

## TST Seattle Unbaptism Ritual

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U = Unbaptizee

C = Clergy

A = Assistant

### START RITUAL

[A leads Clergy and Unbaptizees onto stage or ritual space. Chapter gathers in a circle around C's, U's, and a fire or brazier. Chapter members hold candles. Candles are lit counter-clockwise around the circle.]

[A rings bell or strikes gong]

C1: "Ave Satanas. Let us begin."

C2: "Oh Satan,  
Beneficent One,  
Seat of knowledge and power,  
Indulger of Desires  
And Great Rebel of old,  
Let us become as you are in myth and legend:  
Radiant as the sun  
Yet black as a moonless night,  
That we may live as we desire,  
Free from tyranny and arbitrary law,  
Free from superstition and mental chains,  
Guided by empathy, compassion and reason  
To undertake noble pursuits guided by our own individual will."

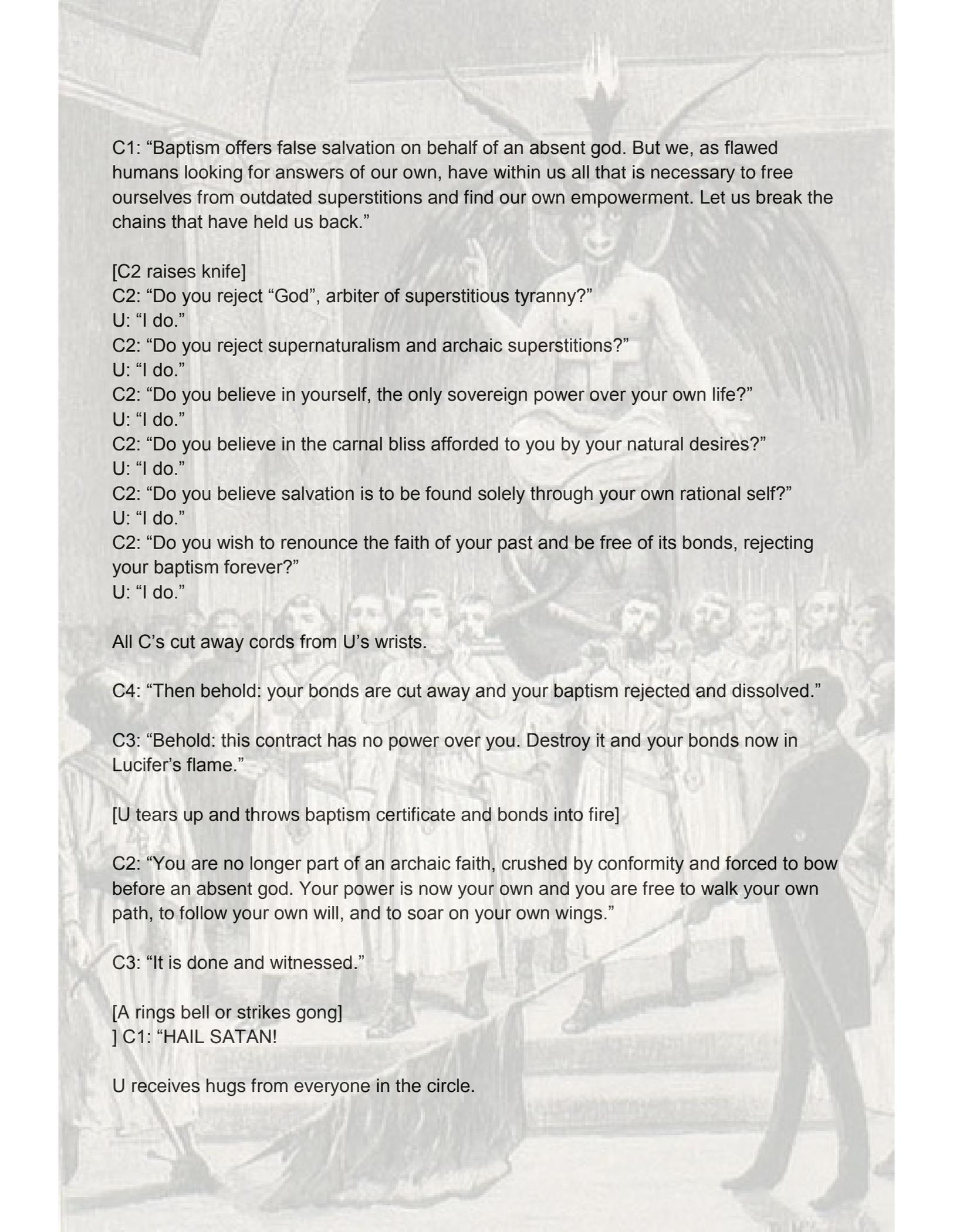
[C3 brandishes baptism certificate at U]

C3: "Behold the contract that has clipped your wings and bound your freedom."

All C's wrap cords around the wrists of the U's.

C4: "These bindings represents your baptism and bondage to the misguided faith that would shackle your understanding, growth and freedom. You may make your personal declarations at this time."

U's, one by one: [Make personal declaration about baptism (optional)]



C1: "Baptism offers false salvation on behalf of an absent god. But we, as flawed humans looking for answers of our own, have within us all that is necessary to free ourselves from outdated superstitions and find our own empowerment. Let us break the chains that have held us back."

[C2 raises knife]

C2: "Do you reject "God", arbiter of superstitious tyranny?"

U: "I do."

C2: "Do you reject supernaturalism and archaic superstitions?"

U: "I do."

C2: "Do you believe in yourself, the only sovereign power over your own life?"

U: "I do."

C2: "Do you believe in the carnal bliss afforded to you by your natural desires?"

U: "I do."

C2: "Do you believe salvation is to be found solely through your own rational self?"

U: "I do."

C2: "Do you wish to renounce the faith of your past and be free of its bonds, rejecting your baptism forever?"

U: "I do."

All C's cut away cords from U's wrists.

C4: "Then behold: your bonds are cut away and your baptism rejected and dissolved."

C3: "Behold: this contract has no power over you. Destroy it and your bonds now in Lucifer's flame."

[U tears up and throws baptism certificate and bonds into fire]

C2: "You are no longer part of an archaic faith, crushed by conformity and forced to bow before an absent god. Your power is now your own and you are free to walk your own path, to follow your own will, and to soar on your own wings."

C3: "It is done and witnessed."

[A rings bell or strikes gong]

] C1: "HAIL SATAN!"

U receives hugs from everyone in the circle.

END RITUAL.

Clergy sign and distribute Unbaptism certificates.

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**Materials needed:**

- baptism certificates or stand-ins
  - easily cut cord
  - knives to cut cord
  - fire or bowl to collect destroyed certificates for later burning
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**TEXT FOR BAPTISM CERTIFICATES**

*Baptism certificate stand-in text (this certificate should be filled in and used when Unbaptizee doesn't already have a baptism certificate):*

This certifies that \_\_\_\_\_ [name] was baptized into the \_\_\_\_\_ [religious sect] faith in or around \_\_\_\_\_ [year].

