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Historical Perspective of
Sufism / Tasawwuf

- Origins and Early Development of Tasawwuf
- Evolution of Sufi Thought in the Classical Period
- Major Sufi Orders (Qadiriyyah, Chishtiyyah, Naqshbandiyyah, Shadhiliyyah, Suhrawardiyyah, and others)
- Historical Development of Sufi Institutions (Khanqahs and Ribats)
- Manuscripts and Documentary Heritage of Tasawwuf
- Contemporary Historiography of Sufism

THEME 2:

Philosophical Aspects
of Tasawwuf

- Epistemology of Spiritual Knowledge (Ma'rifah)
- The Perfect Human (Insan al-Kamil)
- Purification of the Soul (Tazkiyah al-Nafs)
- Ontology and Metaphysics in Sufism
- Philosophy of Spiritual Practices
- Ibn 'Arabi, Al-Ghazali, Rumi, Junayd, Shadhili and other major Sufi thinkers

THEME 3:

Services of Sufis towards
the Islamic Society

- Sufis as Reformers of Society
- Role of Khanqahs in Community Development
- Role of Sufi Women in society
- Sufi Contributions to Literature, Poetry, and Arts
- Sufi Contributions to Social Welfare, Peacebuilding, Conflict Resolution, Interfaith Harmony, Nation building

THEME 4:

Integration of Science
and Sufism

- Scientific Study of Spiritual Experience
- Sufism and Cognitive Science
- Neuroscience of Meditation and Dhikr
- Positive Psychology and Sufism
- Medical Ethics and Spiritual Healing
- Technology and Human Spiritual Well-being
- Bioethics from a Sufi Perspective

THEME 5:

Sufism and the
Contemporary World

- Sufism in the Digital Age
- Globalization and Sufi Identity
- Sufism and Peace Studies
- Sufism in Western Societies
- Religious Pluralism and Sufi Thought
- Sufism and Contemporary Ethical Challenges
- Revival of Tasawwuf in the Twenty-first Century



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