

God has Stolen my "I" from Me . . .

God has stolen my [illusory] "I" from me and has brought me near to my [real] "I", and the disappearance of the earth has brought the disappearance of heaven.¹ The whole and the part have merged. The vertical (*tūl*) and the horizontal (*ʿard*) are annihilated.² The supererogatory work has returned to the obligatory work³ and the colors have returned to the pure primordial white.⁴ The voyage has reached its end and everything other than Him has ceased to exist. All attribution (*iḍāfāt*), every aspect (*iʿtibārāt*) and all relation (*nisab*) being abolished, the original state is re-established. "Today I lower your lineage and raise up Mine!"⁵

Then the saying of Ḥallāj was spoken to me, with the difference that he pronounced it himself, whereas for me it was spoken without my expressing it myself. This saying is understood and accepted by those who are worthy, and misunderstood and rejected by those overcome by ignorance.⁶

Mawqif 7.