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### **Awakening the Soul With the Mulla's Comic Teaching Stories and Other Islamic Wisdom**

The Golden Sufi Center  
 The Sufis is the best introduction ever  
 written to the philosophical and mystical  
 school traditionally associated with the  
 Islamic world. Powerful, concise, and  
 intensely thought-provoking, it sums up  
 over a thousand years of Eastern  
 thought - the product of some of the  
 greatest minds humanity has ever  
 produced - into a single work, presenting  
 timeless ideas in a fresh and  
 contemporary style. When the book was  
 originally published in 1964, it launched  
 its author, Idries Shah, on to the  
 international stage, attracting the  
 attention of thinkers and writers such as  
 J. D. Salinger, Doris Lessing, Ted Hughes  
 and Robert Graves. It introduced to the  
 Western world concepts which have  
 subsequently become commonly  
 accepted, varying from the psychological  
 importance of attention and humour, to  
 the use of traditional tales as teaching  
 instruments (what Shah termed  
 'teaching-stories'), and the historical  
 debt owed by the West to the Middle  
 East in matters scientific, literary and

philosophical. As a primer for the many  
 dozens of Sufi books that Shah later  
 produced, it is unsurpassed, offering a  
 clear window onto a community whose  
 system of thought and action has long  
 concerned itself with the advancement  
 of the whole of humankind, and whose  
 ideas about individuals and society, their  
 purpose and direction, need to be  
 understood now more than ever before.

### **Insights & Practices from the Qur'an, Hadith, Rumi & Muslim Teaching Stories to Enlighten the Heart & Mind**

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 Combines the legendary stories of  
 Islam's great comic foil, Mulla Nasruddin,  
 with sayings from the Qur'an, the  
 Prophet Muhammad, Rumi, Hafiz and  
 other Islamic sages. Shows how spiritual  
 seekers of all traditions--as individuals or  
 in a group--can apply the Mulla's wisdom  
 teachings to their spiritual lives with  
 easy-to-follow spiritual practices.  
Sufism, Dreamwork & Jungian  
 Psychology  
 Nordic Africa Institute  
 Pastor Don Mackenzie, Rabbi Ted Falcon  
 and Imam Jamal Rahman, who have

become known as the Interfaith Amigos, look at the specific issues we face in a pluralistic society and the spiritual practices that can help us transcend those roadblocks to effective collaboration on the critical issues of our time.

Out of Darkness Into Light Skylight Paths Pub

Sufi Comics are short illustrations from Islamic traditions. It aims to simplify spiritual wisdom to help the reader to: \* Inspire the soul with timeless quotes & stories\* Find inner peace despite life's challenges\* Apply practical advice to be happy & content Alongside each comic are relevant verses from the Holy Qur'an. Sufi Comics makes the learning of spiritual teachings easy, fun & practical so that you can apply them to your life and share the wisdom with your family and friends.

**Awakening the Soul with the Mulla's Comic Teaching Stories and Other Islamic Wisdom** Parallax Press

This is the first in-depth study of the Malay martial art, silat, and the first ethnographic account of the Haqqani Islamic Sufi Order. Drawing on 12 years of research and practice, the author provides a major contribution to the study of Malay culture.

*The Hermit and the Well* Omega Publications

The work of The Golden Sufi Center is to make available the teachings of the Sufi path. Based on live talks and meetings with Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee, this is an introduction to the passion and wisdom of the Sufi path of love. The call of the heart and how it draws us back to divine union is one of mankind's greatest secrets, and for the Sufi, this love is a fire that burns away all traces of separation. Vaughan-Lee teaches how to live this burning and describes stages of

the path of love on the soul's journey home. *Love Is a Fire* includes descriptions of the "friends of God," early Sufi saints who burned with the fire of divine love, including Rumi, Ibn 'Arabi, and Rabi'a. It also introduces elements of the path and important tools that purify the wayfarer: tauba, the moment of the turning of the heart when the soul remembers its divine origin; dhikr, the central Sufi practice of remembrance of God through repetition of the name of God or a sacred phrase; meditation, a way of drowning thoughts in the fire of love; and dreamwork, a way of listening and attuning to the mystery of what is hidden within us—the stories of our deeper selves.

*Texts and Contexts from al-Banna to Bin Laden* Penguin

The stories in this book are drawn from the dozens that Douglas-Klotz has enjoyed telling in his seminars over the past 20 years. Most of them appear in works of the classical Sufis, such as Rumi, Attar, or S'adi. To preserve some of the in-person feeling and bring the language up to date, he has given them his own improvised turns. "If you want to hear a good story but prefer to read it instead, then read Douglas-Klotz! He writes as if he's sitting in your living room, invited over for afternoon tea to entertain you with some heart-pleasing, often humorous, yet soul-searching Sufi stories. His modernization of these old texts is gentle and mindful, yet unapologetic." —Maryam Mafi from the Foreword

*Expressions of the Mystic Quest* Pan Macmillan

In Idries Shah's 'Wisdom of the Idiots', the 'idiots' are Sufis, called this because their wisdom penetrates to a depth which renders it inaccessible to the merely intelligent or academically-

knowledgeable. The exercise-stories of the Sufis are tools prepared for a specific purpose. On this level the movements of the characters in a story portray psychological processes, and the story becomes a working blueprint of those processes.

**Wisdom of the Idiots** Harper Collins  
Pastor Don Mackenzie, Rabbi Ted Falcon and Imam Jamal Rahman, who have become known as the Interfaith Amigos, look at the specific issues we face in a pluralistic society and the spiritual practices that can help us transcend those roadblocks to effective collaboration on the critical issues of our time.

