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## The Taste of Hidden Things

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This monograph explores the original literary produce of Muslim mystics during the eighth–tenth centuries, with special attention to ninth-century mystics, such as al-Tustarī, al-Muḥāsibī, al-Kharraz, al-Junayd and, in particular, al-Ṣakāmī al-Tirmidhī. Unlike other studies dealing with the so-called 'Formative Period', this book focuses on the extant writings of early mystics rather than on the later book compilations. These early mystics articulated what would become a hallmark of Islamic mysticism: a system built around the psychological tension between the self (nafs) and the heart (qalb) and how to overcome it. Through their writings, already at this early phase, the versatility, fluidity and maturity of Islamic mysticism become apparent. This exploration thus reveals that mysticism in Islam emerged earlier than customarily acknowledged, long before Islamic mysticism became generically known as Sufism. The central figure of this book is al-Ṣakāmī al-Tirmidhī, whose teaching and inner world focus on themes such as polarity, the training of the self, the opening of the heart, the Friends of God (al-awliyāʾ), dreams and visions, divine language, mystical exegesis and more. This book thus offers a fuller picture than hitherto presented of the versatility of themes, processes, images, practices, terminology and thought models during this early period. The volume will be a key resource for scholars and students interested in the study of religion, book studies, Late Antiquity and Medieval Islam.

## Perspectives on Early Islamic Mysticism

This collection of Sufi poetry and songs is "an inspiring source to deepen our knowledge of Sufism by the examples and teachings of . . . beautiful and wise Sufi women" (Sufism) The luminous presence of women who follow the Sufi Way—the mystical path of Islam—is brought to life here through their sacred songs and poetry, their dreams and visions, and stories of their efforts as they witness the Truth in many realms. These writings reflect the honor and respect for the feminine in the Sufi worldview, and they are shared in the spirit of inspiration and hope for the flourishing contributions of women to the spiritual development of humanity. Spanning the centuries, from the time of the Prophet Muhammad

to the present day, the selections are by or about an array of Sufi traditions in different parts of the world, from Asia, Africa, and the Middle East to Europe and America—from beloved members of the Prophet's family to the mystic Rabi'a al-Adawiyya to the modern scholar Annemarie Schimmel. Biographical anecdotes and personal memoirs provide a glimpse into the experience of great saints and contemporary practitioners alike, while providing an introduction to the principles and practices of Sufism.

### Women of Sufism

*Negotiating Sexual Idioms: Image, Text, Performance* affords new theoretical approaches and insights into the complexity of sexual discourse pervading contemporary cultures, exploring sexuality's role in dominant conceptualisations of self and society, in patterns of political belonging and exclusion, and in societal transformations. Opening with a substantial critical introduction, this collection of twelve essays and creative pieces contributes to significant current debates regarding sexual rights and their violation, queer theory and identity politics, sexual fantasy formations and strategies of pleasure, and the celebration of sexual diversity, topics explored through a variety of disciplinary frameworks, including gender and film studies, religious philosophy, neo-Victorian and postcolonial literature, sociology, pornography, and performance art. The volume positions the subjects of sex and sexuality as crucial to our ethical understanding of the human, both in individual and communal terms, exploring how claims for sexual subjectivity and citizenship are formulated and the entitlements they entail. The analytical insights offered signal important new directions for critical engagement with the socio-political construction of sexuality and its strategic deployment within the cultural imaginary. Designed to appeal equally to scholars, students, and general readers, *Negotiating Sexual Idioms* will prove essential reading for those interested in multi-disciplinary approaches to reading sex and sexuality within inter-cultural contexts, from the early modern period to the present-day.

### Negotiating Sexual Idioms

In Israel there are Jews and Muslims who practice Sufism together. The Sufi activities that they take part in together create pathways of engagement between two faith traditions in a geographical area beset by conflict. *Sufism and Jewish Muslim Relations* investigates this practice of Sufism among Jews and Muslims in Israel and examines their potential to contribute to peace in the area. It is an original approach to the study of reconciliation, situating the activities of groups that are not explicitly acting for peace within the wider context of grass-roots peace initiatives. The author conducted in-depth interviews with those practicing Sufism in Israel, and these are both collected in an appendix and used throughout the work to analyse the approaches of individuals to Sufism and the challenges they face. It finds that participants understand encounters between Muslim and Jewish mystics in the medieval Middle East as a common heritage to Jews and Muslims practising Sufism together today, and it explores how those of different faiths see no dissonance in the adoption of Sufi practices to pursue a path of spiritual progression. The first examination of the *Derekh Avraham Jewish-Skf+ Order*, this is a valuable resource for students and scholars of Sufi studies, as well as those interested in Jewish-Muslim relations.

