

KABALAH/KABBALAH (Cabala)



Kaballa teaches mystical meanings of the words and letters that have nothing to do with the ancient, original meanings. We must never get confused between mysticism (kaballah) and gematria. Kaballah uses the shape and form of pictures using modern day Hebrew.

Col. 2:8 ***“Watch out, so that no one will take you captive by means of philosophy and empty deceit, following human tradition which accords with the elemental spirits of the world but does not accord with the Messiah.”***

Many claim there is a difference between kabalah spelled with a “K”, and cabala spelled with a “c”, this is simply incorrect. They are the same thing, just a difference in transliteration, or spelling.

Kabalah is Hebrew mysticism. Hebrew mysticism is a whole other system that is in total opposition to the Spirit of Yah. The scriptures tell us to be spiritual persons. We receive the Ruach haKodesh (Holy Spirit) when we are “born again”. Paul tells us about it in Corinthians. **1Cor. 2: 6-16** *Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away; 7 but we speak God’s wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom, which God predestined before the ages to our glory; 8 the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory; 9 but just as it is written, “Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And which have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him.” 10 For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. 11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man, which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God, 13 which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words. 14 But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. 15 But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no man. 16 For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct Him? But we have the mind of Messiah.”*

As a result of receiving the holy spirit we are able to see and hear things that the eyes and ears of those who are not born again, will never have revealed to them. In our spiritual walk we pursue the things that are of the Spirit. Yah is Spirit. His law (instructions) are spirit. He has given us His Spirit and we want to always be led by His Spirit. Our desire is to always walk in His Spirit, that is the ultimate goal of any true Believer.

Kabalah is not of the spirit. Kabalah is mysticism. There is a huge difference between mysticism and spirituality. Mysticism is the idea that you can find secretive

kinds of things hidden underneath the meaning, things that are not seen or heard or understood Those who teach kabbalah say that somehow you can have the power of these mysteries and use that power or knowledge to actually help you affect the events in peoples lives. The belief is that you can affect people with the use of kabbalah understanding.

Kabbalah is like trying to explain the difference between white magic and black magic. Many people obviously think that black magic involves things of the occult, whereas white magic is supposedly only used for the good of mankind. This is hogwash of course. We know for a fact that people who use witchcraft of this nature do have a soulish type of power (latent power of the soul), used in astral-projection, curses, etc. that comes from the dark side. This power involves evil demon spirits. There is no difference, they both derive from the same source, Satan. Magic is magic, and all magic (so-called), is witchcraft. Likewise mysticism (kabbalah) is witchcraft. Neither of these things involves the holy spirit of Yah.

Kabalists get to a certain point where they try to derive spiritual points from mysticism. They try to manipulate people into believing secret powers are derived from this hidden manna of mysticism. Kabbalah includes in their teachings various symbols which they believe have certain mysterious powers. Some of these teachings and symbols have to do with the “tree of life” and the “hand”, for an example. You will see some of these mystic symbols in modern day jewelry and appearing on various objects like books, cd jackets, movies, and magazines. You may summarize this mysticism of the hand for example, as Hebrew “palm reading”. As we all know, no truly spiritual person would go to a palm reader. It is witchcraft and it is commonly dealing with what is called “familiar spirits”, demons that work as secret agents for Satan. Our scriptures tell us clearly that when we see what appears to be evil that we are to go the other way. We are to have nothing to do with such things.

Kabalists you might say have taken the four levels of teaching and have created a fifth level that goes far beyond what was ever intended by Yah. The four teaching levels of torah are:

- 1) the beshot (literal words, plain simple text)
- 2) drash/midrash (principals of torah, study, discussion of)
- 3) remez (study of the Messiah, messianic aspects)
- 4) sod (the mysterious level, weightier things)

There are many instances in the scriptures that fall under the sod (mysterious) level. This includes the proper understanding of the letters, jots, tittles, and certain numbers associated with scriptures and letters of the Hebrew language. I am talking about many non written word forms that are often times symbolic. Anyone who teaches torah will explain these four levels of understanding torah.

