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Abstract

The researcher , raising this issue , doesn't aim to state strong and weak points in this reading or that reading , but he is looking forward to find out common human aspects , that he believes that mysticism represents a global attitude which has no limits and no ontological and epistemological differences between west and east . Mysticism in the west is the same as in the east in spite of the difference in the machineries of each experience . Both of them have the same aim . In the west , mysticism tries to construct superman , and in the east , it tries to bring out the potential energy inside man to be perfect man .

The question of the arising of mysticism is put forward time after time because of the importance of this epistemological field , which is the most influential religious and cultural field upon other epistemological fields such as philosophy , theology , ethics , poetry and art . For this relation , the interest in mysticism increased that it contained arts , culture and humanities . The growing interest in mysticism led to raise the question about its sources but in many ways , different in forms and the same in content , which claimed that mysticism was extraneous in Islam and that the Arabs quoted it from other nations .

There was a prominent figure in Islamic Gnosticism and spirituals, which was paid attention by the orientalists because his writings were wonderful, unusual and unique. He was Al-Sheikh Al-Akbar (the Grand Master) Ibn Arabi. They studied carefully his mystical and philosophical texts so as to know the sources that influenced in his doctrine. They tried to find out what may establish the western spirituals represented by Christianity. Their reading of Ibn Arabi's texts were various. Some of them

, like Asin Palacios , thought that he was influenced by Christian spiritual tendency . Other orietalists , like Henry Corbin , thought that Quran and Prophetic Tradition played important role in forming Ibn Arabi's transfiguration doctrine which represented concept of (creative imagination) .

The Arab researchers had large share in reading Ibn Arabi . One of the most famous of them was (Abu Al-Ula Afifi Afifi) who introduced Ibn Arabi's doctrine by collect thousands pages from his writings . Another one was (Nasr Hamid Abu Zaid) who read Ibn Arabi through concept of " interpretation " and introduced him as " the greatest interpreter " in Islamic Gnosticism.

This study is divided into three sections, each one has two chapters. The first section deals with the oriental and Arabic readings of arise of Islamic mysticism. The second section studies the orientalists' reading of Ibn Arabi, represented by "Palacios" who read him Christian reading, and "Henry Corbin" who read him phenomenological reading. The third section studies the Arabic reading of Ibn Arabi represented by "Abu Al-Ula Afifi" whose reading was ontological and ending in "Pantheism". In addition to "Nasr Hamid Abu Zaid" whose reading was interpretational, and he thought that Ibn Arabi began from an acute dualism between God and world, and man is an isthmus between them.

The method which adopted in this study is the descriptive method . In some parts the comparative method is employed .