



A Sufi Message

Love Harmony Beauty



In Loving Memory

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The God Ideal can be seen as a staircase along which we can climb up to that Reality. But then the God Ideal must be evolving with our understanding and spiritual evolution. In building such an evolving God Ideal it is important to see that there are so many different aspects of the God Ideal which can inspire us in different situations in our life. – Murshid Karimbakhsh

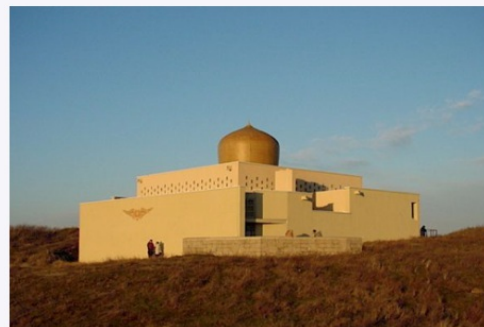
The Passing Of A Beloved Mentor and Spiritual Advisor. Dr. H.J. Witteveen, Murshid Karimbakhsh, born June 12, 1921 in Zeist-The Netherlands, sat down for his evening meditation on April 23, 2019 and gently released his soul from captivity into Infinite Love, Harmony, and Beauty. In his passing he offers a beautiful example of the grace of a noble life. Murshid Karimbakhsh grew up in a Sufi family, and from an early age he was inspired by the wisdom of Sufism. Initiated at the age of 18, he made a lifelong study of the Sufi Message, combining his inner life with his business activities.



In his lifelong service as an economist he held esteemed positions such as: Minister of Finance–The Netherlands, one of the principle economists and conceptual architects of the European Union and unifying monetary currency– he viewed the EU as 'Sufism in Action'. He was a founding member of the IMF (International Monetary Fund), author of numerous books on 'Universal Sufism' applied to everyday life, and the visionary and founding member of the Universal Sufi Council & Peace Pledge Project.



His service and gifts to the Sufi Message are too numerous to list here; however, it should be mentioned that his legacy includes the negotiations, construction, and maintenance of the Dargah of Hazrat Inayat Khan in New Delhi-India, and Murad Hassil Universel Soefi Temple in the dunes of the North Sea in Katwijk-Netherlands.



It was my greatest privilege in 1997 to meet Murshid Karimbakhsh and Murshida Ratan Witteveen, I was asked to be their driver while they were in Kansas City for the first Federation Gathering. Under the three-sided Delta Airlines sign at the airport, the three of us stood in prayer, and right then and there they both welcomed me into the Sufi Movement. In 2016 I was humbled and honored by Murshid Hidayat and Murshid Karimbakhsh's request that I succeed him as Joint General Representative of the International Sufi Movement. Our hearts and souls are forever interconnected.