### Image and Imagination in the Phenomenology of Religious Experience

This is a clear and accessible approach to the spiritual tradition of Sufism, a mystical path which uses the energy of love for inner transformation. Vaughan-Lee gives an outline of Sufism--its basic principles, historical background, and recent development in the West, and offers practical guidelines to help the seeker.

### Sufism and Jewish-Muslim Relations

Explores the concept of the Limit (*barzakh*), which the great Sufi mystic Ibn al-'Arabi used to address the philosophical controversy regarding God's relationship with the world.

### Sufism

This volume discusses origin, structure and levels of existence of the created world and the place of human beings in it, according to the major Sufi thinkers of all times.

### Ibn al-'Arabi's Barzakh

Sufism is known as the mystical dimension of Islam. *Breathing Hearts* explores this definition to find out what it means to 'breathe well' along the Sufi path in the context of anti-Muslim racism. It is the first book-length ethnographic account of Sufi practices and politics in Berlin and describes how Sufi practices are mobilized in healing secular and religious suffering. It tracks the Desire Lines of multi-ethnic immigrants of color, and white German interlocutors to show how Sufi practices complicate the post secular imagination of healing in Germany.

### Sufi Cosmology

In these "interesting times," when many people are searching for spiritual nourishment, this book is intended to be a means of providing it. *Rebirthing Into Androgyny: Your Quest For Wholeness, And Afterward* offers to the hungry ones a familiar yet totally different feast. While it sets forth an already-established metaphysics, it also presents a radical new idea—one that has been implicit in that spiritual thought but unavailable until now and the new awareness associated with quantum physics. In other words, while this book provides soul searchers—also known as learners—with an ages-old means of generating a fundamental inner change (a rebirthing), it also provides a new, living prototype of what is being reborn. Thus, a person's rebirthing is both a gestation and a labor (a quest) producing an ever-increasing knowing ("gnosis"), which gradually becomes being that can finally merge with the Beloved/Self. And the new, living prototype is that of the human soul, not as what a person has but as what a person is: a creative energy being who generates its own "bodies" out of its soul substance—its creative consciousness energy—by means of its archetypal human energy system, while always being guided by its nucleus of divinity. In this book, which is a textbook for soul searchers, all of this transformative change is offered, explored and explained in a series of carefully-crafted lessons lovingly taught by a shamanic teacher/healer in a stone circle "classroom," the ancient site of a modern teaching. There is a grand feast awaiting!

### Breathing Hearts

In this groundbreaking work of comparative religion, Algis Uzdavinys takes us deeply into the "closed and blessed gardens of myth"

### Rebirthing into Androgyny

Jonathan Garb's "*Yearnings of the Soul: Psychological Thought in Modern Kabbalah*" is an original, path-breaking study of the renderings of the "heart and soul" in the works of major, minor, and obscure but important figures of modern Kabbalah. Garb has unearthed a treasure-trove of neglected figures and texts, bringing into dialogue their views on heart and soul with those found in other religious and secular authorities. There is no other study that comes close to the territory Garb covers or, for that matter, provides the historical and cultural context necessary for understanding the rise of such psychological renderings in the works of the modern Kabbalists. His analysis shows that any attempt to essentialize the multiple and varied understandings of heart and soul in Jewish mysticism is mistaken. Analyzing text and figure in context on a case-by-case basis Garb is able to provide comparison without being reductive. This is an invaluable contribution to the discipline that cements Garb as the leading scholar of modern Kabbalah.

### Ascent to Heaven in Islamic and Jewish Mysticism

As in other mystic traditions, Sufism sees the relationship between the seeker and God as that of lover and beloved. This wise, beautiful book, written by the spiritual successor to Irine Tweedie (Daughter of Fire), describes the inner journey that takes the lover back to the God he refers to as "the beloved".

### Yearnings of the Soul

Written by a Sufi teacher, "*Light of Oneness*" takes its readers to the real source of healing and transformation, and shows how individuals can work with the energies of life in the inner and outer world.

