



DEDE 'OMAR RŪŠANĪ

DEDE 'OMAR RŪŠANĪ (b. Güzel Heşār, Aydın province, in western Anatolia, at an indeterminate date; d. Tabrīz, 892/1487), Turkish Sufi who wrote poetry in both Persian and Turkish. His mother belonged to the powerful Aydınoğlu family of western Anatolia, and his *nesba* (attributive name) is a deliberate play on the name of his birthplace, *rūšanī* (< *rowšan* “bright”) being a direct Persian translation of Turkish *aydınlı* (< *aydın* “bright”).

Dede 'Omar studied at Bursa with Jandārlı Ebrāhīm Pasha (d. 832/1429) and later in Šamākī under Sayyed Yaḥyā Servānī (d. 867/1463), the second saint (*pīr*) of the Ḳalwatīya Sufi order. He served the latter as deputy (*qā'em-maqām*) and after Sayyed Yaḥyā's death remained in Azarbaijan as leader of the Rūšanīya branch of the Ḳalwatī order. While actively propagating the order in the regions of Qarabāg, Barda'a, Ganja, and Tabrīz, he met and initiated into the order Edrīs, brother of the Āq Qoyunlu Ozun Ḥasan (857-82/1453-78). The ruler invited Dede 'Omar to Tabrīz, and his wife Saljūq Ḳātūn built a retreat (*zāwīa*) for him there near Bāg-e Šemāl. Dede 'Omar spent the final years of his life in Tabrīz and was buried in the *zāwīa* (*Mazārāt-e Tabrīz*, fol. 3a). He raised from seven to twelve the number of the names of God recited in the *dekr*, a type of change that was customary for a recently founded order. His successor, Ebrāhīm Golšanī, founded the Golšanīya order.

Dede 'Omar was the author of a *dīvān* of poetry containing his three Persian *matnawīs*, *Meskīn-nāma*, *Nāy-nāma*, and *Selsela-ye mašāyeḳ-e Ḳalwatīān*, as well as *gāzals* and a number of works in Turkish genres (for manuscripts, see *Türkçe yazma*, pp. 34 ff.). In the *Nāy-nāma* the influence of Jalāl-al-Dīn Rūmī's



Maṭnawī is particularly clear. One volume of the *dīvān* was published under the title *Ātār-e ešq* in Istanbul in 1315/1897.

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