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“Because of this work, the Book of the Zohar, [the Jews]
will be redeemed from exile” Zohar ha Kaddosh (3, 124b)

THE ZOHAR HA KADDOSH, NOBODY OPPOSES IT

The holy Ramak (Rabbi Moshe Cordevero; 1522-1570) already gave rebuke, and this is what he said in [his work called] "Pardes," [in] Sha'ar 'Ten, And Not Nine,' in the ninth chapter: Now that the wisdom of the 'Truth' (i.e., Kabbalah) has become revealed and made known amongst the wise of Israel, which is an inheritance for the 'Assembly of Ya'akov' from Moshe Rabbeinu from God, anyone who denies it or argues with it is called a 'kofer' (apostate), for he denies a portion of Torah Sh'b'al Peh (Oral Law), and he removes himself from the 'Faithful of Israel.' For, from the time that it became well-known amongst the Jewish people, that is, from the time of the Ramban (Nachmanides; 1194-1270) onward, there has not been a single 'chacham' (Torah scholar) from the wise of Israel or from the wise 'investigators' [who has denied its validity]. However, previous to this time it was hidden and revealed only to a few fitting people in each generation, as it is known in the 'Teshuvos HaGaonim' (Responsa from the period from 589 - 1038 CE). However, from the time of the Ramban it became known amongst the Jewish people and not a single chacham from all the wise of Israel, from whose waters we drink when learning their commentaries on Talmud and Poskim (Halachic Deciders), argued with it at all" . . . This is the main rectification of learning Kabbalah more than any other area of Torah learning. For, the rest of the areas of Torah learning are enclotted in matters of this world, which is not the case with Kabbalah, and particularly the words of the Arizal (1534-1572), who built upon the 'Ideres' (in the Zohar) and 'Safra d'Tzniusa' (also in the Zohar), and the other secret sections of the Holy Zohar. All of its matters deal only on the level of 'Atzilus' and the worlds of the light of 'Ain Sof.' That is why the wisdom of Kabbalah is called 'Nistar' (Hidden)... (Sha'arei Leshem, Rabbi Eliaschiv ZTK'L page 525)