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TG **Q**. The seventeenth letter of the English Alphabet. It is the obsolete Aeolian *Qoppa*, and the Hebrew *Koph*. As a numeral it is 100, and its symbol is the back of the head from the ears to the neck. With the Aeolian Occultists it stood for the symbol of differentiation.

TG **Qabbalah** (*Hebrew*) The ancient Chaldean Secret Doctrine, abbreviated into Kabala. An occult system handed down by oral transmission; but which, though accepting tradition, is not in itself composed of merely traditional teachings, as it was once a fundamental science, now disfigured by the additions of centuries, and by interpolation by the Western Occultists, especially by *Christian Mystics*. It treats of hitherto esoteric interpretations of the Jewish Scriptures, and teaches several methods of interpreting Biblical allegories. Originally the doctrines were transmitted “from mouth to ear” only, says Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, “in an oral manner from teacher to pupil who received them; hence the name Kabbalah, Qabalah, or Cabbala from the Hebrew root QBL, to receive. Besides this Theoretic Kabbalah, there was created a Practical branch, which is concerned with the Hebrew letters, as types alike of Sounds, Numbers, and Ideas.” (See *Gematria, Notaricon, Temura*) For the original book of the *Qabbalah* – the *Zohar* – see further on. But the *Zohar* we have now is not the *Zohar* left by Simeon Ben Jochai to his son and secretary as an heirloom. The author of the present *approximation* was one Moses de Leon, a Jew of the XIIIth century. See *Kabalah, Zohar*

WGa **Qaballah** This is also written *Kaballah* and *Kabalah*, *which see*. For a good series of hints on the Kabala see *Lucifer*, vol. x, May {18}92, p. 185.

OG **Qabbalah** (More frequently spelled **Kabala** or **Kabbala**.) The Hebrew word for what the Jewish theosophical initiates called “the Tradition,” or “the Secret Doctrine” – meaning something which is handed down or passed down from man to man by tradition; from a Hebrew word meaning “to receive” or “to take over.”

Unquestionably the Jewish Qabbalah existed as a traditional system of doctrine long before the present manuscripts of it were written, for these are of comparatively late production and probably date from the European Middle Ages; and one proof of this statement is found in the fact that in the earliest centuries of the Christian era several of the Church Fathers of the new Christian religion used language which could have been taken only from the Hebrew theosophy, that is, the Hebrew Qabbalah. The expressions here are in some cases identic, and the thought is in all cases the same.

The *Zohar* may be called the original and main book of the Qabbalah.

The basis of the Jewish Qabbalah was the archaic Chaldean secret doctrine which was a system of occult or esoteric philosophy handed down in part by oral, and in part by written, transmission – and mostly by oral reception, wholly so in the case of the deeper mysteries of the Qabbalah. The Jewish Qabbalah, such as it exists today, has been disfigured and distorted by the interpolations and mutilations of many Western occultists, especially by mystics of strong Christian bias. The Qabbalah, therefore, is essentially the theosophy of the Jews, or rather the form which the universal theosophy of the archaic ages took in its transmission through the Jewish mind.

WS **Qabbalah (Kabbala)** (*Hebrew*) “Tradition;” the secret doctrine or theosophy of the Jews.

TG **Qadmon, Adam** or **Adam Kadmon** (*Hebrew*) The Heavenly or Celestial Man, the Microcosm (*which see*). He is the manifested Logos; the *third* Logos according to Occultism, or the Paradigm of Humanity.

TG **Qai-yin** (*Hebrew*) The same as Cain.

TG **Qaniratha** (*Mazdean*) Our earth, in the Zoroastrian Scriptures, which is placed, as taught in the *The Secret Doctrine*, in the midst of the other six *Karshwars*, or globes of the terrestrial chain. (See *The Secret Doctrine*, II. p. 759.)

