

A Study on Bhakti and Sufi Movements in Medieval India

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Abstract: *The Bhakti and Sufi movements in medieval India represent two significant streams of religious and social reform that transcended orthodox practices and fostered communal harmony. Originating between the 12th and 17th centuries, the Bhakti movement emphasized devotion to a personal deity, social equality, and moral discipline, whereas the Sufi movement highlighted mystical experiences, spiritual love, and inclusivity across social and religious lines. Both movements influenced literature, music, philosophy, and social structures, challenging rigid caste hierarchies and promoting ethical values.*

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