This is a pretty informal series of questions and answers compiled from conversations and emails with my good friend, known on myspace as Nox Sabbatum. It was originally intended for his friends here on myspace, but it seems that just about everybody is interested in reading it, so with his permission, here it is!

Jael: Tell me about Ascent. I looked over your site (www. aetyrnalis. org), and while it makes sense, I don't know about becoming a God, or Christ-like powers. Though I do believe in reincarnation, I don't believe in Christ like powers unless attributed to a Nephilimic bloodline-get me? I mean does this mean to be aware of things not known of, does it mean to let go of being who you are as a human altogether-I just don't get it. I never understood this concept, so perhaps you could sum it up for me?

E.A.: As far as Ascent: Ascent is a process of growth towards godhood. It begins with mastering your mind and your emotions, and then your physical reality through the occult. Once you have mastery over your physical reality, it's time to start mastering your spiritual reality. This is where "Christ-like powers" come in to play. I've never walked on water, and I don't imagine that I'd want to, but I have definitely healed the sick and the dying, have made other people get sick and die, have cast demons out of people, have put demons in other people, etc. What is necessary for the Master is to overcome your very definition of "reality." Speaking of Jesus, one of the miracles he performed was that of the fish and loaves, feeding the masses with a fish and a loaf of bread. This was done through instantaneous manifestation. This is a very simple Siddhi to learn. You basically sit and meditate, open your chakras entirely, vibrate the hindu bija mantra "AH" and focus your attention on your Third Eye and your Root Chakra, bringing energy up your Root Chakra and discharging it through your Third Eye. As you do this, visualize what you want, and feel as if it is already there. Let's say you want money - you imagine that you already have the money in your account, and you feel the emotion behind it as well. Rather than feeling frustrated, you make yourself feel happy with the money that you're manifesting, as if it's already to you. You take that feeling of satisfaction and bring that up your energetic body and push it through your Third Eye into the universe, and feel as you do this that the universe is delivering your money right away. Do this for 15-20 minutes every morning, first thing on waking up. At first it will take a couple weeks or so for your desire to manifest. You'll get what I call "gifts," little bits of money and such, but not completely what you asked for. These are just signs that it's working. As you do this more and more your waiting time will get shorter and shorter. I'm down to one day for most minor things – a few weeks for objects that I hold more resistance towards receiving. I've made my life pretty damn nice with this. The idea is that you'll eventually meditate, and the object or item will instantly be brought to you, without waiting at all. This is the Miracle of Fish and Loaves. It's one of the Lessons required of the Master... and in the meantime, you get nice

things out of it! Anyways, just one example of "Christ-like powers" in action. Another thing to consider is that there are currently on this earth several spiritual Masters, some who have died and returned to teach, like one in particular teaching in a hidden temple in the ..: NAMESPACE PREFIX = ST1 />Hindu Kush mountains who died 400 years ago but still teaches. And then there's people like me who are still developing these powers, but I definitely plan on reaching Mastery before I leave this life.

Jael: Your work has been compared to Michael Ford's quite a bit, and people often consider your path to be Luciferian. What are your thoughts on Michael Fords approach to Luciferianism?

E.A.: I don't really get into Ford's work much, honestly. Luciferianism, anti-cosmic ideologies, etc. all seem rather counterproductive, spiritually, and remind me of my own middle stage of spiritual development, dwelling in the abyss, enlightened by darkness, so to speak. It's not something that really clicks with me and my path anymore, just as I'm sure mine does not fit in with his.

Jael: Are you saying that Ford is a fraud?

E.A.: As far as I can see, Ford is not a fraud. I know some people in the Order of Phosphorus who are really happy with it and are doing well. It all depends on whether that particular system works for you or not. If you're not feeling it, than it might not be for you. The same goes for my system of magick and spirituality - it's not for everyone, but if it's for you, it's REALLY for you, you know?

Jael: I have to say that I like you - your approach on such topics are upfront and really honest-

E.A.: I do try to be honest in my writing and in communicating with people, even though it's definitely hard. There are aspects about myself that I would like to not put out there, sometimes because they're embarrassing, and sometimes because they're so intense that I'm afraid people just won't believe it. But I put it out there anyways and let people make their own decisions. So far, it's worked out pretty well for me.

