

THE SCROLL OF ELORATH v9.0

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Dear Seeker,

I have written this document in an effort to tie together in a simple and clear definition of what the most common interpretation the current state of Strigoi Vii teachings are at this time. We do not have all the answers and our community has only managed to come to a limited awareness by this day of what we are. This will like an individual evolve from this statement in the years to come.

This document has nothing to do with any specific household or individual, however it is a good introduction for those who wish to get the big picture in as short a document as possible and has been reviewed and given input by as many Magisters, households and members of the community as possible.

Remember truth is relative and this is the best perspective and the commonality of what I feel I can share and contribute to the Sanguinarium, world and vampyre community, there are as many opinions as there are individuals and households. Not everyone will agree with what I have presented here, so just take what works for you and see it as a common “language” to work with.

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So here we stand, an introduction to Strigoi Vi and the most recent edition of the Scroll of Elorath!

Eternally,

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THE TEACHINGS OF THE STRIGOI VII

Strigoi Vii (which translates from Romanian to mean “living vampyre”) is a set of teachings and traditions wrapped in a philosophy which explores the vampyric condition as a spiritual path and personal experience. The term Strigoi Vii was chosen as a subtle term as an alternative to the word “vampire” or “real vampire” which Father Sebastian feels is outdated and cliché. This is also an effort to bring a term to define the common frequencies of traditions and teachings started in New York (the dominion of Gotham) and exists today.

In modern times the Strigoi Vii strongly manifested as a collective in a small group of covens in New York City, one of which was the coven Sahaja (now known more publicly as House Sahjaza) until about 1996, when this community took an evolutionary jump and all but dissolved due to various circumstances circa 1996. Carried on in through the House of Sahjaza the teachings were slowly spread and developed in an experiment which became known as the Sanguinarium. Incorporating and being influenced by many other traditions Strigoi Vii teachings, including chaos magick and the teachings of Michelle Belanger of House Kheperu, Strigoi Vii was again brought to the surface with the release of *V* (renamed *V, Black Veil*) by Rakasha Books in Fall 2003.

The Black Veil and the ***Strigoi Vii Covenant*** are the basis of Strigoi Vii moralities, ethics and express our codes of common sense and honor. Very similar in concept to the samurai’s code of Bushido and is simply was simply common sense written in words by some of the Magisters of the Sanguinarium.

Strigoi Vii is mainly about what we call ***The Balance*** in all things. This includes light and dark, good and evil, male and female, up and down, positive and negative. We strive to balance our reality as well as accepting and celebrating our primal natures.

We often believe in reincarnation, that our souls are modified in ancient times and contain an altered solar plexus. The benefits of this modification resulted in a better connection and awareness of the subtle reality / astral realm, sensitivity to pranic energy, a deeper recall of past lives and a stronger link with the Dragon Within (higher self). The side effects of this modification resulted in a Solar Plexus which requires a higher intake of pranic energy, thus symptoms of what some would call vampyrism have manifested.

Strigoi Vii acknowledge, although their souls are different, their souls and the Dragon Within are tied to the physical sensory reality which we call the ***Maiiah*** (the Hindu word for the Great Illusion). Thus the physical body must be maintained like that of any other human and they can be shot, become ill, etc. Vampyrism is a condition of the soul, not of the physical body.

Elorath is the collective unconsciousness Strigoi Vii and those of similar modifications, it is built from the practice of our traditions, philosophies and collective Will. It is not a god or to be defined with gender, image, color or personality traits, to do so would dietify Elorath and give birth to a god form.

The Dragon is our deeper and higher self, manifesting in the ancient reptilian part of the brain. The Dragon represents our Will and our Dharma (self determined destiny which we must discover). Strigoi Vii as a path involves awakening this Dragon Within.

Strigoi Vii teachings have evolved with adapting the principle from chaos magick that belief that “belief is a tool” and a system which helps us interact with the Maiiah. There are many different belief systems, which are similar to computer programs, but we are all interacting in the same operating system (Maiiah) of physical laws and common perception. This is similar to some people pay prefer Microsoft Word, while others wish to use Word Perfect, but we still are using the same operating system. Using the techniques of chaos magick and adopting and moving between paradigms, there is no limit for the potential rituals, mixing of philosophies and open mindedness of a Strigoi Vii.

The books of “V” are the tombs of the Strigoi Vii and are set into a regimented system of introduction and learning based on the syllabus of House Sahjaza. There are three base books including *V: Liber Jahira* (book I: Strigoi Vii), *V: Liber Bellah* (book II: the Strigoi Vii Codex by Michelle Belanger) and *V: Liber Calmae* (book III: Liber Calmae). These books are written by various households under the guidance of Father Sebastian of House Sahjaza and include the Strigoi Vii glyphs, all of the Outer Teachings. Liber Jahira & Liber Bellah are in a double volume as V, Special Hardcover Edition by Aangel Publishing, *V; the Black Veil* by Authorhouse.com (available on Amazon.com and through their website). Liber Calmae is available as *V, the Sanguinomicon* in spring 2004 by AuthorHouse.com in a hardcover and soft cover editions. We are also working on German, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Russian translations.

