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34. SUFISM LITERATURE IN ONLINE DATABASES

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ABSTRACT
This chapter reports on Sufism literature offered as websites and databases, such as Living Islam – Islamic Tradition, International Association of Sufism, The Naqshbandi Sufi Way, The Nimatullahi Sufi Order, The Way to Truth, Arts and Humanities Citation Index, ATLA Religion Database with ATLA Serial, British Humanities Index, eHRAF World Cultures, and Index Islamicus. Challenges included the claims made by the Sufi Groups and the authenticity of the sources to be identified as the relevant corpus on Sufism.

34.1 Introduction
Francesconi (2009) suggested a number of websites that provide sources on the subject of Sufism.

34.1.1 Living Islam – Islamic tradition, published by K.N. Omar
The intention of this site is to give a vision of Islam as the middle path, offering neither extremist viewpoints, nor modernist interpretations. It claimed to provide authentic texts on Sufism such as Concise Sunni Glossary, which gives short definitions of basic terms of the Sunni tradition; the major branches of Islam; an alphabetical index of Hadiths; links to Spiritual excellence (Sufism); Women, Family Life, Muslim Role in Western Society; and Terrorism – Not Islamic. There are several articles about Sufism such as “What is Sufism?”

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