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BOOK REVIEWS

**Q. B. L. or THE BRIDE'S RECEPTION,
a Short Cabalistic Treatise on the Nature
and Use of the Tree of Life, with a brief
introduction and a lengthy appendix.
By Frater Achad.
(Collegium Spiritum Sanctum), \$10.00.**

The Children Israel have given the world not only three religions, but also the philosophy of Qabalah. This philosophy, symbolized by that Tree of Life, which we call the *Ten Sephiroth*, has been eagerly studied by some of the deepest minds ever since its first publication. Those Sephiroth included Macrocosmos and Microcosmos, starting with *Kether*, the Crown, the direct radiation from *Ain Soph*, invisible and boundless, and ending with *Malkuth*, the Kingdom, visible and circumscribed. They are ten, because that is the Number of Perfection. Perfection means *Synthesis*, without which *Thesis* and *Antithesis* stand there fighting each other, getting nowhere.

This book is no mere copy of what other cabalists have written about the Tree of Life. Its author, Frater Achad with his deep insight into cabalistic lore, is an independent thinker, and his intuition has helped him to visualize many new truths and facts. If his fine pictures of the *Sephiroth* in this book are compared, for instance, to that in *Liber 777*, it is easy to see the difference. This book is a gem of bookmaker's art and of cabalistic insight. Even a mere *Tyro* in *Cabalism*, like the reviewer, can see it.

—J. B.