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Wird [plural: *Awrād*]

Devotion or liturgy specific to a particular Sufi order. Prayers in which the substance of the tariqah is defined. Originally designated specific times Sufis devoted to God and the specific dhikr recited on these occasions. An initiate is given the secret wird of the order upon completion of training, transferring the spiritual power of the chain of transmission from the founder of the order and Muhammad to the initiate. Taking wird is equivalent to full initiation into the tariqah.