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CHAPTER 6

IBN AL-ARABI AND THE PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGIOUS

PLURALISM:

A CRITICAL EXAMINATION

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Introduction

The paper discusses Ibn Al-Arabi's esoteric approach, which is allegedly in support of the philosophy of religious pluralism. Ibn Al-Arabi's connection to philosophy however is debatable. Considering the unique and exclusive nature of esotericism, would religious pluralism be a compatible philosophy to resolve an exoteric problem posed by the existence of plural and diverse forms of religions? Above all, considering his voluminous works, how do we rightly understand *Ibn 'Arabī* and underscore his contributions in comprehending the diversity of religions?

IBN AL-ARABI AND THE ESOTERIC WISDOM

One who fails to appreciate *Ibn 'Arabī*'s esoteric method may have difficulties in understanding him accurately.¹ In the course of the

¹ Among the Muslim scholars who rejected him were Ibn Taymiyyah and his followers. For rejections on *Ibn 'Arabī* refer to Burhān al-Dīn al-Buqa'ī (809-885 AH), *Masra' al-Tasawwuf Aw Tanbih al-Ghabiyyi Ila Takfir Ibn 'Arabī*, 'Abd al-