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The Other Kabbalabs
An Overall Review of
the Development of the Three Schools of Jewish Esotericism,
the Prophetic, the Magic, and the Philosophical.
A 4-Hour Audio Course
Taught by Ariel B. Tzadok

Lesson 1, Origins.

Since Biblical times, too this day, the religion of Judaism has had both an exoteric side, and an esoteric side. These lessons identifies these world outlooks and shows their history, and place in ancient Judaism.

We follow the evolutionary development of Judaism, and how it evolved in Babylonian, and later Second Temple times, to include new ideas and beliefs, unknown in centuries past. That which we call Kabbalah today was not originally part of Jewish mysticism, and that which was originally part of Jewish mysticism may no longer be part of Judaism.

Discussion includes Babylonian superstitions that became the foundation of Jewish ritual practice, the misguided zealot movement, and later Islamic mystics, the Sufi.

Also discussed is the psychological vs. the cosmological interpretations of world outlooks, and the consequences that these differences bring.

Lesson 2, Birth of the Apocalypse.

Where did End-Times studies originate? Most claim from Biblical prophecy. However, a historical review of those writings clearly show that any apocalyptic interpretation of Ezekiel, Daniel, or Zechariah is of later origins, and not the way the original prophecies were meant to be understood.

This class reviews the nature of the cultural conflict that existed in Israel in the Second Temple period, and how the exoteric cultural conflicts gave rise to esoteric spiritual visions of cosmic struggle. The nature of cosmic struggle is analyzed in light of Biblical monotheism, and the later Babylonian/Persian Zoroastrian influences.

Comments about the dangers of misinterpreting psychological metaphor for political literalness, and the dangers we still face from this today.

Lesson 3, Jewish Magic & Sorcery.

Starting with the Biblical prohibitions, we discover the parameters of the Biblical, and later Judaic definitions of the Occult.

We discuss the Solomon legends, as found in the Testament of Solomon, and the Keys of Solomon. How these traditions, books and their magical elements became the foundation of much of the modern Occult.

Discussion of the Jinn (Islam) and Shedim (Judaism), how this differs significantly from the concept of demons found in Christianity. Channeling the spirits through reflective surfaces, a ritual practiced by Christians, Muslims, and Jews alike.

Who were the practitioners of "magic," and what did they practice. Yosef Delle-Reina, Hayim Vital, Dr. John Dee (of England), and the modern Golden Dawn.

The proliferation of magical elements in traditional Sephardic culture. Reference to books, prayers, and segulot.

A discussion of magical elements in Jewish Law (Shut from Shamayim, R. Yaakov), and the Laws of the Occult, found in the Shulchan Arukh (Code of Jewish Law). Reference also to the teachings of the Ba'al Shem Tov.

The para-psychological powers of the human mind, and their relationship to the power underlying magic.

Lesson 4, The Prophetic Kabbalah of Avraham Abulafia.

The Secret School of the Secret School. Abulafia developed a system of meditation that was censored by many mainstream rabbis for centuries, but safeguarded throughout those centuries by many of the greatest names in Judaism.

The Abulafian system was totally unlike Zoharic Kabbalah, and was built upon practical meditative techniques, as opposed to mere metaphysical speculations, and superstitious folklore.

Abulafia focused on using holy Name chants, and other rituals for the sake of bringing realistic spiritual/psychological experiences to the practitioner.

Abulafia also delved deeply into Maimonides' book, the Guide to the Perplexed, and understood the Maimonidean system of expanding human consciousness in the proper rational way.

As such Abulafia is the father of rational mysticism. This is the system taught here in our KosherTorah School for over twenty years.

Abulafia's system is what many master Kabbalists have called the secret tradition within the secret tradition of the Kabbalah.

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