Jael: I didn't know that you were that deep into Vodoun.

E.A.: Usually it takes 19-21 years of study and mentoring in Haiti to receive the initiations that I have... but there were several tests that I was just able to pass. I just proved myself from the get-go, and was offered the Asson and the initiations.

Jael: Will you next book on Vodoun be printed in gold foil and green cloth-that would be excellent?

E.A.: I'm not sure, at this point, exactly how or when that book (The Spider and the Green Butterfly: Vodoun Crossroads of Power) will be released. I'm still trying to work with Ixaxaar to have them publish it, but we haven't exactly signed a contract, so it's not in stone. Whatever the case, unless an author is self-published, he or she rarely has any control over how their books will look... the publisher is considered the expert on making the book salable and selling it, whereas the author is the expert in writing the text and presenting the material.

Jael: So your new focus is into the sinister Vodoun tradition?

E.A.: I have been initiated as a Grand Houngan of the Vodoun path, as well as having been initiated into a few secret orders within Vodoun. This is not my main focus, however. My main focus is still the Ordo Ascensum Aetyrnalis, and true spirituality on the Master's path. Vodoun is a path I've always wanted to learn, but it is indeed limited inasmuch as all occult paths are limited to the physical, astral, and lower mental planes. There is so much more, and I've gone so much higher, but like all things, I'm always interested in learning.

Jael: The pseudonym Archaelus Baron is/was pretty cool. Are you planning on using that name again and if so, for what? Baron is a cool title in itself...did you use this name because it was a current grade rank that was given to you in the OAA?

E.A.: My name on the spiritual planes is usually Archaelus. The Baron was added when I received the Ninth Flame, in 2000. I don't plan on writing under that name again, though.

Jael: Kingdoms of Flame, not your most notorious book since your last release is at least sinister in its own right since it introduces us to you, has me wondering about the nature of the book that went into creating it. What I mean is-is this work sort of autobiographic? I guess I'm asking how this book came about. There's a lot of people wondering if this was all just a hoax, if the backstory is just a backstory, or if it's true to the letter.

E.A.: Kingdoms of Flame was originally created by the spirits that are found in its pages. They told me what their sigils were, what kingdoms they belonged to, how to draw the squares of each kingdom, and how to enter the kingdoms and evoke them. It started as my own journal of their teachings, and a few years later I though, "I ought to publish that... there's a lack of good grimoires out there." The rest is history. The backstory is partially autobiographical and part fiction. I'll let you all figure out which is which, although it shouldn't be too difficult.

Jael: Now, concerning your order itself, how were you brought into contact with this group?

E.A.: I was brought into the OAA by my own Ascent. Once the student has reached the point where they are ready for the Flames, they cannot help but find the OAA. I was being taught by various mentors who did not tell me that they were representing the OAA, but taught me the secrets of the occult, etc. The reality of the Order and its Masterful purpose was delivered to me by some specific Masters themselves, at which point I received the Higher lessons and initiations, and again, the rest is history.

Jael: Although your order's main focus is on Ascent, why do you use the inverted pentagram to represent it - is the focus of ascension through darkness?

E.A.: The inverted pentagram is not at all "evil," although so many people try to link it with anti-spirituality. In fact, to us, it represents Man as God... self godhood. Actually, the Seal of the Sworn Knights is not an inverted pentagram alone, but an inverted pentagram and a Triangle inside of a Circle. The Circle is God the Father, the Eternal Source of all things. The Triangle is the manifestation that which spiritual is being brought into physical reality - The Son. The inverted pentagram is the unrestrained power of godhood - the Holy Spirit. It's all in how you look at it.

Jael: Not being a buff in social studies or history, I will go on a leg here and say that many people do not know that Hitler and his Nazi movement was in fact actually a bi-product of secret Arayan cults who for years, many years before came into creation to preserve their mystical beliefs and to reclaim racial glory for their race who used Hitler to attempt this. Many people do not realize that there are many racial orders such as this who psychically interfere with world affairs and in second are those Christian groups who attempt this-what are your thoughts on this?

E.A.: There are groups that definitely don't care about the color of your skin or your ethnic background, but simply want power over others. A good deal of people in our governments is in these groups, conspiring to take freedom away as quickly as they can.

