

تفسیر اشاری کی روایت و منہج کا اختصا صی مطالعہ

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Abstract

Tafsir or interpretation of the Quranic scripture has always been a central task for Muslim exegetes. The *Tafsir Ishari* is a significant genre in the realm of Quranic exegesis that specially explains the inner meanings of the Quranic scripture. The *Tafsir ishari* is primarily based on the Quranic reading and understanding of the Sufis of the early Islam. This study analyses the argument of scriptural experts concerning the authenticity of this particular type of the Quranic interpretation. Further, it also aims to elucidate the *Tafsir Ishari*, its tradition and development through presenting an overview of its origin, formation and evolution. It has been argued that the *Tafsir Ishari* does not have any specific method. As contrast to the literal reading of the Quranic text, the Sufis reflect upon the inner meaning of the Quran and understand the text through spiritual intuition. This research is focused to comprehend various approaches of Sufi interpretations by studying the significant texts of leading Sufi masters i.e. al-Tustari, Sulami and Ruzbihan al-Baqli. A meticulous effort has been made to ascertain the distinctive methods of *Ishari* interpretation by analyzing the interpretations of the above mentioned three leading Sufi masters.

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