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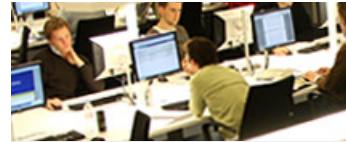
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For many people in the modern world it may seem that such teachings are alien to their culture or are a thing of the past – if indeed they ever existed! Others may instinctively recognize that their destiny lies in the unfolding of these teachings in their lives, but are faced with overwhelming difficulties in finding a trustworthy and authoritative teacher who can show them the way out of the darkness. Being healthy does not imply to show happiness. Sufism and the "Modern" in Islam. London: I. B. Tauris, 2007. 3. Chih, Rachida. "What is a Sufi Order?" In Sufism and the "Modern" in Islam, edited by Martin van Bruinessen and Julia Day Howell, London: I. B. Tauris, 2007. 4. Hoffman, Valerie. Sufism, Mystics, and Saints in Modern Egypt. Sufi orders exist in all Muslim countries. Sufism provides ingredients through which many Muslims — educated and uneducated, "modern" and "traditional," men, women, and children — understand their universe. See also Asceticism ; Islam ; Mysticism ; Religion . bibliography. The commitment to Sufi Islam is marked by a formal introduction in the course of which a disciple is initiated by a master. The master was himself initiated by another master through a chain of initiation (Ar., silsila) going back to the founder of a Sufi order, who usually claims to have started his order subsequent to prophetic revelation.