The kabalists have jumped on the “sod” level of understanding and taken it to another level of mysticism. They have gone way off the deep end into secret symbols , numbers, and letters. This is one of the fundamental principals of all secret societies, to take something and analyse it to a point where it becomes something in



and of itself. It becomes a religion. It is a system that is completely out of balance with the other three principals of teaching and understanding torah. They have gone from the spiritual side of scriptures to the mystic side, loosing the common sense balance necessary to obtain a proper flow of understanding.

You will often find people that are very intellectual going down this path of destruction. This has even become a trendy way of doing things for people supposedly highly intelligent and intellectual. These people have gone to the point off balance where everything is analysed beyond reason into depths that are only mystic and not spiritual. Many of these people have succumb to what may be called “analyzation paralysation”, or “analysis paralysis”. They have gone so far to the left that everything has become off balance and mystically oriented rather than spiritually. They have gone off the deep end without even realizing where they left the course.

You will often find these individuals having nothing to do with messianic things, Hebrew roots fundamentals, or prophesy, because they have gone so deep into the mysticism they have lost their balance.

We know that all these levels of study and understanding do exist in the scriptures, but we must use them wisely and in balance. When we study and show ourselves approved unto Yah we must always keep in mind to be balanced. We must always keep the common goal of spiritual understanding in our sights rather than majoring in the minors. Yeshua was hinting at this when He said we must always keep in mind the weightier things of the law, not to get off balance to the right or to the left. It is important for us to keep our proper priorities in order. When Yeshua stated that “not one jot or tittle will be removed from the law”, He was referring to this balance. If you recall, Yeshua asked His disciples if they could understand the parables He was teaching and they said: “yes”. Sha'ul (Paul) also explained it as seen in Colossians. Col. 2:1-5 For I want you to know how great a struggle I have on your behalf, and for those who are at Laodicea, and for all those who have not personally seen my face, 2 that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God’s mystery, that is, Yeshua Himself, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. 4 I say this in order that no one may delude you with persuasive argument. 5 For even

though I am absent in body, nevertheless I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good discipline and the stability of your faith in Messiah". In those verses Paul is not talking about the remez levels of scripture, he is talking about the mysticism of kabbalah. Kabbalah was being studied and taught as part of Judaism long before Yeshua or Paul taught the Good News. The teaching of cabalah goes back to the beginning of time. Sometimes it is mixed in with biblical Hebrew teaching, and sometimes, especially in this New Age, it is taught all by itself as a form of religion. It is recognized by many as a powerful tool to dominate, control, and manipulate others, which is exactly what "witchcraft" is.

Many followers of kabbalah have skipped the first three steps of understanding torah and have tried to go directly to the mystic level. By doing so they have failed to understand the basic principals of studying torah as; beshot, rash/midrash, and remez, to their downfall. It's like a 16 year old child who hasn't even got his drivers license, yet he wants to fly a jet. They have lost their basic balance and lean to one side, eventually toppling into witchcraft without even recognizing the route they took getting there. Before one can learn mysteries he must have a thorough understanding of the basic stories of Abraham, the Exodus, the prophets, and Calvary. They must be grounded in the general story of the bible and the order in which it takes place. The study of scripture is not some shallow little thing to understand, as Paul said the scriptures are alive and powerful when understood in balance. The torah is not an academic book that just anyone can simply read and understand. You can't simply go to a college and learn the bible. Learning the bible is a life long commitment for those who have the Spirit of the Holy One of Israel. In order to do so one must have Yah's holy spirit active inside. The holy spirit is the guide to the instruction book of life. When one learns all these things he learns about spiritual warfare, self control, patience, nurturing, love, grace, and mercy, etc. All these things together in balance only, will reveal the depths of the Almighty's instructions for mankind, based mostly on the first five books of the bible.

You will find that the unbalanced kabalists have honed in on certain types of teaching and have gone too far. They are extremists of mysticism, trying to go where Yah has revealed not to go. They are trying to obtain supernatural knowledge and understanding, but don't realize that this knowledge and understanding is often manipulated by the devil himself. We were warned about such knowledge in the book of James. James 3:14-15 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and [so] lie against the truth. This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic.