**The Intentional Cultivation of the Spiritual Life: A Book of Daily Readings** Harper Collins

These lines by the great teacher and mystic Jalaludin Rumi indicate the many-faceted role of humor in Sufi teaching. Shah writes: "As a shock-applier and tension-releaser and an indicator of false situations, humour, certainly to the Sufi in traditional usage, is one of the most effective instruments and diagnostic aids." Not only are the 60 jokes contained in this volume representative of the type of material used in Sufi development, but their selection, arrangement, and presentation comprise an actual learning experience for the modern reader. Shah weaves contemporary jokes, humorous anecdotes, and stories with skillful commentary. The result is an entertaining journey which mixes laughter, introspection, and surprise.

What We Found at the Heart of Interfaith  
Springer

"Between Heaven and Mirth will make any reader smile. . . . Father Martin reminds us that happiness is the good God's own goal for us." —Timothy M.

Dolan, Archbishop of New York From The Colbert Report's "official chaplain" James Martin, SJ, author of the New York Times bestselling *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*, comes a revolutionary look at how joy, humor, and laughter can change our lives and save our spirits. A Jesuit priest with a busy media ministry, Martin understands the intersections between spirituality and daily life. In *Between Heaven and Mirth*, he uses scriptural passages, the lives of the saints, the spiritual teachings of other traditions, and his own personal reflections to show us why joy is the inevitable result of faith, because a healthy spirituality and a healthy sense of humor go hand-in-hand with God's great plan for humankind.

*New Perspectives on Sufi Traditions, 15th-21st Centuries* Octagon Press Ltd  
Expanding on the conversation started with their first book, the Interfaith Amigos - a pastor, a rabbi and an imam - probe more deeply into the problem aspects of our religious institutions to provide a profound understanding of the nature of what divides us.

**40 Sufi Comics** Sacred Laughter of the Sufis  
*Awakening the Soul with the Mulla's Comic Teaching Stories and Other Islamic Wisdom*

The world, contrary to popular understanding, is not less religious but in many ways more religious than ever. Two issues seem to be emerging in this resurgence. One is the need for a spiritual center that gives integration, a sense of inner peace, ethical guidance, and meaning and direction in life. It is present in most of the world's great religious traditions and present elsewhere as humans seek to find their way in a confusing, conflicted, and rapidly changing world. Accompanying this quest for a deeper spirituality is the

"God question" and a desire to understand the divine in new ways that match a contemporary worldview. This book, *Mindful Spirituality*, invites the reader to find a thoughtful, credible, and satisfying way to address these two major concerns. While starting within a Christian frame of reference, the book is not exclusive, but ecumenical and interfaith in spirit. It is especially helpful to those with no set spiritual pathway and those disenchanted with traditional approaches that seem out of date and for another era. In a deep and sacred way, it invites the reader to reach upward for a thoughtful way of understanding transcendence, to open inward for a mature and gratifying spirituality, and to expand outward in responsible and loving service.

*Finding Peace Through Spiritual Practice*  
SkyLight Paths Publishing

The Lost Words of the Sufi Master and Father of Rumi Bahauddin, Rumi's father, was not only a major force in the development of Islamic spirituality, but also a deeply influential force in his son's life. In this, the first ever substantial English version of a wonderful but virtually unknown book, Bahauddin proves to be a daring, spiritual genius. His voice comes through the delightful, passionate craft of Coleman Barks, who transforms the Persian translations of John Moyne into fresh spiritual literature.

*Insights and Practices from the Qur'an, Hadith, Rumi and Muslim Teaching Stories to Enlighten the Heart and Mind*  
Wipf and Stock Publishers

One day Sophie comes home from school to find two questions in her mail: "Who are you?" and "Where does the world come from?" Before she knows it she is enrolled in a correspondence course with a mysterious philosopher. Thus begins Jostein Gaarder's unique

novel, which is not only a mystery, but also a complete and entertaining history of philosophy.

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A collaborating pastor, rabbi and Imam share their stories, challenges, and the inner spiritual work necessary to go beyond tolerance to a vital, inclusive spirituality. Includes practical advice to help you embody their revolutionary spirit of healing.

**Spiritual Guidance in the Quran with Reflections from Jewish and Christian Sources** BRILL

The Prince and the Sufi is the literary composition of the seventeenth-century Judeo-Persian poet Elisha ben Shmuel. In *The Prince and the Sufi: The Judeo-Persian Rendition of the Buddha Biographies*, Dalia Yasharpour provides a thorough analysis of this popular work together with the annotated text and English translation.

**Sufi** SkyLight Paths Publishing

If anyone puts thorns on my way out of animosity Every flower in the garden of his life remain thornless - Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya The lives of Sufis are replete with stories of tantalizing miracles and unforgettable anecdotes of wisdom. The 101 Sufi tales in this book show pursuits of ethical and moral conduct in Sufi spirituality - a vibrant movement within Islamic traditions across time and space. Committed in their love for God, the Sufis found love in all His Creations. Large numbers of followers and devotees have continued to throng Sufi shrines seeking blessings and benediction. The stories of mystical exercises and charitable endeavour in this book illustrate their role and

continuing relevance in shaping a pluralistic, diverse and tolerant Indian society. Exactly as the Sufis focused on soul searching and right conduct for themselves and all those around them, these stories are nuggets of wisdom which guide people to become better human beings.

Politics and Piety in Twenty-First Century Pakistan Princeton University Press

The Hermit and the Well is a story from the time the author was a young boy in Vietnam. When his school class goes on a trip to climb a mountain. He hopes to meet the hermit who lives near the top. Instead, he discovers a beautiful well and finds the secret to his own happiness. Each page is fully illustrated with lively and engaging paintings by renowned artist Vo-Dinh Mai.

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