The Process of Conflict Resolution and the Role of Sufi saints: A Study of Pashtun Culture

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 Abstract:

The role of Sufism for the promotion of harmony, tranquility, justice, love, and esteem of the humanity could not be ignored. It had always propagated love irrespective to the creed, caste & religion of the people. The annals show that most of the people had changed their ancestral religions due to the affection of Sufis. On the other hand, disparity, unjust decisions, discrimination, crisis of identity & greediness of wealth surely leads to anarchy & rebellion in the region, as we currently face in the assorted parts of the country. As most the human cultures are stemmed in spirituality, therefore the people strive to settle their matters within cultural frameworks regulated by some sorts of core values derived from the religion of society. Similarly Pashtun culture also tackles conflicts on these grounds. Whenever a conflict intensifies, and is not resolved through traditional values, the affected parties finally approach to Sufis through which they frequently resolve the conflict on permanent basis. This paper is going to unfold the monastic approach to Sufism. It strives to investigate the social role of Sufis, their contribution and participation in the social life. It also uncovers the links between Pashtun culture and Sufism

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