Strigoi Vii, although they must feed on human pranic energy (life force) through a ritualized system we call Communion. Due to the ethics which have evolved within Western culture and society and possible karmatic consequences we have developed our feeding process in to a system known as Communion.

The basic ethics of the *Communion* (our word Strigoi Vii use for ritualized feeding from human lifeforce) are that we only take what we need, surface communion is only a tasting, while deeper communion can only be done with consent from the donor. We never feed from the mentally or physically ill, children or the elderly. Strigoi Vii is about exchange and balance, we are not thieves or parasites.

Zhep’r is our word for transformation, metamorphosis and evolution. This is the same word at the Temple of Set’s Xeper (to become) and the Kheprian word Kheper (to transform). We strive for eternal transformation and growth, without which we become stagnant and limited.

The *Twilight* is the ultimate balance of our daysides and nightsides. The Nightside is our magical and spiritual side, while the Dayside is our mundane experience of family, the maiiah, taxes, work, etc. A balance of these two is known as the Twilight Condition, which is required for fully awakening the Dragon Within.

In esoteric tradition Strigoi Vii often address each other as a form of recognition as sister (soror) or brother (frater) in correspondence, within Sanctums or at quabal. When saying hello the term “ave” is often used for hello.

Most Strigoi Vii have a frequency of energy known as a *Road*, which include *Councilors (Kitra)*, *Warriors (Mradu)* and *Priests (Ramkht)*. All Strigoi Vii have the traits of all three roads, however it is more often than not one road is dominant in an individual. Each individual has traits which interact with the Maiiah and the Subtle Reality in a different way. A few of us even have mixed traits of different roads, however most Strigoi Vii first initiate into a road. When three Strigoi Vii of different roads or taking the roles of different roads an energy fulcrum can be generated which can result in dramatically increased Will and

pranic energy. Thus **Ritual** is a powerful tool among the Strigoi Vii, ritual brings us together as a Family, builds a vortex and exercise of energy work, encourages creativity and is an expression of theatrical drama.

A common view amongst the Strigoi Vii are that deities are simply expressions of natural spiritual currents in the Maiiah and Subtle Reality, with human beliefs have charged with a mask of personality, human traits and ego. Since the Maiiah is generated by our Dragons so our consciousnesses can interact is it only perceived to be a linear path, when in fact it is relative. When a collective of people project in the same direction and use the same explanation with adding this mask, a god form of energy is born and thus you a god is created or recharged. God forms are thus expressions of mankind and our collective behavior then results in a deity or gives these currents a GodForm. We can interact with these energy forms, become empowered by them and in ritual and appease them with offerings to receive favors, support or focus.

The Strigoi Morte, are our disembodied brothers and sisters who exist in a completely subtle and spiritual form in the Astral. Strigoi Vii are lovers of flesh and all the wonders of life, the Strigoi Morte are in between incarnations or cannot or have chosen not to incarnate for various reasons. They can often join us in ritual and offer us their perspective, skill at energy manipulation and help us cross the Bridge Between Worlds, however it is our duty to provide prana for them in this disembodied state, as without a body in the Maiiah to generate prana, they cannot maintain their awakened state as well.

Since the Strigoi Vii are lovers of flesh, they indulge in the basic pleasures of the Maiiah such as celebration, culture, art, performance, literature, sex, love, dance, passion and success. This is not an excuse to run rampant, as over indulgence only results in overloading the senses. Balance is important and with these pleasures comes their opposites of pain, fear, anger, hatred, disappointment and suffering.

Our history and origins go deep in to the mists of the past, during the Shamanistic Aoen (which the Kheprians refer too as *Septu Annu*), when man accepted nature and the currents as it was. During the dawn of civilization and beginning to questioning the reality which we have forgotten how our higher selves created. At this time the bridge between the Maiiah and the Subtle worlds was easily crossed for the shamans, they experimented with various magicks. Soon we awakened our first Dragons through the modification of our subtle bodies (souls).

The basic social structure of the Strigoi Vii is a *household*, these covens vary in structure, interpretations of the core teachings and traditions, usually no larger than an inner circle of 13 members. Those who have not accepted or chosen to participate in a household are known as *ronin* or solitaires. The **Sanguinarium** is a word which is used to refer to the “Great Family” which is a network, community and movement of the Strigoi Vii. House Sahjaza presents the Sanctum of Elorath (S.O.E.) at <http://www.strigovii.org> and is a central meeting point, message board, athenaeum of articles, online store, images, links, news sections and offerings from the community. *Quabal* is a general term for a Strigoi Vii gathering and a *Sanctum* is a safe and holy place intended for celebration for the festivals and collectively crossing the bridge between worlds.

The Great Family (today referred to as the Sanguinarium) is a central truth of what we are, during Septu Annu we all experienced the same process of transformation and together through the Aoens we moved in cycles. This great spiritual Family binds and ties us together and we face all the same challenges but on a greater and deeper scale than most dayside families. Originally there was many temples during Septu Annu, now they are reforming upon a great awakening as the modern houses. Some of us were bound to

one or more temples and are mixed in their loyalties, these are known as the *Kithal*, who often become ronin.

Festivals are Strigoi Vii holidays, there are two main holidays recognized by the Strigoi Vii which are the *Endless Night Festival* (Halloween / Oct. 1st) and the *Dragon Festival* (Beltane, April 30th). These represent the transitions to the dayside and nightsides of the year as well as a celebration of the various aspects of our teachings. The minor festivals include the *Crimson Festival* (Valentines Day / Feb. 14th), the *Maiiah Festival* (the Summer Solstice / June 21st), the *Baste Festival* (Lamas, Aug. 1st) and the *Night of Immortal Stars* (Yule / Dec. 21st).



The *Bladed Ankh* is often used as the common symbol of the Strigoi Vii, with a specific ankh endorsed by the Synod known as the Strigoi Vii Ankh. Although cliché this symbol first used by the Ancient Egyptians was charged in the Maiiah to symbolize eternal life and was only used by kings and the gods. Many households have their own modified versions of this symbol, based on the original Legacy Ankh design by Master Metal Manipulator D'Drennan made in 1997.

The Strigoi Vii consider themselves members of the *Left Hand Path* (LHP) which focuses on an inner divinity and includes Bhuddism, Satanism, Quakerism, Taoism, Gnostic Christianity and Chaos magick, thus stating “Let my Will be done!” While the *Right Hand Path* (RHP) includes religions such as Catholicism, Islam, Wicca all of the religions which say “Let thy Will be Done!”

Ordeals are rites of passage and a regimented system of learning used by many Strigoi Vii families and individuals. The following is an example of descriptions endorsed by the Synod, which are as general an outline as possible.

Seekers are also known as “prospects” or “Prospectii” are individuals who are curious about the teachings of Strigoi Vii and actively show a vested interest by asking questions and often seeking out a mentor. They have no commitments and no formal initiations.

Initiates often referred to more formally as “Jahira” are those who have chosen to test the elementary Strigoi Vii teachings and explore their vampyre condition. Initiates are expected to be skeptics, always questioning, experimenting and challenging themselves. To formally consecrate their desire to test the path of Strigoi Vii they perform the Rite of Initiation, which involves consecrating a Strigoi Vii Ankh and their own journal known as a “grimioire” (similar to a witch’s Book of Shadows) and make the Oath of Initiation stating they wish to explore the path of Strigoi Vii.

Dedicants or more formally known as “Bellah” have moved beyond the elementary teachings and have chosen to formally state their dedication to apply and practice Strigoi Vii. Dedicants have gained experience in the techniques of a road, acknowledged the existence of their Dragon Within and are working on achieving the Twilight Condition. Traditionally Dedicants obtain, craft and bless their own ceremonial robes in the Rite of Dedication, overseen by an adept.

Adepts also known as “Calmae” have fully matured in their acceptance of their vampyric condition and completed mastery of the outer teachings. Calmae have achieved a balance of Twilight, have come to a

full recognition and acknowledgement of their Dragon Within and mastered the techniques of at least one road of *councilor (Kitra)*, *warrior (Mradu)* or *priest (Ramkht)*. Traditionally Calmae make and consecrate their own mask as a symbol of their higher self and are symbolized by a red stone in their sigil.

Magisters are the elders, role models and teachers of Strigoi Vii, including founders or the heads of major households, authors of prominent teachings which have been accepted by a vast majority of the community or even some Magisters have retired from sight all together to seek out their own agendas. They have achieved a mastery of the Outer Teachings and now study the Inner Teachings with the foundation of fully achieved the Twilight Condition and a full awakening of their Dragon Within. You will know a magister simply by their presence. There are various levels of initiation for Magisters including *MorRoi* (elders), *Kharrus* (ordained master of a road/caste), *Nomaj* (magus) and the Grande Magisters of *Dominus* (Magister Adept), *Azra* (Grande Magister) and *Impsissimus* (Grand Magister Templi). Nomaj, Dominus, Azra and Impsissimus are currently only taught by the Sahjaza. There are many other variations specific to various households. The Kheprian 7th, 8th & 9th degrees are equivalent of the Dominus, Azra and Impsissimus.

