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*And say: “O, my Lord! Enable me to disembark with thy blessing: for Thou art the Best to enable (us) to disembark.”<sup>2</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup> Ibn ‘Arabi

<sup>2</sup> Q.S. al-Mu’minun (23): 29.

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## TRANSLITERATION\*

### VOWEL LETTERS

Â	a long spelling
Î	i long spelling
Û	u long spelling

ARABIC LETTER	WRITTEN	NAME
ا	no symbol	alif
ب	B	ba
ت	T	ta
ث	š	sa
ج	J	jim
ح	ḥ	ha
خ	Kh	kha
د	D	dal
ذ	Z	zal
ر	R	ra
ز	Z	zai
س	S	sin
ش	Sy	syin

ص	ṣ	sad
ض	ḍ	dad
ط	ṭ	ta
ظ	ẓ	za
ع	‘	‘ain
غ	G	gain
ف	F	fa
ق	Q	qaf
ك	K	kaf
ل	L	lam
م	M	mim
ن	N	nun
و	W	wau
هـ	H	ha
ء	‘	hamzah
ي	Y	ya

\*Quoted from *Pedoman Penulisan Skripsi*, Fakultas Ushuluddin IAIN Walisongo, Semarang, 2007. P. 112-113.

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## ABSTRACT

Religion is a system that's also includes the way a person behaves, feelings (emotions) are generated, and the special character of belief—specific views on the attitude toward the world as a whole is believed to have integral values in human life.

In nature, religion has a high surplus value for the degrees or the glory of the human. Likewise, the esoteric dimension of religion that is often referred to as Sufism in Islamic Mysticism or Mysticism in other religion is a psycho-religious phenomenon that can not be denied on religious people, because it is a relief that can reflect the religious life (religiosity person) in certain conditions, which is in it's also talk about feeling (emotion) religious, transcendental experience, social life, etc.

This research is an attempt to show that many of the religious people, among them does the deviation of religious practices even includes us. Strategic potential of religion in building the personality of its adherents, be not realized when it just used as a way to achieving individual interests.

This research is also seeks to explore the factors that cause of deviation of religious practices (*DRP*), so the urgency of deviation of religious practices (*DRP*) will implemented in peace and tranquility of spirit, and so on can actually be realized in accordance with the surplus value of religion. Review the psychological dimension that occurs in people who are deeply religious (Gnosticism), which when viewed in terms of awareness, they (Gnostics) are at a higher realm of consciousness so that they revealed from curtain (*hijab*) the truth of God, that the implications have views and concepts about life far more noble and purposeful. Moreover, this form of research that seeks to compare the comparative analysis both of two minds; are Ibn 'Arabi and William James in the one object.

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