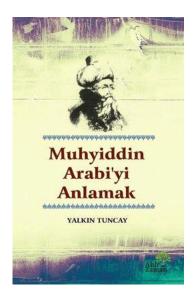
## **UNDERSTANDING MUHYIDDIN ARABI**

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"There is no path to closeness except through servitude to Allah."

(Muhyiddin Arabi)

## INTRODUCTION

Since the early years of my acquaintance with Sufism, the perspective of Muhyiddin Arabi on religion and truth has always deeply inspired me. When I began reading his works, I struggled to fully grasp the meaning of those divine sparks I felt in my heart. Despite not being able to intellectually comprehend it all, I prayed to my Lord, asking Him to flow these fountains of knowledge and wisdom into my heart. As a result of this prayer, for over 40 years, I have continuously felt the guidance of Arabi, following the path of our Prophet. Even back then, seeing the worldwide influence of Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi and observing the institutes established in his name filled me with even greater joy. At every stage of my Sufi journey, his spirituality and works continued to be a source of inspiration for me. Indeed, his enlightenment was always present in all my efforts.

I noticed that Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi was often misunderstood or not understood at all within society. Moreover, it saddened me to see that even some individuals from the Sufi community fell short in this regard. This inspired me to delve into the wisdom behind this situation. After discovering Ibn Arabi's own statement in his works, which suggested that his teachings could only be truly understood by those who approached them with heartfelt connection, my heart was reassured. I then prayed to establish this closeness to his spirit. With my prayers and his guidance, I began writing this work. Undoubtedly, success and achievement are solely from Allah. By Allah's will, I was able to complete this work in seven chapters in a very short time.

With this humble work, I hope and pray it serves as a starting point, even if only a modest one, for all those who wish to read Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi but are uncertain of where to begin, and especially for those who genuinely and without prejudice strive to understand him.
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"The true reader of the Quran is the one who reads it from the heart."
(Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi)