

# *Pope Reverend Water-Nymph Nocturnals*

## *Of The Church of Discordia*

*Papa's Brief #28: Lumin Ben Maghs-maak Sek Dven- Shoi'kiik*

It is a sad fact in our world today that there are sad, delusional people who think they know The Truth, who think they know The One True Way, and are seemingly convinced that no other path is viable. Even though there are myriad paths in this world to any destination, they are convinced that this does not apply to the enormity of God. This is, I am sad to say, because their minds are too focused on this world to comprehend the enormity, complexity, and awesome diversity that is God. For not only do they think they have found the One True Way to God, and that there are no other paths, they are also convinced that all those who do not go down their path are doomed to Fail. And they think that they, themselves, will Fail if they fail to stop others from Failing.

Sad, I know. It is a wonder that anyone believed the first small mind to come to such a bizarre and unarguable conclusion. Only by inventing a logic all their own, and somehow corrupting others to view things with this twisted logic, have they managed to have this strange grip on the world.

Even more sad, it is also plain to anyone who can read past the facade of religious fervor that these Way weighers that they, in fact, are insecure. They lack the faith necessary to fully and completely believe that they've found the only True Way; they lack the faith necessary to stand cold and alone in what they perceive to be a spiritual plane as harsh and unforgiving as the planet they were born on. They hope for – they *teach about* – grand things like the Love of God, but they misunderstand it. They cannot conceive of the fullness of this truth, because they have not known unconditional love in their lifetime. No one – not even their parents – has ever loved them without condition. For surely, if they knew experientially of such a love, they would not – COULD not – believe in a God who had restrictions and conditions on His/Her/Its Love. They cannot hold in their minds that God's love for Its children is like the happy man's love for his brain, or his heart, or his lungs.

Are we to pity them, then? No. For pity is an emotion born of *their* worldview – pity is the emotion that makes them feel bad that others will fail. We should instead have compassion for them, be compassionate that they make themselves suffer needlessly, and from compassion try to alleviate that suffering. Because there *is* no failure! It is not *possible* to go down a wrong path. **No one can Fail, Ultimately.** God gives us countless lifetimes – as many as we need – to ensure that we cannot possibly Fail! What's more, God has made this promise countless times; and countless times, people attach strings where none existed. Because they cannot bring themselves to accept these promises as given! They cannot accept God's unedited promises because they cannot accept that *THERE IS NO ANGER IN GOD*. They cannot accept that the idea of a wrathful God is a HUMAN LIE. That God DOES NOT PUNISH BECAUSE THERE IS NOTHING TO BE PUNISHED FOR! It is a lie people tell themselves because the Truth is “too good to be true”! They cannot accept that suffering is a state of mind, even though JESUS CHRIST PROVED THIS, ON THE CRUCIFIX.

So I, Pope Reverend Water-Nymph Nocturnal – High Pope of the Church of Discordia – speaking *ex Cathedra*, do hereby declare that the previous Discordian sentiment of considering prosylatizing to be a crime is hereby lifted, and we must now consider those who prosylatize their path to be crying for help. It is a plea! They are begging us: “Help! I am cold and alone! I think God will punish me if I do wrong, but I am not sure if the rules I believe are right! I want company, fellow people to feel this way with me, so that if I *am* wrong, at least we’ll all be wrong together. At least we’ll all Fail together.” It is a cry for understanding words, for Love, for Compassion. Not pity, nay: *never* pity. But what they want is not what they need. They need security, they need safety, they need reassurance.

They may not believe you. Goodness knows, God Itself has spoken to them on myriad occasions and that didn’t work. God speaks to them every day, in fact, through their experiences, through music, through the words of other people. But they aren’t listening. Yet there IS hope: most of them are extroverts. The more people tell them the things they need to hear, the more people show them the kindness and love, the more people resonate with this uplifting message, the more likely they will be to believe. Every time they send out this message, this cry for help, send them a message of compassion and reassurance. You may just get through to them. Then, instead of huddling in a cold worldview with other insecure people, they can lift themselves up and be the proud, the strong, the few who KNOW. And, in that knowing, do not need to convert others; in that knowing, they can – like us – speak only with those who so obviously cry for help. For all prosylization is a cry for help.

**Do not ask them to give up their beliefs – nay, instead, show them where their own teachings have spoken the truth. Show them where their teachings have been edited by humans who could not believe the unaltered Promise of God. Help them to trim away what does not work and to strengthen what *does* work, so they can become strong not with faith but with knowledge and assurance.**

Here is a URL to some further reading to give them:

<http://www.cwg.org>

And some books:

“Conversations With God” by Neale Donald Walsch  
“A Course In Miracles” by the Inner Peace Foundation  
Anything by the Dalai Lama  
“The Dark Side of the Light Chasers” by Debbie Ford  
“At Home With God: In a Life That Never Ends” by Neale Donald Walsch  
“Seat of the Soul” and “Heart of the Soul” by Gary Zukav  
“The Power of Intention” by Dr. Wayne Dyer

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pope Rev. W. N. Nocturnal".