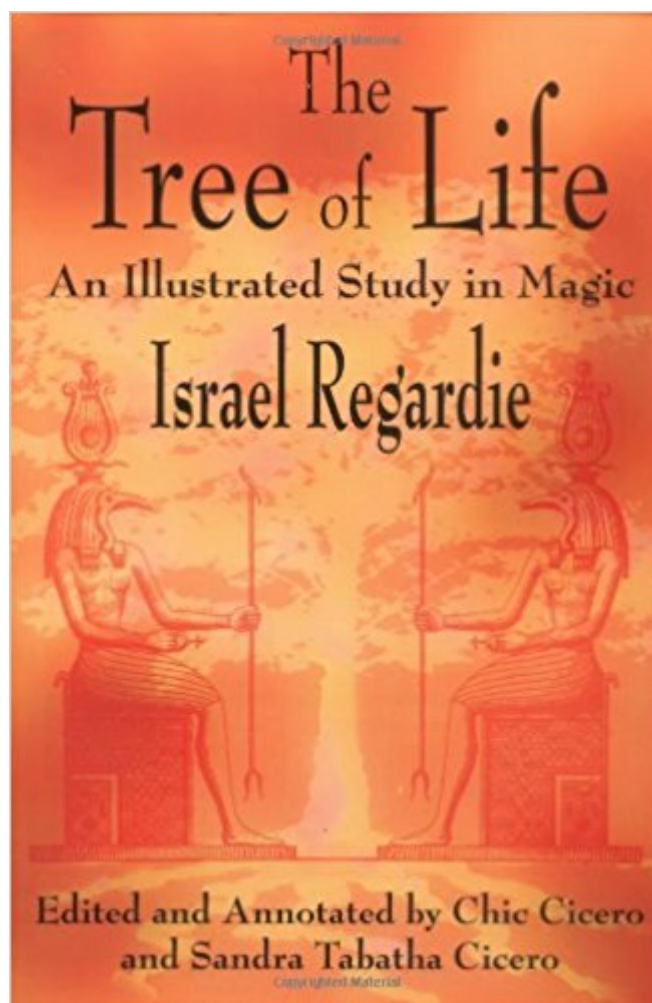


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The Tree Of Life: An Illustrated Study In Magic



Synopsis

Israel Regardie wrote *The Tree of Life*, a book many consider his magnum opus, in 1932. It has continued to sell for decades. And no wonder. Up until the time this book was published, very little information about true high magic was available to the public. In this book, Regardie reveals the secrets of real magic. He begins with an explanation of what magic is and, just as importantly, what magic is not. He explains that it is a spiritual study and practice which, along with forms of yoga, forms the two branches of the tree that is mysticism. Magic is not being a medium or a psychic. Then he explains the tools of the magician, what they mean, and how to use them. He explains the techniques of evocation and invocation, skrying, and astral travel. He shows how the Qabalah unites everything. He even gives a description of the secrets of sexual magick. All of this is in a clear, lucid writing style. This book is simply a must for anyone who is, or aspires to be, a real magician. Although Chic and Sandra Tabatha Cicero were friends of Regardie and are Senior Adepts of the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn, what changes could they have made to this classic book? Well, they did change the spelling from British style to American. And they did change his transliterations of Hebrew into the more popular style he used in his later books. But nothing vital was changed or removed. Everything else they added was complementary to the text that was there. And what incredible additions they are! Extensive annotations throughout every chapter; over 100 illustrations; more descriptive contents pages; a glossary, a bibliography and an index. They've even added a biographical note on Regardie and the importance of this book to him and to the occult world. This book contains some of the finest occult writing that has ever been produced. And with the new material by the Ciceros, it becomes a must-have for any magician!

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Customer Reviews

"The Tree of Life presents a massive amount of material that brings together ancient wisdom and modern magical experience." -- Bodhi Tree Book Review, Winter 2001/Spring 2002

Have you ever heard of Elbert Hubbard? After being a soap salesman he founded the Roycrofters (part of the handicraft movement) and the Roycroft Press, which printed magazines and books filled with inspiration and information. He was popular in the early 1900s. Most people today have never heard of him. On the other hand, you've probably heard of Israel Regardie. About his book, *The Tree of Life*, famous occultist Dion Fortune wrote, "it is going to be one of the classics of occultism." She was right. *The Tree of Life* was a book of its time. And just as poor Elbert is pretty obscure today, so, too, are many of the references in Regardie's book. It was time, not to change the book, but to update it for modern readers. The ideal people to do this were Chic and Sandra Tabatha Cicero, Senior Adepts of the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn and respected writers and lecturers. The actual changes they made were few; they Americanized some British spellings and carefully turned the transliterations of Hebrew into the modern system that Regardie used in his later books. But that was just the beginning. Next, they made numerous explanatory notes for each chapter so that everyone can now fully understand the book. Then, to make it easier to use and more valuable they added a glossary, a bibliography, an index, and information on each chapter for the contents pages. To show its importance, they included a biographical preface giving information about Regardie and the book. And finally, to make it even more attractive, they've added over 100 illustrations. Now, this classic from the year 1932 is again a classic for the 21st century. Elbert Hubbard may be forgotten, but this book is fresh and lively. Again, if you get a book on real magic, this should be it!

This little book is a great introduction to Magick and its rituals, mainly focusing on the Kaballah. I have the original in its original format without the commentary by his students. The book gives a brief overview of Magick, Kabbalah, and Yoga with a few examples of some of the rituals associated with these practices. He doesn't go into great detail on some of the practices, so other books and material will have to be consulted. Also, Regardie uses some obscure words that will require the use of a dictionary. In short, this book was written primarily for beginners studying the occult, but to me

this book serves as a wonderful introduction.

The most comprehensive and thorough book on Western Magic that I have yet to read. A must read for anyone interested in the occult, magic, ritual magic, Kabbalah, mysticism, yoga (union), life, esotericism... etc..

Israel Regardie's books are the first books of understanding Magic that makes any true sense to me.

Echoing many of the sentiments of other reviewers, this book is one of the best primers to the western occult tradition. Though the title gives a nod towards the Kabbalistic system, the book gives a far broader overview of the theurgistic tradition and its history over and above one single system. Though this broad overview provides a wealth of information, there is not much drill down detail to the actual tree of life and Kabbalistic practical workings. For the reader interested specifically in the Kabbalah I would suggest reading this book as a primer and then move on to A Garden Of Pomegranates.

This book offers valuable footholds for those climbing towards a comprehensive view and articulate understanding of the Kabbalah and Ceremonial Magick.

Amazing!!! Valuable information!

I highly recommend Dr. Regardie's book to all serious students of metaphysics and magic. He carefully explains magical philosophy and offers solid techniques and advice for the individual seeking this path of higher development. This particular new addition breaks down each topic and subtopic to more clearly aid the reader than the previous edition. Dr. Regardie's qualifications and experience in the field is excellent. Having once met him at his home in Studio City, California, I also found him to be a dedicated teacher and a kind individual.

This is one of the few "MUST HAVE" books in just about any1's library, It's a little complicated language, but get a dictionary or something ^^Contains just about every single piece of information you could ever desire. It is good as start-material for many who wish to learn more about a lot of the "occult" terms like: Guardian Angel, Astral Travel, The tree of life, The qaballah and many many

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