



THE SATANIC TEMPLE MINISTRY

ORDINATION PROGRAM STUDY GUIDE

The Satanic Temple has launched the Ordination Program as a way to recognize qualified members who have demonstrated a deep and passionate understanding of the beliefs, values, and goals of our church and a connection to our community. Becoming an ordained Minister of Satan represents a commitment to developing a personal Satanic philosophy, a promise to model the Seven Tenets in thought and action, and a dedication to the well-being of our community.

The Ordination Program includes online coursework that is divided into ten lessons and a final exam. The curriculum is designed to ensure that our ordained Ministers share a common baseline understanding of the history and philosophy of Satanism, as well as the history and philosophy of The Satanic Temple and where it fits into the broader framework of modern Satanism as a diverse, worldwide religion.

For student who would like to take the coursework and learn the material, but who are ineligible or are not interested in becoming ordained ministers, The Satanic Temple also offers a "Non-Ordination Track" option. Students who register for this option will be able to go through the online course section of the program, but will not be able to complete the process to become ordained Ministers of Satan.

Whether you plan to register as a candidate for ordination, or sign up as a non-ordination seeking student, you may want to prepare before you start the program. All of the information you need to pass the quizzes and final exam are contained within the lectures and readings of the online course; however, there is a lot of material to absorb.

This study guide provides a list of names, terms, and texts that appear in each lesson of the Ordination Program. Some of the texts listed here are worth reading, while others you should simply be aware of. The recommended way for you to use this study guide is to simply make sure you have a general idea of who the people are and what the terms are connected to. That will make it easier for you to absorb the information later, when you are going through the course and watching or listening to the lesson presentations.

If you have questions about The Satanic Temple Ministry or the ordination program, please visit <https://ordained.satanicministry.com>. If you have questions about this study guide, or questions not answered on the website, please contact the Ordination Council (ordination@thesatanictemple.com)

LESSON 1: WHAT IS SATANISM?

NAMES

- Aleister Crowley
- Anton Szandor LaVey
- Denis Diderot
- Isaac Newton
- Jean-Jacques Rousseau
- John Locke
- Lucien Greaves
- Penny Lane
- Thomas Hobbes
- Voltaire

TERMS

- Equality under law
- European Enlightenment
- European Renaissance
- European Scientific Revolution
- Imperialism
- Liberty
- Natural rights
- Pluralism
- The Industrial Revolution
- “The personal is political”

TEXTS WORTH READING

- *Hail Satan?* (film) directed by Penny Lane
- *The Devil's Party* by Jesper Aagaard Petersen and Per Faxneld
- *The Satanic Bible* by Anton Szandor LaVey

TEXTS TO BE AWARE OF

- *Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen*
- *Second Treatise Concerning Civil Government* by John Locke
- *The Social Contract* by Jean-Jacques Rousseau

LESSON 2: HERETICS, OUTGROUPS, AND WITCH HUNTS

NAMES

- Emperor Nero
- Tacitus

TERMS

- Cathars
- Edict of Milan
- Family daycare centers
- Malleus Maleficarum
- Pizzagate
- Scapegoats
- Summis desiderantes affectibus
- The Illuminati
- The Protocols of the Elders of Zion
- Treaty of Westphalia
- Waldensians
- Witch hunts

TEXTS WORTH READING

- *Malleus Maleficarum: The Hammer of Witches* by Heinrich Kramer and Jakob Sprenger
- “Witch Trials” by Peter T. Leeson and Jacob W. Russ
https://www.peterleeson.com/Witch_Trials.pdf

TEXTS TO BE AWARE OF

- *The Invention of Satanism* by Asbjorn Dyrendal, James R. Lewis, and Jesper Aagaard Petersen

LESSON 3: ENLIGHTENMENT, SCIENCE, AND DEMOCRACY

NAMES

- Galileo Galilei
- Isaac Newton
- John Stewart Mill
- Karl Popper
- Nicolaus Copernicus
- Tycho Brahe

TERMS

- 5th Tenet of The Satanic Temple
- Copernican revolution
- Demarcation
- Dialogue Concerning Two Chief World Systems
- Falsifiability
- Free marketplace of ideas
- Free speech
- Grey Faction
- Heliocentric model of the universe
- National Science Foundation (NSF)
- Peer review
- Pre-revolutionary science
- Primary goals of science
- Pseudoscience
- Responsiveness to criticism
- Systematic Bias
- Unpopular research banning

TEXTS TO BE AWARE OF

- *On the Revolution of the Heavenly Orbs* by Nicolaus Copernicus
- *Science as Social Knowledge* by Helen Longino
- *Killing Time: The Autobiography of Paul Feyerabend* by Paul Feyerabend

LESSON 4: THE LIFE OF SATAN

NAMES

- Ahura Mazda
- Anatole France
- Charles Baudelaire
- Iblis
- John Milton
- Lucifer
- Mara
- Nero
- Satan
- William Blake

TERMS

- Esoteric Satanism
- Hasidic Judaism
- Kabbalah
- Rationalist Satanism
- Reactive Satanism
- Talmud
- “Victory is a spirit”
- Zoroastrianism

