

## Foreword

THIS BOOK ORIGINATED IN a lecture series given in the 1940s at Theosophical University, Point Loma, California, and also in the San Diego area. Its objective is to distill from the vast range of Qabbalistic literature those essentials which bear the stamp of the archaic tradition; in other words, a presentation in broad outline of the theosophy in the Qabbālāh. Obviously the present study does not comprise all that Qabbālāh teaches, nor is any theme handled exhaustively. It is hoped that the esotericism of the original Chaldean Qabbālāh (the occult basis of the Hebrew Qabbālāh) will be recognized for what it is: one of the theosophies of antiquity, inherited by the Hebrews from the ancient Chaldeans, who received this “theosophy of the angels” from the Council of the Wise.

Transliteration and pronunciation of Hebrew are discussed in Appendix 1. Transliteration of Hebrew and Aramaic terms is based on the system used by G. de Purucker of Theosophical University, updated through consultation with current systems. Appendix 2 is a glossary of the Qabbalistic terms included in this study, with their derivation, as this often yields insight into a term’s philosophic connotation and its relationship with other terms.

— G. F. K.

*The Theosophical Society*  
*Pasadena, California, USA*  
*February 15, 2006*



# Theosophy in the Qabbālāh

