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**Crowley Shown As Man,
Mage, Poet; Not Beast**

Aleister Crowley, by Charles Richard Cammell. Published by University Books, New Hyde Park, N.Y. \$6.

Between most of us and Aleister Crowley stands the vicious legend of him as the "great beast."

Even now, 15 years after his death, there are three paperbacks in print which repeat all the old stories and lies.

Why all this contumely against him? It is clear that the three things for which he was the most hated are his unabashed sexual prowess, his practice of ceremonial magic and his extremely effective denunciation of Christian churches.

This quiet and unargumentative biography by a fellow-poet, presents Crowley as man, mage and poet with a bibliographical list of his published and private works, which appeared under 75 pseudonyms.