

The Third Book of the Dead called the Book of

Ul-Malik

(Presentation – part #1)

Welcome to Ul' Malik

Hymn To Endlessness (Epitaph for An Ego)

Clear Light

Reading of Book 5

Song of Al Washid (Epitaph for An Ego)

Opening to presentation:

Trust this moment — it is divinity itself. Whether it appears harsh or pleasant, lonely or happy, trust that you are the shining light of endless endlessness.

Brief background

Meaning of the name Malik:

It is not possible to perfectly translate the names and attributes of Allah from their original Arabic into English. However, here are some fairly close explanations for Ul'Malik. The King, The Sovereign Lord, The One with the complete Dominion, the One Whose Dominion is clear from imperfection.

Al'Malik or Ul' Malik is one of the 99 Names of God in the Qur'an

"He to Whom the kingdom of the heavens and the earth belongs." (2:106).

"Exalted be Allah, the King, the Real. There is no god but Him, Lord of the Noble Throne." (23:117)

"High exalted be Allah, the King, the Real!" (20:111)

Allah has described Himself in the Quran through His Names and Attributes. Muslims believe that studying these Names and Attributes is one of the most effective ways of strengthening one's relationship with God. Each Name and Attribute nourishes a kind of consciousness and humility and their study leads one to constantly better their actions. Each of the basic divine attributes has a practical relevance and implication in the day to day life of various individuals. Muslims are asked to call upon God during their supplications by the most appropriate names that relate to what they are asking for...

Mystic philosopher Ibn Arabi surmised that the 99 names are outward signs of the universe's inner mysteries. These inner mysteries are altered states or gates that the mystic in their journey to the divine beloved pass through on the way to union with the divine.

Gate 1 - The Law

Overview of the Islamic view of attributes in relationship to verse 1

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Importance of the transmission

Brief history of school

EJ's manifestation as Al-Washid "The Wilderness"

The Autobiography of a Sufi

The Joy of Sacrifice

Importance of the transmission

No one speaks (from The Poem of the Sufi Way)

by Umar Ibn al-Farid

No one speaks

unless his speech is from mine;

no one sees

but by the gaze of my eye.

No one listens

unless listening by my ear;

no one grasps

but by my might and strength.

No one

is speaking, seeing, hearing

in all of creation

but me!

In the composite world,

I appeared deep within

every shape and form

adorning them with beauty.

While in every subtle sense

not revealed by my visible guise,

I was conceived and formed

but without a body's shape.

Yet in what the spirit sees

clairvoyantly,

I was rarified,

concealed from this subtle sense confined.

In the mercy of expansion,

all of me is a wish

expanding wide

the hopes of humanity,

While in the dread of contraction

all of me is awe;

wherever I cast my eye,

I am honored.

In joining both attributes

all of me approaches;

come, draw near

my inner beauty.

For in the end-place of 'in'

I still found with me

my majesty of witness

arising from my perfect nature,

And where there is no "in,"

I still witnessed within me

the beauty of my existence

without an eye to see.

(depending on length of reading, I may only address the 1st Gate and drop reference to remaining gateways)

Gate 2 - Way of the dervish

You are the subject

of the Divine Book,

Ask for yourself

It is you

Whom you are looking for ...

Gate 3 – Awareness

It is only that pure essence that is made manifest in this book of Being, where each word reveals a secret and every letter is engraved upon the face of Being, illuminating the Heart.

Gate 4 - Gate of Reality

When the curtain of illusion fell there was only One,

no one but God.