

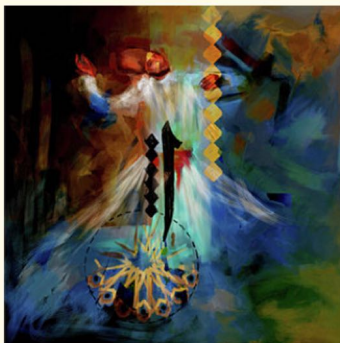
Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 September 2018

Soufi gathering week-end

The secret of Nirvana

in the teaching of the sufis

A wide Emptiness and an immeasurable Peace



WITH

Shaykha Fawzia al Rawi from the Alawi Sufi Order

Cheikh Muhammad Valsan of the Shadhili Order

Shaykha Amat-un-Nur of the Inayati Order

From 9.30am to 5.30pm

in *FAZAL MANZIL, house of blessings*

13 rue de la Tuilerie

92150 Suresnes, France.

Teachers and Facilitators



Muhammad *Valsan* is the son of Michel *Valsan* (*Cheikh* Mustafâ 'Abd el'Aziz) who was the first great expert of Ibn 'Arabi in the West. As a Director of the revue Sacred Science, he pursues his father's work and studies the universal expression of the initiatory doctrines.



Shaykha Amat-un-Nur is the regional representative and Sufi Guide of the Inayati Order in South-East Asia. She continues as a student of Pir Zia Inayat Khan while dedicating herself to the study of Inayati teachings in the context of classical Sufism and Islamic and Quranic universalism. She is passionate about rediscovering the significance of the divine Feminine in Islam and spirituality which inspires her to uncover gender-egalitarianism within the general understanding of the Islamic faith and its praxis.



Shaykha Fawzia Al-Rawi holds a PhD in Islamic studies. She spent 12 years in Jerusalem deepening both her theoretical and practical knowledge of Sufism under the guidance of Sidi Shaykh Muhammad Al-Rifai. She has been living in Vienna with her husband and their three children since 2001.

Fawzia Al-Rawi has been teaching Sufism for over 20 years. She holds workshops in various countries and works particularly with women. Her teaching draws on a wealth of experience from a bicultural environment which uniquely enables her to build a bridge of understanding between different cultures, open a space where these can meet and thus contribute to peace

This seminar is being arranged in the spirit of opening Fazal Manzil up to gatherings that bring together not only followers of Murshid but also Sufis and spiritual teachers of other Orders, to encourage and foster a wider and deeper spiritual engagement in our world today. Our beloved Murshid's Message is such a wonderful store of universal wisdom and an invaluable tool for constructing world peace that the time now feels unquestionably right to let its fragrance perfume all longing hearts, beyond differences of separate divisions.

The theme of the seminar that will be held over two days is:
The Secret of Nirvana in the Teachings of the Sufis: A Wide Emptiness and an Immeasurable Peace.

In the two days together we shall be exploring the idea of Nirvana as Murshid explains, "It is in seeing the whole life as one and realizing it that is the secret of nirvana". Murshid says that nirvana (blissfulness) or mukti (liberation) is attained by rising above the idea of karma(the law of requital). While apparently we might think that nirvana is a fundamentally Vedantist or Buddhist conception, on deeper thought as Murshid enlightens us, it is prevalent in the Bani Israeli tradition (Judaism, Christianity and Islam) as the basis of morality and in the former as the essence of philosophy.

Our weekend shall be an exploration of the possibilities of attaining spiritual liberation and bliss in the light of the above insight. Furthermore our discursive sense of judgement tends to divide the world into good and bad, right and wrong and in doing so ruptures the unity of being. How pertinent then does this teaching of Nir-Vana or colorlessness prove in revitalizing the idea of Tawhid (Islamic doctrine of Unity)?

