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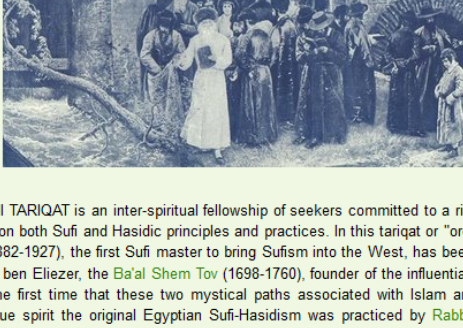
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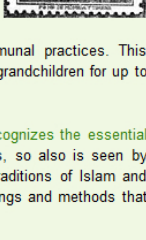
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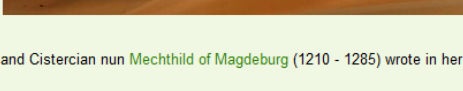
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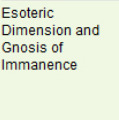
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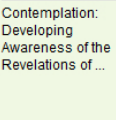
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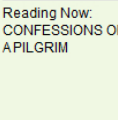
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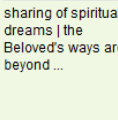
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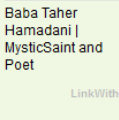
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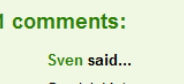


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We are in need of Your Light, we live with Your love, My Sultan, My King, My Lord!

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This is what I was looking for... Thank you, JazakAllah :-)

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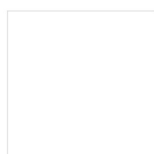
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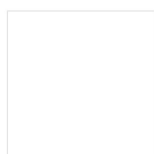
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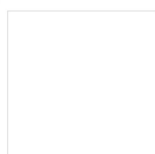
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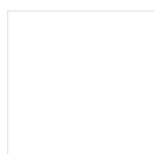
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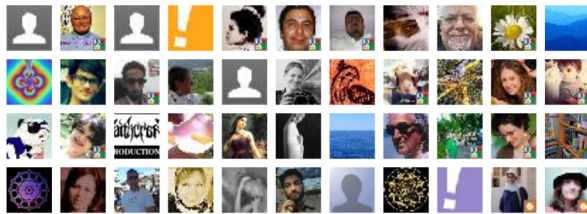
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