

Krvavá zvířecí oběť v Left-Hand Path a satanském milieu: Případová studie autora N.A-A.218

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English Abstract:

The main aim of this paper was to study the meaning and nature of Chaos-gnostic animal sacrifice in the texts of N.A-A.218, to describe its social functions and to put it in its social and discursive context, and thus to provide further understanding of its occurrence within the Left-Hand Path and satanic milieu whose dominant actors have rejected the act of animal sacrifice. The work deals in more detail mainly with discourses found in the texts of N.A-A.218 which are expressing the conception of sacrificial blood as magically potent substance constituting the seat of animal's life; *do ut des* principle; traditionality and duty of animal sacrifice and the conception of sacrifice as gradual killing of one's own ego which constitutes the part of a Chaos-gnostic's personality that is tying him to the demiurgic material world and its society. Whereas the discourses of blood as a magically potent substance and *do ut des* principle harmonize the Chaos-gnostic animal sacrifice with intuitive conceptions arising in connection with animal sacrifice across individual human cultures, the discourse of compulsory tradition shapes animal sacrifice as a tool of building, maintaining and control of Chaos-gnostic identities and the discourse of killing of ego helps the construction of Chaos-gnostic identity on the intrapsychic level and links it with conceptions and values of Left-Hand Path and satanic milieu and secular modernity.

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