

Extracts from *Dîwân d'Al-Hallaj*, translated by Louis Massignon, 1955

You are no longer distant from me
Since I know that for You nearness and distance are but one
For me, if I am abandoned, it is still society for me, Your abandonment;
Besides, how can I be abandoned, since Love is discovery!

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I have embraced with all my being all Your love,
Oh my sanctity!
So nakedly You come to me, it feels as if it is You in me!