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Mystical Qabalah



Synopsis

Dion Fortune's classic, *The Mystical Qabalah*, explores all aspects of the Qabalah, including the esoteric sciences of astrology and tarot, which form the basis of the Western Mystery Traditions. It provides a key to the practical working of this mystical system for both novice and initiate alike.

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Customer Reviews

DION FORTUNE'S *The Mystical Qabalah* remains a classic in its clarity, linking the broad elements of Jewish traditional thought -- probably going back to the Babylonian Captivity and beyond -- with both Eastern and Western philosophy and later Christian insights. Dion Fortune was one of the first Adepts to bring this "secret tradition" to a wider audience. Some before her often only added to the overall mystery by elaborating on obscurity, but her account is simple, clear, and comprehensive. The Qabalah could be described as a confidential Judaic explanation of the paradox of "the Many and the One" -- the complexity and diversity within a monotheistic unity. Whereas the Old Testament outlines the social and psychological development of a tightly knit "chosen group" culture, the supplementary Qabalah provides a detailed plan of the infrastructure behind the creative evolutionary process. A major limitation of the Authorized English Version of the bible is the translation of the many Hebrew God-names by the single name, "God". *The Mystical Qabalah* devotes a chapter to each of the ten schematic "God-names", the qualities or "Sephiroth", which focus the principle archetypes behind evolving human activity: the Spiritual Source; the principles of Force and Form; Love and Justice; the Integrative principle or the Christ Force; Aesthetics and

Logic; the dynamics of the Psyche; and finally, the Manifestation of life on Earth in a physical body. The Mystical Qabalah works in a profoundly psychological way. Its lessons for the individual are invaluable and this book is a must for all who feel drawn to know themselves better so that their inner and outer worlds may be as one. This revised edition includes an additional chapter of Fortune's original writing, an editorial update for contemporary readers, and a foldout with Tree of Life diagrams to facilitate study of the text.

Dion Fortune (1891?1946), founder of The Society of the Inner Light, was a prolific writer, pioneer psychologist, and powerful psychic. Author of the highly acclaimed *Psychic Self-Defense*, her novels include *The Goat Foot God*, *The Demon Lover*, *The Winged Bull*.

Granted I'm still a newbie -- but from what I've read so far (which is a lot) and based on reviews and recommendations from teachers, fellow students, and good ol' .com, I put this book on my Top 5 list along with: Lon Milo Duquette's "The Chicken Qabalah of Rabbi Lamed Ben Clifford," Israel Regardie's "The Complete Golden Dawn System of Magic," Frater Barrabbasand's "Magical Qabalah for Beginners: A Comprehensive Guide to Occult Knowledge," and Anita Kraft's "The Qabalah Workbook for Magicians." For a concise introduction to Judaic/Hebraic Kabbalah which is quite different from Hermetic Qabalah, I enjoyed Dovid Krafchow's "Kabbalistic Tarot."

Still a good compendium of basic information, despite the dated language. It was, after all, first published a long time ago! The "updates" from the descendants of her lodge are interesting and in many cases helpful.

It took me four months to finish this but it's well worth it. Heavy and reads like a textbook, but gives you a solid background in the basics.

This is an amazing book and Fortune does a splendid job of detailing the structure and method of the Kabbalah. Aside from simply laying out the Tree of Life and its divisions, she explains each aspect from a variety of angles. Psychological, sociological, physical and of course mystical considerations are explored using a holistic method to compare and contrast the workings of each portion of the Tree. While there are numerous typographical errors in this edition, they are usually just true typing errors (r instead of t, etc) and shortly one gets the intended word instinctively.

93... this book should need no review , for anyone that would benefit from the vast amount of wisdom ,contained herein. would detract from the books value. if you want aeasy to understand and in depth study of the tree of life ,the sephoirth, the navitoth, and the complete , corresponding attriubites for each of the aforesaid , is incalcualable, to any student of he esoteric or magickal lifestyle. even those who aren't into magiack or mysticisam ,still can et a great deal of psychological exercises to break down old ,negative patterns so they never resurface to bother one again. literally killing your own demns. 93/93

Excellent beginners book to the Qabalah. If you are looking to approach the subject, start here. Dion Fortune is very clear and to the point. After reading you will have an understanding of the 10 Spheres plus she also goes into Daath in more detail as well. After reading, check out William Gray's Ladder of Lights to further expand your knowledge/ experience with the Spheres. Also you may want to check out William Gray's Talking Tree to explore the 22 paths in the tree. Excellent book!

This is the definitive book on Kabbalah. It is packed full of information. I have read it several times and it is a different book every time. It isn't something to breeze through, but if you want to understand what Kabbalah is all about, I highly recommend it.

I like how Dion Fortune explains the sephrioth/their realms. This is my tree of life go to reference book. There is no other like it. I like it much better than Isreal Regardie's GD rendition of the tree of life, as he tends to go on and on in a sexist tone that I rather dislike.

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