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### Introduction

The Contacts of the Adepts is a book that will hopefully act as a springboard for those who have spent a great deal of time learning, doing and exploring the inner realms and ritual magical patterns. This book holds more visions that the other two books, because this phase of a magical life is more about doing inner work in vision and visionary ritual/magical actions, than learning or practising. It was very difficult to decide what should actually go into this book, not because of censorship, but because there is just so much material, so many directions and so many contacts out there: the book would be too large and would be like working with a feral teenager. I have chosen areas of work that need the most attention and focused upon the most active contacts within those subject areas. You will notice, once you get to the end of the book, that the different areas of magic and the various contacts within the visions interconnect and interweave: in truth, they are all of one another.

I have approached certain key elements of the inner realms from various different angles within the book, giving you a chance to have a much more in-depth understanding of important patterns and contacts within the inner realms. For example, in the book there are various different visions and contacts that bring the practitioner into contact with the Metatron Cube, a key pattern of consciousness within the inner realms, and something that truly needs to be understood if you really want to work magically at any depth. By approaching it this way, you begin to see how different roads often lead to the same place, and that which road you approach it from dictates how it will present and interact with you.

Working at an adept level means working in depth in the Inner Worlds and bringing that work out into the physical world through ritual, utterance and focused thought. The rituals become less and less elaborate and more powerful in their action, with a simple ritual bringing deep and lasting change into the world. Because the power levels become so intense, the adept has to be a clear and focused window, through which ancient consciousness can flow without the interference of agenda, dogma and limited emotive intelligence.

To achieve this level of mediation, the adept needs to have worked in all the worlds, learned about the beings and about themselves. The learning about yourself is key to success in magical work: the ancient saying of "man, know thyself" never ages and fits a great deal of wisdom into three words. To truly know your weaknesses and be willing to confront them, to challenge yourself and be able to make yourself do the right thing, and be as unselfish as possible, is the real key to magical success. The reason for this is not psychological, it is plain common sense: if you know what your weaknesses are and address them, then powerful destructive beings cannot get a true hold on you and destroy you.

The other major step that brings a magician to adeptship is truly absorbing the Mysteries of death-in-life. To work in death, to walk through death and be totally at home in that realm with no fear, brings a human into direct contact with the deeper eternal side of themselves. The fear of death falls away and the true understanding of how the cycles work emerge into the daily consciousness of the person. The knowledge of who you really are, and what you bring into the manifest world filters through into your everyday consciousness, enabling you to mature beyond being a student into being a worker.

Similarly the work in the Inner Desert brings us to the foot of Divine Consciousness without all the religious dressing. We experience Divinity as a power, and the structure of life for what it is. That enables us to work with those powers as coworkers and not as religious devotees who are dependant upon the whims of deities and the traps of religious dogmas. Divinity is constantly renewing itself and we are a part of that process. Whether we are an active participant in that process or a passive pawn depends upon whether we are willing to pick up the spade and start shovelling rather than standing before the pile of shit and praying for someone else to do it for us. All of these things turn a neophyte into an adept, not exams, studying texts and wearing fancy robes. Magic is real life, not dressing up and playing fantasy games, and when we finally realize that, we step forward into a world that is beyond anything we could have dreamed of. That is the step of the Adept.

With the net, the gift of Anu, held close to his side, he himself raised up IMHULLU the atrocious wind, the tempest, the whirlwind, the hurricane, the wind of four and the wind of seven, the tumid wind worst of all.

— The magical battle between Marduk and Tiamat.