### The Bond with the Beloved

*The Signs of God* explores the importance of mystical consciousness at this time of global transition. In the depths of the heart is hidden the secret purpose of creation, which is the key to our present time of transformation. The work of the mystic is to make this key accessible to humanity, and so open

the doors of revelation. The possibilities of the future are present but veiled, the joy of life is waiting to return. The mystic can help us to awaken to the oneness that is essential to life, and to recognize the signs of God that will guide us and reveal our true purpose.

### Light of Oneness

This handbook is currently in development, with individual articles publishing online in advance of print publication. At this time, we cannot add information about unpublished articles in this handbook, however the table of contents will continue to grow as additional articles pass through the review process and are added to the site. Please note that the online publication date for this handbook is the date that the first article in the title was published online.

### The Signs of God

In *Mysticism and Philosophy in al-Andalus*, Michael Ebstein underscores the many links that connect the intellectual world of the Andalusí mystics Ibn Masarra (269/883-319/931) and Ibn al-ʿArabi (560/1165-638/1240) to the Ism ʿilāhi tradition.

### The Oxford Handbook of Meditation

Through this ancient Persian story of a prickly-bush digger and his daughter who discover magical stones that bring wealth and disaster, this tale explores the different ways to nourish and care for the soul. As an invitation to the dimensions of love, power, and divine sustenance, Moshkel Gosha's magical story shows how to value and protect a deep longing for inner truth in the contemporary age. The accompanying commentary highlights the story and applies its principles to the spiritual needs and challenges of the contemporary world. "This little book is a priceless jewel. It is such a joy to read age-old truths set in the context of another language and other customs, and to have the essence of these truths translated so beautifully and powerfully into a language we can all understand." —Robert Johnson, author *He, She, Inner Work, and Balancing Heaven & Earth* "Moshkel Gosha is a mysterious Sufi story with different levels of meaning. This commentary gives many valuable insights into the hidden significance of this story. It shows how an ancient Sufi teaching story contains the answer to one of today's most important psychological and spiritual questions: how to let the healing and transformative power of the inner world become a part of our everyday life." —Irina Tweedie, author, *Daughter of Fire: A Diary of a Spiritual Training with a Sufi Master* "Those seeking a rich inner life will find this little book deeply rewarding. Joseph Campbell showed us the power of myth to help us understand ourselves, now Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee guides us to the world within as revealed in a magical tale." —Jonathan Young, PhD, Psychologist and Founding Curator, Joseph Campbell Archives Center for Story & Symbol

### Mysticism and Philosophy in al-Andalus

Is there a mystical consciousness particularly natural to women? And if so, what role is it playing in the spiritual evolution of our world? To answer these questions, Hilary Hart traveled across the world meeting with contemporary mystics from a variety of traditions including Lakota Sioux, Sufism, Buddhism, and West-African shamanism. The revelations of feminine wisdom offered from these encounters are not conceptual teachings, but vivid examples of lived spirituality expressed sometimes through simple ways of being, sometimes through profound mystical experiences. Revolutionary and remarkably practical, *The Unknown She* offers a startling new look at women's unique mystical orientation and its place in the evolution of our universal consciousness. "... for serious students of mystical traditions and women's spirituality, this challenging book offers rewards not found in more conventional works." —Publishers Weekly "... a profound exploration of what may become the most important development in the 21st Century: the return of the feminine voice in spiritual experience." —Tsultrim Allione, author, *Women of Wisdom* A wonderful book! Here, the deep feminine speaks beautifully with inspiration and wisdom so terribly needed in our times." —Jack Kornfield, author, *After the Ecstasy, the Laundry* and founding teacher of Spirit Rock Meditation Center "In this sensitive and beautifully crafted book, Hilary Hart has listened to the voice of a new, emergent, mystical consciousness in women and through her careful witnessing has offered it to us as a precious gift." Anne Baring, author, —*The Myth of the Goddess*

