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## Divine Attunement: Music as a Path to Wisdom

Yuval Ron. Oracle Institute, 2014. 174p. \$16.95, paperback. ISBN: 978-1-937465-16-2. Available as an e-book. [www.theoracleinstitute.org](http://www.theoracleinstitute.org) 781.1'2 Music—Religious aspects. Music—Health aspects. Spirituality. Mysticism.

The author of *Divine Attunement* is a musician whose roots are in the Middle East. He is on a mission to cultivate peace in that region. The Yuval

Ron Ensemble aims to alleviate national, racial, religious and cultural divides by uniting the music and dance of the people of the Middle East into a uniquely inspiring musical celebration.

This book is best sampled in small doses, with ample time to contemplate its message. Ron draws on the spiritual and mystical stories of Muslims, Christians and Jews, especially those of Sufis and Hasidim. Readers learn about music, soul, the art of listening and the gift of an open heart.

The stories, many from traditional sources, explore the power of music, the mystery of creativity and the power of traditional wisdom. Ron also shares experiences from his concert tours. All of this serves the greater goal of attuning readers to discover wisdom in unexpected places. Particularly enlightening are discussions of the nature of sound and harmony and the emotional power of various musical modes, including many that have been lost to the Western ear.

Music is the foundation of this book, but the message is of wisdom, harmony and peace. Regardless of the reader's tradition, it will inspire. Highly recommended.

—*Rabbi Louis A. Rieser*