TEXTS WORTH READING

- *Les Fleurs du Mal* (“The Flowers of Evil”) by Charles Baudelaire
- *Paradise Lost* by John Milton
- *Revolt of the Angels* by Anatole France
- *The Marriage of Heaven and Hell* by William Blake

TEXTS TO BE AWARE OF

- *The Bible*
 - Book of Genesis
 - Book of Job
 - Book of Isaiah
 - Book of Revelations
- *The Quran*

LESSON 5: CULTS AND THEOCRACIES

(This material will be added later)

LESSON 6: MODERN SATANISM

NAMES

- Aleister Crowley
- Anton Szandor LaVey
- Ayn Rand
- Baphomet
- Éliphas Lévi
- Étienne Guibourg
- La Voisin (Catherine Deshayes)
- Mary Ann MacLean
- Michael Aquino
- Ragnar Redbeard
- Robert de Grimston

TERMS

- Affair of the Poisons
- Chambre Ardente
- Church of Satan
- Classical Satanism
- Contemporary Satanism
- Ordo Templi Orientis (O.T.O.)
- Process Church of the Final Judgment
- Proto-Satanism
- Sex Magick
- Temple of Set
- Thelema
- Xeper

TEXTS WORTH READING

- *The Affair of the Poisons* by Anne Somerset
- *The Book of the Law* by Aleister Crowley
- *The Satanic Bible* by Anton Szandor LaVey

TEXTS TO BE AWARE OF

- *Dogma and Ritual of High Magic* by Éliphas Lévi
- *Geography of Witchcraft* by Montague Summers
- *The Temple of Set* (2 volumes), by Michael Aquino

LESSON 7: CULTURE WAR, VIOLENCE, AND THE UNDOING

NAMES

- Rev. Billy Graham
- Rev. Franklin Graham
- Pat Robertson
- Randy Forbes
- Sen. Joseph McCarthy
- Steven Pinker

TERMS

- Alt-right
- American Coalition of Life Activists
- Army of God
- “Civilizing Process”
- Cold War
- Conversionism/being “born again”
- Counter-Enlightenment
- Ethnonationalism
- Evangelical Christianity
- Feminism
- Great Awakenings
- Nuremberg Files
- Planned Parenthood v. Casey
- “Progress”
- Project Blitz
- Roe v. Wade
- Romantic nationalism
- Seneca Falls Convention
- Stonewall Riots
- “The Undoing”
- United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UNUDHR)

TEXTS WORTH READING

- *The Better Angels of Our Nature* by Steven Pinker

TEXTS TO BE AWARE OF

- *On Crimes and Punishments*, Cesare Beccaria

LESSON 8: THE SATANIC PANIC

NAMES

- Debbie Nathan and Michael Snedeker
- Dr. Bennet Braun
- Dr. Cory Hammond
- Flora Rheta Schreiber
- Kee MacFarlane
- Nadean Cool
- Patricia Burgus
- Piper & Merskey

TERMS

- Believe the Children movement
- Diagnostic Statistical Manual (DSM IV)
- Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID)
- Greenbaum Speech
- Grey Faction
- International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation (ISSTD)
- McMartin Preschool
- Satanic Panic

TEXTS WORTH READING

- *Indictment* (film) produced by HBO
- *Michelle Remembers* by Lawrence Pazder and Michelle Smith
- *Satan's Silence* by Debbie Nathan and Michael Snedeker

TEXTS TO BE AWARE OF

- *Sybil* by Flora Rheta Shreiber

LESSON 9: THE SATANIC TEMPLE

NAMES

- Lucien Greaves
- Malcolm Jarry
- Senator Stanley Jason Rapert

TERMS

- After School Satan Club
- Belle Plaine Veterans' Monument
- Blasphemy
- Campaigns
- Chapters
- Executive Ministry (EM)
- "Friends of" Groups (FoGs)
- Grey Faction
- International Council (IC)
- Media Liaisons
- Non-theistic religion
- Ordination Council
- Pink Mass
- Protect Children Project
- Religious Reproductive Rights
- Seven Tenets
- Suryan Council (SurCo)
- Westboro Baptist Church

TEXTS WORTH READING

- *Speak of the Devil* by Joe Laycock
- "About Us" section of TST's website: <https://thesatanictemple.com/pages/about-us>
- Seven Fundamental Tenets: <https://thesatanictemple.com/blogs/the-satanic-temple-tenets/there-are-seven-fundamental-tenets>

LESSON 10: SATANIC MINISTRY

TERMS

- Accessibility needs
- Black Mass
- boundaries
- Celebrant
- Consent / ongoing consent
- Counseling
- De-escalation
- Destruction Ritual
- Fire safety
- Non-authoritarian leadership
- Pastor
- Religious trauma
- Sacred vs mundane
- Satanic Community
- Satanic Ritual
- Self-care
- Theology
- Toxic behavior
- TST Code of Conduct
- Venue / event space
- Voluntary participation / opt-out
- Wedding ceremonies

TEXTS WORTH READING

- TST's Ordination Standards:
<https://ordained.satanicministry.com/pages/standards>
- TST's Ordination FAQ:
<https://ordained.satanicministry.com/pages/faq>
- TST's Member Code of Conduct:
<https://ordained.satanicministry.com/pages/code-of-conduct>