

L Book Kabbalah

Inspiring, mystical, and often surprising Chassidic tales combine with teachings and favorite Jewish recipes to nourish body and soul. Stories and food have always been central to Jewish life, and in this book, they are uniquely tied together. Thirty-nine Chassidic tales, revolving around food and eating and accompanied by spiritual teachings, delve into the mysteries of the Kabbalah, the joy of the Chassidim, and the power of religious faith and acts of kindness (mitzvot). Sixty-three recipes highlight Kosher cooking and the special foods traditionally prepared for Shabbat and the major Jewish holidays, including such favorites as knishes, latkes, gefilte fish, brisket, kugel, bagels, and challah bread. Many of the recipes are suitable for children to learn to cook.

Meditative methods of Kabbalah. A lucid presentation of the meditative methods, mantras, mandalas and other devices used, as well as a penetrating interpretation of their significance in the light of contemporary meditative research.

For thousands of years, no book has been more shrouded in mystery than the Zohar, yet no book offers us greater wisdom. The central text of Kabbalah, the Zohar is a commentary on the Bible’s narratives, laws, and genealogies and a map of the spiritual landscape. In The Essential Zohar, the eminent kabbalist Rav P. S. Berg decodes its teachings on evil, redemption, human relationships, wealth and poverty, and other fundamental concerns from a practical, contemporary perspective. The Zohar and Kabbalah have traditionally been known as the world’s most esoteric sources of spiritual knowledge, but Rav Berg has dedicated his life to making this concentrated distillation of infinite wisdom available to people of all faiths so that we may use its principles to live each day in harmony with the divine.

We took upon ourselves at Simchat Chaim to reprint and redesign old books in an easily read form. These books are mainly in RASH"l font. The books are now available in STA"lM font (written in Torah font). It is known when one reads in torah fonts they comprehend the teachings better as it is brought down in the book DARCHEI SEDECH siman 19. If someone can and see and read the letter in KTAV STAM (TORAH LETTER FONTS) he will understand what he is learning this is brought down in the Ben Ish Chai in Seder HaYom, The CHID"lA, and other great rabbis. This book has over 500 secrets of Kabbalah regarding the pesukim in the torah and the prayers.

This is the first full-length, systematic study in English of Isaac Breuer, a founder of Agudat Israel, whose intellectual achievements reflected the world of Franz Rosenzweig and Martin Buber in an Orthodox mirror. It sheds light on an often neglected aspect of German Jewry’s last phase and reclaims Breuer as a paradigmatic figure in the Jewish encounter with modernity. This book tells the story of the mystical Jewish system known as Kabbalah, from its earliest origins until the present day. We trace Kabbalah’s development, from the second century visionaries who visited the divine realms and brought back tales of their glories and splendours, through the unexpected arrival of a book in Spain that appeared to have lain unconcealed for over a thousand years, and on to the mystical city of Safed where souls could be read and the history of heaven was an open book. Kabbalah’s Christian counterpart, Cabala, emerged during the Renaissance, becoming allied to magic, alchemy and the occult sciences. A Kabbalistic heresy tore apart seventeenth century Jewish communities, while closer to our time Aleister Crowley hijacked it to proclaim ‘Do What Thou Wilt’. Kabbalah became fashionable in the late 1960s in the wake of the hippy counter-culture and with the approach of the new age, and enjoyed its share of fame, scandal and disrepute as the twenty first century approached. This concise, readable and thoughtful history of Kabbalah tells its story as it has never been told before. It demands no knowledge of Kabbalah, just an interest in asking the questions ‘why?’ and ‘how?’

Detective Dave and his crime-solving mother return to take on the religious establishment out West, as Mom traces the connection between a small-time preacher’s murder, some shady real estate promoters, the High Episcopal Church, and assorted fanatics

‘The Torah is both hidden and revealed ... there is a secret meaning to the holy Torah that is not written down explicitly or explained in it’ This selection offers a comprehensive survey of the ‘Kabbalah’, the body of writings in the Jewish mystical tradition. It features texts from a variety of literary forms, from the earliest biblical sources through to the early twentieth century, with a section on ‘practical kabbalistic knowledge and procedure’ to appeal to the modern market.

