the fact that the mundane suffering from The Charlatan-Ego Syndrome makes the additional claim - and/or has the additional deluded belief - that they are the leader of the ONA or have taken it over or have 'reformed' it or 'are the real ONA' or now 'own the ONA', and/or are influencing the ONA and ONA people by their 'magic(k)'.

They also have an urge, which they cannot control, to make these grandiose egotistical claims public - almost always via the medium of the Internet.

Mister Wise Internet Syndrome

The mundane suffering from this syndrome relies on searching the Internet for information about the ONA and the people involved with it (alleged or real) and labors under the delusion that if something - some fact or some definition - is not available on the Internet, then it doesn't exist.

A classic case is the mundane who consulted The All-Knowing Wise Oracle - Mister Internet - only to discover that the term Baeldraca only occurs in ONA texts. Thus he concludes that Anton Long (and by extension the ONA) are speaking 'gibberish' and that anyone who thinks the word Baeldraca is real is 'stupid'.

Sometimes the pathology is so advanced that the mundane additionally claims that the ONA hate them because he/she do "real research".

Conclusion

The Internet and its increasing use by mundanes has led to the wide-scale spread of these fallacies and allowed those suffering from these syndromes to spread their delusions, and publicise themselves, to a wide audience.

Therefore, it is appropriate to quote some words from Anton Long regarding the Internet and esoteric knowledge:

"Most of the chatter on the Internet is worthless, ephemeral, the product of people with little esoteric knowledge and even less genuine practical esoteric and personal experience, with such people being led or controlled either by their own desires or by some unconscious impulse or by some causal abstract form or dogma they do not rationally comprehend, or by all of these things. Such chatter is almost always immediately reactive, never the product of a reflexion based on experience, and - when it is not simply inane - it is esoterically and/or intellectually shallow; worthless; pretentious.

Genuine esoteric wisdom arises from a reflexion born from personal, direct, practical experience: from an alchemical symbiosis; from that acausal growth that arises slowly over causal time. And it cannot, should not, be expressed in hasty words of the reactive, immediate, emotive kind based upon, dependant upon, some causal abstraction, some dogma, some causal form. Such wisdom is to be savoured; communicated, at best, on a personal basis, and otherwise in some form which enables others to reflect upon it, or judge it, over a period of causal time.

The only value, esoterically, of this Internet thing is that it allows - for the moment at least - the free dissemination of mythos, of causal forms, of various esoteric Ways, enabling people to access such things, and consider them and if necessary act upon or be inspired by them in their own way in their own causal time. Such action and such inspiration, to be esoterically valid, must of course take a certain amount of causal time: months, most usually years." *The Sinister Dialectic and Diabolical Aims of The Order of Nine Angles (119 yf)*

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