

Difference Between Bhakti and Sufi Movements

The Bhakti and Sufi Movements of Medieval India played a crucial role in creating a composite culture whose legacy can be seen to this day. It is one of the most commonly asked questions in the UPSC History segment.

In this regard, this article will give details about the difference between Bhakti and Sufi Movements.

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In the table below we have given in detail the differences between Bhakti and Sufi movements

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S.No	Defining Traits	Bhakti Movement	Sufi Movement
1	Sphere of Influence	The movement largely influenced Hindus	It was followed mainly by Muslims
2	Form of Worship	The Saints of the Bhakti Movement sang Bhajans to worship Gods and Goddesses	Sufi Saints sang Qawwalis - a form of music to inspire religious devotion
3	Origins	The Bhakti movement has its originated in eighth-century South India	The Origins of Sufism can be traced to the early days of Islam in seventh-century Arabian Peninsula
4	Nature	The Bhakti Movement is regarded by scholars as an influential social revival and reformation movement in Hinduism	It has been misunderstood as another sect of Islam, but it is a religious order for any Islamic denomination
5	Area of Influence	From its point of origins in South India, the Bhakti movement swept over East and North India from the 15th century onwards	It spans many continents and cultures.
6	Social Impact	The Bhakti Movement shared direct emotional and intellection	Sufism laid emphasized on

		of the divine.	simplicity and austerity, which found many adherents due to the worldliness of medieval empires and kingdoms
7.	Saints	Kabir Das, Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, Nanak, Meerabai,	Hasan of Basra, Amir Khusrau, Moinuddin Chishti

These were the main differences between the Bhakti and Sufi Movements. These details from this article will help the candidates to know about this topic in detail and be able to answer any related questions easily in the Civil Services Exams.