It's a fine line to walk between what is truly led by Yahveh and what is counterfeited by the snake, unless one is truly "spirit filled" and aware of the spiritual warfare being fought in the realm of the supernatural. It's a very dangerous area to delve into unless one is truly grounded and anointed specifically by Elohim for the ministry of deliverance. Only those "baptized in the holy spirit" and set apart specifically to be warriors for Yah are truly capable of having the discernment necessary to understand exactly where the boundaries of the supernatural are. Those

boundaries of mystery and mysticism are hardly decipherable sometimes, and if someone crosses them innocently or ignorantly, it makes no difference to Satan, he does not play fair. He loves to have inquisitive minds delving into the mystic. He feeds on those willing to go over the line in order to possess some special knowledge, understanding, or ability that they honestly think is of El Gibor, but may not be.

Without being solidly grounded in the torah itself and truly born again covered by the blood of the lamb, those individuals could end up being mincemeat.

Many newcomers into the Messianic movement have seen and heard discussions of all this mysterious power of kabbalah, the books of Enoch and Zohar, and supposed wisdom and knowledge outside the box. Many may think that it is pretty incredible until they realize in most cases it becomes a tool for the enemy to cause confusion in the ranks. Many of these babies in the Hebraic roots movement aspire to understand the mysteries before the basics, and throw out all the other fundamental teachings required to have a well rounded, balanced understanding of the scriptures.

GEMATRIA

ט	ח	ז	ו	ה	ד	ג	ב	א
Tet (T) 9	Chet (Ch) 8	Zayin (Z) 7	Vav (V/O/U) 6	He (H) 5	Dalet (D) 4	Gimel (G) 3	Bet (B/V) 2	Alef (Silent) 1
ס	ן	נ	מ	מ	ל	ך	כ	י
Samech (S) 60	Nun (N) 40	Nun (N) 50	Mem (M) 40	Mem (M) 40	Lamed (L) 30	Khaf (Kh) 10	Kaf (K/Kh) 20	Yod (Y) 10
ת	ש	ר	ק	ץ	צ	ף	פ	ע
Tav (T/S) 400	Shin (Sh/S) 300	Resh (R) 200	Qof (Q) 100	Tzade (Tz) 10	Tzade (Tz) 10	Fe (F) 10	Pe (P/F) 80	Ayin (Silent) 70

Gematria is the use of Hebrew letters as numbers for writing purposes. In ancient times for example they used the letter “Yod” to represent 10, the letter “Nun” to represent 50, the letter “Oof” to represent 100, and so on. This is a very basic biblical principal when used in its simple form, but many will take this understanding into mystic heights and look for the total number values of various words to come up with mystical values like 666 and 888. Most people who learn about Hebrew gematria realize its importance in understanding the remez of scripture, but to take it beyond that level into mystic meanings is part of the kabbalah system. Using it in this mystic way takes one into secret codes and mystic understanding of words and phrases that

are written simply as words or idioms. Who hasn't heard of the secret codes talked about by conspirators all over the world in the satanic secret societies like the Masons, Illuminati, and Knights of Columbus? This is another side of kabbalah that is being used by those into the mystic side off the deep end of reality. These are the new Timothy Leary's of the world.

SUMMARY

In summary, kabalists have taken the very useful sod level of teaching and understanding of scripture and have gone too far with it. They have gone off balance into the realm of the mystic. Mysticism is witchcraft and getting in the door is easy, but finding ones way out is not so easy. Many a good man and woman have been destroyed, dismayed and confused after flirting with the secrets of kabbalah that are off balance. Many have gone through that door, never to return with a sound mind. In conclusion, I would advise any and all who have an interest in kabbalah, Zohar, Enoch and other non biblical books and teachings that are not grounded in Yeshua the torah, to have no part of. There could possibly be some value to some of these ideas and writings, but there are far more bones in that fish than there is meat. It is not worth the effort for anyone other than those spirit filled, studying them for research purposes only; those anointed and covered by Yeshua to expose the demonic nature of those non biblical, non historical, basically useless teachings.

Deut. 29:29 ***“The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.”***

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