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Robert A. Nelson
6130 W. Flamingo Road # 358
Las Vegas, NV 89103-2280

Dear Mr. Nelson:

I'm writing to introduce myself as one of the co-authors of the book, *The Lost Elements: The Periodic Table's Shadow Side* (Oxford University Press: New York, 2015).

As the only native English-speaking co-author of the book, I am writing to you on behalf of myself and my co-authors, Marco Fontani and Mariagrazia Costa, to make sure our thoughts are conveyed in as unified and clear a manner as possible.

We were deeply distressed to learn recently that certain passages from Part VII of *The Lost Elements* fail to appropriately cite your book *Adept Alchemy* (Rex Research: Jean, NV, 1998). My co-author, Marco Fontani, who authored Part VII of our book, has explained that in the course of his research he found the text of your book on a website and, when he could not locate any reference to an author or source, thought it acceptable to proceed as he did.

Marco now realizes that this was a mistake and he acknowledges the gravity of this error. Scholarly norms would require the use of quotation marks, identification of paraphrasing, and citing the source. For these errors, he sincerely apologizes.

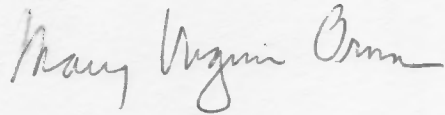
Mariagrazia Costa and I concur that this was not acceptable professional and scholarly practice, and we, together with Marco, apologize to you deeply and unreservedly for this. (We are also in the process of reviewing the entire text to make sure no similar mistakes might have been made elsewhere.)

Our publisher, Oxford University Press, has treated this matter with the utmost seriousness. Upon learning of this error Oxford immediately froze all existing stock and pulled electronic versions of *The Lost Elements* from availability. Additionally, Oxford intends to:

1. dispose of all existing stock of *The Lost Elements* in its warehouse;
2. reprint the book with proper quotation marks and attribution to your work, as follows: "(Robert Nelson, *Adept Alchemy* (Jean, NV: Rex Research 1998)"; and
3. correct and reissue the electronic versions of the book to include this proper use of quotation marks and attribution to your work.

We wanted you to be aware of these steps. Again, please accept our sincere apologies for this oversight and for any upset it has caused. And, if you have any questions, please let me know.

With very kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Virginia Orna". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Mary Virginia Orna
Cc: Jeremy Lewis