### Moshkel Gosha

Humanity has been given access to the secrets of oneness, but we need to learn how to work with them. Working with Oneness brings mysticism into the center of the marketplace, into the world of business and technology, and shows how we can work with it in everyday life. The dynamic energy of oneness has the potential to heal the planet and revolutionize life more than we can imagine, but it requires our individual participation and awareness to become fully alive. The energy of oneness is already present but waiting to be lived, and Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee provides a blueprint for working consciously with this energy. As we understand how our consciousness affects the whole fabric of life, the potential for real global change comes alive. Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee stresses the need to change from hierarchical, patriarchal power structures to organic patterns that allow for the free flow of energy and ideas. Through these patterns the dynamic energy of oneness can become part of everyday life. Working with Oneness includes a number of additional important topics, including: the changing energy structure of the planet and how to work with it; the power of individual consciousness; the danger of the desire for spiritual security; the return of joy to everyday life; the awakening of the heart of the world; a new understanding of magic; the use of the imagination; and mystical participation in life with the energy of oneness. Working with Oneness offers guidance on how to work with the energy of oneness, to learn how to participate in life free of the patterns of the past, so that the divine can come alive in every moment of every day. Working with Oneness is mystical activism at its most potent. "There is a growing and eager audience waiting for a vision of unity consciousness... Working with Oneness offers a salutary antidote to worn-out antagonisms. It challenges readers to join other kindred souls in a mystical activism that can bring new hope to humanity." —Spirituality & Health "A book filled with wonder and the kind of insights that can leap out to your heart and gladden you for having read them. It's words are simple and straightforward—always a blessing—but its message is the most vital and important for the time in which we live. I recommend it." —David Spangler, author, Blessings: the Art and the Practice

#### The Unknown She

The present volume offers nineteen studies of takfir: accusations of unbelief, covering different periods and parts of the Muslim world. Takfir was and is an effective instrument to delegitimize one's opponents, who may face social exclusion or even persecution.

#### Working with Oneness

A Companion to the History of the Middle East offers a fresh account of the multifaceted and multi-layered history of this region. A fresh account of the multifaceted and multi-layered history of the Middle East comprises 26 newly-commissioned essays by leading international scholars. Primarily focused on the modern and contemporary periods, it covers religious, social, cultural, economic, political and military history. It treats the region as four differentiated political units – Iran, Turkey, Israel and the Arab world. It includes a section on current issues, such as oil, urban growth, the role of women, and democratic human rights.

#### Accusations of Unbelief in Islam

This book brings together scholars of a variety of the world's major civilizations to focus on the universal theme of inner transformation. The idea of the "self" is a cultural formation like any other, and models and conceptions of the inner world of the person vary widely from one civilization to another. Nonetheless, all the world's great religions insist on the need to transform this inner world. Such transformations, often ritually enacted, reveal the primary intuitions, drives, and conflicts active within the culture. The individual essays study dramatic examples of these processes in a wide range of cultures, including China, India, Tibet, Greece and Rome, Late Antiquity, Islam, Judaism, and medieval and early-modern Christian Europe.

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### Self and Self-Transformation in the History of Religions

This is the most accessible work in English on the greatest mystical poet of Islam, providing a survey of the basic Sufi and Islamic doctrines concerning God and the world, the role of man in the cosmos, the need for religion, man's ultimate becoming, the states and stations of the mystical ascent to God, and the means whereby literature employs symbols to express "unseen" realities. William Chittick translates into English for the first time certain aspects of Rumi's work. He selects and rearranges Rumi's poetry and prose in order to leave aside unnecessary complications characteristic of other English translations and to present Rumi's ideas in an orderly fashion, yet in his own words. Thorough, nontechnical introductions to each chapter, and selections that gradually present a greater variety of terms and images, make this work easily accessible to those interested in the spirituality of any tradition.

### Self and Self-transformation in the History of Religions

Res is a journal of anthropology and comparative aesthetics dedicated to the study of the object, in particular cult and belief objects and objects of art. The journal presents contributions by philosophers, art historians, archaeologists, critics, linguists, architects, artists, among others.

### The Sufi Path of Love

This long-awaited, magisterial study-an unparalleled blend of philosophy, poetry, and philology-draws on theories of sexuality, phenomenology, comparative religion, philological writings on Kabbalah, Russian formalism, Wittgenstein, Rosenzweig, William Blake, and the very physics of the time-space continuum to establish what will surely be a highwater mark in work on Kabbalah. Not only a study of texts, *Language, Eros, Being* is perhaps the fullest confrontation of the body in Jewish studies, if not in religious studies as a whole. Elliot R. Wolfson explores the complex gender symbolism that permeates Kabbalistic literature. Focusing on the nexus of asceticism and eroticism, he seeks to define the role of symbolic and poetically charged language in the erotically configured visionary imagination of the medieval Kabbalists. He demonstrates that the traditional Kabbalistic view of gender was a monolithic and androcentric one, in which the feminine was conceived as being derived from the masculine. He does not shrink from the negative implications of this doctrine, but seeks to make an honest acknowledgment of it as the first step toward the redemption of an ancient wisdom. Comparisons with other mystical traditions-including those in Christianity, Buddhism, and Islam-are a remarkable feature throughout the book. They will make it important well beyond Jewish studies, indeed, a must for historians of comparative religion, in particular of comparative mysticism. Praise for Elliot R. Wolfson: "Through a Speculum That Shines is an important and provocative contribution to the study of Jewish mysticism by one of the major scholars now working in this field."-*Speculum*

