

LEXICON OF THE SUFIS (FALL '23)

CLASS #1 NOTES

MONDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2023

QUOTES & NOTES

We will be exploring the terminology of the Sufis as set out in *A Glossary of Sufi Technical Terms* by Abd Al Razzaq Qashani, a key textbook in Sufi circles for the last six and a half centuries. You can find an online version of the text here:

<https://archive.org/details/sufi-technical-terms/A%20Glossary%20of%20Sufi%20Technical%20Terms%20by%20Abd%20Al%20Razzaq%20Qashani%20/mode/2up>

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Egyptian	Phoenician	Etruscan	Greek	Latin
<u>Pr</u>	<u>bēt</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>beta</u>	<u>B</u>

Ba (با): B, the first of possible existences, the second stage of being (*Maratib-i ilahi*, Divine stages: *Ahadiyya*, *Wahda*, *Wahdaniyya*/*Wahidiyya* – oneness/absolute, unity/implicit, unicity/explicit)

Bab-i abwab (باب ابواب): the gate of gates, repentance (*tawba*)

Bowl of Saki: "Warmth melts, while cold freezes. A drop of ice in a warm place spreads and covers a larger space, whereas a drop of water in a cold place freezes and becomes limited. Repentance has the effect of spreading a drop in a warm sphere, causing the heart to expand and become universal, while the hardening of the heart brings limitation."

Bariqa (بارقة): flashes; initial spiritual perceptions

Batil (باطل): nullity; everything other than God

Sura Isra (17:81):

Wa qul ja'a 'l-haqq wa zahaqa 'l-batilu inna 'l-batila kana zahuqan

And say: 'The truth has come, and falsehood has vanished away; surely falsehood is ever certain to vanish.'

Badala (بدلا): substitutes; seven badals (*abdal*); members of the spiritual hierarchy in the mold of Abraham, Moses, Aaron, Enoch, Joseph, Jesus, and Adam; aligned with the seven leading names

Badana (بدنه): corpulence; the rapacious self

Barq (برق): lightning; a luminous summons

Barzakh (برزخ): interworld; the World of Images. "The interval is a source of illusionary revelation" should read "The interval is a source of revelation in form (*al-kashf as-suri*)"

Barzakh-i jami' (برزخ جامع): the first determination (*ta'yin*)

Bast (بسط): expansion; hope

In the stage of the self, expansion is joy and contraction is depression. In the station of hiddenness, God expands the servant with creation outwardly and contracts into the servant mercy toward creation secretly

Upcoming Events & Links

**Sufi Healing Service for the World,
Wednesday, September 13, 2023**

<https://inayatiyya.org/event/sufi-healing-service-for-the-world/>

**Hurqalya Weekly Attunement,
Thursday, September 14, 2023**

<https://inayatiyya.org/event/hurqalya-weekly-attunement/>

**Haywanāt
Saturday, September 16, 2023**

<https://inayatiyya.org/event/haywanat-2023/>

**The Sufi Path of Immortality: Dying Before Death & Living in God w/ Pir Zia,
Saturday, September 16 - Sunday, September 17, 2023**

<https://inayatiyya.org/event/the-sufi-path-of-immortality-uk/>