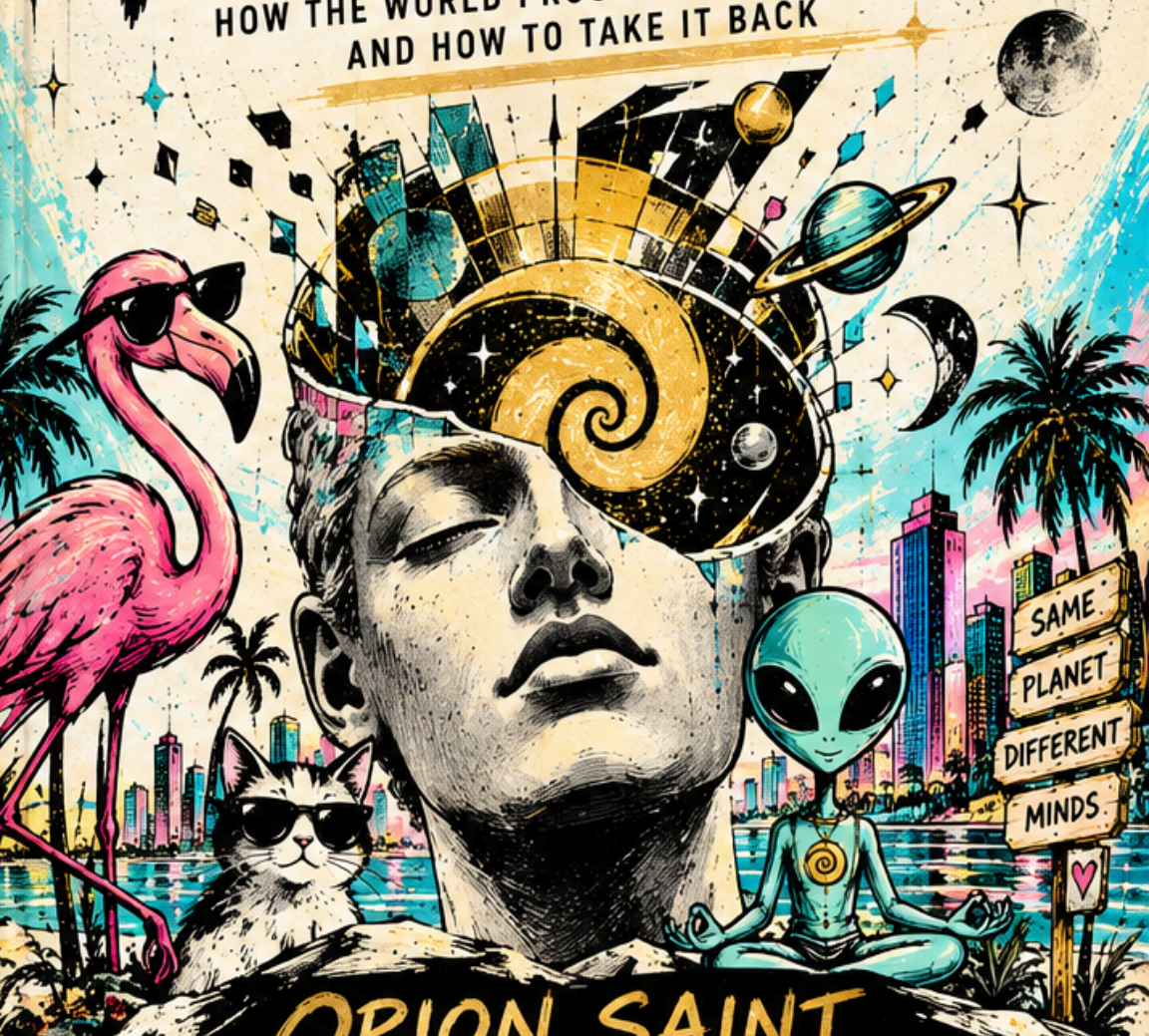
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A VISUAL AND PRACTICAL GUIDE TO
MANIPULATION, CONSCIOUSNESS AND A MORE CREATIVE LIFE

A NOTE TO THE READER

This book is an accessible philosophical exploration of influence, attention, stories, and independent judgment. “Mind viruses” and “breaking the code” are metaphors—not clinical diagnoses or claims that the mind contains hidden software. The historical discussion of Thracian and Orphic traditions distinguishes surviving evidence from contemporary interpretation.

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

Read slowly. Each chapter offers a question, an example, and an exercise. You can read the essays in sequence or return to the practice pages when you need them. The journal is a tool for reflection, not a test of purity or a promise of immunity from influence.

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