[Philosophy and Kabbalah](#)

[The Holy Kabbalah](#)

[Kabbalistic Essays on a Wide Array of Topics, Attributed to a Student of the Ramban](#)

[The Kabbalah](#)

[A Guide to Jewish Meditation: How to Increase Divine Awareness](#)

[The Kabbalistic Tradition](#)

[Letters of Light](#)

[Elijah Benamozegh and the Reconciliation of Western Thought and Jewish Esotericism](#)

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[The Kabbalah Unveiled : Containing the Following Books of the Zohar: 1. The Book of Concealed Mystery, 2: The Greater Holy Assembly, 3: The Lesser Holy Assembly](#)

The Mystic Quest explains the major ideas and concepts of Jewish mystical thought in a way that the general reader can clearly understand. Drawing upon his own extensive research as well as on the growing body of scholarly material on the subject, Dr. David Ariel, president of the Cleveland College of Jewish Studies, presents the extremely difficult and complex elements of Jewish mysticism in language that makes it accessible to the layperson. Jewish mysticism is as old as the Bible itself. It is a rich and subtle web of secret teachings and practices that has been part of Judaism since antiquity and has sought to keep the original spark of religious experience alive through the centuries. It is the relatively unknown, esoteric dimension of Judaism that has nourished a deep spiritual power within a tradition of law, ritual, and observance. A central element in Judaism, the “mystic quest” has shaped both Judaism and Jews throughout history, generating the kabbalistic tradition and Hasidism, which continue to thrive today. As Ariel says, "This book is concerned primarily with the development and meaning of the Kabbalah, the principal tradition of mystical Jewish thought." The Mystic Quest begins with an examination of the variety of phenomena known in different cultures as "mysticism." Ariel then located the Jewish mystical tradition within the context of Jewish history and traces its evolution throughout the ages. Jewish mystical theories about the hidden and revealed God, the feminine aspects of divinity, the mystical Torah, and the concepts of the soul and human destiny are then explored in detail. Finally, the author considers Hasidism and modern Jewish mystical thought, discussing the role of mysticism in contemporary Judaism. In language accessible to the beginner, yet sophisticated enough to captivate the advanced student, The Mystic Quest fills an important gap in our knowledge of mysticism by bringing a comprehensive and fresh understanding of the subject to a new generation of

- God, the Universe and Man, their essential unity and fundamental attributes as seen through the eyes of the Jewish esoteric tradtion - Includes charts and diagrammatic illustrations - To discover the deepest meaning of the Old testament is something that could have a most tonic and enlightening effect on the whole of Christian thought today; no clearer interpreters are to be found than the masters of the Kabbalah. - A reprint from Jacob Needleman's Penguin Metaphysical Library.

A masterful account of Iphas Lvi, one of the most celebrated Kabbalistic authors of all times. The influence Lvi exerted on such esoteric movement leaders as A.E. Waite; Madame Blavatsky; Papus; Aleister Crowley; Rudolf Steiner; Max Heindel; H. Spencer Lewis; Paul Foster Case and others is explored as well as remarkable insights into Lvi's life and times. A chapter is devoted to Masonic legend Albert Pike and analyzes Pike's classic Morals and Dogma revealing entire sections Pike took verbatim from the works of Lvi. This is a powerful and essential book by a respected Masonic and esoteric scholar.

Kabbalah has gained notoriety in recent years, thanks in large part to a publicity boost from celebrity adherents like Madonna. Yet the uninitiated may be surprised to learn that Jewish mysticism has been practiced for thousands of years. First published in 1929, The Holy Kabbalah is Arthur E. Waite’s guide to these esoteric teachings. Divided into twelve books, with five appendices and a detailed index, this heavily researched volume traces the origins of Kabbalah and examines its influence (if any) on astrology, alchemy, and freemasonry. Including a close look at Kabbalistic literature, and sections on the Zohar and the Ten Sephiroth, this volume will serve as an excellent introduction to the secret tradition for those wanting to learn more about Kabbalah out of scholarship or curiosity. American-born British author ARTHUR EDWARD WAITE (1857-1942) was cocreator of the famous 1910 Rider-Waite Tarot deck. Among his numerous books are Book of Ceremonial Magic, Devil Worship in France, and New Encyclopedia of Freemasonry.

“A masterpiece. The rich tradition of the Kabbalah comes to life in a language that is accessible even to those unfamiliar with this ancient and classic tradition.” —Caroline Myss, Ph.D., New York Times bestselling author of Anatomy of the Spirit
Mystics are adventurers of the spirit who dare to push beyond the boundaries of orthodox tradition to pursue a common goal—the direct experience of God. Kabbalah: Key to Your Inner Power explores the once-secret Jewish mystical tradition known as Kabbalah. With intriguing new perspectives, it shows how we can use Kabbalah’s extraordinary revelations about the creation of the universe, our relationship to God and our purpose in life to unlock our own spiritual power. It brings to life the path of the Jewish mystics—their joys and ecstasies, their sacred visions, and their practical techniques for experiencing the sacred in everyday life. Includes 36 illustrations, 19 charts and diagrams, pronunciation guide."

