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wahdat al-shuhūd

unity-in-experience implying that the Beloved and lover are together but their individuality is preserved

wahdat al-wujūd

unity of Being based on the premise that 'Everything is He' instead of 'Everything is from Him'. The things existing are to Being as waves to the sea.

wāḥidiyya

relative unity, i.e. unity-in-plurality. It is the stage of the *a'yān thābita*, i.e. latent realities of the things contingent (*mumkināt*)

wahm

erroneous impression; power of abstraction. It is endowed with the faculty to perceive particular ideas or meanings in sensible objects

wahshat

estrangement, loneliness. A complementary to the experience of *uns*

wahy

prophetic inspiration

wajd

ecstatic experience

walī

protégé of God, saint; protector

waṣī

see *nāṭiq*

wasīla

means of access; position of a go-between

waṣīyya, pl. *waṣāyā*

testamentary disposition; directive for a disciple

wuḍū,

the lesser ritual ablution before prayer

wujūd

'the finding by means of the intellect': existence; being. It can be qualified as *bāṭin* (internal) if one wants to allude to the hidden aspect of being, i.e. the of *wujūd* that has come into phenomenal reality (*zāhir*, *khārijī*)

wujūd munbasit

self-unfolding being which follows the stage of Being still left in its absolute purity. It stabilizes the contingent realities