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Mystics are Guests of Allah

Some mystics like Ibn al-'Arabi consider the sufis (those who possess the purity of heart and have attained proximity to God) to be the guests of Allah (SwT). In his *Futuhat al-Makkiyyah* he says:

ألصوفية أضياف الله، فإنهم سافروا من حظوظ أنفسهم وجميع الاكوان إيثاراً للجناب الإلهي، فنزلوا به، فلا يعملون عملاً إلا بإذن من نزلوا عليه، وهو الله، فلا يتصرفون ولا يسكنون ولا يتحركون إلا عن أمر إلهي، ومن ليست هذه صفته فهو في الطريق يمشي يقطع مناهل نفسه حتى يصل إلى ربه، فحينئذ يكون ضيفاً...

"'The mystics (*al-sufiyyah*) are guests of Allah, for they journeyed from the pleasures of their lower self and everything in sacrifice for the neighborhood of God; so they alighted in His neighborhood, and hence do not perform any action save by the permission of He, Whose neighborhood they alighted as guests, and that is Allah; therefore they do not do anything, nor settle down, nor move save by the Divine Command; and one who does not have such a character, he is [still] walking on the way, crossing the springs of his self until he reaches his Lord, and then it is when he is a guest...'"[1]

1. al-Futuhat al-Makkiyyah, vol. 9, pg. 416.

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