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The Junaydī Order in the Deccan: A Discovery from Seventeenth Century Scrolls

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The book

This book recasts the history of Sufism in the Deccan and in India in general. Establishing the presence and active involvement of the Junaydī Sufis in the Deccan during the Bahmani period (1347-1538), contrary to established assumption that it was the Chishtīs who spread Sufi teachings there, the study brings to light some rare thirteenth century documents, including the oldest Persian document in the history of the Deccan. Two sacred scrolls of the seventeenth century from the private collection of a prominent Junaydī Sufi family of Bijapur, tracing its spiritual and family descent to Abul Qasim al-Junayd of Baghdad have also been produced. The scrolls contain extracts from an extinct fourteenth century text, *Atwar al-abrar*, by `Ayn al-Din Ganj al-'Ilm, revealing rich details on prominent Junaydīs, including women Sufis.

Photocopies of both these rare scrolls are reproduced and the spiritual scroll is transcribed in its entirety and translated into English with comprehensive genealogical tables. This groundbreaking study does what scholars, including the late Annemarie Schimmel, of Harvard University, have long advocated—the need to unearth and study the hidden treasure trove of documents on the Deccan.

Review

'This volume provides a meticulously edited and translated cache of Persian documents, opening a window onto a fascinating chapter of Indo-Muslim history that would otherwise remain hidden...'

—Carl W. Ernst

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