

## Shaikh Ali Hujaveri: Life and Contributions

Shaikh Ali Hujaveri's genealogy is traced to Imam Zainul Abideen. He was born around 1010. His father's name was Osman. He refers about his teacher Abul Abbas and both of them had respect for each other. His murshid was Shaikh Abul Fazl. His spiritual shajra is – Shaikh Ali Hujaveri, Shaikh Abul Fazl, Shaikh Abu Bakr Shibli, Junaid Baghdadi, Shaikh Sari Sakhti, Maruf Karkhi, Daud Tai, Habib Ajmi, Hasan Basari and Hazrat Ali. Shaikh Ali Hujaveri was a scholar of eminence but did not adhere to the formalities of Sufis. He was opposed to formalism. He also met Imam Qushairi and discussed various subjects of Tasawwuf with him. He was the author of nine books but only one, that is, *Kashful Mahjub*, has survived. It was written in Indian town Lahore in 11<sup>th</sup> century A. D.. Titles of his other works are – (1) *Kitab-i-Fana-o-Baqa* (2) *Asrar-al-Khirq wa al-Maunat* (3) *Al-Riyyat Ba-Huquq-I-Allah Tala* (4) *Kitabul Bayan le Ahlil Ayan* (5) *Nahv al-Qulub* (6) *Minhajud Din* (7) *Iman* (8) *Sharh-i-Kalam-i-Mansoor*. He was also a poet and also had a *Diwan*.

*Kashful Mahjub*, is referred by the eminent scholars of his age and near contemporaries, such as Shaikh Nizamuddin Aulia, Ziauddin Barani, Muhammed bin Abdul Wahab Qazvini, Shaikh Sharfuddin Yahya

Maneri, Shaikh Saiyid Muhammed Gaisu Daraz, Dara Shikuh and others. *Kashful Mahjub* is an important document on Tasawwuf and Educational system compiled in India, in the 11<sup>th</sup> century AD

Year 2010, is a year of 1000 year of the birth of Shaikh Ali Hujaveri. Islam completed a journey of 1000 years during the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Just to commemorate the 1000 years of Islam, Akbar, the Mughal emperor, arranged the compilation of *Tarikh-I-Alfi*. To commemorate the 1000<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Shaikh Ali Hajveri, we want to organize an International Seminar entitled *Shaikh Ali Hujaveri: His Life and Contributions* in collaboration with the Embassy of Afghanistan, Iran Culture House, Turkish Embassy and ICCR.

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