

The Big Inexplicable
Paravent Illusion
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On Saturday, 14 April 2012, Ed Atkins wrote:

Hi Isabella –

Afraid I don't have so much time to find something pertinent to the press-release. Nevertheless, there is this quote. From Aleister Crowley concerning language and magic. It's written parenthetically to the main text of the book, 'Magic in theory an practice' – almost throwaway – but seems to posit one of the more interesting definitions of magic – or 'magick' – being a 'disease of language'... somewhere between 'Abracadabra' and 'Sim Sala Bim' – and the esoterical belief in the power of poetry that Breton essayed.

[T]he whole subject of Magick is an example of Mythopoeia in that particular form called "Disease of Language". Thoth, God of Magick, was merely a man who invented writing, as his monuments declare clearly enough. "Grammarye", Magick, is only the Greek "Gramma". So also the old name of a Magical Ritual, "Grimoire", is merely a Grammar. It appeared marvellous to the vulgar that men should be able to communicate at a distance, and they began to attribute other powers, merely invented, to the people who were able to write. The Wand is then nothing but the pen; the Cup, the Inkpot; the Dagger, the knife for sharpening the pen; and the disk (Pantacle) is either the papyrus roll itself; or the weight which kept it in position, or the sandbox for soaking up the ink. And, of course, the Papyrus of Ani is only the Latin for toilet-paper.

Aleister CROWLEY, 'Magic in Theory and Practice'

– Hope you're having a lovely weekend.

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