### Res

In this book you, our precious readers, will find the aim of our creation, the reason why we live, material-spiritual experiences that we must take heed during our life, death as not being annihilated and decayed in the earth but as a birth and salvation, and a passage to attain to meet with the Almighty Creator, our aim of creation as knowing and becoming aware of the Creator, and seeking and finding Him with endless love throughout our whole life, the significance of love and being union with Him, details of being purified and becoming mature by liberating the self from base desires, contributions of love, understanding and patience to our happiness in a form of sincere discourses given in a plain language through true stories we experienced and legendary stories of great masters. We intend to share findings of our seeking for many years and show the TRUE FACE OF LIFE to you as much as we are able to see now. Anyone who reads this book will attain to awareness rather than knowledge and thus reach to the pleasure of living. Being aware of his unhappiness due to countless unimportant things that he is occupied with in this temporary world, he abandons his fears and attains to peace and happiness with love, understanding and tolerance.

### Language, Eros, Being

This is the first comprehensive resource on the subject of love in the teachings of the world's major religions, cultures, and philosophies. *Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions* is the first reference

work to offer a comprehensive portrait of love in the context of the classic and contemporary literature of Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism, as well as other cultures and philosophies. Like no volume published to date, it reveals the full richness of religious teachings on love in all its many forms, exploring an extensive range of topics that offer philosophical, psychological, and religious perspectives to guide the quest for the meaning of love. *Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions* features approximately 300 subject entries, as well as insightful biographic sketches of preeminent thinkers, all written by a multidisciplinary team of some of the foremost scholars on the subject. Entries examine both general and culture-specific interpretations of love: not just the dichotomy of spiritual and physical love, but the full emotional spectrum of love in relationships and practices. Collectively, they encompass love's integral—and sometimes conflicting—role in shaping beliefs and behavior in a vastly diverse world.

#### Secret Garden

Investigating sufi-inspired spirituality in the modern world, this multi-faceted and interdisciplinary volume focuses on Beshara, a spiritual movement that applies the teachings of Ibn 'Arabi in a non-Muslim context. It traces the movement's emergence in sixties Britain and analyses its major teachings and practices, exploring through this case-study the interface between sufism and the New Age, and the encounter between Islam and the West. Examining from a global perspective the impact of cultural transformations associated with modernization and globalization on religion, this timely volume concludes by tracing possible futures of sufi spirituality both in the West and in the Muslim world.

#### Sufi

Die Endzeitvorstellungen von Islam, Christentum und Judentum im Mittelalter und in der Frühen Neuzeit untersuchen führende Forscher in diesem Band. Sie diskutieren die gegenseitige Beeinflussung dieser Vorstellungen ebenso wie ihre zeitpolitisch intendierte und ihre tatsächliche Wirkung. Damit erschließen sie eine bedeutende politische und geistesgeschichtliche Quelle, denn die apokalyptischen Schriften finden sich stets im Umkreis der Mächtigen dieser Welt. Pluspunkte: handbuchartiger Überblick über die neuesten Forschungsergebnisse gelungener interdisziplinärer Dialog besonderer Fokus auf Politik- und Geistesgeschichte der Epoche

#### Journal of the Muhyiddin Ibn »Arabi Society

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#### Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions [2 volumes]

This work offers a comparative cross-cultural history of dreams. The authors examine a range of texts concerning dreams, from a variety of religious contexts (including China, the Americas and Greek and Roman antiquity) to explore the ways in which different cultures experience the world of dreams.

#### Beshara and Ibn 'Arabi

Rizum is a book that will take you to a place where all people want to be. We all want to know where we are going in life and have a clear path to our destination. But what would we think if our future were revealed to us? What if our path was made clear to us, only waiting for us to follow our destiny? Rizum is the story of one woman who was faced with such a choice. It is a harrowing story of what happens when the best path to follow is the path we have been avoiding our entire lives.

#### Endzeiten

