



# Sufi Ritual

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**Ṣūfi Ritual** Ian Richard Netton, 2000 This study reveals the world of Sufi ritual with particular reference to two major Sufi orders It examines the ritual and practices of these orders and surveys their organisation and hierarchy initiation ceremonies and aspects of their liturgy such as dhikr litany and sama mystical concert Comparisons are made with the five pillars of Islam arkan and the Sufi rituals together with the arkan are examined from the perspective of theology phenomenology anthropology and semiotics The work concludes with an examination of the Sufi in the context of alienation This is a major work which highlights the importance of Sufi ritual and locates it within the broader domain of the Islamic world

**Living Sufism** Nicolaas H. Biegman, 2009 Sufism the mystical tradition of Islam is as far from the strident and often violent fundamentalist strain of the religion that has so captured world attention as it is possible to be Sufis in all parts of the Islamic world are broad minded tolerant and non violent their quest only to find and approach God through all means including poetry music and dance Historian Nicolaas Biegman has been observing and photographing Sufi practice and ritual in different Muslim lands for many years and here in this collection of extraordinary photographs he feels the pulse of the Sufi experience with its enormous variety in discipline and exuberance intellectualism and spontaneity in Egypt Syria Bosnia and Herzegovina Kosovo and Macedonia In accompanying texts he explores what lies behind the rituals and explains aspects of Sufi life and practice such as the position of women

**The Female Voice in Sufi Ritual** Shemeem Burney Abbas, 2010-06-04 The female voice plays a more central role in Sufi ritual especially in the singing of devotional poetry than in almost any other area of Muslim culture Female singers perform sufiana kalam or mystical poetry at Sufi shrines and in concerts folk festivals and domestic life while male singers assume the female voice when singing the myths of heroines in qawali and sufiana kalam Yet despite the centrality of the female voice in Sufi practice throughout South Asia and the Middle East it has received little scholarly attention and is largely unknown in the West This book presents the first in depth study of the female voice in Sufi practice in the subcontinent of Pakistan and India Shemeem Burney Abbas investigates the rituals at the Sufi shrines and looks at women s participation in them as well as male performers use of the female voice The strengths of the book are her use of interviews with both prominent and grassroots female and male musicians and her transliteration of audio and videotaped performances Through them she draws vital connections between oral culture and the written Sufi poetry that the musicians sing for their audiences This research clarifies why the female voice is so important in Sufi practice and underscores the many contributions of women to Sufism and its rituals

**Islamic Sufism Unbound** R. Rozehnal, 2016-04-30 Robert Rozehnal traces the ritual practices and identity politics of a contemporary Sufi order in Pakistan the Chishti Sabris He takes multiple perspectives from the rich Urdu writings of Twentieth Century Sufi masters to the complex spiritual life of contemporary disciples and the order s growing transnational networks

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Sufi Women, Embodiment, and the 'Self' JAMILA RODRIGUES, 2022-12-30 This book is an ethnographic case study of Sufi ritual practice and embodied experience amongst female members of the Naqshbandi community Drawing on fieldwork in Cape Town South Africa and Lefke Cyprus 2013 2014 the author examines women's experiences within a particular performance of Sufi tradition The focus is on the ritual named hadra involving the recital of sacred texts music and body movement where the goal is for the individual to reach a state of intimacy with God The volume considers Sufi practice as a form of embodied cultural behavior religious identity and selfhood construction It explains how Muslim women's participation in hadra ritual life reflects religious and cultural ideas about the body the body's movement and embodied selfhood expression within the ritual experience

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Carl Henrik Andreas Bjerregaard,1915 [The Shambhala Guide to Sufism](#) Carl W. Ernst,1997 An essential introduction to the philosophy and practice of the mystical tradition of Islam Cover *Women Mystics and Sufi Shrines in India* Kelly Pemberton,2010 *Women Mystics and Sufi Shrines in India* combines historical data with years of ethnographic fieldwork to investigate women's participation in the culture of Sufi shrines in India and the manner in which this participation both complicates and sustains traditional conceptions of Islamic womanhood Kelly Pemberton's fieldwork offers an assessment of the contemporary circumstances under which a woman may be recognized as a spiritual authority or guide despite official denial of such status and an examination of the discrepancies between the commonly held belief that women cannot perform in the public setting of shrines and her own observations of women doing precisely that She demonstrates that the existence of multiple models of master and disciple relationships have opened avenues for women to be recognized as spiritual authorities in their own right Specifically Pemberton explores the work of performance recitation and ritual mediation carried out by women connected with Sufi orders through kinship and spiritual ties and she maps shifting ideas about women's involvement in public ritual events in a variety of contexts circumstances and genres of performance She also highlights the private petitioning of saints the Prophet and God performed by poor women of low social standing in Bihar Sharif These women are often perceived as being exceptionally close to God yet are compelled to operate outside the public sphere of major shrines **The Power of Ritual** Rachel Pollack,2000 For those seeking spiritual wholeness a sense of belonging and a connection to something greater than themselves *The Power of Ritual* explores the ways in which ritual can transform lives

