



Seyyed Mir Hamza Nigârî

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Mir Hamza Nigari is the most famous mystic in Anatolia and Caucasia in the 19th century. Nigari was born in the town of Zengezur in the Caucasian region of Karabağ and received his primary education there. While still young, he moved to Anatolia and joined the İsmail Şirvani sect in Amasya. Nigari, who taught mystical principles in Istanbul, Erzurum and Harput, died in Harput and is buried in Amasya.

ad 2: Silsila in Sufism is the spiritual chain of a sheikh that connects him to the Prophet Muhammad through previous generations of mystics. Silsila is a spiritual ("golden") chain of power transmission that plays a central role in all Sufi orders (tariqa). This way the founders of an order gains authority and thus the ability to gather followers around them. Only very few founders of an order, renouncing a silsila, declared to have received their blessing power (baraka) directly through a vision from the Prophet. Crucial to the prestige and veneration accorded to a Sufi sheikh is the number and importance of the previous masters in his chain.

ad 4: Nigarnâme is the main work of Mir Hamza Nigari. It is based on the last two handwritten lines at the end of the manuscript: "Hatmeyleyen imdi ol kelimâ / Mahbub-u Hüda'ya var selamı".

"The one who finishes these lines salutes Mahbub-u Hüda, the beloved of God, the Prophet Muhammad". Author's copy baring the date 1302 [1886], ten years before his death.

ad 5: Masnawî, a literary genre of two-line poems, the author's spiritual life. Most likely an author's copy.

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