

DANIEL MATT



Daniel Matt is a teacher of Jewish spirituality and one of the world's leading authorities on Kabbalah and the *Zohar*. He has been featured in *Time* and *Newsweek*, and has appeared on National Public Radio and the History Channel. He has published over a dozen books, including *The Essential Kabbalah* (translated into eight languages), *Zohar: Annotated and Explained*, and *God and the Big Bang: Discovering Harmony between Science and Spirituality* (revised edition, 2016).

Several years ago Daniel completed an 18-year project of translating and annotating the *Zohar*. In 2016, Stanford University Press published his ninth volume of *The Zohar: Pritzker Edition*, concluding the *Zohar's* main commentary on the Torah. For this work, Daniel has been honored with a National Jewish Book Award and a Koret Jewish Book Award. The Koret award hailed his translation as “a monumental contribution to the history of Jewish thought.”

Daniel received his Ph.D. from Brandeis University and for twenty years served as professor at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. He has also taught at Stanford University and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

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<https://www.sup.org/zohar/course>