

ISLAMIC GARDEN ELEMENTS

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ISLAMIC BELIEF IN THE WHOLENESS OF LIFE AND DEATH IS REFLECTED IN ISLAMIC GARDEN DESIGN. EACH ELEMENT OF THE DESIGN PLAYS ITS ESSENTIAL ROLE.

SHADE

The shade of trees and walls offers some cool relief in hot, unforgiving climates. It not only gives respite to visitors but allows plants, vegetables and wildlife to flourish.

ENCLOSURE

Walls or planting create a sense of privacy, harmony and security from within and mystery from without.

SYMMETRY

Symmetry and geometry, combined with lush planting and trees, evoke a deep sense of serenity, reflecting the profound and universal order of the Divine.

WATER

Water is the most important unifying element in the traditional Islamic garden. On a deeper level, water is also a reflection of the soul in all its aspects.

'And the water flowing into the stream glittered like a coat of chain mail'

Jalal-ud Di Rumi, 7th century

'Gardens underneath which rivers flow'

Qur'an Ch 16:12



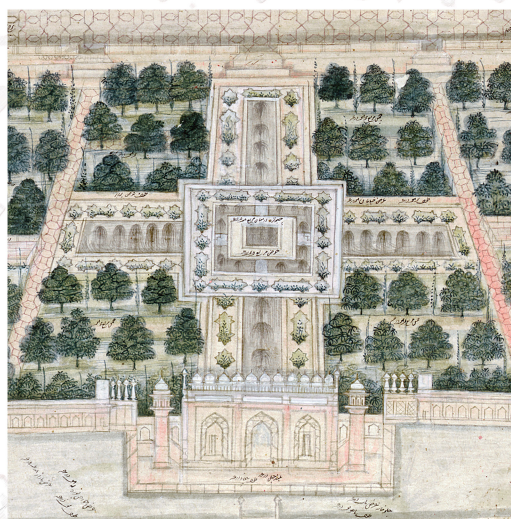
Shade



Enclosure

'It is in the very nature of the [Islamic] garden not to allow its art or its soul to filter through to the outside world'

Salah Stetie, 'Lumiere sure Lumiere', 1992



Symmetry



Water

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