

(a) Sufism see's many contributions to Islam. Sufi's see life as a journey towards God and focus on the notion of doing away with worldly things. One Prophet of the tabi'un, infused the notion of worldly ~~thing~~ renunciation and became a proto type of Sufi's. Vocal and Silent ~~or~~ dhikr (remembering) is an important practice in Sufism. This see's ~~Islam's~~ Muslims focusing on God in many ways such as storytelling etc.

Sufism is the 'science of the heart.'

(b) ~~There~~ There is no such thing as Sufism apart from Islam and the journey known as Tariqa is very important in order to achieve Paradise when one dies and waits for the final Judgement day. However many Sufi's do believe the one can still experience closeness to God when one is alive. It is this attainment of knowledge that Jews believe is the very purpose for creation, meaning Muslims strive towards this ~~clo~~ closeness. Rabi'a al Adawiyya known as a Sufi saint brought love into the world of Islam and said 'If I love you out of hope for Paradise, burn me in hell... but if I don't... give me ~~at~~ your eternal beauty'. This guides Muslims to cleave to God not expecting anything in return rather simply loving God because they want to ~~be~~ be saved. Obstacles to getting closer to God is seen in overcoming one nafs of desire and feelings of consciousness (anxiety etc.) this is known as the Jihad al-Akbar which see's a greater need in God to ~~remain~~ overcome ones nafs.

(c) Funeral Ceremony expresses the beliefs of Islam in a number of ways. Firstly, the body is washed, wrapped then prayers are said, the funeral is held and the body is buried. When a person is dying they are visited and a prayer is whispered in their ear. It is believed that Allah should be the last word heard by the Muslim. It is believed by Muslims that death is just an extension to life, they believe their soul waits in bazarakh until the final judgement day. The funeral ceremony express beliefs of Islam by not ~~cremating~~ cremating the body. When the funeral ceremony is held the body faces the Ka'aba in Mecca and people known by the deceased attend and stand behind the imam. A prayer is offered this is done standing erect perhaps as the prayer is not directly to Allah but rather to ~~on~~ to Allah ~~or~~ over about the protecting and blessing the deceased.