Jael: This leads into my next question: if being ascended to an avatar or a Master means to be among people who are lesser who can gather to the messianic essence of such a person, and assuming that such groups have succeeded to destroy the world-wouldn't it be easy to pin point such a person and wouldn't such a person be persecuted-since the main focus of the ascending is to teach?

E.A.: If I understand this question clearly, on the Master being able to pinpoint those

destroying our freedoms and life on earth - the Masters don't necessarily care about what's going on in the physical plane. What matters is what's going on in your spiritual life. You can Ascend whether in prison or paradise. In fact, it is more likely that you'll grow spiritually in horrible situations. The true soul blossoms godlike in the heart of the nuclear inferno. The happenings of the lower planes are inconsequential.

Jael: Do you personally believe that the ultimate goal of one who's in the abyss is to fill it with their will once they've reached in it?

E.A.: If you're in the abyss, your main goal should be to rise above it into the light of the Eternal. Experience the abyss, dwell within complete darkness, and then rise above it. Many who are on their way to godhood become lost in the abyss, their spirituality quickly begins to decay, and they move from liberation to slavery.

Jael: You have clearly showed us (the purchasers of your material) what one can do with baneful intentions, so since you clearly represent both sides of the spectrum in the absolute sense to ascend, have you used your gifts to heal a person or help towards a certain situation to bring forth great help that wouldn't have other wise been done with out your intervention and if so, do you have an story for it or no?

E.A.: I have performed the miraculous, helping people who otherwise would be in dire straights without my help. A boy, my friend's little brother, with some sort of asthma/bronchial disorder... inhalers wouldn't help him, if he had an attack he'd have to go to the hospital... he had an attack while I was there, when I was 17 years old. I placed my right hand over his chest and filled him with the healing energies of the Anahata Chakra. His attack stopped, and he actually went on to play high school football, and I think he's now playing for Dixie State College, although I could be wrong. That's one of the earlier cases that came to mind. I currently provide spiritual/energy work for people in my area, and charge just enough to ensure that those I'm working on are sincere, and to be honest, I do a lot of spiritual "favors" for people, bring money/love/friendship/happiness/health/etc. into their lives, without them asking or giving anything in return. I try to avoid this, just as I do try to avoid being compensated for such favors - it makes people expect such from you, it makes people criticize you, and it changes the nature of the relationship you have with them. On the same hand, it makes me expect these things of myself, rather than simply being comfortable with the way things are I feel like I have to always be helping and doing favors for others; it makes me criticize myself for either doing it in the first place or for not doing enough; and it changes my relationship with everyone I know in life. Honestly, it's much easier on the ego to brag about the harm you've brought others than to flaunt the good you've done. It's much easier to feel like a monster than to feel like a saint... at least for me. Then again, Mother Theresa or Gandhi didn't feel like saints, but they definitely are, so it seems that I still have some work to do. To

answer your question straightly, though, yes, I have performed the miraculous to intervene in the lives of others, many, many times. None of them were done consciously for the sake of my Ascent or growth on any level, but were done out of necessity of the moment, or out of compassion.

Jael: What are your feelings about angry or disoriented ghost who have not moved on-have you encountered any in your travels?

E.A.: If you read "Works of Darkness" again, Chapter Ten, pages 139-141, you'll see my exact view of the spirits of the dead. At one point, before I knew better, I worked heavily with the spirits of the dead, even summoning angels to carry them to their awaited afterlives. This was definitely more for my benefit than for theirs. The disturbed or disrupted ghost is but a ripple in the pond of reality made by the presence of a powerful being, and sometimes given power of its own by intense emotions. Understand also that the more you feed a stray dog, the more it'll come around, until finally you let it into your home to stay.

Jael: Aside from your books, and your essay in; I am sorry that I do not recall the exact name of the occult journal that you've wrote the very interesting piece in which would go into your Works of Darkness book, does the OAA plan to release any kind of public journal or is it exclusively private in that sense? (*The journal is called "The Black Serpent" Vol.I, Issue 2-Ed.*)

E.A.: I have considered releasing all of the Lessons and the Eighteen initiation rituals in book form to the public, to allow anyone who might want to try to learn and to receive the Flames and to Ascend. This is just the fantasy of my laziness, to be honest. The nature of initiation is the lighting of one torch by another. Every initiatory system much be learned under the discipline of another who has walked that path and who holds that torch. I am personally mentoring dozens of students from all over the world, and once they reach the Twelfth Flame they themselves will begin to mentor others, but it is an initiatory chain, and it cannot be broken for the simplicity of mass-production, even though it'd make my job a lot easier!

