

The Manifestation of the Proof of the Truthful (Burhān al-Şiddīqīn) in the Mathnawī: A Mystical and Intuitive Reading of Rūmī's Theology

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Introduction

The Proof of the Truthful represents one of the most refined approaches to knowing God in Islamic philosophy, emphasizing existence itself as the primary locus of divine manifestation. While philosophers such as Ibn Sīnā and Mullā Şadrā articulated this proof within rigorous metaphysical frameworks, Persian mystical literature—especially Rūmī's *Mathnawī*—offers an alternative, experiential articulation of the same ontological insight. This article investigates the intersection of philosophical ontology and mystical symbolism in Rūmī's theology.

Research Findings

The findings demonstrate that Rūmī's symbolic language conveys the essential structure of Burhān al-Şiddīqīn without formal argumentation. His imagery consistently presents God as self-evident existence, contingent beings as ontologically dependent, and divine knowledge as immediate and experiential. These symbols parallel Şadrian concepts such as the primacy and gradation of existence while translating them into existential and affective forms.

Conclusion

Rūmī's *Mathnawī* provides a mystical reconfiguration of the Proof of the Truthful by shifting the locus of divine knowledge from rational demonstration to existential realization. Rather than negating philosophical reasoning, Rūmī completes it through spiritual intuition, showing that the deepest knowledge of God arises where ontology, experience, and poetic insight converge.

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