

*Some Sufi Quotes from North Africa:*

*'When God alienates you from this creation, know that the door of divine intimacy has been opened for you.'* ~Ibn 'Ata' Allah

*'What the heart experiences as worries and sadness is due to being barred from inner vision.'* Ibn 'Ata' Allah

*The Sufi is the one who is not saddened when he lacks something, great or small.* -Moulay al-'Arabi al-Darqawi

*Know that there is nothing more beautiful than the assemblies of the fuqara and those who are seeking the face of Allah. Whoever considers himself independent is at a loss. Allah guides those who are guided by Him. Those who are content with themselves have no entitlement to increase. Whenever increase is absent, decrease appears.*

*-Sidi Ali al-Jamal*

*No quest which you seek by your Lord is ever withheld (from you, nor will any quest be easy if you rely upon yourself.*

*-Ibn 'Ata' Allah*

*Sufism is a science by means of which you learn how to behave in order to be in the presence of the ever-present Lord through purifying your inner being and sweetening it with good actions. The path of Sufism begins as a science, its middle is actions and its end is divine gifts.*

*-Ahmad ibn 'Ajiba*

*Do not accept any love other than passion for Allah, for everything other than Him is a mere mirage. Look at those who are drinking of that nourishment, they are not veiled from effulgent truth, so if there is a desire for you to know more keep company with them, for that will give you the direction.*

*-Ahmad al-'Alawi*

*Would that You were sweet  
Even while this life is bitter.  
Would that You were pleased while people are angry,  
Would that what is between You and me  
Were filled and flourishing, and that  
What is between me and the world were a ruin.  
If Your love proves true,  
Then all is easy, and all which is on earth is earth.  
Sidi Ali al-Jamal*

*I heard the master Abu Ali say, "The tree that grows by itself without a gardener puts forth leaves, but it does not bear fruit. Similar is the disciple who has no master from whom he can learn his path, one breath at a time. He remains a worshiper of his own desire and does not attain success.109  
Abu al-Qasim al-Qushayri*

*True joy in this life is through companionship with those devoted to the Path, for they are the true masters and real rulers. Be willing to witness faults within yourself, because only by such insights will you be redeemed and realise that the path is based on insight and perfecting of character. These companions are those whom I love and I am honored by being near to them. They are such that, wherever they go, they feel like fresh air and clean rain.*

*-Abu Madyan Shuaitb*