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# Addresses

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Lecture on “The Grammar of the Cosmos,” Oxford, UK, September 13, 2014.

Lecture on “The *Futūḥāt al-Makkīyah* Translation Project,” Nur-Ashki Jerrahi Dergah, New York City, October 25, 2013 (online at [*www.sufibooks.com*](http://www.sufibooks.com) and youtube.com)

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Lecture on “Women’s issues and Islam,” *New Mexico Highlands University*, Las Vegas, New Mexico, November 2012.

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