

# Beyond Trappist: Shaykh Fadhlalla Haeri's Quest for God

Shaykh Fadhlalla Haeri was born into a wealthy Shia Muslim family in Iran in 1926. From a young age, he was drawn to spirituality and mysticism. At the age of 18, he left Iran to study in Europe. In Switzerland, he converted to Catholicism and became a Trappist monk. He spent the next 12 years living in silence and solitude, studying theology and philosophy.

In 1960, Haeri had a profound spiritual experience that led him to leave the Trappist monastery and return to Iran. He began studying Islam and Sufism, and in 1966 he was initiated into the Naqshbandi Free Download of Sufism. Haeri quickly became a respected Sufi master, and he taught and guided students from all over the world.



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In 1979, Haeri was arrested by the Iranian government and sentenced to death. He was accused of being a spy for the United States and of working to overthrow the Islamic Republic. Haeri spent the next seven years in

prison, where he was tortured and interrogated. Despite the hardships he endured, Haeri never gave up his faith. He continued to practice Sufism and to teach his students.

In 1986, Haeri was released from prison and went into exile in London. He continued to teach and write about Sufism until his death in 2007. Haeri's story is a testament to the power of faith and the human spirit. He was a man who was able to overcome adversity and find God in the most unlikely of places.

### **Haeri's Journey from Trappist Monk to Sufi Master**

Haeri's journey from Trappist monk to Sufi master was a long and winding one. He was born into a Muslim family, but he converted to Catholicism and became a Trappist monk in his early 20s. He spent the next 12 years living in silence and solitude, studying theology and philosophy.

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Haeri's journey from Trappist monk to Sufi master was not without its challenges. He faced opposition from both the Catholic Church and the Iranian government. He was arrested and tortured by the Iranian government, and he spent seven years in prison.

Despite the hardships he endured, Haeri never gave up his faith. He continued to practice Sufism and to teach his students. He believed that

Sufism was a path to God that was open to people of all faiths.

## Haeri's Teachings on Sufism

Haeri taught that Sufism was a path to God that was open to people of all faiths. He believed that Sufism was not a religion, but rather a way of life that could help people to develop their spiritual potential. Haeri emphasized the importance of love, compassion, and service to others. He also taught that the goal of Sufism was to achieve union with God.

Haeri's teachings on Sufism have had a profound impact on people all over the world. He has been praised by scholars and spiritual leaders alike for his insights into the nature of God and the human soul.

## Haeri's Legacy

Haeri died in London in 2007, but his legacy continues to live on. He is remembered as a great Sufi master and a pioneer of interfaith dialogue. His teachings on Sufism have inspired people all over the world to seek a deeper connection with God.

Haeri's story is a reminder that the search for God is a lifelong journey. It is a journey that can lead us to unexpected places and that can ultimately transform our lives.



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