



Regarding J. F. C. Fuller's sabotage of the Law of Thelema, stealing priceless key documents related to the reception of *Liber Legis* from Aleister Crowley – documents which he later sold shortly before his death in 1966 E.V.

That J. F. C. Fuller had stolen these items have, for instance, escaped a 'bread-and-butter scholar' who has tried to put J. F. C. Fuller in a more generous and profitable light, however, the following note by Fuller in his sales catalogue, a quote from a letter from Aleister Crowley, seems to have escaped this scholar, or, he has just ignored it in order to secure his other writings and talks on his interesting man:

"I am sending you the 1907 diary in privacy and confidence. There's about 114,278,394 years penal servitude in it if sent to Plowden." (666 – Bibliotheca Crowleyana, 1966, p. 22.)

In order to sell well, the fascist Fuller had stupidly added these words to A.C.'s 1907 diary (knowing that he was dead and gone!) – a diary that A.C. lacked when he should write about the Holy Books of the year 1907 E.V. in *The Temple of Solomon the King* in *The Equinox*, March 1913 E.V.



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ROSE AND ALEISTER CROWLEY'S STAY IN EGYPT IN 1904
A STUDY OF THE CAIRO WORKING
AND WHAT IT LED TO

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FRATER PERDURABO, to whom this revelation was made with so many signs and wonders, was himself unconvinced. He struggled against it for years. Not until the completion of His own initiation at the end of 1909 did He understand how perfectly He was bound to carry out this work. (Indeed, it was not until his word became conterminous with Himself and His Universe that all alien ideas lost their meaning for him). Again and again He turned away from it, took it up for a few days or hours, then laid it aside. He even attempted to destroy its value, to nullify the result. Again and again the unsleeping might of the Watchers drove Him back to the work; and it was at the very moment when He thought Himself to have escaped that He found Himself fixed for ever with no possibility of again turning aside for the fraction of a second from the path.

The history of this must one day be told by a more vivid voice. Properly considered, it is a history of continuous miracle.

THE EQUINOX OF THE GODS, 1936 E.V.

ΘΕΛΗΜΑ/THELEMA', i.e. they originated in this Aeon and under its Law and its word which is θελημα. The books of Class "A" are in a manner of speaking 'the holiest of our holy books'. When this is stated it must be explained that two of them differ much from the others, namely *Liber L vel Legis*, and its *Liber CCXX*, and that the part of Class "A" books, which usually are referred to as 'The Holy Books', are fourteen in number (formerly counted as thirteen). The remaining Class "A" listing – which thus also must be considered as belonging to 'The Holy Books' – is the one page comment to *The Book of the Law* written under direct inspiration of Hadit, entitled "*The Comment*".²¹⁸¹ Thus was the first title to be placed in Class "A" *Liber L vel Legis*, written in 1904 E.V., and the last "*The Comment*", written in 1925 E.V..

In the chapter of *The Temple of Solomon the King*, published in *The Equinox* in March 1913 E.V., Fra. P. is dealing with the year 1907 E.V., and thus the Holy Books. He starts unfortunately by informing us that his diary for this year is missing.²¹⁸² This fact of course influences his account and its length. Regarding the Holy Books produced this year we find him saying:

We are now to consider a further passage from the History Lection: –

29. Also one V. V. V. V. V. arose, an exalted adept of the rank of Master of the Temple (or this much He disclosed to the Exempt Adepts), and His utterance is enshrined in the Sacred Writings.

30. Such are *Liber Legis*, *Liber Cordis Cincti Serpente*, *Liber Liberi vel Lapidis Lazuli* and such other whose existence may one day be divulged unto you. Beware lest you interpret them either in the Light or in the darkness, for only in L. V. X. may they be understood.

