

The New Discordian

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Words from the Pope

Greetings, fellow Discordian!

What you have in your hand is the first issue of a (hopefully) monthly newsletter produced by Letterbomb Press. We are starting this up for several reasons.

First, our focus this last year has been on producing Discordian artefacts for our Etsy page. Going forward, we want to focus more on the spreading and exchanging of ideas, which is the core operation for us.

Second, the other publications we have produced have had a far to long turnaround time. This is fine sometimes, but now we wanted something which is quick to produce so that we can capture what is on our minds and what's going on right now.

Third, we wanted to do a paper based medium rather than a web-based. That said, these newsletters will probably be available online in some form sooner or later (isn't everything?), but the main idea is to spread them in paper form.

This is a new forum for us so we are trying stuff out. The back of this first issue is a short story paying homage to the two books that got me personally into this from the start, and is the whole reason that Letterbomb Press is existing and expanding. We appreciate any kind of feedback, good or bad, and any tips on what to include here. Want some free advertising, write us a line about your zine/instagram/shop and if we like it, we'll include it! The easiest way to contact us are via e-mail: pope@suspended-annihilation.com, or to DM us on Instagram, [@thefreedomcult](https://www.instagram.com/thefreedomcult). Please feel free to copy or spread the material found here as you wish.

Hail Eris!

POPE PETER S^{Tr}ange



Our favourites on Instagram right now

We are generally steering clear of social media, but we do use instagram. These are three instagram accounts we are following and appreciating right now.

[@astraleyez](https://www.instagram.com/astraleyez) uses his account to share pictures from his (what must be) vast collection of comics, magazines and books. This guy has gotten us to find so many fantastic books.

[@carriereichardt](https://www.instagram.com/carriereichardt) is a British artist who works mainly with ceramics; political and subversive slogans on tiles, plates, and amazing mosaics. Check out her work!

The account of [@pseudopseudonovialis](https://www.instagram.com/pseudopseudonovialis) is dominated by collages, often Discordian or Subgenius themed, but always wonderfully psychedelic and weird. This one is truly an inspiration to us!



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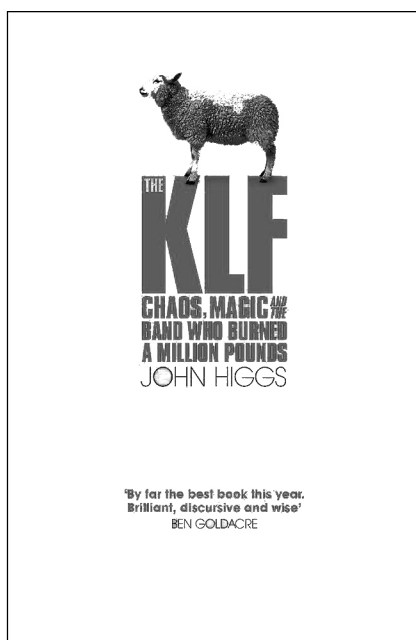


The becoming of a Discordian

by Pope Peter Strange

Alan Moore once said: "Art is, like magic, the science of manipulating symbols, words, or images, to achieve changes in consciousness". I wholeheartedly agree, I think reading a book that changes your consciousness can be described as a magic ritual, even if that's not how it's construed at the time. I can look back at a few times in my life when I have read books that have had a profound impact on me, have changed the way I look at the world and the way I relate to it. Sometimes this change comes instantly and sometimes it comes creeping up on me over time. Two times these experiences has inspired me as a Discordian.

The first book is what made me discover Discordianism. Some years ago, feeling a need for solitude and to get away from the world, I rented a cottage in the Swedish countryside for a week. Equipped with not much more than my hiking boots and a bunch of books, I spent the dark november days wandering the woods, and the even darker november evenings going through my book pile.



When I started reading *KLF - Chaos, Magic and the band who burned a million pounds*, I was floored. I initially bought the book because I'm interested in the English 80's and early 90's music scene, but as it turned out, this book is about so much more than this. Weaving in discordianism,

which have had a big impact on the KLF, with Alan Moore, Doctor Who, situationism and theories about synchronicity, this is a fantastic read. After I finished the book, I went out for a long walk. I could feel something had changed inside of me, so many new ideas and perspectives coming alive. When coming home from my vacation, I ordered the Principia Dis-

cordia, printed a bunch of pope cards, and started my Discordian journey. This is how I found Eris.



THE BLACK IRON PRISON



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discordians

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The other book, or pamphlet, I found at principiadiscordia.com. It's called *The Black Iron Prison*, referencing Phillip K. Dick's novel VALIS. The pamphlet is collection of texts, most of them about the Black Iron Prison we are all trapped in - our "tired, monotonous life". This pamphlet really

struck a chord in me. Not so much an eye-opener, but rather that it made me realise that most of my favorite books - *Fight Club*, *Revolutionary Road*, *Dharma Bums*, among others - were about just that, escaping the Black Iron Prison. Also, it was the thing that made me realise that Discordianism is very much alive and kicking, and inspired me to start up my own project.

KLF - Chaos, Magic and the band that burned a million pounds by John Higgs is available in your run-of-the-mill internet bookstore. *The Black Iron Prison* is available to read or download at principiadiscordia.com



Escaping the Black Iron Prison. V for Vendetta by Alan Moore



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