

Ibn Al Farid Wine: The Mystic Progress - A Journey into the Divine



IBN AL-FARID: WINE & THE MYSTIC'S PROGRESS

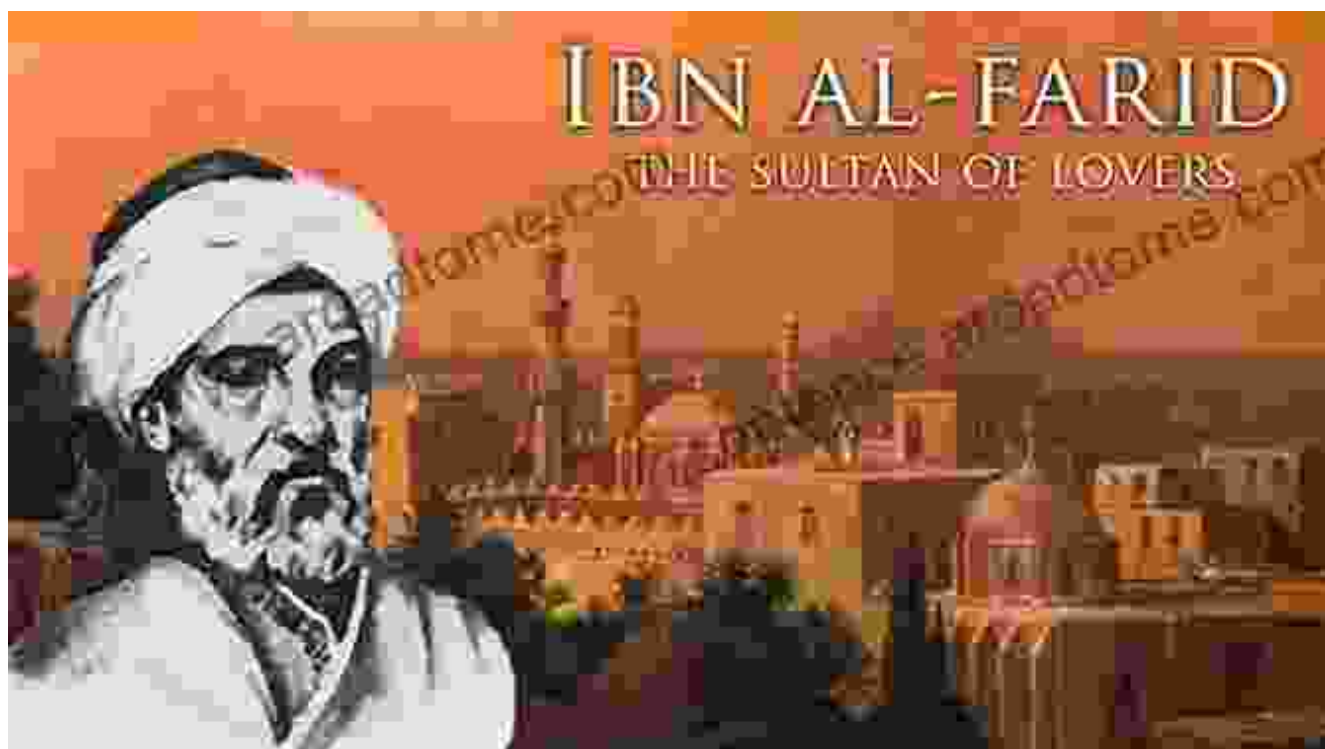
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In the realm of Islamic mysticism, the name Ibn Al Farid shines as a beacon of spiritual enlightenment. His magnum opus, 'Wine: The Mystic Progress', is a timeless masterpiece that has captivated hearts and minds for centuries.

This enchanting work of poetry, originally written in Arabic, is an exquisite tapestry of love, longing, and the quest for divine union. Through a series of allegorical verses, Ibn Al Farid weaves a mystical journey of the soul's ascent towards the Beloved.

A Literary Masterpiece

Ibn Al Farid was a master of language and poetic form. His verses flow with a lyrical grace and beauty that have earned him the title of "Sultan of Sufi Poets."

In 'Wine: The Mystic Progress', he employs a rich vocabulary and intricate metaphors to convey the ineffable experiences of the spiritual path. His poetry is like a delicate tapestry, woven with threads of longing, ecstasy, and divine intoxication.

The Mystic Quest

At the heart of 'Wine: The Mystic Progress' lies the allegory of the soul's journey towards God. The poet presents this journey as a metaphorical tavern, where the intoxicated traveler seeks the intoxicating presence of the Beloved.

Through a series of ecstatic states, the traveler traverses the mystic path, encountering obstacles and moments of grace. The imagery of wine

symbolizes the transformative power of love, as it intoxicates the soul and reveals the hidden realities within.

Divine Union

The ultimate goal of the mystic quest is divine union, the complete surrender and annihilation of the soul in the presence of God. Ibn Al Farid expresses this yearning with a passionate intensity that transcends language.

In the book's climactic verses, the poet describes the soul's ecstatic union with the Beloved, a moment of profound joy and liberation. He writes:



***““My heart is filled with joy, my soul is at rest,
For in the Beloved's embrace, all my sorrows have ceased.”***

- Ibn Al Farid”

Translation and Commentary

For readers unfamiliar with Arabic, the recent translation of 'Wine: The Mystic Progress' by Professor John Renard provides an accessible gateway into Ibn Al Farid's profound insights.

Professor Renard's translation captures the essence of the original text while offering insightful commentary that illuminates the complexities of the Sufi tradition. His annotations guide the reader through the mystical symbolism and theological concepts underlying the poetry.

A Timeless Treasure

'Wine: The Mystic Progress' is a timeless treasure that continues to inspire seekers of spiritual truth today. It offers a glimpse into the depths of the human soul and the profound longing for connection with the divine.

Whether you are a seasoned student of Sufism or a curious reader seeking a glimpse into the heart of Islamic mysticism, Ibn Al Farid's masterpiece is an indispensable addition to your literary and spiritual journey.



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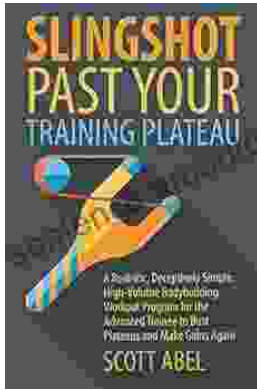
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