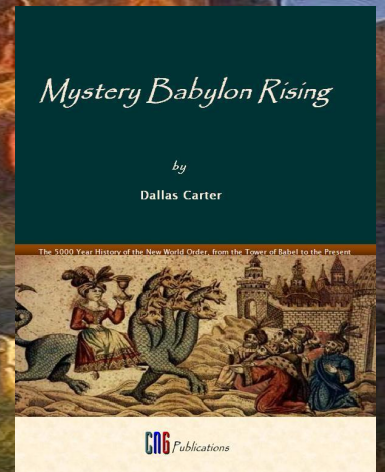


Hermeticism in the Medieval Period



Occult in Disguise

- Hermeticism particularly suited for infiltration.
- Christians co-opted Hermetic writings to promote Christianity, allowing infiltration.
- Islam, however, was ideally suited to carry Hermeticism
- The Fall of Constantinople provided opportunity for Hermeticism to penetrate Western Europe.

Islam-Hermeticism

- Ibn al-Arabi wrote *Fusus al-hikam* (*The Bezels of Wisdom*).
- Ibn al-Arabi believed nature was a set of diffuse emanations from God like an unpolished mirror.
- Ibn al-Arabi believed that the consciousness of man was a microcosm of the god-universe that could focus these like polishing a mirror.
- Ibn al-Arabi believed people differ in their ability to polish that mirror, **with only a few succeeding**

Islam–Hermeticism

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- Ibn al–Arabi believed Muhammad was the perfect man, whose intellect was identical to the first intellect.
- Ibn al–Arabi envisioned Islam as the endgame of spiritual evolution

The Forking of Hermeticism

- Hermeticism would come to Western Europe via George Gemistos Plethon in the wake of the fall of the East Roman Empire to the Ottoman's
- Islamo-Hermeticism would become the philosophy of Jihadists via Muhammad Qutb, the brother of Muslim Brotherhood founder Sayyid Qutb.

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