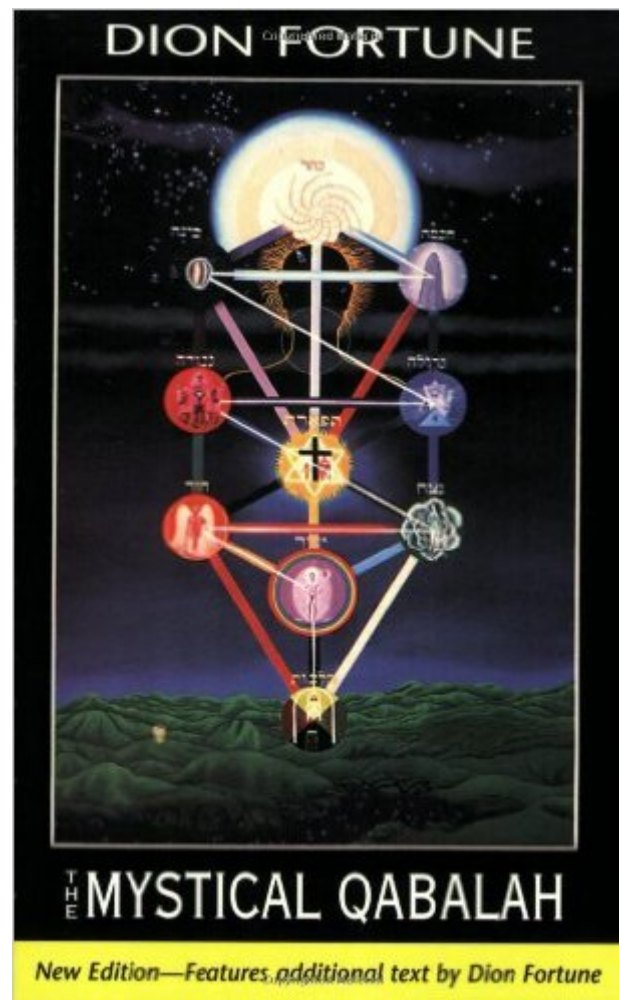


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Synopsis

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

When examining this new edition in order to consider it as a course text I found several problems within the edition itself. At first I thought that, maybe, it had been a very long time since I'd read it as some things didn't seem as clear as I'd remembered them. Upon comparison to the '84-'89 edition I found the source of the problem, the text has not been faithfully reproduced. For example the following two quotes are from the end of Chapter 2, Paragraph 4. 2001 Edition: "Nor am I impressed by a dedication to the higher life which by peculiarities of clothing and bearing and by the manner of cutting, or omitting to cut, the hair." 1984 Edition: "Nor am I impressed by a dedication to the higher life which manifests itself by peculiarities of clothing and bearing and by the manner of cutting, or omitting to cut, the hair." This is only a single example and I have yet to find an entire chapter devoid of such mistakes, some of them leaving out entire sentences. *The Mystical Qabalah* is, without a doubt, one of the best books on Qabalah ever written. It is a shame that Weiser, a formally respected publisher, could make such a mess of it. -Greg Wotton

First: you need to know that the Qabalah as it is used by Western Occultists bears little

resemblance to Qabalah as it is practiced by Chasidic and Orthodox Jews. (Dion Fortune says as much in this book, but many miss this distinction). The Qabalah of the Occultists should be judged as a thing in itself, not as an outgrowth of Judaism... in fact, you'll find that efforts to link the two will only get you confused. As a thing in itself, the Western Qabalah is a fine system for organizing the mind; it can provide a wonderful framework for structuring rituals, and it is a powerful mandala for meditation. And Dion Fortune's book is unquestionably the best introduction to the Qabalah of the Occultists. Her writing is clear and concise and her examples are easy to grasp. In connection with Crowley's *777*, this provides you with everything you need to create your own rituals in the Western Ceremonial tradition. (If you're going to do this, you should also [a] read Fortune's *Psychic Self-Defense* and [b] avoid slavishly following Crowley's suggestions: remember, the Qabalah is essentially an empty filing cabinet, to be organized in the way which suits your needs best... although some will hop up and down and scream "blasphemy" because I dared to say that).

When I read this book, I was amazed with its precision, clarity and completeness. For me, new doors of understanding the science of Qabalah opened up as I read through the chapters that touch upon all of the basic aspects of this occult science. I have studied Qabalah for some time, under various schools and sects, but I feel that this book is one of the greatest to come out of the early part of the 20th century. Qabalah is an in depth science, that maps the relationship of the various hidden, unseen dimensions of the universe--in relation to one's psyche (soul), mind, and divinity... This science truly unveils the occult, the mysteries of life and death, magick, etc. Qabalah synthesizes the use of words (etymology), numbers (numerology), celestial bodies (astrology), symbols, mystical practices and many other key occult applications. Verily, Qabalah ties together the hidden, unseen mystery that awaits the true seeker. I recommend that one should read the book: Tarot and Kabbalah by Samael Aun Weor. This book will shed much more light on the topic. I was even more impressed with the said work. Also, read Eliphas Levi. gnosis-usa.com or go through .

This is one of the best books on the Qabalah. (That's Qabalah with a "Q", pertaining to the Western Mystery Tradition.) The Qabalah is a cornerstone of esoteric knowledge and practice. The Tree of Life is central to the Qabalah. It represents the cosmos and man's relation to the cosmos. It is a powerful tool for spiritual development and magical work. Dion Fortune's book covers a lot of ground at great depth. As a leading occultist in the Western Mystery Tradition this century, she certainly knew her subject very well. I will have to read this book many times for its knowledge to sink in. I'm sure it will be well worth the effort.

My copy of Dion Fortunes 'Mystical Qabalah' has become worn from years of use, and stained various colors from the different highlighters I have used each time I read it to mark out new revelations from its pages. This book is more than a fantastic and definitive manifesto of the modern Qabalah (which it is) it is also a stand-alone philosophical work in itself. It awoke me in many ways. Seldom would I spend the time to actually write a review for any book I've read, but this one is different... I would actually recommend that *anyone* interested in the occult buy, steal, or make manifest this book into your reality...

Dione Fortune first published The Mystical Qabalah in 1935. She was a member of the prestigious occult society, The Golden Dawn, and so many of the approaches this book takes draw from that order's conclusions. Aleister Crowley's ideas permeate this book as well. This book is written with a deeply prosaic style and study upon the text reveals layers of meaning. Considering the book was written over 60 years ago by an exceptional woman, in an age where women were far from being equal, I candidly recommend this title.

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