

# ADAPA'S

## ASCENT

### THE FIRST STORY

*“GILGAMESH, WHERE ART THOU WANDERING?  
THOU WILT NOT FIND THE LIFE THOU SEEKEST  
- WHEN THE GODS THEY CREATED HUMANITY,  
DEATH WAS INSTILLED IN THE HUMAN SOUL.  
LIFE THEY KEPT FOR THEMSELVES”*

translated into  
**English Verse**

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- ADAPA -

Born of the Sea,  
O So Wise One,  
in ANU's Light  
Do You Live

- ADAPA -

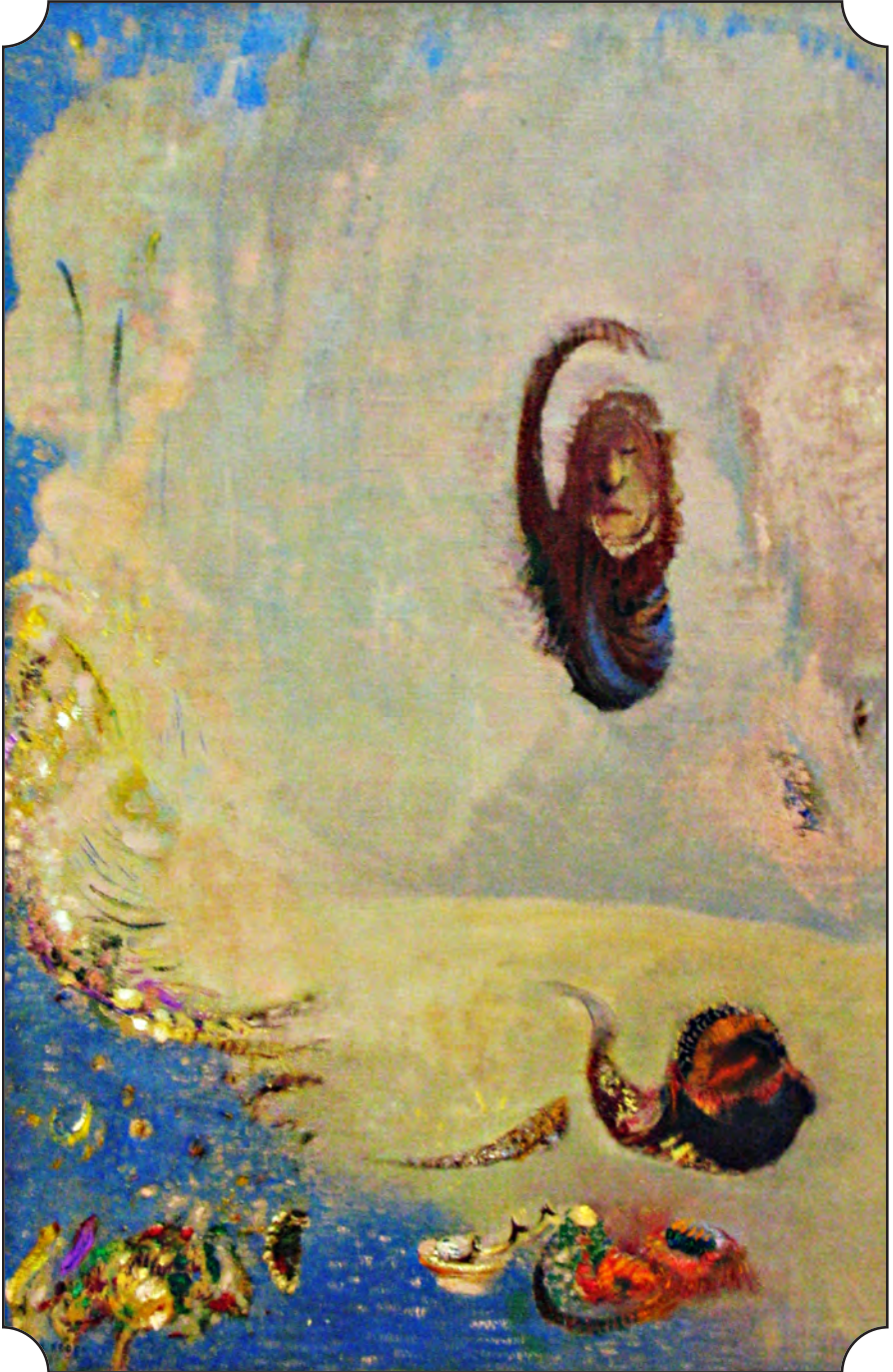
Flown to the Sky,  
O So Pure One,  
Eridu's Priest

A FISH

become

BIRD

*ADAPA, BORN OF THE SEA*



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*Prologue*  
*of*  
**Destiny**

