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Dear Professor Goldziher,

I am very pleased to learn that you have reviewed my "Islamic Mysticism" in the Theol. Literaturzeitung, & I thank you for kindly promising to send me a copy of the review when it appears. Your remarks are sure to be instructive & I shall value them highly. In some respects my interpretation of the Susina 'l-Kamil may be rather speculative, but I hope you will approve of it in the main. Probably a fuller study of Sura 'l-'Arabi could throw more light on Tili's theories,

but I find the Futūḥāt & Futūḥ
almost unreadable. The Persian
Suḥuf are usually less arid &
more human, ~~than~~ & I think some
of them — like Talāla'ddin Rāmi —
are more profound. At present I
am collating the oldest MSS. of the
Maṣnawī. They are interesting philologically,
but the text does not differ from the
Oriental editions so much as I
expected.

The corrected proof of your article
for the Præter Volume reached me
safely & will be published next
February. I was very sorry to see
from the address that you were
suffering from ill-health, but I trust
that you are now quite well again
& able to go on with your studies.
Though Præter & Præter are away from
Cambridge just now, I know that they
could wish to add their greetings to
mine. With kind regards,
Yours sincerely
R. A. Nicholson.