This book examines through the lens of the ancient Talmudic, Midrashic, and Kabbalistic commentaries the scriptural passages related to our ancestral mothers, wives, and daughters. Excerpts seek to illuminate clearly the question of what it may mean to be truly feminine, truly wise.

Kabbalah for Beginners, an extended version of Kabbalah Revealed, is a book for everyone who is seeking answers to life’s essential questions. We all have problems; we want to know why we are here, why there is pain and how we can make life more enjoyable.

Gershon Lorán, a quiet rabbinical student, is troubled by the dark reality around him. He sees hope in the study of Kabbalah, the Jewish book of mysticism and visions, truth and light. But to Gershon's friend, Arthur, light means something else, the Atom bomb, his father helped create. Both men seek different a refuge in a foreign place, hoping for the same thing....

[A Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism Reader](#)

[Between Kant and Kabbalah](#)

[Key to Your Inner Power](#)

[Kabbalah for Beginners](#)

[A Kabbalah of Food](#)

[The Essence of Kabbalah](#)

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[The Book of Lights](#)

[The Mystic Quest](#)

[Practical Kabbalah](#)

[Zohar Kabbala Denudata](#)

Music is an intrinsic part of Jewish expression, reaching back to the biblical "Song of the Sea," which appears in Exodus, and the Psalms composed by King David. Employing the tools of Jewish mysticism, Music and Kabbalah examines the spiritual connection between God and music. The holy aspects of the musical scale, musical terminology, and instruments named in the Psalms are deciphered by using the gematria (interpretive numeric value) of their Hebrew names. Rabbi Glazerson employs music as a vehicle with which to teach that "Judaism and the Hebrew language, the holy tongue, are vast and deep, embracing incomprehensible knowledge of every aspect and sphere of life."

Eye to the Infinite: A Jewish Meditation Guidebook (revised and expanded): An introduction to Jewish meditation, with visualisations, meditations & techniques adapted from the Talmud, Kabbalah & Classics of Jewish theology. Over 300 pages packed with techniques, meditations, esoteric secrets, complete with diagrams and tables and fully annotated. Over 700 footnotes. Have you ever wondered about a Jewish system of meditation? How is it practised? How different is it from other disciplines? Can your life be improved through Jewish meditation? These questions and more are addressed in this unique guide. EYE TO THE INFINITE is a hands-on Jewish spiritual guidebook with introductions to the metaphysical worlds, techniques, visualisations, authentic meditations, and step-by-step instructions, enabling you to derive immediate benefit wherever you are in your spiritual journey. "A great step-by-step walkthroug of key concepts, with an easy to understand, non-technical approach. An excellent work on Jewish meditation and focusing on God for everyone! Beautiful work. " Reb Akiva, editor of Mystical Paths "Rabbi Rubin's work not only continues in the trailblazing path of Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan's ZT"l work, but actually and practically builds upon it." Dr. Elliot Cohen, Director of the Ohr Menorah Centre for Jewish Meditation. "It is rare to find a book that explores Jewish meditation in depth, explains it with flair and nuance and provides practical ways to engage in Jewish meditation. Eye to the Infinite is just such a book." Rabbi Johnny Solomon, Jewish Education Consultant, BSc (Hons)

This book-length meditation on the Hebrew alphabet offers profound insights into many important ideas found in Jewish thought. From time immemorial, the Hebrew alphabet has been considered to be more than a collection of individual letters. Indeed, the essence of each letter of the Hebrew alphabet can be seen as a fundamental building block of the world. Jewish scholars throughout the ages have meditated on these letters, deriving spiritual inspiration in the process. In The Inner Meaning of the Hebrew Letters, Robert M. Haralick looks closely at each of the Hebrew characters, helping us to gain insight from this remarkable tradition. Drawing primarily upon traditional kabbalistic and chasidic thought, Haralick combines his own insights with those of great Jewish personalities such as Moshe Chayim Luzzatto and Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav, as well as drawing upon classical texts, including the Bahir, the Zohar, the Midrash, and the Talmud. One of Haralick's main sources of inspiration is the ancient Jewish art of gematria, where each letter has a numerical value as does each combination of letters. Through this traditional methodology, Haralick shows his readers the many, often dazzling, ways that the Hebrew alphabet has been examined. This is the first translation with commentary of selections from The Zohar, the major text of the Kabbalah, the Jewish mystical tradition. This work was written in 13th-century Spain by Moses de Leon, a Spanish scholar.

