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## cabbala (n.)

"Jewish mystic philosophy," 1520s, from Medieval Latin *cabbala*, from Mishnaic Hebrew *qabbalah* "reception, received lore, tradition," especially "tradition of mystical interpretation of the Old Testament," from *qibbel* "to receive, admit, accept." Compare Arabic *qabala* "he received, accepted." Hence "any secret or esoteric science." Related: *Cabbalist*.

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