DARGAH HAZRAT MIAN MIR (RA) · LAHORE

Hazrat Mian Mir (RA)

in the Memoirs of Emperor Jahangir (Tuzuk-i-Jahangiri)

JAHANGIR WRITES

"As it was reported to me that in Lahore one Miyan Shaikh Muhammad Mir by name, who was a Darvish, a Sindi by origin, very eloquent, virtuous, austere, of auspicious temperament, a lord of ecstasy, had seated himself in the corner of reliance upon God and retirement, and was rich in his poverty and independent of the world, my truth-seeking mind was not at rest without meeting him, and my desire to see him increased. As it was impossible to go to Lahore, I wrote a note to him, and explained to him the desire of my heart, and that saint, notwithstanding his great age and weakness, took the trouble to come. I sate with him for a long time alone, and enjoyed a thorough interview with him. Truly he is a noble personage, and in this Age he is a great gain and a delightful existence. This suppliant for Grace was taken out of himself by companionship with him, and heard from him sublime words of truth and religious knowledge. Although I desired to make him some gift, I found that his spirit was too high for this, and so did not express my wish. I left him the skin of a white antelope to pray upon, and he immediately bade me farewell and went back to Lahore."

Fourteenth year of Jahangir's reign (c. 1620 CE), written while the emperor was travelling in the Punjab near Lahore.

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