



IN THE PROGRESS OF THE WORLD
IDEAL IS THE PRINCIPAL THING

WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS
IS NOT A CERTAIN RELIGION

IT NEEDS
THE SPIRIT OF RELIGION

Hazrat Inayat Khan

Invitation
Everybody Welcome

February 3-4, 1990

You are cordially invited to attend the
INTERNATIONAL SUFI SEMINAR
on the occasion of the Urs Hazrat Inayat Khan
February 3-4, 1990

THE SUFI IDEAL IN DAILY LIFE
Mysticism as an Integrating Force

...towards an inter-religious brotherhood...

PROGRAMME

*We must not observe a principle only
We must consult our own ideals in everything we do*

Saturday, February 3

- 2-4 p.m. Registration of the delegates
4.00 p.m. Inauguration by the Chief Guest, the former President of India
His Excellency Giani Zail Singh
Keynote address by *Prof. Dr. H.J. Witteveen*

INTER-RELIGIOUS FORUM: The role of the ideal in religion
Chairman: *Shaikh-ul-Mashaik Mahmood Khan*

Sunday, February 4

- 9.00 a.m. First working session of the Seminar; tea will be served
1.00 p.m. Lunch
2.30 p.m. Second session of the Seminar; tea will be served
7.00 p.m. Tea and refreshments
8.00 p.m. **CONCERT of Hindustani Classical Music by *Ranjit Singh Gaekwad* of Baroda**
Man's ideal shows the height of his heart

The ideal must not be turned into the idol

SPEAKERS (in alphabetical order)

Sheikh Salim Ahmed, Delhi
Prof. S. Waheed Akhtar,
Aligarh Muslim University
Prof. S.A. Ali, Hamdard University
Prof. Sharif Graham, Tucson, AZ, USA
Prof. Mushirul Haq,
VC, University of Kashmir
Shaikh-ul-Mashaik Mahmood Khan,
Holland/Baroda
Dr. Mirza M. Khizar,
Maulana Azad College, Aurangabad
Prof. Wali van Lohuizen, Holland/India
Dr. Walia van Lohuizen-Mulder,
Holland/India

INTER-RELIGIOUS FORUM

Swami Gokulananda, Hinduism
Mr. Duboom Tulku, Buddhism
Mrs. Piloo Jungalwalla, Zoroastrianism
Dr. Mohinder Singh, Sikhism

Pirzada Dr. Ikhtiar Hasain Mirza, Karachi
Ms. Subur Ahmad Munjee, Bombay
Khwaja Hasan Sani Nizami, Delhi
Pirzada Siraj Madani Nizami, Delhi
Mr. Krishan Kumar Pathak, Jalandhar
Mr. D. N. Saraf, Delhi
Prof. Z. U. Siddiqi,
Aligarh Muslim University
Prof. Iqtihar H. Siddiqi,
Aligarh Muslim University
Major-General Sujan Singh Uban, Delhi
Prof. Dr. H. J. Witteveen, Holland

Acharya Muni Sushil Kumar, Jainism
Mr. Ezekiel Isaac Malekar, Jewish
Dr. Paulos Mar Gregorios, Christianity
Prof. Dr. A. M. Khusro, Islam

God is the ideal that raises mankind to the utmost height of perfection

*In all directions of progress the ideal
is the compass that shows the way*

ABOUT THE THEME

Sufism is universal in its message; the message of love, harmony and beauty, of inter-religious brotherhood, and of the constant longing of the soul for its Origin and Goal, of the Path leading through the world to the Spirit.

Today the Ideal seems to be forgotten, or it is shrouded in dresses of the most various types and colours; ideals do not play a role as we have become 'realistic', and thereby frozen in the coldness of the hardness of heart.

But the ideal is the compass, it is both the sunshine and the rain for our life's plant to grow and to blossom. Without the ideal life's warmth fades away and our heart chills.

Sufi philosophy essentially is idealism: the love for the Perfect One and the root of perfection is in each human soul. There is this one ideal, and it manifests in ideals serving as the focal points in daily life, as the lighthouse when on a rough sea.

CONVENER

Hazrat Inayat Khan memorial Trust
Prof. Wali and Dr. Walla van Lohuizen

VENUE

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*The ideal of God is a bridge
connecting the limited life with the unlimited
Whoever travels over this bridge passes safely
from the limited to the unlimited life*

THE SUFI MESSAGE

"Sufis have been known by this name in the world of Islam and Sufism was interpreted to the followers of Islam in Muslim terminology. By diving deep into the heart of Islam, what they found was the pearl of Sufism; for Sufism, like water under the earth, can be found in the depth of every religion. Its tradition can be traced as far back as the time of Abraham, the father of three great religions, who was initiated in the most ancient cult of Egypt. Sufism, in the real sense of the word, has always existed since the birth of the human race on earth. Sometimes under the same name and sometimes under different names. Sufis have lived in different periods of the world as prophets, masters, saints, sages, kings, heroes, hermits, monks, beggars, workmen, faqirs, darveshes and under many other disguises."

Hazrat Inayat Khan

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HAZRAT SUFI INAYAT KHAN was born in Baroda on July 5th, 1882. He studied music at the Gayan Shala musical academy in Baroda (founded by his grandfather, Maula Baksh, court musician of the Maharaja of Baroda, and nowadays the Faculty of the Performing Arts of Baroda University). He travelled throughout India and became very well known as a court singer and Saraswati Veena player. He was initiated in the Chishtia and Qadria Sufi Orders by Syed Abu Hashim Madani of Hyderabad and in his travels he studied the religious and mystical Orders of India.

At the age of 28, he left for the West with his brothers Mahboob Khan, Ali Khan and Musharaff Khan. Between 1910 and 1920 they performed music in the great concert halls of Europe and America, being the first professional group to present both Hindustani and Karnatic music to the West.

He preached Sufism, not as an orthodox sect, but as a forward-looking world message of Brotherhood throughout his remaining life. While Sufism in the eastern countries slowly declined, owing to its inability to overcome orthodoxy and adapt to the modern world, he formulated a complete rebirth of Sufism for the present time, in its essence stressing the unity of all religious ideals. His movement has centres throughout the world, where people of all ages, religions, creeds and races meet each other in the pursuance of the goal : spiritual freedom.

He passed away on February 5th, 1927 in New Delhi.