Record Nr. UNINA9910974021903321 Autore Asprem Egil Titolo Arguing with angels: Enochian magic and modern occulture / / Egil Asprem Pubbl/distr/stampa Albany, : SUNY Press, c2012 9781438441924 **ISBN** 1438441924 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (234 p.) Collana SUNY series in Western esoteric traditions Disciplina 133.4/309 Soggetti Enochian magic - History Occultism - History Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. pt. 1. Historical perspectives -- pt. 2. Major trends in Enochian magic. Nota di contenuto Sommario/riassunto This fascinating work explores John Dee's Enochian magic and the history of its reception. Dee (1527-1608/9), an accomplished natural philosopher and member of Queen Elizabeth I's court, was also an esoteric researcher whose diaries detail years of conversations with angels achieved with the aid of crystal-gazer Edward Kelley. His Enochian magic offers a method for contacting angels and demons based on secrets found in the apocryphal Book of Enoch. Examining this magical system from its Renaissance origins to present day occultism. Egil Asprem shows how the reception of Dee's magic is replete with

struggles to construct and negotiate authoritative interpretational frameworks for doing magic. Arguing with Angels offers a novel, nuanced approach to questions about how ritual magic has survived the advent of modernity and demonstrates the ways in which modern

culture has recreated magical discourse.