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[The bulk of this issue consisted of a topic index of previous issues.]

[1] Beetle TraXs

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More than one reader has asked "Will 'Beetle TraXs' be a regular feature of the *Scroll*?", at the same time complimenting me for the column. Answer: More like an irregular feature, contrived to use up both leftover space and items from my mixture of mentionables (more or less) which get scrawled onto handy pieces of notepaper from time to time. The items are often direct quotes from correspondence - sometimes my own - or hurried capture of thoughts arising from articles I read or messages I intercept. I strive to achieve that profound state of mutual understanding with the reader that, when it occurs, states: "You and I are One!"

That [In]famous Test

One of my beloved siblings in Set called me several weeks ago, and we got to talking about "the Test" - not its content, but in a general way. He mentioned the **enormity** of it.

This is what I had to say: At first it did seem that way to me, too. Even though at Set-III I enthusiastically welcomed Magus Ronald K. Barrett's idea of a test to establish the worthiness of the Setian practitioner of magic, when I got my copy and hefted the weight of it, I said to someone, "This is going to be work," and I tried to put it aside.

The longer it stayed on hold, the heavier it seemed to get and the more horrendous I thought it would be. I groped for reasons not to do it at all, like: "Am I not being pushed into a mold, being made into an assembly-line magician according to someone else's pattern?"

That idea was short-lived, as I finally gave the test some attention. As I got into it, I realized more and more how very basic is the knowledge that the questions required me to find. I grew more and more ashamed of myself for having neglected great areas of information that are needed as the Magician's starting points. I am now thankful for the High Priest's insistence, delighted that I have shed my ignorance of many essentials, and at the logic and, yes, **fun** therein.

The test does not take away individuality at all. On the contrary, it is the point from which the Setian magician springs loose to develop his superior self, that telemic image just ahead, unlike any other.

[2] Return from the Sidelines

The Order of Set has been informed by the High Priest that Magister Michael A. Grumboski has been welcomed back to active status.

[3] III° Recognitions: Colleen Huddleston & Marie Kelly

Magus Ronald K. Barrett, High Priest, has announced the Coming Into Being of Colleen Huddleston and Marie Kelly as Priestesses of Set III°. Priestesses Huddleston and Kelly were Recognized March 20, XVII by Magister R. Ann DeCecco.

[4] Hail Sebek, One of the Nine!

Magus Ronald K. Barrett, High Priest, has announced the appointment of Priest Robert G. Brink to the Council of Nine. Confirmation has been given by the required number of incumbent Councillors. The seat was made vacant by the medical leave of Magistra Jinni Bast. The term of office is to 6/30/90.