Kabbalistic Visions explores Jung's 1944 Kabbalistic visions, the impact of Jewish mysticism on Jungian psychology, and Jung's archetypal interpretation of Kabbalistic symbolism. In addition, it places Jung’s interest in the Jewish mystical tradition against the background of what many have seen to be his anti-Semitism and flirtation with National Socialism. It is the first full-length study of Jung and Jewish mysticism in any language, and the first book to present a comprehensive Jungian/archetypal interpretation of Kabbalistic symbolism. In addition to advancing our understanding of Jung and his work, Kabbalistic Visions provides the foundation for a modern psychological interpretation of the Kabbalah. In the process, Kabbalistic Visions raises some disturbing questions about the place of the irrational, the shadow, and the unconscious in both psychology and mysticism.

An unprecedented annotated anthology of the most important Jewish mystical works, A Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism Reader is designed to facilitate teaching these works to all levels of learners in adult education and college classroom settings. Daniel M. Horwitz's insightful introductions and commentary accompany readings in the Talmud and Zohar and writings by Ba'al Shem Tov, Rav Kook, Abraham Joshua Heschel, and others. Horwitz's introduction describes five major types of Jewish mysticism and includes a brief chronology of their development, with a timeline. He begins with biblical prophecy and proceeds through the early mystical movements up through current beliefs. Chapters on key subjects characterize mystical expression through the ages, such as Creation and deveikut ("cleaving to God"); the role of Torah; the erotic; inclinations toward good and evil; magic; prayer and ritual; and more. Later chapters deal with Hasidism, the great mystical revival, and twentieth-century mystics, including Abraham Isaac Kook, Kalonymous Kalman Shapira, and Abraham Joshua Heschel. A final chapter addresses today's controversies concerning mysticism's place within Judaism and its potential for enriching the Jewish religion.

This is a scholarly study of the origin and evolution of the Kabbatah. Originally published in French in 1843, with a second French edition in 1889, this book traces the origins of the philosophical concepts of the Kabbalah to the ancient Zoroastrians. Franck goes into fascinating detail about the doctrine of the Kabbalah, as expressed in the Sepher Yetzirah and the Zohar. He uses internal evidence to trace the origins of these texts many centuries prior to their first known publication in the thirteenth century C.E. Franck carefully compares the philosophy of the Kabbalah with Greek philosophy, the Alexandrians, Philo, and the Gnostics, and concludes that, although there are similarities, none of them can claim to be the source of the Kabbalah. However, he does find many more similarities with the ancient Zoroastrian beliefs. By this process of elimination, he comes to the conclusion that the doctrines of the Kabbalah had their origin during the Babylonian exile circa 500 B.C.E., which was also the time when Zoroaster was active in the same geographical region. This thesis is worth considering, and potentially adds more weight to the already numerous contributions of Zoroastrianism to world culture.

Byron Sherwin's book is a primer for course-work and for those seeking to understand Jewish mysticism on its own terms, Kabbalah provides a comprehensive, accessible introduction to Jewish mysticism, organized around five models of Jewish mystical theology and experience: Normal Mysticism, Mystical Intimacy, Addressing God's Needs, Drawing Down Divine Grace, and Prophetic Kabbalah. Sherwin's Kabbalah: An Introduction to Jewish Mysticism is a scholarly, yet accessible work that includes primary texts in translation.

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There can be no perfecting above without the perfecting influence of humans when they are righteous and act from love. (Zohar 2:155a) The Essence of Kabbalah explains the mysticism of the Torah and the other books in the Hebrew Bible, and presents an overview of the historical trends that have shaped Kabbalah as it is known today. It examine...

Kabbalah and Postmodernism: A Dialogue challenges certain long-held philosophical and theological beliefs, including the assumptions that the insights of mystical experience are unavailable to human reason and inexpressible in linguistic terms, that the God of traditional theology either does or does not exist, that «systematic theology» must provide a univocal account of God, man, and the world, that «truth» is «absolute» and not continually subject to radical revision, and that the truth of propositions in philosophy and theology excludes the truth of their opposites and contradictions. Readers of Kabbalah and Postmodernism will be exposed to a comprehensive mode of theological thought that incorporates the very doubts that would otherwise lead one to challenge the possibility of theology and religion, and which both preserves the riches of the Jewish tradition and extends beyond Judaism to a non-dogmatic universal philosophy and ethic.

