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S U F I O R D E R

The word, Sufi comes from the arabic "Sufa or Saf", meaning pure (pure from differences and distinctions). In Greek it means wise and in Persian it means wool. Sufis were named from their woolen garments.

The germ of Sufism is believed to have existed from the beginning of creation. Trace of sufis is found in all periods of history, mostly during the age of Hebrew prophets, who themselves were sufis. Abraham, Moses and Jesus carried it along until the coming of Mohammed, by whom this order was regulated, and was advanced by Ali and Saddik.

Sufism was intellectually born in Arabia, devotionally brought up in Persia and spiritually finished in India.

Sufi Order, was established in the western world in the year of 1910 by INAYAT KHAN the pioneer exponent of sufism and oriental music.

Sufi Teachings:

1. To overcome beliefs and disbeliefs by self realisation ;
2. Never to be enslaved to principles ;
3. Best moral is love and praiseworthy is beauty ;
4. To be pure from distinctions and differences by merging in the One ;
5. Wisdom is the true religion ;
6. Harmony is in justice, justice being in reciprocity ;
7. Music is food of the soul and source of all perfection.

Objects of the order. To establish a human brotherhood with no consideration of cast, creed, race, nation or religion. Differences produce inharmony and cause all miseries in the world. 2. To spread the wisdom of Sufis, which has been until now, a hidden treasure, it being the property of mankind which does not belong to certain race or religion. 3. To attain that perfection where mysticism remains no more a mystery, which relieves the disbeliever from ignorance and the believer from falling victim to hypocrisy. 4. To harmonize the East and West in music, the universal language by an exchange and revival. 5. To bring forth Sufi literature which is most beautiful and instructive in all aspects of knowledge.

The Sufi order is administrated by a treasurer, secretary and a manager besides the representatives acting under the control of Pir-o-Murshid, the head of the order who has the right of initiating also, the title holders of Murshidship are authorized to initiate.

The funds of the order made up by gifts, subscriptions, and receipts in general are applied toward the expenses of the order.

A quarterly journal entitled "SUFIC REVIEW" containing subjects as : religion, philosophy, mysticism, music, and literature, issued on the 1st of January, May and September commencing in 1915, supplied to all members.

The order is formed of five kinds of members,

1. Honorary members who hold an honorary title are free from any subscription ;
2. Initiated members who subscribe £ 20 have privilege of initiation and esoteric training ;
3. Life members who subscribe at least £ 5 are free from other dues ;
4. Sympathetic members subscribing the annual sum of £ 1 ;
5. Ordinary members subscribing five shillings yearly.

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