

The Big Five of India in Sufism

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OF

1. HAZRAT KHWAJA QUTUBUDDIN BAKHTIYAR KAKI OF DELHI,
2. HAZRAT KHWAJA FARIDUDDIN MASOOD "GANG SHAKAR" OF PAK PATAN,
3. HAZRAT MAKHDOOM ALLAUDDIN ALI AHMED "SABIR" OF KALYAR,
4. HAZRAT KHWAJA NIZAMUDDIN AULIA "MAHBOOB ELAHI" OF DELHI AND
5. HAZRAT KHWAJA NASEERUDDIN MAHMOOD "ROSHAN CHIRAGH" OF DELHI.

THE ILLUSTRIOUS SPIRITUAL SUCCESSORS

OF

**Ashraf-ul-Aulia, Sultan-ul-Hind, Khwaja-e-Khwaigaan
Hazrat Khwaja Muinuddin Hasan Chishti,
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LOVE TOWARDS ALL ★ MALICE TOWARDS NONE

This volume embodies authentic biographical accounts of the Holy Saint of Ajmer's five illustrious *Khalifas* (recognised "spiritual successors" in Sufi heirarchy) who carried on the torch of his noble mission in India and left indelible marks of their sacred, heroic and historic work on the soil of this ancient country. Their exemplary conduct and noble teachings provide precious lessons for building up one's ethical, moral, religious and social character, irrespective of caste, creed or nationality.

In the Name of the Merciful and Compassionate God.

PRAISE BELONGS TO GOD—“Praise belongs to God, the Lord of the worlds, the Merciful, the Compassionate, the Ruler of the Day-of-Judgment : Thee we serve and Thee we ask for aid : Guide us in the right path, the path of those Thou art gracious, not of those Thou art wroth with; nor of those who err”.

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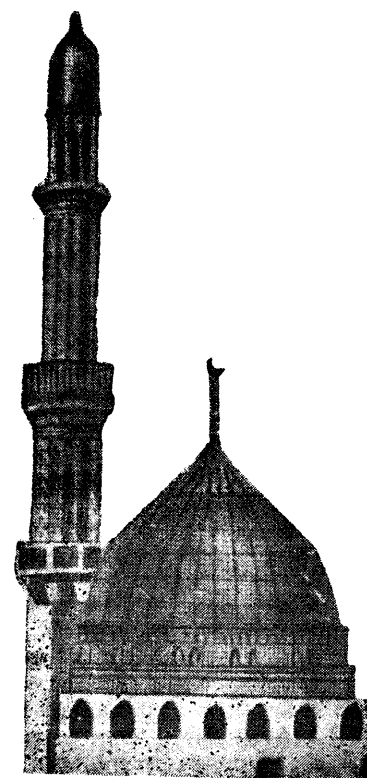
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Author's Preface



"O ye people
Adore your Guardian Lord,
Who created you
And those who came before you,
That ye may have the chance
To learn righteousness" (40)
—The Holy Quran.

"The first act of wisdom, after
faith in God, is the love of
humanity and doing good to all,
regardless of their virtues and
vices." — Holy Prophet Mohammed.



ESSENCE OF SUFISM — This publication records, for the first time in English, the biographical accounts of the "Big Five" *Khalifas* (spiritual descendants) of Ashraf-ul-Aulia, Sultan-ul-Hind, Khwaja-e-Khwajgaan, Hazrat Khwaja Muinuddin Hasan Chishti of Ajmer, who carried the torch of his sacred mission in the service of the people of Hindustan after his demise.

It was the 'miraculous' demonstration of his noble teachings that won the soul of millions of Indians in a very short time for Islam — the religion of universal love and peace — which disproves the mischievous lie that Islam was spread by sword. If any Muslim exploiter did so militarily, he acted against the Holy Quran, and is personally responsible for

his misdeeds. It is grossly unfair to blame the religion of Islam or bear grudge against the innocent Muslims for his actions. He must be a slave of his '*Nafs*' (egoistic soul), greed and selfishness — the common frailties of all mankind which are totally rejected by Islam, the holy prophet and the Sufi saints.

The holy prophet of Islam (PBOH) rose from and lived amongst the poor; he had only one '*Kambal*' (blanket) to cover his body. He refused kingship of the Muslim nation even at the glorious success of his mission and pardoned his worst enemies. His four illustrious Caliphs, who were very rich before accepting Islam, had also renounced all wealth and pomp to lead the life of strict austerity in the tradition of the prophet. His