Symbols of the Kabbalah: Philosophical and Psychological Perspectives provides a philosophical and psychological interpretation of the major symbols of the theosophical Kabbalah. It shows that the Kabbalah, particularly as it is expressed in the school of Isaac Luria, provides a coherent and comprehensive account of the cosmos, and humanity's role within it, that is intellectually, morally, and spiritually significant for contemporary life.

To The Congress Attendees Dear friends, The Creator is setting a special task before us today: 1. To unite all of us into one, integral desire for Him. 2. To reveal the goal of creation to the world. He is inviting us to be the chosen people, His representatives in correcting the world. We must set an example of the correct society to the world so that He can reveal Himself inside this society. All of the symptoms of the global crisis clearly show humanity that it's necessary to unite, and we are the ones who need to present the method of correction to humanity! To the extent that we fulfill this mission, we will attain adhesion with the Creator. I hope that you understand what kind of exceptional chance each one of you has been given. Let's not squander it. Let's get together in one desire for spiritual ascent - upwards, and enlightenment of the world - outwards. I believe that each and every one of you is unique and I can't wait to meet you in St. Louis, where we will be provided with the opportunity to reach a new level of unity. Rav Michael Laitman

Gain a better understanding of the Kabbalah path to spiritual transformation and a deeper connection with the Jewish faith Coming from the Hebrew root that means "to receive," Kabbalah is known as the "inner" or "esoteric" dimension of Judaism. Kabbalah for Beginners is your introduction to a great spiritual tradition that will help you deepen your experience of the Divine through Kabbalistic portals into the Eternal Present. Divided into four categories: theosophical, ecstatic, Hasidic, and contemporary, this book explores everything including ancient concepts, core teachings, practices and traditions, and even misconceptions of Kabbalah. Written in a contemporary tone and point of view, this beginner's guide brings this ancient discipline into the here and now. In Kabbalah for Beginners you'll find: God is existence--The Kabbalist method is that God is not a being, not even the most supreme being, but is rather Being itself. What is Kabbalah--Get inspired by interspersed quotes from the Torah and frequent sidebars that highlight the Kabbalah's relevance to readers' experiences. Spirituality simplified--Learn through a clear straightforward language to bring intuitiveness to deep philosophical concepts. Discover a contemporary guide to this ancient wisdom and move toward spiritual transformation.

How the 22 letters of the Hebrew Alphabet, the alef-beis, (the construction materials with which G-d built our earthly and spiritual existence) continue as a source of creation, reflection, prayer and inspiration in our everyday lives.

This lively, easy-to-follow guide to Kabbalah introduces the ancient Jewish mystical tradition that has captured the interest of Hollywood stars and the general public alike. With celebrities like Madonna, Paris Hilton, Demi Moore, and Britney Spears announcing their fascination with Kabbalah, curiosity about this ancient Jewish mystical tradition continues to grow. The Beliefnet® Guide to Kabbalah is a highly informative, reader-friendly overview of Kabbalah, whose messages Moses is said to have received from God on Mount Sinai. A collection of speculations on the nature of divinity, the creation, the origins and fate of the soul, and the role of human beings in the world, Kabbalah's meaning and messages have influenced Jews, Christians, and others alike—and intrigued scholars for generations. The Beliefnet® Guide to Kabbalah covers the essentials of Kabbalah's history, sheds light on what Kabbalists believe (including their views on angels and demons and on the afterlife), and provides instructions on both traditional and contemporary meditative, devotional, mystical, and magical practices. Sidebars featuring key facts, anecdotes, and frequently asked questions add to the book's scope and appeal. From the premier source of information on religion and spirituality, the Beliefnet® Guides introduce you to the major traditions, leaders, and issues of faith in the world today.

