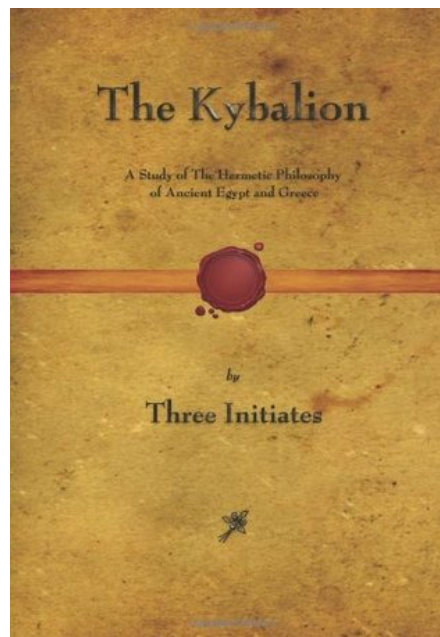




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The precepts of Hermetic philosophy remained shrouded in secrecy for more than 2,000 years, clouded by obscure language and dense allegories. This concise guide offers a modern interpretation of the doctrine, distilling its teachings with seven compelling principles that can be applied to self-development in daily life.

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Greg says

this book explains everything. Why study quantum physics when it is all here in a few basic principles. This is my bible.

Markham Anderson says

More laughable than the religions which it scorns but which pretend to less. It has no respect for the intelligent examination or application of its own tenets; and even as a second-grader I could certainly have traced the path through which its arguments lose their own framework every few pages.

Excerpt p.58: "There are certain truths connected with [THE ALL's:] existence which the human mind finds itself compelled to accept." I found the following "truths" not compelling; the book must take as great liberty with the definition of "human mind" as it does with several even more common terms, such as "philosophy", "theology", "metaphysics", and "universe".

Iván Daniel says

Tenemos una visión tan absolutista de nuestro entorno, de nuestra realidad, que nos negamos rotundamente al cambio, "pese a que este cambio es una Ley Universal", y el kybalion es como un mapa mental que condiciona nuestra interpretación de las cosas.

No es una verdad, es una semi verdad que debe ir tomada da la mano de la convicción más profunda de nuestro ser, es cambio continuo, no es un enemigo con el cual luchar, sino más bien es fuerza natural, similar al viento. No se puede cambiar la fuerza y el sentido del viento, pero si se "aborda con confianza y espíritu de aprendizaje" se puede ajustar la dirección de las velas de nuestras naves, para llegar a nuestro destino.

Matthew says

What I learned from this book is that people think I am crazy if I try to talk about this stuff with them hahaha.

Desiree Finkbeiner says

I've yet to read anything written or collaborated by William Walker Atkinson that I didn't love. Hermetic philosophy lifts the vibration of truth seekers by identifying principals of eternal weight and substance, universal law, and ethereal mystery into palpable language easy for most open minds to understand. This book, as additional study companion to other volumes of sacred text, expands and expounds arcane schools

of thought into well-explained discourses. The understanding will come in varying degrees depending on the student and is meant to grow spiritual understanding of divine intelligence precept upon precept. Though the Kybalion is only a simple introduction to Hermetic philosophy, it's a great place to begin understanding the concepts of mental creation, thought vibration and it's effects on the ether etc

Is it possible to control the energies around us? Yes, but not everyone masters it in this plane of existence.

Further study and practicing mental craft will be required to gain enough knowledge to become a 'master', but this little book will point you in the right direction to begin your journey to becoming one with THE ALL, thus wielding the power of mental creation... At least, within a finite degree.

A warning goes out to any individual who attempts to use the powers of heaven for unrighteous ends: simple physics apply. What goes around comes around, so create wisely. :)

Nathan says

This book details a deep and elegant philosophical system which ostensibly dates back to the early Egyptian dynasties, and was first put forth by the legendary Hermes Trismegastus, also known as Thoth. Colorful origins aside, it is a fascinating and internally consistent system for looking at and understanding the universe, both in its material and more numinous manifestations.

Nathan says

This stands as one of the most important books I've read about the nature of reality and the supersensible universe. As with any work intending to teach through words something that is larger and exponentially more complex than language will always require careful study. And though this book is not long by page standards, it requires careful, slow study if one is to get the maximum weight of the material.

If you are unable to let go of the question of whether there is more to the universe than meets the eye, this should be on your reading list. If the idea of supersensible realms of experience do not drive you, or you think the idea of anything that cannot be seen with the objective eye is absurd, save yourself time and don't bother with this.

For me, this may stand as the most important piece of instruction I've received, even though I feel like I understood most of the ideas before. This work neatly organized and illustrated the differences between seemingly similar phenomena like vibration and rhythm, polarity and correspondence, etc. I'd give it 7 stars if I could. ;-)

Robert S. says

One of the cherished keys to unlocking the door of understanding reality.

Jann says

This is NOT a book on magic (as in the description from goodreads). It explains the "science" of spirit or "All-That-Is". It resonated with me, and from it my interest in hermetic philosophy was ignited.

