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OF THE
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A history of civilization shares the presumptuousness of every philosophical enterprise: it offers the ridiculous spectacle of a fragment expounding the whole. Like philosophy, such a venture has no rational excuse, and is at best but a brave stupidity; but let us hope that, like philosophy, it will always lure some rash spirits into its fatal depths.*

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GALACTIC EXODUS

CHRONICLES of AFTER-EARTH

Introduction:

C *ounterdance of the Cybergods*

is excerpted from an encompassing concept, the epic GALACTIC EXODUS; a history of humanity's most heroic and extensive search for new worlds to tame, inhabit, and exploit in the general quest for Earthian immortality. At the time of this publication, other parts of the multi-volume 'EXODUS' are in process of envisualization; transcription; and, unavoidably, reinterpretation. 'Counterdance' is the first episode to be completed.

Since the transcriber, as a product of his time and environment, is perceptually limited; and since the book is intended to lie within the intellectual grasp of its most ancient possible audience, the concepts presented here reflect the thinking and counter-thinking (and much of the non-thinking) typical of the 2nd century P.C. (pre-Contamination) – your early 21st century A.D.).

The complete history of the great Galactic Exodus extends over many thousands of years, beginning well beyond your present time. It was a natural enough and probably necessary historical occurrence, exacerbated, certainly, by your actions (as well as inaction) as major factors in the fate of your world. How madly and desperately, and how quickly it actually comes to pass depends on you – primarily on your rate of procreation and the suffering engendered by whatever shall be the means of its inevitable curtailment; but also on the pace of your ascent to global consciousness and to political and economic maturity (or *descent* into hopeless ignorance) over the course of the next century – or even the next few years.

The extra-solar adventure has continued well beyond the times described in this work; and we expect it shall never really cease. The history of the Second Galactic Exodus is, by far, the richest vein in our lore. To present it all, complete, would scarcely be possible. Even if it could be done, it would most certainly consume more than a single human Earth-life in its preparation. The intent of our Antiquarian Psyconglomerate at Eanpahta, therefore, is to highlight this future for you. The brief but significant moment portrayed in this volume will shine forever, even from behind its mask of tragedy, as one of tomorrow's very brightest.

Consider our future!

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