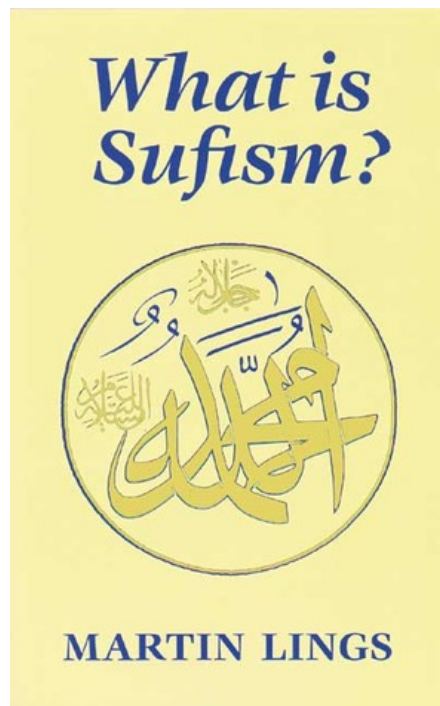




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Martin Lings provides an excellent and authoritative introduction to the mystical movement of the Sufis based on his lifelong interest in Islamic culture. His explanation derives from a profound understanding of Sufism, and extends to many aspects which are usually neglected. His illuminating answer to 'What is Sufism?' gives a taste of the very subject matter itself. What do Sufis believe? What do they aim at? What do they do? Unlike other writers on the subject, Martin Lings treats all the three questions with equal justice. He is thus able to give a wealth of answers to the main question 'What is Sufism?', each answer being from a different angle but all going to the root of the matter. A reviewer wrote 'Should the book appear in paperback, I would use it for undergraduate and graduate courses on Islamic civilization', and in fact *What is Sufism?* has become a set book in colleges and universities on both sides of the Atlantic. It is now accepted as the authoritative statement on the subject of Sufism and it has been translated into French, German, Italian and Spanish. It has also been published in Sarajevo in Bosnian, and is available in Braille.

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Erin says

One of a few books I didn't finish, but feel I read enough of to qualify for this list. (See my "read-about-half-and-then-quit" bookshelf.) A concise, fascinating look at Islamic mysticism, categorized along the four main schools. I wanted to and should have finished this one, but was young when I attempted it.

Hoda Marmar says

This book was quite valuable for my World Religions class project about Sufism. I cannot think my friend enough for lending me this book. It is not your average non-fiction book. This is a beautifully written book, that compiled rich information in an accessible manner. the writing style is SO BEAUTIFUL. I have consulted Titus Burckhardt's 'Introduction to Sufi Doctrine', and although his book is quite rich with information and methodical; yet the style isn't as 'magical' as Lings'.
I highly recommend this for anyone interested in the subject of Mysticism, and Sufism. This is an introductory decent dose of Sufism. I say 'introductory', but I don't mean 'simple and shallow'; no the book is quite deep.
Enjoy!
Will definitely reread it later. At times, reading it felt like a prayer, just the right book for my taste :)

Joseph Lumbard says

This is the most eloquent introduction to Sufism in any European language. Nonetheless, it is a somewhat difficult book to read. Those who are not already inclined to spiritual matters will find this a difficult read. Some aspects of the book also require some knowledge of Islam in order to penetrate them more completely. Still, anyone who is genuinely interested in Sufism should read this book.

Ahmed Kareem HD says

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Farrah says

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Omar Hammam says

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Shaimaa Ali says

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Mary C. says

It was a very dense book, but presented a great summary of Sufism. I enjoyed seeing translations of some important terms such "heart-wakefulness" and "scattered negligence."

Mohammed Al Mahrizi says

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Nagena says

good intro

Hossein Mirzadeh says

Some of my favorite sections of the book which give an insight into its general tone:

" The sight of a beautiful landscape, for example, arouses not only wonder and delight but also longing

inasmuch as the subject cannot merge with the object; and this longing is no less than a degree of the already mentioned presentiment of one's higher possibilities, a degree of 'remembrance' that in the archetypal world of the Spirit a merging of subject with object actually does take place....

One of the Qur'an's most central teachings is: 'Do not look on the things of this world as independent realities, for they are all in fact entirely dependent for their existence on the Hidden Treasure whose Glory they were created to reveal.'...

