

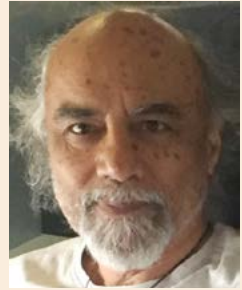


A Taste of Sufism

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 on the *third* following Sunday

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

