

section introduces the ideas of mystics and thinkers such as Muhammad Ghazali, Ahmad Ghazali, 'Ayn al-Qudat Hamadani, Sadr al-Din Qunawi, Sayyid Haydar Amuli, Ibn Turkah Isfahani, Mahmud Shabistari, Shams al-Din Lahiji, and 'Abd al-Rahman Jami. The editors maintain that such vast philosophical activity in Persia during these centuries serves as a refutation of the widely held views that Islamic philosophy came to an end with Ibn Rushd (Averroes).

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In Search of the Lost Heart is a collection of twenty-six essays written between 1975 and 2011 by William Chittick. Through a careful crafting of this compilation, the editors aim to present a coherent, multi-dimensional portrayal of the Islamic worldview; or, in other words, to arrive at the 'heart' of Islam. These essays share a special focus on the Islamic mystical tradition, and sections of the book are devoted to Sufism, Ibn 'Arabi, Islamic philosophy, and contemporary issues such as the ecological crisis. Chittick discusses both commonly known thinkers, such as Ibn 'Arabi and Rumi, as well as lesser known personalities, such as Khwajah Kurd and Shaykh Mahmud Khwush-Dahan, whose views nonetheless contribute to an understanding of the essence of the Islamic tradition. Through its diverse treatments of Islamic thought, this book should aid in verbalizing the spirit of the Islamic tradition which has provided common grounding for Islamic thinkers throughout the ages.

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