Jael: By going as far as sharing a wee bit of information of your family life when it comes to finding the time and place to conduct ritual magick in your books (which I thought was cool) how much of a barrier do you keep between your family and that aspect of your life? I guess where I'm getting at is do you plan on introducing your children into your tradition if they show the signs for it?

E.A.: When I'm performing especially dangerous work in our house, I will erect actual barriers to contain the energies, so that that my daughter is not directly effected by them. However, to say that I completely dispel everything from the home would be a lie. Our house is saturated

with power, and it needs to be spiritually cleansed every couple of weeks to make it livable. As far as introducing my daughter to my system... this was inevitable. I shouldn't have been able to produce an offspring, nor was my wife, but sure enough we found ourselves expecting. The moment that we knew we were expecting, our daughter's name came into our minds, first middle and last. She pushed herself into this world, and into our lives, against the natural order of things. When she was still in her crib, not able to crawl, I'd see her walk around the corner into the living room, but when I'd look at her directly, she'd smile and disappear, back to her body asleep in her crib. Now she's almost four years old. When her room is devoid of spirits, completely clear, she is uncomfortable. She prefers then to sleep in my bedroom, next to my Vodoun altar, which reeks of foul power. When the spirits get too concentrated for her, or when they disturb her sleep, she'll cast them out with consecrated water, either Vodoun Florida Water that I keep around the house, or she'll consecrate her own, holding her right hand over the cup of water, breathing white light into it, and sprinkling it around the room, commanding, "out, out." The other day I caught her with a pile of pennies and nickels on the floor, holding her horrified pet ferret in her right hand, waving the animal in circles above the pile of money. I asked what she was doing and she said that she was charging the pile of money, and that the ferret was the "charger," or the emitter of power. The purpose of this was that she would receive even more money.... that greater amounts of money would be attracted to her small pile of money, if it were charged with that intention. Children don't have to be taught in order to learn. Now, I have shown her how to consecrate objects, and how to dispel spirits, but she is capable of things that she certainly should not be. One day, she will definitely exceed me, if she hasn't already. But I will support her in any path that she chooses, always guiding her towards power and Ascent, whether she follows my footprints or another's.

Jael: You seem, through your first three books, to want to spread Black Magick and power to everyone, to experience this self-godhood. I just don't think that normal people are ready for this... they don't seem capable of handling it.

E.A.: I am a normal person, for certain, and those Adepts who mentored me were, and those Adepts that I mentor are. I wear blue jeans, I listen to music in my car, I am thrilled by restoring muscle cars and making my motorcycle louder and more powerful. But the center of my life is my recognition of the Eternal as myself, but this body that I've assumed is human, and although I may try not to be, I am normal. Although this is somewhat of a flippant answer on my part, there is truth in it. Every person is the Eternal, experiencing itself subjectively through the experiences of those individuals. Every person is omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient... every person is God. Some take longer to realize this... it took me a very very long time to break out of my own spiritual darkness - indeed, it took me millenia. Some of those whose lives revolve around ball games and sitcoms may be very young, spiritually, but may grasp the wholeness of things in a much shorter time period than what it took me. One of the Lessons of the OAA, in the Higher Initiations, is to access, through Soul Travel, the mental

plane and specifically the Akashic Records, wherein you may view or even experience previous incarnations of the spark of God that now inhabits your body. This is more revealing as to the seemlessness of the Soul and its journey back into the heart of the Eternal.

