

# C O N T E N T S

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The numbers refer to pages. Abbreviations: adj. - adjective, av. - adverb, aux. - auxiliary, intens. - intensifier, interrog. - interrogative, n. - noun, num. - numeral, pers. - personal, pl. - plural, pron. - pronoun, rel. - relative, sg. - singular, vb - verb.

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