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A MYSTICAL TREATISE ON KNOWING GOD, &
INVITATION TO THE DANCE; WRITINGS OF
MANSUR AL-HALLAJ INTERPRETED IN
POETRY

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Synopsis

Traditional cultures in many parts of the world have displayed a profound appreciation for the unity of all human spirit in its quest for knowledge of the Divine. Here a medieval Muslim mystic records his living meditation; Rumi wrote three centuries later on Al-Hallaj's words, 'I am God': 'People imagine that it is a presumptive claim, whereas I find it is really a presumptive claim to say 'I am the slave of God'; for, 'I am God' is an expression of great humility. The man who says 'I am the slave of God' affirms two existences, his own and God's; but he that says, 'I am God,' has made himself non-existent and has given himself up, and says 'I am God,' that is, 'I am naught, He is all; there is no being but God's.' This is the extreme of humility and self-abasement. Jabez L. Van Cleef takes foundational texts from many oral traditions and religions and creates a common poetic format to preserve, promote and disseminate the values of these cultures.

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Following intensive research, the purchase of this book has been a part of the process of building a

library of Islamic literature, that relates particularly to seeking the path of excellence in spirituality, purification of the heart, ascetism, and an appreciation and understanding of the experiences of those who have followed this very path previously. The goal, God willing, in turn is to be inspired and motivated to seek success in a journey of personal development. Hence, this book is a piece of the puzzle of the big picture. I have been very pleased with this book.

Very impressed with the translation of this into english and hope that readers who are interested in the esoteric aspects of islam give this text a reading. However that being said it is not a text to begin with. ENJOY.

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