

LEXICON OF THE SUFIS (FALL '23)

CLASS #4 NOTES

MONDAY, 11 DECEMBER 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>

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)

Jasad (جسد) : That part of the soul that takes on a luminous or fiery embodiment.

Jala (جلا) : The revelation of the Holy Essence to itself in itself. *Istijala* استجلا is its revelation to itself in its determinations.

Jalal (جلال) : Power; the veiling of God by God's own glory.

Jamal (جمال) : Beauty: the disclosure of God through intimacy.

Jami'at (جمعيت) : Assembly; the drawing together of aspirations to focus on, and serve, God.

Jam' (جمع) : To witness God in the absence of creation.

Jam' al-jam' (جمع الجمع) : To witness God while subsisting in God; separation after union.

Practice

Ya Jami'