TG **Q’lippoth** (*Hebrew*) or **Klippoth** The world of Demons or Shells; the same as the Aseeyatic World, called also *Olam Klippoth*. It is the residence of *Samael*, the Prince of Darkness in the Kabbalistic allegories. But note what we read in the *Zohar* (ii. 43a): “For the service of the Angelic World, the Holy....made Samael and his legions, i.e., the world of action, who are as it were the clouds to be used (by the higher or upper Spirits, our *Egos*) to ride upon in their descent to the earth, and serve, as it were, for their horses.” This, in conjunction with the fact that Q’lippoth contains the matter of which stars, planets, and even men are made, shows that Samael with his legions is simply chaotic, turbulent matter, which is used in its finer state by spirits to robe themselves in. For speaking of the “vesture” or form (*rupa*) of the incarnating *Egos*, it is said in the Occult Catechism that they, the Manasaputras or Sons of Wisdom, use for the consolidation of their forms, in order to descend into lower spheres, the *dregs of Swabhavat*, or that plastic matter which is throughout Space, in other words, primordial *ilus*. And these dregs are what the Egyptians have called Typhon and modern Europeans Satan, Samael, etc., etc. *Deus est Demon inversus* – the Demon is the *lining* of God.

TG **Quadrivium** (*Latin*) A term used by the Scholastics during the Middle Ages to designate the last four paths of

learning – of which there were originally seven. Thus grammar, rhetoric and logic were called the *trivium*, and arithmetic, geometry, music and astronomy (the Pythagorean obligatory sciences) went under the name of *quadrivium*.

**KT Quaternary** The four lower “principles in man,” those which constitute his *personality* (i.e., Body, Astral Double, *Prana* or life, organs of desire and lower *Manas*, or brain-mind), as distinguished from the Higher *Ternary* or Triad, composed of the higher Spiritual Soul, Mind and Atman (Higher Self).

**WGa Quaternary** The four lower “principles” in man’s sevenfold constitution, to wit: *Rupa, Life, Astral Body*, and *Kama*. These four separate and disintegrate in *Kama loka* after death, for when the link is broken the deserted physical body is as much in *Kama loka* as the others. The symbol of the Quaternary is a square.

**TG Quetzco-Cohuatl** (*Mexican*) The serpent-god in the Mexican Scriptures and legends. His wand and other “landmarks” show him to be some great Initiate of antiquity, who received the name of “Serpent” on account of his wisdom, long life and powers. To this day the aboriginal tribes of Mexico call themselves by the names of various reptiles, animals and birds.

**TG Quiche Cosmogony** Called *Popol Vuh*; discovered by the Abbe Brasseur de Bourbourg. See *Popol Vuh*

**PV Quiche-Maya** At the time of the Conquest, the principal Maya people living in the highlands of what is now Guatemala, north of Lake Atitlan. Its chiefs claimed descent from ruling families in Tula, Mexico. Like all Maya tribes, the Quiche-Maya regarded themselves as the direct descendants of the Supreme Being and the creator and builder gods.

**SI Qui circumambulat terram** II 485, 515 (*Latin*) “who circles the earth.”

**TG Quietists** A religious sect founded by a Spanish monk named Molinos. Their chief doctrine was that contemplation (an internal state of complete rest and passivity) was the only religious practice possible, and constituted the whole of religious observances. They were the Western *Hatha Yogis* and passed their time in trying to separate their minds from the objects of sense. The practice became a fashion in France and also in Russia during the early portion of this century.

**SI Qui fruges excantassent [excantasset] segetem pellicentes incantando** I 469 (*Latin*) “Who draws away by incantations the fruits of one field to another.” — Servius Maurus Honoratus on Virgil’s *Eclogues* 8.99

**TG Quinanes** A very ancient race of giants, of whom there are many traditions, not only in the folk-lore but in the history of Central America. Occult science teaches that the race which preceded our own human race was one of giants, which gradually decreased, after the Atlantean deluge had almost swept them off the face of the earth, to the present size of man.

**TG Quindecemvir** (*Latin*) The Roman priest who had charge of the Sibylline books.

**TG Qu-tamy** (*Chaldean*) The name of the mystic who receives the revelations of the moon-goddess in the ancient Chaldean work, translated into Arabic, and retranslated by Chwolsohn into German, under the name of *Nabathean Agriculture*.