

The kabbalah according to Antoine Faivre

“It is known that the kabbalah constitute the essence of Jewish esotericism. If one wishes to understand its importance for Hebrew religion, one must know that that in this mysticism, in the sense of union with God, remains quite rare. More desired than union, Judaism speaks of a vision of God, the contemplation of His divine majesty, the understanding of the mysteries of creation. Vision, contemplation, active understanding, this is what defines theosophy at this level. The kabbalah is nothing other than Hebrew theosophy.”

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