Kabbalah is an ancient Jewish wisdom that explains the laws of spiritual energy. Up until very recently the Kabbalah was reserved for the elite, those who only after years of scholarship and practice were allowed to enter this mystical realm. However, one doesn't need to devote one's life to intense study to reap the rich rewards of the Kabbalah. With just a basic understanding of a few key concepts, our lives can be enriched immensely. We can then begin to fulfill our deepest dreams and reach our most important goals, becoming the people we long to become. By learning to understand the Sefirot--the ten spiritual properties that flow from the cosmic source into our heart--we can connect to the universe and profoundly transform our experience of daily life. For example, Hessed, or "loving-kindness," represents the desire to be generous, while Gevurah is the desire to focus intently or withhold. These properties must be balanced in order for harmony and well-being to occur. Rabbi Laibl Wolf shows how to maintain that balance and enjoy a healthy and productive life by using simple meditation and creative visualization techniques to grasp the spiritual nature of our life. Practical Kabbalah draws upon ancient wisdom but offers a modern interpretation and easy-to-understand techniques for delving deeper into our selves and our world and for reaping the bounteous gifts that were always meant for us.

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"Elizabeth Clare Prophet's book is a masterpiece. The rich tradition of the Kabbalah comes to life in a language that is accessible even to those unfamiliar with this ancient and classic tradition."--Caroline Myss, Ph.D., author of "Anatomy of the Spirit."

This momentous, critically acclaimed series is truly a people's prayer book, one that provides a diverse and exciting commentary to the traditional liturgy. It will help you find new wisdom and guidance in Jewish prayer, and bring the liturgy into your life. It also has received significant attention in the Christian world. The major sections of the prayer book each are covered in separate volumes in this series. My People's Prayer Book provides in each volume: The traditional Hebrew text A modern translation (designed to let people know exactly what the prayers actually say) Commentators from all perspectives of the Jewish world, some of today's most respected Jewish scholars and teachers, who cover the prayer book's connections to the Bible, history, traditional law, kabbalistic wisdom, feminism, modern developments and much more This stunning work, an important expression of the spiritual revival of our times, enables all worshipers to claim their connection to the heritage of the traditional Jewish prayer book. It rejuvenates Jewish worship in today's world, and makes its power accessible to all.

Isaac Luria (1534-1572) is one of the most extraordinary and influential mystical figures in the history of Judaism, a visionary teacher who helped shape the course of nearly all subsequent Jewish mysticism. Given his importance, it is remarkable that this is the first scholarly work on him in English. Most studies of Lurianic Kabbalah focus on Luria's mythic and speculative ideas or on the ritual and contemplative practices he taught. The central premise of this book is that Lurianic Kabbalah was first and foremost a lived and living phenomenon in an actual social world. Thus the book focuses on Luria the person and on his relationship to his disciples. What attracted Luria's students to him? How did they react to his inspired and charismatic behavior? And what roles did Luria and his students see themselves playing in their collective quest for repair of the cosmos and messianic redemption?

Written by a noted occultist, this essential guide to the ancient Jewish doctrine of esoteric knowledge focuses on the actual sacred texts to offer an objective, reliable interpretation.

In this prizewinning new interpretation of Jewish mysticism, Moshe Idel emphasizes the need for a comparative and phenomenological approach to Kabbalah and its position in the history of religion. Idel provides fresh insights into the origins of Jewish mysticism, the relation between mystical and historical experience, and the impact of Jewish mysticism on western civilization. "Idel's book is studded with major insights, and innovative approaches to the entire history of Judaism, and mastery of it will be essential for all serious students of Jewish thought."--Arthur Green, New York Times Book Review "Moshe Idel's original, scholarly, and stimulating study of Kabbalah contains the promise of a masterwork."--Elie Wiesel "Moshe Idel's book can help the nonspecialized reader to reconsider the whole of Kabbalistic tradition in comparison with many aspects of contemporary thought."--Umberto Eco "There can be no dispute about the importance and originality of Idel's work. Offering a wealth of complementary insights to Gershom Scholem and his school, it will command a great deal of attention and serious discussion."--Alexander Altmann

This is a book of the key text of the Kabbalah, a work known as the Zohar ("Splendour"). The Zohar is a commentary on the Torah and although it is sometimes ascribed to a second-century rabbi, Simon Bar-Yochai, the form in which it is most widely known originates with Moses of Leon, a native of Granada, who died in 1305.The kabbalists believe that the undefinable origin of all things is Ein Sof - the cause of causes, the infinite, that which underlies everything. The universe emanates from the divine in successive layers called esefiroti. Everything exists in God, but God extends infinitely beyond existence. All we know and are is linked together, pervaded and maintained by the divine. According to this work, the light of God must be concealed in order to be revealed to creation. Even though the kabbalists believe that ultimately Ein Sof is beyond expression or understanding, the contemplation of God's presence in all things causes our thoughts to be purified.

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