

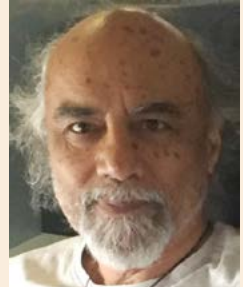


# A Taste of Sufism

with Murshid Kiran Rana

April 2017 – March 2018

offered by the Sufi Way



## Dates & Topics

### **1. April 9, 2017 – Sufi Origins**

*(discussion: April 30\*)*

Cultural and spiritual origins; early mystical schools and traditions; the influence of Prophet Mohammed

### **2. May 21, 2017 – Sufi Forms**

*(discussion: June 4)*

The blossoming within Islam; the appearance of the name “Sufi”; the rise of teachers, schools, fellowships, monasteries, lineages, orders, superorders

### **3. June 18, 2017 – Sufi Content**

*(discussion: July 2)*

Concepts, philosophy, psychology, vocabulary, activity; God as Ruler, God as Love — the influence of Rabia al-Adawwiya

***(No Session in July)***

### **4. Aug. 20, 2017 – Sufi Practices**

*(discussion: Sept. 3)*

Prayer, concentration and repose; music and movement, theater and story; experientials, tasks and chilla; itinerancy and pilgrimage, self-inquiry and experiment

### **5. Sept. 17, 2017 – Sufi “Poles” & Polarities**

*(discussion: Oct. 1)*

The Great Teachers; disparities and dichotomies; the unity of existence

### **6. Oct. 15, 2017 – Sufi Memes**

*(discussion: Oct. 29)*

The Path of Love, the Way of the Heart, the Divine as The Beloved, the Guide/Teacher as the Friend

### **7. Nov. 19, 2017 – Sufi Values**

*(discussion: Dec. 3)*

Wisdom (Sophia), character, the art of personality, doing the beautiful, attunement; the role of women

### **8. Dec. 17, 2017 – Sufi Disruptors**

*(discussion on Jan. 7, 2018\*)*

The shamanic heritage; the Malamati and Qalandari; extremists and assassins; Mulla Nasruddin

### **9. Jan. 21, 2018 – Sufi Radiance**

*(discussion on Feb. 4)*

Poetry, art, music, dance, storytelling, love epics; creative imagination, the Imaginal

### **10. Feb. 18, 2018 – Spiritual Liberty**

*(discussion on March 4)*

Inayat Khan and secular Sufism, Universal Sufism, nondual Sufism, intersectional spirituality

### **11. Mar. 18, 2018 – Sufism Today & Tomorrow**

*(discussion on April 8\*)*

Spirit, nature and ecology; the mystic activist; our nature as love, our nature as change

\* these are the *third* following Sunday

**Recordings will be available to those who have signed-up and paid for the course or that session.**