Also, as a correction, I do not want to spread "black magick" specifically as a route to Godhood. I want to spread power. The occult, especially the Left Hand Path, is an extremely fast and violent route to power... however, the spiritual darkness does need to be shed in favor for the Middle Path, which is the path leading straight upwards. Many have a hard time with this, and that is fine. I understand that everyone is where they ought to be, spiritually, and some may choose to dwell within the abyss for lifetimes before moving upwards. Their Ascent is not mine, it is theirs. What I advocate more strongly than anything else is to Ascend, to move spiritually. If this means going to a yoga class at a gym taught by some skinny girl who can touch her knee to her nose but cannot feel the currents of power moving around her, that is fine. If Ascent means being involved in your church, in service to others, if it means reading some set of scriptures daily or praying in the name of some savior or another, this is fine. For me, Ascent means daily rending the veil between the world of the flesh and the Eternal and awaking Jacob's Ladder to carry spirits to and from. This is extreme, and it is not for everyone, but it is for me, and this is fine. It is my Ascent and no one else's.

Jael: You wrote in Baneful Magick that once a Sorcerer kills enough, he starts to view people as animals, being disgusted by them. How does this fit in with your view of Ascent and seeing everybody as capable of Godhood?

E.A.: As you Ascend, you find yourself going through stages of relationship with the general species to which you belong. The stage of disgust with the human race is a middle stage: you're well on your way to Mastery, but you are not there yet. The stage of love and heartache for the sufferings of mankind is experienced either directly before or directly after the stage of disgust. Disgust may stem from the sense of betrayal by the human race for offering them such love and for investing such heartache, or the heartache may come after the desensitization of disgust wears off and you see that your disgust with them is really your disgust with your own state and your own suffering, and then you can relate to the whole. If the love stage comes after the disgust stage, it is very quickly passed through, and will eventually become a stage of pure acceptance. This is close to Mastery. The Order of the Masters is called Vairag, which means "non attached." The Master understands that the human state is fleeting, and that underneath the baggage lies a sleeping God. So, he ignores the baggage, the human state. Those who have shed enough of it will come to him. Those who have not will not. I have never tried to persuade anyone to grow, because I know that they are growing already. If they like what I have, I will give it to you. If you don't, than you won't even ask. The stage of disgust is usually linked with the stage wherein the person embraces the Dark Night of the Soul, which is the stage wherein he will kill, will murder, will sacrifice all to his own darkness. This is fine, but it too shall pass, and when it does the emotions will pass

as well. One thing that the Master realizes is that emotions are not real. Feeling frustrated, angry, misanthropic, over the Ascent of others does nothing but brings the Master to the level of the Fool. Feeling sorrowful, hurt, betrayed, or feeling like you must save everyone from their own ignorance is also not productive. These are emotions, and they are not real. What is real, without exception, is that when the student is ready, he will step on the path of Ascent, but not a moment before and not a second after.

Jael: Looking at the books that have been released, which are very dark and definitely centered around the occult and the Left Hand Path, it's confusing to hear you talking about Christ-like powers, self-Godhood, spiritual Masters, and generally things that don't have any relation to Black Magick at all.

E.A.: I do not identify myself as a satanist, an occultist, or a black magician. I feel power around me, I see it, I can enter it fully and be carried worlds away on its currents. The occult is a tool on the Path of Power, but it is not the path itself. I understand how this can be misleading, as my first three books cover only the darkness, but understand that these books are written in a linear fashion, mapping out my own process of Ascent, beginning to end. I have two books written in cue to be published, and two more I'm working on now. And I plan to write for the remainder of my life. I cannot teach advanced physics or chemistry to a person who hasn't learned to add and subtract, and so these first three books form that foundation, they thrust the student into a world of overwhelming power. Once they have tasted it, those who are ready will never have enough until they have it all, and they cannot have it all unless they are Limitless, and duality is limiting in its very nature. If I could release the entire volume of my works at once, I would, but as I choose to express my understanding through written word, I am limited by the ability of my fingers to type and the ability of my publisher to print my books.

Jael: How did you start on this whole path of spiritual Ascent, on the occult, and especially on the Path of the OAA?

E.A.: As for your question of what led me to the path I am on... I was ready, and so there was no other path for me. As God once said, "You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you," or something to that effect. I did not necessarily "choose" this path, but I found myself walking down it nonetheless. If I could have seen where I would be today, I would have stayed at home, but instead I took that journey, only seeing the next footstep, just as I am walking it today. This truth is self-evident... try to follow any other path than the one that you are ready for, and you will find that it twists and turns its way back to where you once were standing when you departed. It is a humorous joke to play on yourself, and years later it will make you laugh, I guarantee.