

# The Left Hand Path: Tantra

## Mental Play

### *Will*

Will is the true, higher and liberated self. When Aleister Crowley focuses on the 'Will' "Do as thou wilt..." in Thelema, what is he focusing on specifically? He is speaking of the true self. Tantric Will, is true self, rather than a false self created by compulsions and whimsical impulses. Self-Will, is liberation. It is awakening.

Self-Will breaks down the prison walls of false-self, by removing the societal ideas of 'normal sexuality'. Anything outside of what society deems as 'normal' is persecuted, ostracized, forced under-ground and often snuffed-out: imprisonment of those seeking the Will of the self. Sexual 'taboos' are becoming an obsolete idea, but it takes the work of the Self-Will, to make such realizations. In Tantra, Self-Will must be sought with sincerity and true intentions. Otherwise, you will never truly be liberated from the indoctrination of society regarding what is 'normal'. You will reside in your prison and die; never having experienced an ecstatic existence. If you are experiencing a less-than-satisfying life; seek liberation and Self-Will. Will, is the way. Tantric Will places the responsibility of one's actions, into the hands of the true self. If you are not willing to carry the responsibility, there will be no true tantric evolution of the self. Tantric Will evokes higher spiritual ideas, and requires your utmost attention. We come into this world through the act of sex, we have sex, but do we truly experience it? In most societies, from our early childhood we are taught to hide our bodies, to not think 'impure thoughts and that sex is only for procreation with someone we 'love'. So how can we ever know the true sexual experience? Anything deemed 'impure' by society, is a form of deviance, frowned upon and forced into shadow.

So, how do we break down barriers and doubts so that Self-Will can be realized? The invocation of higher spiritual ideas, such as the Cult of Cthulhu theology, is one of many ships to be taken across the sea. The exploration of philosophical ideas about the self is key in taking the first step in awakening from a deep sleep; and existing in a false reality. There are a plethora of tools available to you, such as human psychology, meditative practice, transcendental experience, and creative expression just to name a few. There are no limitations, as the creator, you are free to be inspired by any idea that provokes you into the state of examination – to include inventing them. Remember yourself, "Nothing is True, and Everything is Permitted!" Intentional acts of Will, have magical power. Unconscious, droning is the pathway to death. You can have a long, prosperous and ecstatic life – if you choose it! Self-Will!

If you can not choose, can not realize, then you are not taking the path of the sly-one, the path of Understanding – the Fourth way has not taken root. I am planting the seed. I will sow it to grow. Will you?

But if you do choose, you can begin the mental play with a partner.

Stage 1: introspection, submissiveness

Stage 2: stimulation, eager-control

In Tantra, 'fantasy' is not just conjuring up images in one's imagination – it's much more than that. It requires control, focus and applying ideas to the Self-Will. All these ideas we hold, these self-created delusions are working towards something; or at least they should be. If you venerate a fictional character, your focus on this character gives it life. It makes it very real to you. The fictional characters of the HP Lovecraft stories, are real to you, they exist in the dimensions of your imagination. The same premise applies to Tantric Fantasy. Breathing technique, communicating ideas, and applying fantasy occurs as an organic process during the act of Tantric Sex, but it is in no way rehearsed. Tantric Fantasy, is not to be confused with role-playing; though role playing plays a role in Tantric Sex. Mental play: this is the time to put your archetypal structures to work for you. Remember, your partner may not be aware of your Tantric skill, but through their experience will have had a Tantric experience.

As mentioned in "Left-Hand Path: Tantra, Introduction" Tantra is an exchange of roles: Shatki and Shiva, Shiva and Shatki; even if your partner is not aware of the transfer of responsibility. You might begin as Shatki, introspective and submissive, then cycle into Shiva as you are stimulated, and seek eager-control. The opposite may occur, in that your partner begins as Shatki, so you then take the role and responsibility of Shiva. Back and fourth, the mental play occurs, continues – rise and fall, fall and rise of this 'idea' in action.

There are mental exercises you may perform, which can be borrowed from a variety of sources. You are not limited to the eastern philosophies of Tantra. 'Fantasy' is slipping into your archetypes, and becoming. There are so many techniques to explore, spiritual ideas, visualizations, body mechanics, magical voice and invocation. Ask yourself this question: How can you communicate 1000 ideas without saying a word? The possibilities are endless. The mind is the sea; ships may cross it but will never find an end to its explorations.

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