

The Exclusivity of Providential Lordship: Creedal Foundations of Waliyic Islam



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In the vast tapestry of Islamic thought, the tradition of Waliyic Islam stands out as a unique and enigmatic strand. Its adherents, known as Walis, hold a profound belief in the exclusive providential lordship of God, a belief that has shaped their distinct theological worldview.

The Exclusivity of Providential Lordship, a seminal work by scholar Dr. Alireza Doostdar, delves into the intricate creedal foundations of Waliyic Islam, providing a comprehensive exploration of its core tenets and their implications for our understanding of divine sovereignty.

The Essence of Waliyic Islam

At the heart of Waliyic Islam lies the belief in the absolute and exclusive sovereignty of God. Walis assert that God alone possesses the power to

create, sustain, and govern all things, and that no other being, whether human or divine, has any independent authority or agency.

This belief in divine exclusivity extends to all aspects of existence. Walis believe that God is the sole source of all good and that evil originates solely from human free will. They reject the notion of intermediaries or intercessors between God and humanity, emphasizing the direct and personal relationship between each individual and the Divine.

The Creedal Foundations

The creedal foundations of Waliyic Islam are articulated in a series of foundational texts known as the "Books of Unity." These texts, written by prominent Wali scholars throughout history, expound upon the core principles of the tradition and provide a systematic framework for understanding its theological underpinnings.

Among the most important of these texts is the "Kitab al-Tawhid" (Book of Oneness) by Shaykh Abu Ya'qub al-Susi. In this work, al-Susi presents a rigorous exposition of the concept of divine unity, arguing that God is absolutely one and indivisible, and that all forms of polytheism and idolatry are fundamentally erroneous.

Implications for Islamic Theology

The creedal foundations of Waliyic Islam have profound implications for our understanding of Islamic theology. By emphasizing the exclusive providential lordship of God, Walis challenge traditional notions of divine sovereignty and challenge the concept of intercession and mediation.

For Walis, the act of worship is not merely a matter of ritual observance but a profound realization of the absolute dependence on God. They believe that true piety lies in surrendering to the divine will and recognizing that all power and authority ultimately reside with the Creator.

The Exclusivity of Providential Lordship

The Exclusivity of Providential Lordship is a groundbreaking work that provides an in-depth examination of the creedal foundations of Waliyic Islam. Through a rigorous analysis of primary texts and a nuanced understanding of the tradition's historical and theological context, Dr. Doostdar sheds light on this unique and often misunderstood aspect of Islamic thought.

For scholars, religious practitioners, and seekers of spiritual truth, The Exclusivity of Providential Lordship is an indispensable resource that offers a profound understanding of one of the most intriguing and influential strands of Islamic theology.

The Exclusivity of Providential Lordship is a testament to the enduring power of Islamic thought and its capacity for innovation and renewal. By exploring the creedal foundations of Waliyic Islam, Dr. Doostdar opens up a new chapter in our understanding of divine sovereignty and the nature of our relationship with the Divine.

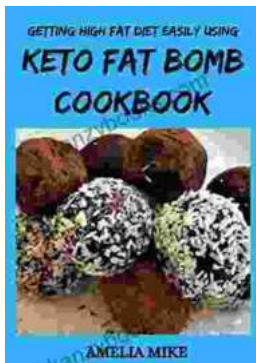
As we navigate the complexities of the modern world, the insights of Waliyic Islam offer a timeless path to spiritual fulfillment and a profound understanding of our place in the vast scheme of existence.



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