Rosi Guastella says

I first read "The Kybalion" in 1998. It changed the way I recognized spirituality, the principles and the universe. I am reading it again and it is even more enlightening than the first time. These seven hermetic laws, the Principle of Mentalism (Mind), Correspondence (Analogy), Vibration (Nothing rests - everything moves - everything vibrates), Polarity (Duality), Rhythm (Everything flows, out and in - everything has its tides - all things rise and fall - the pendulum swing manifests in everything - the measure of the swing to the right is the measure of the swing to the left - rhythm compensates), Cause and Effect (Karma), and Gender (Gender is in everything - everything has its Masculine and Feminine Principles - Gender manifests on all planes) are meant to be recognized and applied to our lives.

This is was and is one of my favorite books.

David Acevedo says

Kuddos to the people who aim to give away "secrets", hidden from the layman for centuries, without really giving them! This book is a waste of time. It says too much and doesn't really say anything that you cannot find already in pop culture. My guess is that if your approach in reading it is to discover how to develop magical and telekinetic powers, you are only fooling yourself (truth be told, this is one of those books that led me to where i am today: an atheist, though not a bitter one, thank you very much). If your approach is purely scholarly in the occult, then you'll probably end up giving this book two stars instead of one, as I just did. It has nothing of value, and is way too close to the Law of Attraction-The Secret bullshit. In any case, it's all bollocks!

Finally, I'm appalled at how many people gave 5 stars to this piece of codswallop! If this is a micro of a bigger representation of the world, then there are too many people out there who do not really know how to live their lives; and need bogus authors that cannot even dignify to print their real names on a book to teach them how to live them. Ridiculous.

On the other hand, I find it ludicrous that so many people are drawn to this empty literature. I mean, Paulo Coelho is one of the most prolific and best-paid authors! And his books, while crappy, have been read by millions and can be found in the book section of almost any multinational drugstore. One of my professors compared this phenomenon to the advent of light literature, or its American sister, "lite lit". Do the experiment. Ask people if they read. If they say "yes", ask them what they read. If they start with "The Alchemist", "The Secret", "The DaVinci Code", "Kybalion", or for that matter, the Bible, you already know these people are book illiterate sophists that haven't really had a taste or the chance to try true literature.

Serious literature is not meant to give you any answers. It's meant to raise you even more questions. It's meant to make you think. It doesn't offer you solutions. It gives you more problems to solve. It challenges you.

Desiree Finkbeiner says

This book changed my entire spiritual view of the universe and strengthened my faith in God, but in new

ways. It also helped me understand with greater efficacy the teachings of Jesus Christ. Though the Christ is not mentioned in this text, it was a useful tool in improving my understanding about how he worked the miracles, and the universal laws that govern even God. The principals here are open-ended enough that they may help those from virtually any faith gain greater understanding for the workings of the universe and how they apply to creation.

David says

This book was written in the early 20th century and while it argues the validity of its teachings on the basis of a misinterpreted view of the antiquity of Hermes Trismegistus's writings, it is still interesting and applicable philosophically. Hermeticism in general took a hit when it was realized his writings took place a few centuries into the A.D. time period rather than in the early period of the ancient Egyptian kingdom. He was incorrectly viewed as the father of alchemy, mathematics and other disciplines, and so there was a let down when it was proven his writings took place at a much, much later time.

These authors are presenting a concise introduction to the core principles of Hermeticism, and it serves as a nice introduction to Hermetic philosophy. Their writing style can be a bit juvenile at times, with many of broad-sweeping statements on an idea's importance and bursting into emphatic usage of all CAPS and frequently ending sentences with exclamation points! Also, there are a few too many statements made to the tune of "what modern science has failed to understand" or "as modern scientists have come to understand", that are so horribly vague that it makes the book sound a bit unscholarly. In and around such statements they often slip into a tone of arrogance, which seems to be common behavior when a writer/debator needing to prove a point finds their quiver empty of any detailed intellectual examples and have to resort to "it's so obvious" scoffing, intimidating the reader to acquiesce instead of building up their logic respectfully.

I greatly appreciated the concise, accessible manner in which Hermeticism was discussed in this work. I felt I learned a lot that I'll be able to retain for the future and that owes more to their ability to teach than to my interest in the subject. However, they needed to stay off the court where the big boys (ie, scientists) play. They don't belong there, and it makes them sound like charlatans when they try to argue the scientific superiority of Hermeticism with pockets empty of solid examples. Besides, their writing has merit and philosophical value without trying to elevate themselves to a place where they can make broad-sweeping statements that place science in the backseat of a scholar's search for knowledge.

Mike Randall says

This book is exactly the way the universe works, and not at all the way it works. To those who have travelled far in their search for the truth, it holds the secrets to everything. To the uninitiated, it is a "tough read." Actually, being written in 1908, it is on the tougher side, but honestly I found the Great Gatsby harder to understand. ALL in all, this book holds the answers few people (and scientists) know to be the truth.

Gwyndyllyn says

The Kybalion is known as "the master key" for a reason. These are the aphorisms set forth by Hermes Trismegistus, known also as Thoth. I have studied this book over and over, and each time, I get it at a deeper

level. In all seriousness, if you only read and study one occult text in your entire life, this should be the one.
