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IN FAMILY'S FOOTSTEPS
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Dear All,

On November 18, 2023 over one hundred people were present in the 'AP' (The Sufi Museum in The Hague) to celebrate the release of my new book, *In Family's Footsteps*.

The book contains Shaikh al-Mashaik Mahmood's biography; his view on and his role in the history of Sufism in the West and the succession of the leaders; and his ideas on Sufism and the Exoteric Activities and on how to make Sufism an actuality both in daily life and in society.

Born in 1927, his life spans the complete period of Sufism in the West after the passing of his uncle Hazrat Inayat Khan, who was succeeded by Mahmood's father Maheboob Khan, and – after him – his uncles Ali Khan and Musharaff Khan, his nephew Murshid Fazal, and his cousins Pir Vilayat and Murshid Hidayat, and of course Mahmood himself. This makes the story of Sufism in the West also Mahmood's family story.

With a foreword by Mahmood's nephew Pir Zia Inayat Khan, ('a highly readable book'), this book is a treasure cove for anyone interested in Sufism, its history, and his relevance for this present day.

The book is now available through Amazon. Inshallah, publication in Australia and other countries will follow soon. Dutch people can order through Amazon Germany.

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Here are some reviews of the book:

"To know Shaik al-Mashaik is to love him, and so In Family's Footsteps is a veritable textbook of the Sufi School of Love."

Pir Zia Inayat Khan, Pir of the Inayatiyya Order

"Mahmood rescues the Sufism he has known his entire life from myths and fables that have accrued to it. With remarkable clarity and power, he delivers truths which can shape lives and nourish souls. Mahmood's gift is priceless. Let us embrace it."

Arthur J. Magida, Author, Journalist

“If I have succeeded, it is only because I have been blessed with unlimited access to the matchless expertise of Shaikh-al-Mashaik Mahmood Khan, the thinking man’s guide to the land of the Sufis.”

Hendrik J. Horn, Historian

“In Family’s Footsteps provides a wonderful insight into the birth and growth of the Sufi movement in the west by Hazrat Inayat Khan and his brothers, from the man who witnessed so much of it himself.”

Sharabani Basu, author, journalist, and historian

Enjoy!

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