

Ehyeh – A Kabbalah For Tomorrow by Arthur Green.
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No book by Arthur Green, author of *Tormented Master*, the as-yet unsurpassed biography of Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav, should be ignored. *Ehyeh*, his latest journey into the world of Jewish mysticism, shows his continuing enthusiasm for the Kabbalah, as well as his enduring fascination with Rebbe Nachman, as he seeks to persuade and inspire his readers – Jew and non-Jew alike – to deepen the quality of their spiritual life and make contact with their soul.

Green applies kabbalistic concepts, as well as the framework of the ten spheres of the Kabbalah, to specific areas of religious life, sometimes more convincingly than others, but his approach is always direct and disarmingly honest.

A rationalist approaching *Ehyeh* may find parts of it raising at least one eyebrow, but perseverance is worthwhile to gain an adequate grasp of Green's approach. Refracted through the lens of Jewish mysticism, prayer, evil and the nature of being human are seen in more vivid colours, and the application of mystical concepts to the issue of environmentalism is inspired.

Devotees of Arthur Green will enjoy *Ehyeh*, strict rationalists may find it somewhat hard to take, but for all those in between this is a gentle way in to the mystical dimension in Judaism which currently exerts huge attraction to so many across the world.

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