

Based on the historical, religious and secular changes in Iran after Arab invasion this work tries to follow these transformations and study the beginnings of Sufism during this period.

Observing the early history of Sufism the work tries to find out what impact had the first biggest schism in Islam on further development of Sufism and how these two streams of Islam religion Shi'ism and Sufism affected each other and how they developed side by side.

Based on analysis of Sufi Shi'ite order Dhahabiyah (originated from the eighth Shi'ite Imam 'Ali ibn Musa al-Rida 766 - 818) this work tries to show the relationship between Shi'ite Sufi order and the traditional Islam teaching and how these two aspects of Islam influenced each other.

Analyzing two Farsi speaking Sufi poets Rumi and Hafez this work demonstrates previous thesis and explains their relationship to Shi'ite Islam. Even though both authors are widely read and interpreted in Sunnite background as well.

This dissertation points to the influence of Shi'ism on their work in Shi'ite respectively specifically Persian surrounding.