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## Mystics and Kings: Islam in India from the time of the Delhi Sultanate through the Great Mughals

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## **Delhi Sultanate and Successor States (1192-1526)**

The Sufis (Muslim mystic saints):

Muin al-Din Chishti d. 1230 Ajmer Nizam al-Din Chishti d. 1325 Delhi Nasir al-Din Chiraq-I Delhi d. 1356 Delhi

The rulers / monuments / works of art:

Aibak who led the Ghurid army into Delhi; declares himself Sultan

Jami mosque 1192-96; 1198; 1199 Delhi Jami mosque c. 1200 Ajmer Ghiyas al-Din Tughluq d. 1325 Delhi

Adina mosque 1375 Pandua, Bengal

The city of Ahmedabad 15<sup>th</sup> C Gujarat

Jami mosque 1423 Vasanata Vilasa 1451

Saraswati

Shrine of Shaikh Ahmad Khattu 15<sup>th</sup> C Sarkhej (Ahmedabad)

Jami mosque c. 1470 Jaunpur Kalpa Sutra 1465 Jaunpur

The Mughals (1526-1858)

Babur (r. 1526-30)

Jami mosque 1527-28 Panipat

Gardens

Baburnama

Akbar (r. 1556-1605)

Humayun's tomb 1556-71 Delhi

Palace Complex 1571-84 Fatehpur Sikri

Khanqah / Dargah

Administrative and Ritual buildings

Policy of Suhl-i Kul Translation of Sanskrit religious texts into Persian European presence Akbarnama Jahangir (r. 1605-27) Nur Jahan (his wife) Tomb for her parents 1626 Shah Jahan (r. 1628-58) Additions to the Ajmer Shrine Patronage of his daughter, Jahanara Taj Mahal 1632-48 Agra Aurangzeb (r. 1658-1707) Badshahi mosque Lahore 1673-74 Bahadur Shah (r. 1707-12) Bahadur Shah Zafar (r. 1837-58) Poet and Sufi Buried in Rangoon **Selected Bibliography** Alam, Muzaffar & Sanjay Subrahmanyam, ed. The Mughal State, 1526-1750. Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1998. Asher, Catherine B. and Cynthia Talbot, *India before Europe*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 2006. . The Architecture of Mughal India. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001. Asher, Frederick, ed. Art of India: Prehistory to the Present. Chicago: Encyclopedia Britannica, 2003. Currie, P. M. The Shrine and Cult of Mu'in- al-din Chishti of Ajmer. Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1989. Jackson, Peter. The Delhi Sultanate: A Political and Military History. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999. Koch, Ebba. Mughal Architecture: An Outline of Its History and Development (1526-1858). Munich: Prestel, 1991. . Mughal Art and Imperial Ideology: Collected Essays. Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2001. Richards, John F. "The Formulation of Imperial Authority Under Akbar and Jahangir." In Authority and Kingship in South Asia., ed. J. F. Richards, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1998 [1978]. 285-326

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