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I intended to make the source materials that I used to be accessible for non-specialist readers. To simplify reading, I have chosen to adopt the spellings commonly used by previous scholars or philologists for most Islamic terms and titles in Islamic societies and in the Java and Malay worlds. I also retained the spellings along with the explanations in the footnotes. My source materials fundamentally consist of two types of Javanese and Malay texts as well as spoken expressions, and ritual performances. The former is generally known and deals with how scripts in texts correspond in the Roman alphabet, commonly recognized as transliteration. Regarding its sounds and movements, I provide several symbols and typographic conventions that I adopted from previous scholars.

Transliteration and Translation

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Dates

In the manuscripts that I studied, dates employ the Javanese calendar (*Anno Javanico*, AJ) and the Muslim calendar (*Anno Hegirae*, AH). If necessary, I provide the Gregorian calendar (*Anno Domini*, AD) next to the aforementioned dates.

Abbreviations

| | |
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| AD | anno Domini |
| AH | anno Hegirae |
| AJ | anno Javanico |
| Ar | Arabic |
| Aswaja | <i>abl sunna wa al-jamā'a</i> |
| b | born |
| BIN | Badan Intelijen Negara |
| c | circa |
| Cod | Codex |
| d | death |
| FPI | Front Pembela Islam |
| Jav | Javanese |
| JATMAN | <i>Jam'iyah Abli Tāriqah al- Mu'tabarab An-Nahdiyyah</i> |
| fl | folio |
| KWK | <i>Kitab Wali Kutub</i> |
| K.H. | Kyai Haji |
| LEKRA | Lembaga Kebudayaan Rakyat |
| LP3ES | Lembaga Penelitian, Pendidikan, dan Penerangan Ekonomi dan Sosial |
| LUB | Leiden University Library |
| LBM | Lembaga Bahtsul Masail |
| MKNU | Madrasah Kader Nahdhatul Ulama |
| MMI | Majlis Mujahidin Indonesia |
| Mr. | Ministerie van Koloniën |
| NGO | Non-Government Organization |
| NKRI | Negara Kesatuan Republik Indonesia |
| NU | Nahdhatul Ulama |
| Or | Orientalist |

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| PBNU | Pengurus Besar Nahdhatul Ulama |
| PDI-P | Partai Demokrasi Indonesia- Perjuangan |
| Pl. | Plural |
| PKB | Partai Kebangkitan Bangsa |
| PKI | Partai Komunis Indonesia |
| PKPNU | Pendidikan Kader Penggerak Nahdhatul Ulama |
| PIW | Pendidikan Instruktur Wilayah |
| r | recto |
| Sg | Singular |
| v | verso |

Glossary

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| ‘alam | realm, world |
| Bai‘a/bai‘at | the oath of allegiance ceremony |
| Bĕkĕl | village head |
| Bĕngkok | rice-field assigned to the village heads, or subdistrict heads as recompense for their service |
| Dĕmang | sub-district head |
| Dhikr | remembrance, spiritual exercise repeating formulas taken from Quran. |
| Fiqh | Islamic Jurisprudence |
| Hĭzb | a long invocation of spiritual devotion |
| Ijazah kubra | the authorization program on massive scale |
| Kyai | title of reverence for a venerated scholar or Islamic preachers. |
| Madhhab | the school of thought within Islamic jurisprudence in Sunni orthodoxy |
| Mahdĭ | a messianic vision in Islam offering justice and equity in the future |
| Majlis dhikr | a ritual group |
| Martabat pĕpitu/tujuh | the seven grades of divine self manifestation |
| Mu‘tabarah | a canonical Sufi paths; <i>Ghairu mu‘tabarah</i> : an apocryphal Sufi paths |
| Pĕrdikan | tax-free status village that functioned to maintain ancestral burial grounds of the pioneers of Islamization, or the body of guarding villages. |
| Priyayi | respected person, member of the upper class |
| Pĕsantren | Islamic boarding school |
| Ratu Adil | a messiah by claiming to be a righteous king in the future |

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| Rūh Idāfi | spirit of relations |
| Rūh/roh | spirits |
| Shahada | Islamic profession of faith, declaration of profession of faith |
| Sheikh | master, instructor, guru |
| Silsilah | spiritual genealogy, or chain of transmission |
| Qaṣīdah | Arabic poems/songs |
| Tarekat | Sufi paths |
| Wadana | district head |
| Waḥdat al-wujūd | metaphysical doctrine of the unity of being |
| Wali | friends of God |
| Wali Kutub | the Poles of the Saints |
| Walikutuban | ritual invoking the <i>Wali Kutub</i> |