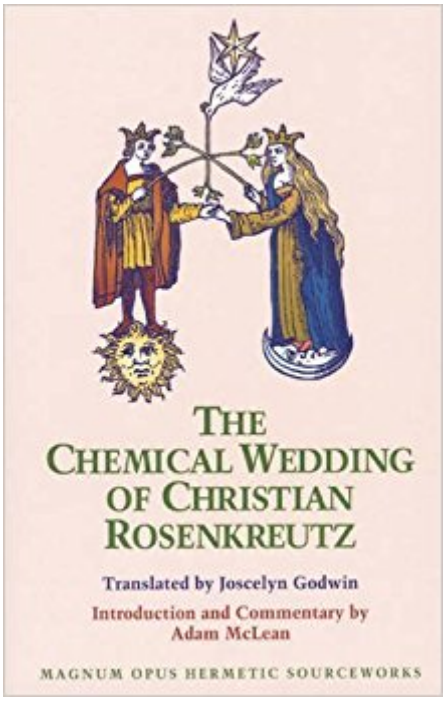
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Synopsis

The Chemical Wedding of Christian Rosenkreutz, often looked upon as the third Rosicrucian manifesto, has an entirely different tone from the other Rosicrucian documents. Unlike the Rosicrucian manifestoes, which address the transformation of society, The Chemical Wedding is concerned with the inner transformation of the soul. It is a deeply interior work, one which asks the reader to step into its world of symbols and walk with Christian Rosenkreutz along his path of transformation. Despite its importance as a key text of the Western esoteric traditions, this is the first ever contemporary English translation of The Chemical Wedding, made especially for this edition by Joscelyn Godwin. Also included in this edition is an introduction and commentary by Adam McLean, which illuminates the transformative symbolism.

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Customer Reviews

Text: English (translation) Original Language: German --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

There are some free versions of older translations available on the web, but I found these dense, archaic and difficult to read. But this very plain translation is extremely clear and makes the text read like a modern piece. In fact, after my first reading I felt like I had discovered an obscure Italo Calvino novel, and I was very impressed. The characters are engaging, the imagery stark and

lovely, in all ways this is a real surprise given that it's a 17th century German alchemical tract. A certain amount of background in esoteric and alchemical literature will help you along here, but the accompanying interpretative text at the end is informative. The scholar here is very good at keeping the reading closely anchored to the structure and the spirit of the piece, avoiding the common error in esoteric interpretation where a modern scholar imposes a pre-existent program on an antique source. I felt like I really got close to the original author's intent after reading the whole book. So, the primary text is excellent, and the scholarly accompaniment is equally useful and pleasing. If you are an esoteric scholar or enthusiast, this edition is a must have.

When I was a teenager I used to correspond with Mr.McLean about the Great Work and its mysteries. His levity.com website was the most informative source of information of its kind that I could find in the late 90's. Now many years later, imagine my surprise when I was recommended a Magnus Opus edition of the Chymical Wedding!! I had always dreamed of owning a set of these books and had all but forgotten about them. Indeed these are the best books on these subjects I can find and I heartily recommend them to anyone one!

Very interesting book. Must have for anyone studying archaic/hidden knowledge. Story definitely seems to be an allegory, but its true meaning renains hidden.

I was very pleased to find this medevial writting and was very happy at the price and fast shipping, thank you very much.

Fascinating, adding to my knowledge and understanding of Alchemy albeit the fact that this was writtenin a story fashion, making it all the more interesting.. If you want to learn every facet ofthe mystery of Alchemy, this is a must read.

I purchased this book from a friend's recommendation and I am very pleased that I did. I found the rich symbolism very intriguing and the allegory is translated well as it reads smoothly. The tale moves along quickly and the visual images that arose from it's words were a fantastical treat, yet symbolizing real spiritual processes. It has been almost a year since I have first read it and I find that I keep the book very close as I fondly refer to it upon new spiritual discoveries of my own. It is a book that I will pass down to my children when they are ready for this magical journey of alchemical work.

The Alchemical Wedding is beautiful, but the commentary is extremely helpful in understanding the layers upon layers that are in this book. I learned a lot reading this.

Enjoyable read.Great commentary.I have given this work to several friends each time I do I need to reorder a copy for myself.

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