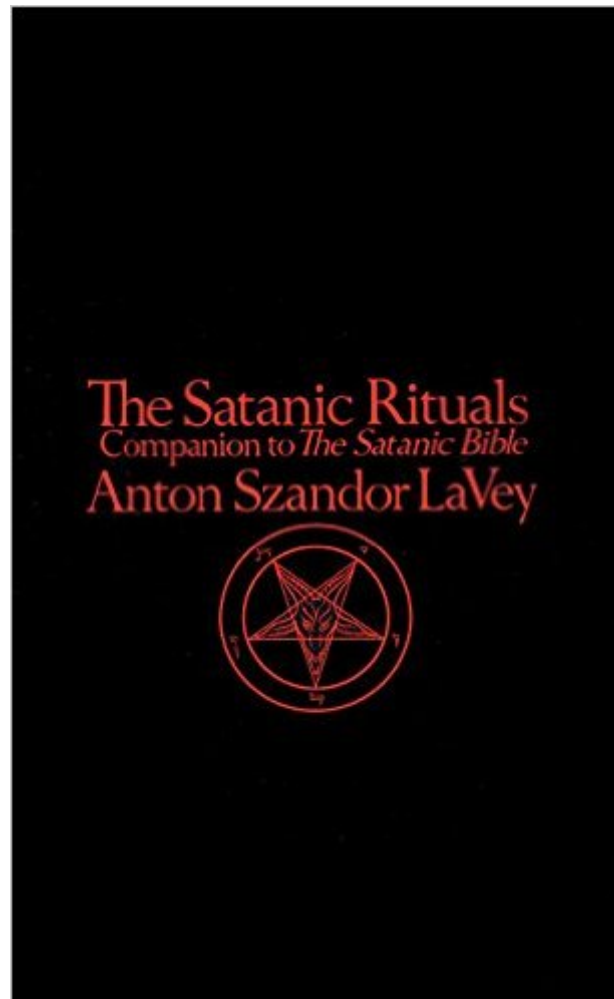


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# The Satanic Rituals: Companion To The Satanic Bible



## Synopsis

The Satanic Bible was written by Anton LaVey in 1969. It is a collection of essays, observations and basic Satanic rituals, and outlines LaVey's Satanic ideology. It contains the core principles of LaVeyan Satanism and is considered the foundation of the philosophy and dogma that constitute Satanism.

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transcends mundane conventions of truth and falsehood. A person who applies the principles in the book by actually performing the rituals and ceremonies will discover that they \*work\*. Should he discover the factual flaws in the essays and texts, he will be somewhat confused as to \*why\* they work. Only then will he begin to realize the truth underlying the art and science of magic: that the powers to create and to define are \*functions of the will\*.

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