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Sehr geehrter " " " " lieber Herr Professor,

It was a great joy to hear from you and to hear your voice speaking in your german letter - It would not however be an equal joy to you were I to reply in that tongue, so I will continue in English!

I have been too long in acknowledging your kind letter, but you may imagine that during the month since I arrived, I have been distracted by innumerable duties and calls.

You honour me by spending your valuable time in writing such letters to me, with so many precious wissenschaftliche hints and notes. I am carefully keeping your letter, to aid me in fully clearing up the ~~point~~ matter of the Wafā'iyya Tarika and Family. As time permits, I intend to pursue researches into Sufiish life in Cairo. In Aleppo I had a whole morning with a dear old Sufi sheikh, - speaking with him on wholly spiritual matters all the time. He could not control his emotion on hearing me repeat gospel texts such as "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God"! - He confessed that the religious experiences of Christians were true religion, and, ~~and~~ treating me as a sort of Christian Sufi, asked me how far I had experienced phenomena like الذوق، الخشوع، الخ!

Altogether, I had to leave Aleppo because I found I was getting too intimate with the

Shells, not because I was too little intimate! — I
figured throughout as a wise. At one time they
thought me a political agent in disguise, but it never
occurred to them that I was a Jew. They found
me very difficult to "place" indeed. We grew very
much attached to each other. Many an afternoon
did I sit for hours on end in the College-Meaghe
of Aleppo, in terbûch and sans boots or shoes,
discussing things with a circle of professors. I always
saluted them with ple, st!, and they would return
to me the pt' ple,! Altogether the time was
a prodigious success: and I have not even
carried away with me an Aleppo boil, — about
which you did not tell me!

Since coming back, I have been going
on with my translation of 'id' shi, and reading
sh-kuchair. Can you suggest what I should do
with the former? — I felt it my duty to
offer my sketch of the Rifa'iite Sufi's narrative
to the Moslem World. Perhaps Becker would care
to put it into Der Islam simultaneously in
German? I will ask him.

As far as I can make out these men
represented the extreme left wing of Sufi's. Every-
body ^{here} denies that such teachings as theirs th
form any part of the official teaching of the
Rifa'iyyah; or that the dervishes have
any esoteric teaching (like the Fatimide shai
had) which contradicts their published beliefs. — But