Of V. V. V. V. V. we have no information. We do not know, and it is of no importance that we should know, whether he is an actual person or a magical projection of Frater P., or identical with Aiwass, or anything else, for the reasons previously given when discussing the utterance of *Liber Legis*, *Equinox VII*, pp. 384 and 385. It is sufficient to say that all the Class A publications of the A.:A.: should be regarded as not only verbally and liberally inspired by Him, but that this accuracy should be taken to extend even to the

[Aleister Crowley, et al.] *The Equinox*. Vol. III., No. I. Detroit, Michigan: Universal Publishing Company, March MCMXIX E.V. (1919 E.V.), pp. 11-38. (*Præmonstrance of A.:A.: and Curriculum of A.:A.:*, pp. 11-38.) ♦ MTP, Section 3 [Vol. 3.], pp. 214-28. (*Appendix I. Curriculum of A.:A.:*, pp. 207-28.) ♦ For "*The Comment*", see note²¹⁸¹ below.

²¹⁸¹ See note²⁰⁹⁷ and note²⁰⁹⁹ above.

²¹⁸² As to lost notebooks etc., I notice that the English poet and novelist Kenneth Hopkins (1914-1988), in 1987 E.V. published *The Journal of Kenneth Hopkins, 8 April 1938 - 7 September 1939: a love story*, in 150 numbered copies: "*Printed mainly for private circulation*", and here wrote (7 September, 1939): "*Recently, certain documents etc, the property of Aleister Crowley came into my possession – I love that phrase, it implies so much! – including two notebooks in his holograph which to me are illegible. Will this (journal) fall into alien hands – and be illegible to its possessor? I trust not. What is the use of introducing scandalous observations like Turd if they are not to be understood?*" ♦ Kenneth Hopkins. *The Journal of Kenneth Hopkins, 8 April 1938 – 7 September 1939: a love story*. North Walsham, UK: Warren House Press, 1987, p. 22. (7 September, 1939, p. 22.) ♦ Hopkins never met Aleister Crowley it seems (?), but one must assume – if not a fictitious incident, which probably not is the case – that Crowley since still alive in 1939 E.V., one way or another, got his things back. Crowley was at that time living at 57 Petersham Road (No. 3 The Paragon), Richmond upon Thames, a house located near the River Thames, and where the English writer, traveller, and painter Lesley (Stewart) Blanch (1904-2007), who worked together with Frieda Harris on several occasions, lived together with her mother Martha Mabel Blanch, née Thorpe (1875-1968). It should also be noticed that Hopkins's statement was written on September 7, 1939 E.V., and the Second World War had broken out four days before, on September 3, 1939 E.V. Kenneth Hopkins, who was a friend of Crowley's old friend Louis Wilkinson, attended Crowley's funeral in 1947 E.V. ♦ Kenneth Hopkins. *The Corruption of a Poet; An Autobiography*. London, UK: James Barrie, 1954, p. 211. (30. *General Character and Disgusting Habits*, pp. 209-13.)

style of the letter. If a word is unexpectedly spelt with a capital letter, it must not be thought that this is a mistake; there is some serious reason why it should be so. During this year 1907, therefore, we find a number of such books dictated by him to Frater P. Of the sublimity of these books no words can give expression. It will be noticed that they are totally different in style from *Liber Legis*, just as both of them are different from any of the writings of Frater P.²¹⁸³

As regards the missing 1907 E.V. diary, then Crowley never laid his hand upon it again, but he evidently knew where it was, or rather, who had it – or, had he perhaps forgotten it? Like some of Crowley's other priceless Thelemic key documents, which he had lacked access to when he needed them, simply because they were missing, the diary appeared as an item in bookseller Keith Hogg's 1966 E.V. catalogue 666 – *Bibliotheca Crowleyana*, the catalogue of J. F. C. Fuller's collection of Crowleyana, and in a letter quoted in the catalogue Crowley had written:

"I am sending you the 1907 diary in privacy and confidence. There's about 114,278,394 years penal servitude in it if sent to Plowden."²¹⁸⁴