**Contesting Rituals** Andrew Strathern,Pamela J. Stewart,2005 This book fills a current need in Islamic Studies for a perspective on the nuanced investigation of ritual practices rather than a concentration on politicized forms of ideology The essays in this volume all written by scholarly specialists with first hand fieldwork experience take up a number of questions central to Islamic religion and ritual focusing on rituals as practices of making identities Identities are seen as changing in response to historical forces rather than as unchanging and rigid and the overall vision of Islam is seen as pluralistic rather than monolithic Several of the essays deal with gender relations showing that women may in practice gain some prominence in local contexts beyond what might be allowed by reformist Islamicizing authorities This is particularly the case when the focus is on varieties of Sufism The essays also recognize that elements of conflict and contestation are commonly present in ritual contexts because of struggles over power hence the title *Contesting Rituals* Politics gender relations and conflict between central reformists and local ritual specialists are all involved in these contestations Overall the volume aims to show the multiplicity of Islam and to demonstrate how the themes of multiplicity and unity are played out continuously over time

The contributors to the volume are Kelly Pemberton South Asia Anna M Gade Indonesia Susan J Rasmussen Africa Elaine S Hutson Africa Shampa Mazumdar and Sanjoy Mazumdar USA Sean R Roberts Uyghurstan and Liyakat Takim Iraq The editors Pamela Stewart and Andrew Strathern provide an introductory overview This book is part of the Ritual Studies Monograph Series edited by Pamela J Stewart and Andrew Strathern Department of Anthropology University of Pittsburgh T his volume is a useful addition to literature on Islam ritual and identity It successfully investigates the plasticity of Muslim ritual on multiple axes providing historical perspectives explorations of spatial transformation and experience near ethnographic analyses Journal of Anthropological Research 2006 T he contributions offer interesting insights into aspects of Muslim religious practice their situatedness in wider social contexts and change over time The Journal of Social Anthropology The reader comes away with an awareness of the complexities of being Muslim in today s world of globalization mass migration changing gender roles and continuing ethno nationalist struggles The Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland

**The Heritage of Sufism** Leonard Lewisohn,1999-06 Covering the key achievements of the Muslim intellectual and cultural tradition in history mysticism philosophy and poetry this unique collection shows the positive role played by Sufi thinkers between 700 and 1300 In Amma's Healing Room Joyce Burkhalter Flueckiger,2006 I t is extremely salubrious to see the ways Islam works in the lives of ordinary people who are not politicized in their religious lives No other book on South Asia has material like this Ann Grodzins Gold In Amma s Healing Room is a compelling study of the life and thought of a female Muslim spiritual healer in Hyderabad South India Joyce Burkhalter Flueckiger describes Amma s practice as a form of vernacular Islam arising in a particular locality one in which the boundaries between Islam Hinduism and Christianity are fluid In the healing room Amma meets a diverse clientele that includes men and women Muslim Hindu and Christian of varied social backgrounds who bring a wide range of physical social and psychological afflictions Flueckiger collaborated closely with Amma and relates to her at different moments as daughter disciple and researcher The result is a work of insight and compassion that challenges widely held views of religion and gender in India and reveals the creativity of a tradition often portrayed by Muslims and non Muslims alike as singular and monolithic

**Law and Power in the Islamic World** Sami Zubaida,2003-05-23 Islamic law the Shari a and its application is a central issue in contemporary Islamic politics and culture Starting from modern concerns this book examines the origins and evolution of the Shari a and the corpus of texts concepts and practices in which it has been enshrined The central paradox in this history is one of power the Shari a is jurist s law theoretically derived from sacred sources yet dependent for its institution and application on rulers with their own agendas and priorities Sami Zubaida here considers key historical episodes of political accommodations and contests

**A Bird in the Garden of Angels** Jalāl al-Dīn Rūmī (Maulana),John Moyne,2007 This book is a Rumi reader for the general public It contains a brief chapter on the history and doctrine of Sufism and mysticism and a second chapter on the life and times of Rumi and his close associates

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