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Tracklist:

CD 1

01. Relapxych.00 - Pharmaceutic (Edit 1):	04:55
02. Senzar - The Red Water:	07:06
03. Electrynose - Eternal Sunset:	06:59
04. Ovnimoon - Magical Visions:	08:10
05. A-Kara - Evil Shamans:	08:42
06. Khooman - Dakhara:	10:40
07. Xerxes - One-Oh-Three:	06:54
08. A.I.A - Signals & Systems:	08:14
09. Grains of Sound - Meridian:	07:08
10. Chronos - Spiral Clouds:	09:30

CD 2

01. Unstable Elements - Escape (intro):	03:00
02. Capsula - Salvation:	08:07
03. Capsula - Salvation:	08:07
04. Kane and Echocide - Thoughtless:	07:20
05. Kick Bong - Vague à L'âme:	06:45
06. Dagas-Green Moss:	08:37
07. Zoe Wheelingz - Synthetic River:	05:20
08. Ovnimoon vs Dagas - Southern Wind:	09:33
09. Yestegan chaY - Unleaded:	07:08
10. Zoneotura - Unreal:	05:39
11. Unstable Elements - Seasons:	10:35

Extensive tranquil psychill compilation. Synthetic strains, soft washes and ambient textures laid out in delicate layers rippled with arpeggio patterns work in conjunction with a variety of relaxing downtempo beats. The sound is strongly electronic - there are a few embellishments - spoken voices, ethnic samples, female vocalising - but the main thrust of the sound is one of lush synthesiser tones, digital effects and attractive keyboard phrases. The album has quite a spacey approach in places, drifting and floatational rather than acidic or heavily tribal. At some points on the first disc the music becomes almost abstract - light freeform arrangements with fragile rhythms, touches of tone falling like gentle sunshine interwoven with subtle breezes of movement - very peaceful, transportational.

This latest presentation from Ajana Records comes as a two CD package - the first disc "contains tracks that are more atmospheric music, made for home listening ... while the second contains tracks that have a more uplifting style" more danceable. Many of the names appearing on the twenty one tracks here will be instantly familiar to chill fans - Capsula, Chronos, Kick Bong - others are newer upcoming artists. This is one for listeners that prefer something on the less beat driven end of the spectrum, certainly the chilled beats are there, lazily driving the music, but there is something of a late night sleepiness to this collection. In general the compositions are mid length - running up to around the ten minute mark.

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