



Occult Vefq Talisman Booklet

Manuscript in Ottoman Turkish

Author, place of origin and year unknown, probably written by a dervish of a Sufi monastery in Anatolia in the 19th century.

75 leaves, 9.5 x 11 cm, bound in leather, with flap and in an ornate leather case

A kind of talisman that seeks esoteric meanings by writing letters, numbers, words, verses in squares in a certain order.

Occultism (from Latin *occultus* 'hidden', 'concealed', 'secret') is a vague collective term for a wide variety of phenomena, practices and ideological systems, whereby occult can be roughly synonymous with esoteric, paranormal, mystical or psychic.

Numerology [number symbolism] is the assignment of meanings to individual numbers or combinations of numbers, whereby the numbers are given a symbolic function that refers beyond their mathematical function. This symbolism is observed, with differences in expression and function, in religion, liturgy, literature, customs and superstition.

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