

EXHIBITION OF PLAYING CARDS

THE

TAROT

(BOOK OF THOTH)

78 PAINTINGS

ACCORDING TO THE

INITIATED TRADITION AND MODERN
SCIENTIFIC THOUGHT

WITH OTHER

OCCULT AND ALCHEMICAL DESIGNS

and the twenty-two letters on man, and his best method of manipulating their forces.

It appears from the classification that the system of the Tarot is that of the Hebrew Qabalah. Qabalah means "received," *i.e.*, a tradition received by means of initiation.

The Hebrew Qabalah claims to be based on the Egyptian Qabalah. It was supposed that Moses, the great magician of the Hebrews, had been initiated by the hierophants of that country. This theory is confirmed by strongly marked traces of Egyptian figures and ideas in the traditional designs themselves, but there is also manifold expression of the influence of Indian religions. In particular, the Indian God Ardhanari is represented with the four weapons of the four suits, Wands, Cups, Swords, and Diks.

It seems, therefore, probable that Egyptian and Indian adepts were responsible for the pack in its primitive form, which is now lost.