

In the name of God

Love resurrects humanity

The wheel of the world turns because of love.
If there were no love, the world would be a sad place.

Love and mysticism form the pure and everlasting spring which flows within all human beings. This fact has been admitted many times in various languages by good and honest people throughout history. The behavior of these people meant they were able to reach purity and beauty of love and mysticism Others have been unaware of this pure and vast ocean and sometimes have denied it. As Hafez said:

The friend has no cover, no veil on face
Shake off sham's dust, if you seek his grace
There is no barrier between the lover and beloved
Hafez you are your own barrier move to the side.

Mysticism considers God beloved of lovers. Only through this unique love does all other love find meaning. Therefore, it is quite natural that the Mysticians spread love through all existence. As Saadi said:

I am happy on this earth that is happy about itself
I am in love with that world which the whole world is, as his existence.

Jami said:

I will tell you a naked story about the friend
Everything is from him and if you look well he is everything
His face is made of all the discovered grains of being
The barriers are all your own thoughts.

Various forms of mysticism throughout history and among all tribes and nations have been dealing with questions of "vanity and falsehood," "inward lessons" and "secrets and mysteries". These inward lessons and secrets have led them to create private societies, forming special social groups so that the secrets and mysteries of their teachings will not be used by those who have no understanding of it.

Islamic mysticism also protects its secrets. One of the essential lessons of religious teachings is that revealing those secrets is a sin and punishable.

Ainalghozat said: "The reason for killing the lover is the result of revealing the secrets of the beloved." Revealing the secrets of God is a sin and committing sin after believing is an apostasy punishable by death...

Shabali said:

"The day that Hossein Mansoor was in trouble and once was one of the favored, I asked God why that is the case. I received my answer that we revealed one of our secrets and he told to everyone and that is why that happened to him.

Hafez also said:

“The friend who was crucified,” said he,
“was incriminated, since God he claimed to be.”

And Rumi said:

His lips are locked and many secrets in his heart
His lips are silent and his heart full of songs
The Mysticians who have drunk from God's cup
Knew many secrets but covered it up
Whoever was taught the secrets of God
He was Stamped and his lips was sewed.

Based of any of these stories, God's special creatures and his close friends are scattered under the sky and lost among other people. In the East, Halaj, Sahbali, Attar, Rumi, Hafez and great Mysticians from the West of different sects and religions appeared and tried to shine a bright light in front of the crowds to cut the darkness and lead the people to the vast and bright territory of love and knowledge. They are all from the same tribe and family; from the tribe of the sun; lightening and awakening!

Yes, the Mysticians of the East and the West, they drink from the same source. Therefore, with calmness and sincerity they should easily understand each other's languages and they can live side by side without any quarrels.

The book you have in front of you is from one of these personalities; a great personality whom during many years, with her works of photography, painting and books has always tried to be a messenger of the teaching of love and mysticism for all the humans throughout the world, for people from any school, religion, tribe, nationality, race and for people of any color or language. These works and paintings are generated from the pure source of Eastern mysticism that have been combined with the beauties, love of humanity, and purity of the West that has provided the expansion of calmness and relaxation in the West.

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With the hope that she will always be successful and victorious in her humanistic efforts...

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