Fuller had obviously borrowed the diary from Crowley, like he also had borrowed the museum translations, mentioned above – and when the two men split in 1911 E.V., he had just kept it, and added it to his collection!²¹⁸⁵ Crowley's 1907 E.V. diary, which was part published in 1981 E.V., reveals that he wrote "*the 7fold Word*", i.e. *Liberi vel Lapidis Lazuli* (*Liber VII*), Wednesday, 30 October, and started writing *Liber Cordis Cincti Serpente* (*Liber LXV*) the same day's evening.²¹⁸⁶ I note that these writings took place exactly 1300 days after the writing of *Liber L vel Legis* was initiated, April 8, 1904 E.V.²¹⁸⁷, and that this number significantly (for us now) happens to be the value of κρύφιος, *kryphios*, hidden, concealed.²¹⁸⁸

If we turn again to *The Equinox*, No. VII, it is worthy of note that in this number Fra. P. published the four great Watch-towers, which he had painted in Mexico in 1900, and which he was searching for in Boleskine in the summer of 1909 E.V., and had found together with the long-lost MS. of *Liber L vel Legis*!²¹⁸⁹

Besides, placed before TSK1912 was the prose story '*Across the Gulf*', and this later received the number LIX, and became *Liber LIX* in Class "C". Crowley describes it as:

²¹⁸³ [Aleister Crowley, et al.] *The Equinox*. Vol. I., No. IX. London: Wieland & Co., March MCMXIII o.s. (1913 E.V.), pp. 7-8. (*The Temple of Solomon the King – The Poet*, pp. 1-11.)

²¹⁸⁴ 666 – *Bibliotheca Crowleyana*: Catalogue of a unique Collection of Books, Pamphlets, Proof Copies, MSS., etc. by, about, or connected with Aleister Crowley; formed, and with an Introductory Essay, by Major-General J. F. C. Fuller. For sale as a collection. Tenterden, Kent, UK: Keith Hogg, nd [1966], p. 22. (*Part VII AUTOGRAPH MANUSCRIPTS OF ALEISTER CROWLEY*, pp. 22-3.) ♦ Partly reprinted as: 666. *Bibliotheca Crowleyana*. The Collection of J. F. C. Fuller with a Preface by Richard Kaczynski. Edmonds, WA: Sure Fire Press, 1989, p. 18. • The mentioned "Plowden" is probably the famous English law reporter, Sir Edmund Plowden (c. 1518-1585).

²¹⁸⁵ See note⁹¹⁵ above and note³⁹²⁴ below.

²¹⁸⁶ Aleister Crowley and Marcelo Motta. *Sex and Religion*. *The Equinox*. Vol. V, No. 4. March MCMLXXXI o.s. Nashville, TE: Thelema Publishing Company, 1981 E.V., p. 160. (*The 1907 E.V. Diary*, pp. [107]-66.) • For the date when he finished the book, see note²¹⁷⁴ above.

²¹⁸⁷ (Including April 8, 1904 E.V. but not October 30, 1907 E.V.)

²¹⁸⁸ 20(κ) + 100(ρ) + 400(υ) + 500(φ) + 10(ι) + 70(ο) + 200(ς) = 1300.

²¹⁸⁹ See note¹¹⁸³ above.



'Ouarda' – Rose Edith Crowley, née Kelly (1874-1932)

It is extremely interesting to discover that Aleister Crowley in his diary for 1907 E.V. writes that: "*T. [i.e. Lord Tankerville (1852-1931)] here confirming Rose's clairvoyance ... Very Good.*" At Christlehurst Rose had, in fact, been "*clairvoyant for Tankerville*" a few days before Crowley's statement, which was written on Tuesday 7 May, thus only a little more than three years after that the Cairo Working had taken place! AC never wrote in details about the year 1907 E.V., since his diary for this year had been stolen by J. F. C. Fuller, who sold it just before his death in 1966 E.V.. 'Frater P.' wrote in '*The Temple of Solomon the King*' in *The Equinox*, March 1913 E.V., p. 6: "*His [Frater P.'s] diary for this year 1907 has been lost, and we shall not be able to fill in the events of the year in any detail.*" The diary is today at Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin.