

Un-Islamic Perceptions in Mysticism - A critique in Sub-continent's perspective

Since the creation of the universe and the human being, Allah Almighty has been appointing His Prophets to teach human beings the way of leading a good life. Along with the spiritual guidance inspired by the Prophets, the mystic traditions in almost all religions have been considered an important method of self-purification, throughout human history. Thus mysticism in the name of Sufism has been a part of Islamic Philosophy as well as a matter of fact the Islamic Sufism or Tasawwuf has been influenced by the other mystic traditions, especially in the Indo-Pak of sub-continent.

Sufism needs to be studied critically in this regard, I have chosen the same area of study for my research. The thesis is divided into four chapters. Chapter 01. In this chapter the researcher will try to understand the literal and figurative meanings of Tasawwuf, its historical background, kinds and level. Chapter 02. In this chapter the Mysticism in different religions of the sub-continent will be studied with brief introduction to Saints and their schools of thoughts. Chapter 03. This chapter will deal with the un-Islamic beliefs, which have influenced Tasawwuf. Chapter 04. This chapter will discuss the un-Islamic practices and customs considered to be a part of Sufism, in the modern history. At the end an analytical study will highlight Islamic traditions of Tasawwuf in the light of Quran and sunnah.