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The Hundred Tales Of Wisdom: Life, Teachings And Miracles Of Jalaludin Rumi From Aflaki's Munaqib



Synopsis

Christians and Jews, as well as Muslims, called Jalaludin Rumi their teacher. Born in Afghanistan in the 13th century, Rumi is widely considered one of the greatest mystical teachers, and perhaps the greatest mystical poet of all time. An important theme of Rumi's work is the danger of mistaking the "container for the content." He regarded even his own poetry as a "container" for the real purpose of his work. "The Hundred Tales of Wisdom" is a collection of events and "action teachings" from Rumi's life, with stories, fables and verse from his work. This classic is part of the series of basic writings now being issued by Octagon Press. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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For someone taking the path to truth, when one believes they "got" this teaching in the bag this book proves that the student still has a lot to learn. This book is filled with great tales and tales that will leave you scratching your head. If you are a serious seeker of truth, this book comes highly recommended. Myself being a student of philosophy, I have to say this book hits it out of the park in

terms of learning how to really think. Not a how to book nor a book on how one should live ones life, but a book that explains how to work alongside the power of truth to the advantage of helping others find the way down the right path, whatever that may mean to anyone who manages to buy this book. It is hard to read at times because of ones capacity to really sit think and feel about the material. It may offend some but then again the book is meant to challenge a twenty first century conditioned mind.

It is about Sufi teaching...Sufism is timeless...It is to provoke experiences toward higher knowledge...It is for deep understanding...Just keep this book around and enjoy occasionally...See you there

This book was acceptable.

I have always enjoyed reading philosophy books of various mystical ancient Asian masters. I picked up this book at a real bargain (A lady moving was giving her books away) and I found this book very interesting with numerous tales, anecdotes, and general philosophy taught in Sufi schools. This book focuses on the teachings mainly in the Koran, but Christians and Jews would also benefit from reading this book in order to get a better understanding of this spiritual philosophy. This 159 page text is an easy read because most of the tales are short and to the point. Some of the tales include: Rumi's childhood and youth, the monks of Cecilia, Sayed Bahauddin's teachings, the vision of Shamsuddin, the secret ride to battle, books and the inner meaning within books, the mystic dance, the path, the grammarian and the well, the unruly self, admission of a disciple, mystic rapture, the mysterious flight, humility, courtesy, forgiveness, the love-poems and numerous other tales. If you are into the Asian, Arabian, or Indian philosophy you might want to check out this book. Rating: 4 Stars. Joseph J. Truncale (Author: The Samurai Soul: An old warrior's poetic tribute).

This volume is Idries Shah's translation from the Persian of 'The Hundred Tales of Wisdom,' which contains material about the life of the great 13th-century Sufi Jalaludin Rumi, from Aflaki's Munaqib, as well as certain tales and passages from Rumi's works. The book includes stories of wonders associated with Rumi, but it does not appear that their point is to dazzle the reader, still less to 'convert' him or her. Rather, as the text itself says, these materials are 'used in Sufi schools for the development of insights beyond ordinary perceptions.'

This Middle Eastern classic by the great Sufi mystic & poet Jalaludin Rumi has been a part of Sufi study for 700 years. Part biography and part anthology, its tales, anecdotes and narratives are still used to develop insights beyond ordinary perceptions. Rumi taught Christians, Jews and Muslims alike. This may account for his current appeal. He is much in vogue in the West. His major work, The Mathnavi-i-Maanavi (Couplets of Inner Meaning) is considered to be one of the world's greatest books. "You get out of it what is in it for you." wrote Rumi. He also wrote, "Do not look at my outward shape, but take what is in my hand." The Hundred Tales of Wisdom is full of surprising; often shocking tales. Some are very funny. I think it may be better appreciated and better understood by those familiar with Idries Shah's The Sufis, Commanding Self and Knowing how to Know. I think this book will appeal to those interested in Rumi's life and work or in Eastern thought and classical literature. It may also appeal to lovers of inspirational literature.... and to those who search for a clear understanding of themselves and their possibilities.

This is a mediaeval hagiography of significant legendary and miraculous happenings in the life of Rumi and his companions. It isn't the usual stuff found on most peoples reading lists in the west at this time. Nevertheless there is a certain tone to be heard here. If you hear it, it may ring with other sounds you've heard before; if that happens you may hear more.

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