(The minority of mystics) seek, as we have seen, to identify themselves with the Prophet and to ebb as he ebbs in response to the Revelation. In other words, it must be for the traveller as if the Revelation has come directly to him, in his Heart; and this ka' anna, like all the other 'as ifs' of Sufism, is only possible on the basis of certainty.... "

Tim says

If it wasn't for Sufism I wouldn't be a Muslim, and in my mind, it misses the point to think of any religion without its own form of "Sufism". Sufism in Islam is quite simply the esoteric part of the faith, and an exoteric without an esoteric is a shell with no substance. This is a rather short work, but a perfect concise statement on the essentials of Sufism, including a list of essential Sufis and their respective works.

Hanan Kat says

Very concise and helpful introduction to sufism

Ahmad Abdul Rahim says

Renungan mendalam tentang teori dan praxis sufi seperti yang ditekuni dan diteladani oleh penulis, beliau sendiri merupakan seorang pengamal tasawwul.

Sudut pandang peribadi penulis yang begitu intim dan teguh dengan tradisi ruhani tersebut, ditekuni dengan pena keserjanaan beliau menjadikan karya ini beraura semacam suatu manifesto.

Walaubagaimanapun, konseptualisasi sufisme beliau bukanlah konseptualisasi yang ortodoks atau yang beratusperdana pada hemat aku. Rujukan primer beliau adalah tulisan Frithjof Schuon diteguhkan jua dengan ajaran-ajaran Shaykh Ahmad Al Alawy (1869-1934), pengasas aliran Alawiyya dari aliran Darqawiyya dan seterusnya dari Shaziliyyah.

Bukan juga hendak mengatakan bahawa konseptualisasi penulis ini adalah suatu konseptualisasi heretik. Pengaruh perennialisme memang kenampakan pada bab-bab terawal terutamanya bab 'Universality of Sufism'. Namun hatta di situ beliau sekadar menegaskan bahawa elemen Sufisme wujud dalam mana-mana agama (paling jelas dalam Zen Buddhisme) sambil tidak lupa menekankan bahawa Sufisme seperti yang terhablur di dalam acuan Islam adalah penzahirannya yang paling lengkap.

Tidak keterlaluan untuk aku menggambarkan bahawa buku ini merupakan huraian terbaik di dalam bahasa Inggeris pernah aku baca akan gagasan-gagasan terbesar yang terkandung di dalam ajaran Sufisme, baik secara terang mahupun secara berbalam-balam.

Keaslian buah fikir penulis tentu sekali memberi sumbang terhadap dapatan itu. Pisau analisis beliau tajam membedah-dedah erti dan makna di sebalik pengamalan Sufisme dan signifikasi esoterik di dalam amalan-amalan eksoterik di dalam Islam. Sekali-sekala pembaca akan terpana di tengah-tengah ayat yang mengandungi mutiara-mutiara tasawwuf yang sebelum ini tersorok di balik debu-debu duniawi sebelum ia begemerlapan selepasmana disingkap oleh penulis lewat syarahan dan radd-nya, pengisbatan dan penafiannya lantas menuntut keinsafan mendalam di sisi pembaca.

Di dalam beberapa isu kontroversi di dalam sejarah Sufisme yang sebelum ini dianggap sudah disimpulkan kebenaran berpihak kepada siapa, penziarahan sema topik itu di tangan penulis membawa keluar sisi-sisi lain di mana isu tersebut boleh ditanggap. Isu Hallaj adalah contoh yang terkehadapan. Penulis dalam hal ini merupakan apologetik kepada Hallaj dan menegaskan bahawa apa yang Hallaj katakan itu adalah hakikat. Huraian selanjutnya oleh beliau akan faham-faham utama Hallaj dan mereka yang sealiran dengan beliau adalah merupakan kemuncak bagi buku ini.

Buku ini berakhir dengan sejarah perkembangan tradisi Sufisme di mana sekali lagi ia adalah ditulis dari perspektif 'orang dalam'. Penerokaan penulis kepada tohmahan dan kritikan yang dilemparkan kepada Sufisme terutamanya yang berkait dengan faham kemajuan/kemunduran, keaslian/peniruan adalah mencerahkan dan menjadikan buku ini tergolong di dalam liga yang tersendiri untuk genre-nya yang ditulis di dalam Bahasa Inggeris.

Yaseen says

This book is like a beehive - filled with a portion of sweet honey, but only one with wisdom can attain the honey without being stung. There are pitfalls to reading this book without a certain degree of understanding of Islam previously as the language Lings uses can be a barrier to grasping his meaning and some will take issue with the ideas presented.

However, of all the books in English about Sufism this might be the most beautifully written, grounded, and evocative "primer" on Sufism as the spiritual dimension of Islam.
