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Editor's Introduction to this volume.

Near the end of his life, Stuart Dodd realized that he had been less than successful in spreading his ideas to the academic community. He created a booklet with a couple of his articles and samples of many of his theories and articles. This booklet was reproduced in a limited number of copies in the fall of 1974, about 1 year before his death. Gus Jaccaci and Rendall Letham found a copy of this booklet among Dodd's papers in the 90s and made and distributed more copies.

I have cleaned up many of the tables and diagrams from the original booklet for this volume. I also added an early draft of some of the ideas from 1965. I have also included the introductory paper that I was collaborating with Dodd on at the time of his death. There have been some formatting changes consistent with incorporating all of the articles into this single volume. The system that I used for re-creating Dodd equations alters the line spacing sometimes. There is still variation in the some of the formatting and some redundancy in the diagrams and tables appended to the included articles. I wanted to keep all of them in their original form as much as possible.

Main sections of this document include:

1. Pan Acts Cosmos;
Stuart Dodd asked me to help him present his ideas to a wider audience. I co-wrote this paper with him.
2. Dimensions of Cosmos
Dodd wrote this paper in 1965 to introduce his theories at a conference of the General Systems Research Society that year at Berkeley.
3. Dimensions of Cosmos I: The Epicosm Model of the Material and Mental Universes
This paper was presented to International Congress of Cybernetics in London, England in August of 1969.
4. Dimensions of Cosmos II: The Reiterant Methodology in Pan-Acts Modeling.
This paper was not published or presented before the booklet was created in 1974.
5. Dimensions of Cosmos III: 64 Exhibits of the Pan-Acts Matrices Modeling Cosmos.
This paper was created in 1974 by taking 64 pages from various papers and organizing them according to the rows and columns of an 8 X 8 matrix based on Dodd's theories.

Keys to this Volume

There are several sections of this volume that will be of great assistance in penetrating the depth and complexity of Dr. Dodd's theories.

1. On page 208, you will find a glossary of terms that will help in understanding the text.
2. On page 234, there is an 8 X 8 matrix that organizes sample pages from Dodd's work.
3. On page 411, there is a matrix of page references for different disciplines.