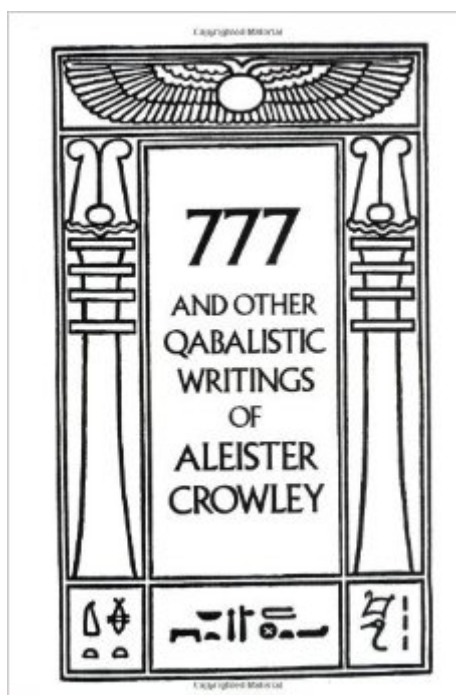


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Customer Reviews

Let me start this review off with a disclaimer: I'm not a huge fan of Aleister Crowley. Crowley was a colossal egotist who brought disharmony and conflict everywhere that he went, who was despised by nearly everybody who knew him well, and whose reputation was only later rehabilitated by associates who were reaping a financial profit from Crowley's collected writings; Crowley was a drug addict, with all of the chaos and upheavals that this lifestyle brings into a person's life, and despite Crowley's pontification about the will he ultimately surrendered his own will to the dread god Opium; Crowley took serious and irrevocable oaths to several Occult orders, seldom staying long enough to be fully initiated into their higher mysteries, and repeatedly violating these solemn oaths by publishing whatever secrets happened to be entrusted to him; Crowley was a charlatan and a fraud, the kind of person who would fake a mountaineering expedition in Mexico in order to bilk his backers out of their sponsorship money, as he was once caught red-handed doing by a Mexican newspaper... it just makes you doubt the veracity of Crowley's prophecies, particularly prophecies in which Crowley was to be the sole voice of authority, and especially considering that this status provided Crowley with a meager trickle of income for the remaining days of his miserable life. Crowley simply was not credible as a prophet or as a supposedly "enlightened" human being. This

is not a man that I would emulate spiritually, certainly not somebody that I would turn to for advice or guidance, and probably not somebody that I would even want to know or be associated with.

After at least a full year of immersing myself into Crowley's magick and occult studies, I continue to find myself coming back to this book. When I first got the book, I tried reading it and to make heads or tails of what I was reading, but to no avail, so I put the book down until a spark of light drew me closer to understanding. I remembered at one point reading in 'The Eye in the Triangle', a biography written by apprentice Israel Regardie, mentioning Crowley's fascination with mystery novels. I am not a big fan of mystery novels, but I decided to take one up (Robert B. Parker's Godwulf Manuscript for the curious), and it struck me at that point that it seemed to make sense that Crowley enjoyed these kinds of books as they are so evident in his own writing. This is the point of view in which I decided to understand Crowley - that is, to understand his work as a mystery waiting to be solved. You are the detective and you must put the pieces together. All the information is in front of you, but you must understand, interpret, infer, and join various bits of information to gain the whole picture. 777 and Other Qabalistic Writings is just that - a string of puzzle pieces that are shaken up in the box, and it's up to you to put the work into it to make the connection. Crowley is not one for spoonfeeding information and this book certainly demonstrates this by having to understand numbers, symbolically and mathematically - how they relate to the Hebrew and Greek alphabet, tree of life, Chinese and Indian philosophy, and the universe: micro and macrocosm, and of course algebraic and trigonometric formulations. With this information that is put into a uniform system of systems. A good rule of thumb to keep in mind when studying (vs. reading), is that every sentence counts.

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