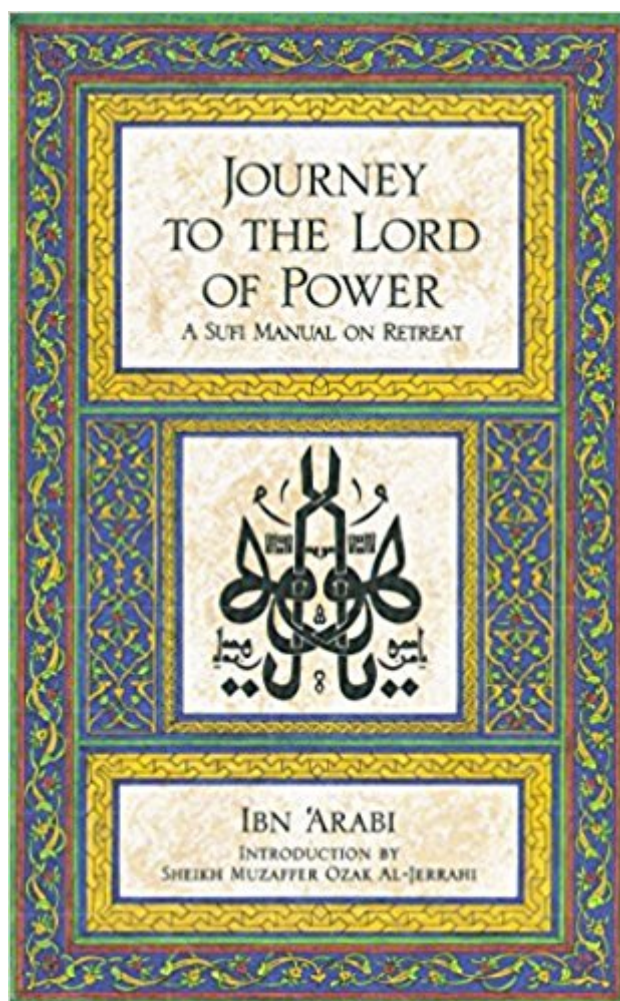


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Synopsis

Journey to the Lord of Power is the first English translation of Ibn 'Arabi's twelfth-century text dealing with spiritual ascent. 'Arabi, whose metaphysical teachings have had a profound influence on both the Muslim and Christian worlds, is known as one of the greatest writers of mystical love poetry of all time. Written in answer to the questions of a friend, this illuminating guide describes the evolutionary path of our higher spiritual aspirations--the quest for the ultimate reality, the journey toward God. It is chiefly concerned with spiritual retreat, an advanced and potentially dangerous Sufi practice that aims at the attainment of the Presence of God through absolute abandonment of the world. Realizing the imagination's deceptive power, 'Arabi warns that this form of retreat should not be undertaken except at the order of a sheikh or by one who has mastered the self. Each stage of the journey is accompanied by a temptation which can be overcome only by an unshakable desire for God. 'Arabi explains each step of the ascent leading toward human perfection. In this perilous voyage of self-discovery, the reader will encounter the Realms of the mineral, vegetable, and animal worlds, eventually reaching the Gardens and the Throne of Mercy. The traveler of the Sufi mystic path is called upon to cleanse his or her heart in order to safely reach the final destination--the Lord of Power.

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Let's make this clear. This book is an excellent read for someone following the Sufi path. But it

contains so much depth that an ordinary person will find it difficult to comprehend. The author is a renowned Sufi saint that shares his experience through parables. Each time you read the same chapter, you get a new meaning. This is not a book to be read only once or to be read at one go. You have to meditate of the meaning of each chapter to be able to understand.

As ampangbear said, this is not a book for beginners. It is, in fact, quite intense. When I read it, I had to stop and rest after a few pages! It is clear that Sheikh ibn Arabi saw and understood what we do not. His explanations challenge the very limits of our beings. Yet, in the end, we are left with the removal of another Veil that separated us from Allah.

It's a very excellent book!

I love this book. It's very insightful and a quick read. However, just because it is a quick read doesn't mean that it is easy to understand.

Mind blowing...

Good read

Great book! I bought one long time ago, but I lend it to someone and I didn't get it back, so I need it to give myself a new copy.

Risalatul anwar is a letter to a friend of Sheikh, The text is easy to understand. It explains the journey towards the Lord of this universe. I love this book.

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