*Prologue of Destiny*

*LET HIS WORDS  
be filled  
with  
Learning —*

*Let his Speech,  
like ANU's,  
with  
Power command*

*With Reason Great  
did **GOD** create  
him —*

*Revealing  
to humans  
the World's Design*

*To **him**  
did ANU  
Give His Wisdom —*

***but not** ETERNAL LIFE*

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*“WITH FATE NO MAN CAN INTERVENE”*

## II ADAPA of ERIDU

AND IN THOSE DAYS  
and years  
did ENKI  
make  
this  
Man  
of Eridu,  
*The Sage*,  
a Guardian  
of Mankind -

Speaking  
like a Prophet,

none will dare  
defy him

Adept  
and deep in  
Understanding,

like the Seven  
DEITIES  
is he -



*Pure in Heart*

*and*

*Clean of Hand,*

*Anointed is he*

*and*

*Observant of*

*Holy Acts*

With the cooks

he performs

his tasks

like a cook -

like a cook

of this town,

he prepares

the fare

ADAPA of ERIDU



Daily

he offers

oblations for

Eridu - serving

its congregation

With hands

unstained

he sets

the table,

without him

the altar

shall not

be cleared

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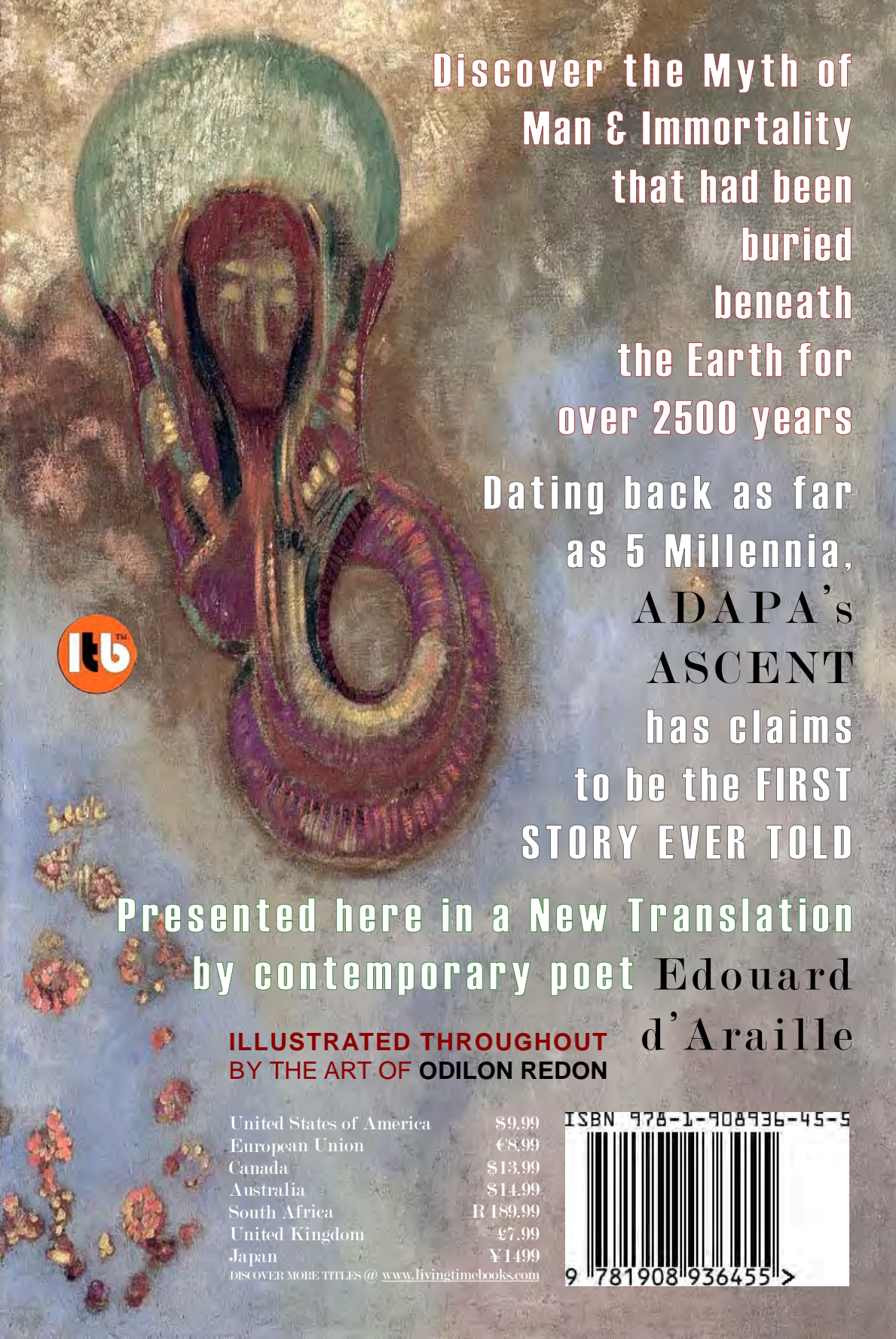
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