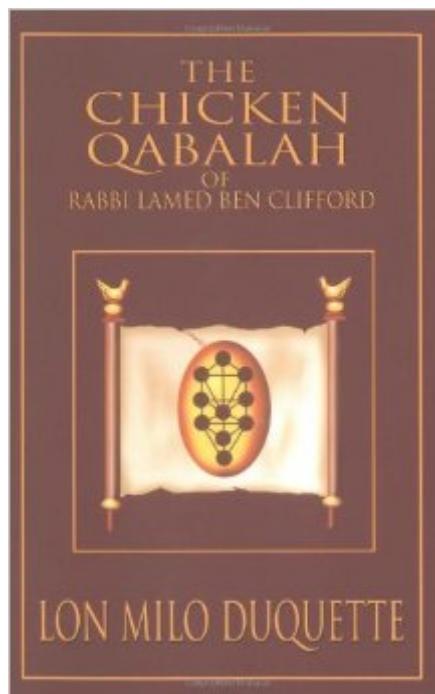


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The Chicken Qabalah Of Rabbi Lamed Ben Clifford: Dilettante's Guide To What You Do And Do Not Need To Know To Become A Qabalist



Synopsis

A unique and humorous -- and also practical -- approach to the increasingly popular study of Qabalah. This is a seriously funny book! Traditional Qabalistic (or Cabalistic, or, indeed, Kabbalistic -- read this book to find out what the difference is...we know you've always wondered) sources tend to be a bit, er, dry. DuQuette spices up the Qabalah and makes it come alive, restoring the joy of learning the fundamentals of this admittedly arcane system by using simple, amusing anecdotes and metaphors. This account, written pseudographically (fictitiously attributed to a supposed authority), allows DuQuette as Rabbi Lamed Ben Clifford to soar to outrageous heights and, when necessary, stand apart from the silliness to highlight the golden eggs of Qabalistic wisdom nested therein. Sure to be a revelation to those who think that learning about the Qabalah needs to be tedious and serious, DuQuette shows that great truths can be transmitted through the medium of laughter. * A Dilettante's Guide to What You Do and Do Not Need to Know to Become a Qabalist .

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Finally, a book that explains The Qabalah in a user-friendly, comprehensible format! I highly recommend The Chicken Qabalah to anyone interested in the subjects of; Qabalah, Magick, Masonry, Astrology, Tarot, etc. This wonderful Treatise on the subject explains The Qabalah in a fun, entertaining manner that sort-of tricks you into learning the subject. Most books about The Qabalah (Cabalah, Kabalah...spell it however you want, and don't worry about it) will put you to sleep--thus are not conducive to teaching the subject. However, The Good Rabbi has figured-out a way to trick us into staying-awake long-enough not-only to get through a chapter, but THE ENTIRE

BOOK !My wife and I both finished this book very quickly-in fact, we could not put it down. After reading the book, my wife made some wonderful Qabalah Flash Cards, based-upon The Good Rabbi's work, "777" (Crowley --ISBN: 0877286701) and "Paths of Wisdom," by John Michael Greer (ASIN: 1567183158). We have found this is the easiest way to learn Qabalistic Correspondences, The Hebrew Alphabet, etc. My wife's idea was brilliant and we now have requests for the Flash Cards, from other would-be Chicken Qabalists."The Chicken Qabalah" is, without question, the most fascinating book I have ever read, on the subject! Anyone who can make The Qabalah interesting as The Good Rabbi has should get a Gold Medal, or...perhaps, a Gold Chicken award.I will treasure my copy of "The Chicken Qabalah" and give it a clear-contact-paper cover to protect it on it's journey about the house-it doesn't take a Psychic to see that this book will be a constant resource / reference in my studies and will rarely find it's way back to the bookshelf.

The Chicken QabalahOf Rabbi Lamed Ben CliffordBy Lon Milo DuQuetteSamuel Weiser, 2001Reviewed by Poke RunyonAfter some thirty years of studying, practicing and even daring to teach what is called "Hermetic Qabalah" (or Kabbalah or Cabala, or what ever) I was recently confronted by a person (not even Jewish) who condescendingly informed me that the word was pronounced "Kab-ah-LAH" and that if I had not studied it under a bone fide Rabbi I really knew nothing about it. Even though I had taken a class in Jewish mysticism in college from a real Rabbi, that didn't seem to be good enough. I was a "Chicken Qabalist" and I was made to feel as if I should sit in the back of the metaphysical bus.Before the mid-1970s we Hermetic qabalists lived in a happy dreamworld where we thought we actually were studying and practicing a deeply profound system of spiritual growth and magical attainment based on long-forgotten medieval Jewish and renaissance Rosicrucian roots. We had no idea the "real" Kab-ah-LAH had no Tarot cards, no Pagan Gods (certainly no Pagan Goddesses!), very little astrology, and absolutely no magick. But then came our sad awakening. Faced with too many brilliant young people committing themselves to various forms of Eastern mysticism, Jewish Biblical and Talmudic scholars, led by Gershon Scholem and followed by Aryeh Kaplan, dusted off and refurbished the old, nearly forgotten orthodox Jewish kabbalah. We Hermetic qabalists (if we even dared to call ourselves qabalists at this point) were now second class metaphysical citizens.

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