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How much will it cost?

This symposium will be broadcast through Internet so everyone can join this event freely. However if you are going to participate in person the contribution is €200.00 which includes a direct support for spreading the wisdom of the great master of Sufism Seyed Shah Nematollah Vali¹.

How to register?

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¹ Admission is valid for the two days; the accommodation is not included.

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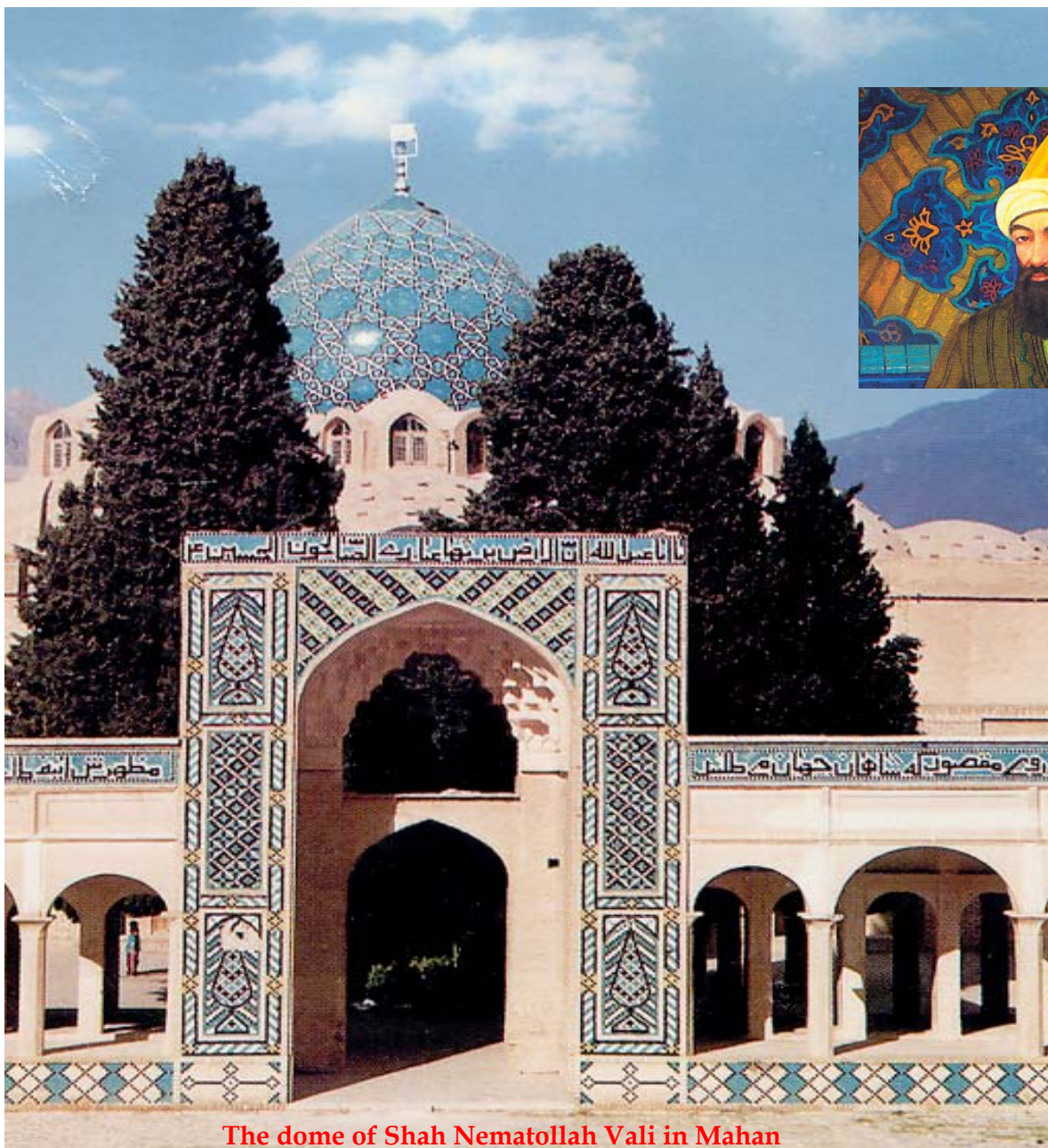
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The dome of Shah Nematollah Vali in Mahan

Who was Shah Nematollah Vali?



One of the great masters of Sufism in the 14th and 15th century Seyed Shah Nematollah Vali was born in Aleppo (Syria) in 1329 and buried in Mahan (Iran) in 1431.

After his study of the important books of his time he travelled around the world and visited many Sufi masters until he met the Grand Master Sheikh Abdollah Yafei in a mosque in Mecca. He practiced the spiritual exercises for seven years under the guidance of this master. Thereafter he travelled to

Egypt, Iran, Tukistan and Samarkant spreading the message of unity, love and understanding.

It is said that he married when he was 65. He spent the last he spent 25 years of his life in Mahan, where he died passed away at age 102. His shrine is in Mahan in the province of Kerman, Iran.

Shah Nematollah wrote at least 300 books and over 14,000 mystic poems are attributed to him. Many scholars around the world are still studying the manuscripts of his works. The highly evolved spiritual state he reached expresses itself in these works.

He was the founder of the Nematollahi Sufi order, one of the largest Sufi Orders in the world. *"The Sufi Masters of this order travelled in the world for inviting all people to Unity, Peace and Tolerance. They taught the way of spirituality to the human being. The Sheikhs and the Masters of this order consider every one to have the capacity to be the vicar of God on earth. The differences of the skin's colour, geographical origin, culture, language, etc., are not the important factors for the substantial evolution."* *)

*) In: Seyed Nourodin Shah Nemattollah Vali & Qawwali, by: Dr. Seyed Mostafa Azmayesh, ISBN 2-913833-00-7.