SANGUINARIUM HALOS

The Sanguinarium has minor geographic distinctions throughout the world known as “Halos”. These “Sanguinariums” are areas where there is Strigoi Vii or Kheprian activity. They are simply names to describe the geographic area and usually do not reflect any form of organization or hierarchy. Each Halo is named according to a geographic feature, specific personality trait of the area or a piece of local history.

Europe

Xion: Netherlands & Flanders.

Thrumanti: Ruhr area of Western Germany including Bochum, Dortmund, Cologne, Essen, etc.

Albion: the United Kingdom.

Black Forest: Southern Germany (not including Bavaria).

North America

Gotham: New York City & Westchester.

Nevar: Philadelphia geographic area and northern Maryland.

The Barrens: Long Island, New York State.

Angel: the Los Angeles metro area.

Morte: New Orleans and vicinity.

Larash: Southern New Jersey.

THE BLACK VEIL v2.0

Revision by Michelle Belanger. Forward by Father Sebastian

The Black Veil is a code of ethics written for the Sanguinarium movement and has been adopted by many individuals, households and organizations within the vampyre/vampire community. Originally it was written in 1997 by Father Sebastian of House Sahjaza as a code of conduct for patrons of the vampyre haven Long Black Veil in New York City.

PLEASE NOTE: The Black Veil and the Strigoi Vii Covenant are two separate and compatible documents. The Covenant specifically pertains to those who wish to adhere to the traditions of Strigoi Vii as defined in "V."

The original edition of the Black Veil, now referred to as V.01 was inspired by Renaissance Fair etiquette and from the codes of conduct in the BDSM / fetish scene. Undoubtedly with the influence of Vampire: the Masquerade as the only set of "terms" being used in the community at the time, there was some similarities. However over the years as the vampyre community evolved those influences were worked out.

It was then amended by Lady Melanie in 1998 and 1999. The Black Veil has been since revised and evolved by Michelle Belanger of House Kheperu with input and suggestions by the greater vampyre/vampire subculture. In March 2000 COVICA, a council of collected elders from different traditions revised the Black Veil 1.0. It was then at the BV gained popularity and was translated in to Portuguese, German and Spanish. Although not indented it was also distributed as the "13 Rules of the Community."

Now in late 2002 Michelle Belanger, with the input of Father Sebastian and others, presents the BV 2.0 as a philosophy and tradition of ethics, not rules. This code is voluntary and is meant only to set an example for, not dictate or govern the scene. This updated and simplified version of the Black Veil is NOT a set of laws or rules and is no longer the "13 rules of the community," but was written as an example set of ethics and ideas. It is your individual or group's choice to adopt the Black Veil. This document may be printed out for personal or non-commercial or community use, only if proper credit and no alternations to the original text are made. Amendments for each household, court or community made be freely added as long as the original text is not altered. Please respect those who have brought the Veil to you.

I. DISCRETION

Respect yourself and present yourself so that others also respect you. Take care in who you reveal yourself to. Explain what you are, not to shock, but to teach and to inform. Do not flaunt what you are, and know that whether you want them to or not, your actions will reflect upon the rest of the community. Share your nature only with those with the wisdom to understand and accept it, and learn to recognize these people.

II. DIVERSITY

Among us, there are many different practices and many points of view. No single one of us has all the answers to who and what we are. Respect each person's individual choices and beliefs. Learn about them and share what you know. Our diversity is our strength, and we should not allow misunderstanding to weaken our community. Find the path that is right for you and uphold

this freedom for others.

III. CONTROL

Do not allow your darkness to consume you. You are more than just your hunger, and you can exercise conscious control. Do not be reckless. Always act with a mind toward safety. Never feed because you think this makes you powerful; feed because this is what you must do. Be true to your nature, but never use it as an excuse to endanger those around you.

IV. ELDERS

Give respect to those who have earned it. Anyone can claim a title, but a true leader will prove him or herself through dedication, hard work, and great deeds. Even so, leaders should be guides and not dictators. Look to them as examples, but always decide for yourself what you must do. Respect the person, not the position, and understand that your choices are always your own.

V. BEHAVIOR

Know that there are repercussions to every action, and that you alone are responsible for your decisions. Educate yourself about risky behaviors, then always act with wisdom and common sense. Do not allow others to abuse you, but also, do not selfishly abuse. Respect the rights of others and treat them as you would be treated.

VI. DONORS

Feeding should occur between consenting adults. Allow donors to make an informed decision before they give of themselves to you. Do not take rapaciously from others, but seek to have an exchange that is pleasant and beneficial for all. Respect the life that you feed upon and do not abuse those who provide for you.

VII. COMMUNITY

Reach out to others in your community. Exchange ideas, information, and support. Be hospitable to others, and appreciate hospitality when it is extended to you. Do not engage in illegal activity, for this can endanger us all. Seek to nurture our community and support all those who do the same.