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25 Questions and Answers about

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- Are the Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام higher ranked than angels?
- Was Hadrat Khidr عَلَيْهِ السُّلام a Prophet or saint?
- Which Prophet عَلَيْهِ السُّلام will be born again?
- What is the meaning of "Peygambar"?

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O Allah! Open the doors of knowledge and wisdom for us and have mercy on us! O He Who is the Most Glorious and Honourable! (Al-Mustatraf, vol. 1, p. 40)

#### Note:

Recite șalāt upon the Prophet once before and after.

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## 25 Questions and Answers about Prophets

## The prayer of Attar's successor

O Lord of the Prophet! Whoever reads or listens to the 15-page booklet 25 Questions and Answers about Prophets; grant them steadfastness upon the religion of Islam! Bless them, their parents, and children with admittance to Paradise without accountability!

## The excellences of sending salāt upon the Prophet

Umm al-Mu'minīn, 'Āisha al-Ṣiddīqa وَفِى اللهُ عَنْهَ was once sewing something at *suḥūr* time. The needle she held fell from her hand, and at the same time, the lamp lighting the home went out. The Prophet Muhammad مَـنَّ اللهُ عَنَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم then arrived, and the entire house became enlightened with the radiance of his sacred face, to the extent the needle was found.

Lady 'Āisha exclaimed, "O Messenger of Allah! How radiant is your countenance!"

He then declared:



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Woe to he who shall not see me on the Day of Judgement.

"Who will be unable to see you?", she asked.

"The miser", he replied.

She further inquired, "Who is the miser?"

He who heard my name - ٱلَّذِي لَا يُصَالِّي عَلَى الْأُاسِيمَ بِالْسِيمَ . "He who heard my name yet did not send salāt upon me." 1



Q: The purpose of the prophets عَنَيْهِمُ الطَّلُوُّ وَالسَّلَامِ being sent was for them to deliver the commandments of Allah. Did they fulfil their responsibility in the proper manner?"

**A:** Yes! The prophets were sent to deliver the commandments of Allah, and they did not fall short in this whatsoever. They conveyed these commandments in the most complete manner. It is necessary for one to believe this. They did not fall short in this regard, intentionally or forgetfully.<sup>2</sup>

**Q:** Are the prophets the most superior creation of Allah, even higher ranked than angels?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Al-Qawl al-Badī<sup>c</sup>, p. 302

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Bahār-e-Sharī'at, vol. 1, p. 40, part 1; Malfūzāt-i-Amīr-i-Ahl-i-Sunnat, vol. 1, p. 384

A: Undoubtedly, prophets are the greatest creations of Allah, and they even surpass the angels.1

Q: Are the prophets free from every type of sin? Also, how should we respect and honour them now they have left this world?

A: The prophets are certainly infallible and sinless.<sup>2</sup> Whether they are present in the world or not, they can still be honoured and respected<sup>3</sup>, just as we show our decorum for the Prophet by kissing our thumbs upon hearing his blessed صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالِهِ وَسَلَّم name. The prophets hold a very high rank. Even if a common Muslim leaves this world, he is also honoured (imagine then the honour we must show towards prophets).

For example, people show respect to their parents who have left the world by saying "My parents have passed away", rather than "My parents have died," as the former is more respectful.

If a person's cat or dog dies, the people say, "The cat or dog has died," but they use more respectful words for their parents, like

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Tafsīr al-Khāzin, part 7, al-An'ām, under verse 66, vol. 2, p. 33; Malfūzāt-i-Amīr-i-Ahl-i-Sunnat, vol. 2, p. 290

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Bahār-i-Sharī<sup>c</sup>at, vol. 1, p. 38, part 1

مَنَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالِهِ وَسَلَّم mentions, "After the passing of the Prophet رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ وَالِهِ وَسَلَّم it is still necessary for every member of his Umma to respect and honour him in the same manner that was necessary during his physical lifetime." (Al-Shifa', vol. 2, p. 40)

"My father has departed from this world" or "My mother has left this world."

**Q:** Please explain our belief in relation to the lives of the Prophets.

**A:** The prophets are alive, and this is from a worldly perspective also. Their blessed bodies are intact<sup>2</sup>. They even offer salah in their respective graves.<sup>3</sup> They have left this world in the sense we cannot see them, but whenever they wish, with the command of their Lord, they can appear.<sup>4</sup>

Q: Aside from the Prophet Muhammad صَلَّ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللّهِ وَسَلَّم which of the other prophets are highest ranked?

A: After our Prophet Muhammad مَسَّ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالِهِ وَسَلَّم, the highest in rank are Ibrāhīm, Mūsā, 'Īsā, and Nūḥ - عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاهُ وَالسَّلَام. These five are referred to as Ulū al-'Azm".5

**Q:** Is it correct to hold the belief that the prophets are incapable of sin?

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  Malfūzāt-i-Amīr-i-Ahl-i-Sunnat, vol. 2, p. 291

A hadith explains: وَقَ اللّٰهُ حَهُمْ عَلَى الْحُبِيفِ انْ تَأَكُّلُ ٱجْسَاءَ الْكَثِيمَا فَنَبِي اللّٰهِ حَجُ يُؤِقَى "Indeed, Allah has prohibited the earth from consuming the prophets' bodies. The prophets of Allah are alive and are granted sustenance." (Sunan Ibn Mājah: hadith 1637)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Musnad Abī Ya<sup>q</sup>lā: hadith 3412

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Malfūzāt-i-Amīr-i-Ahl-i-Sunnat, vol. 2, p. 292

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Tafsīr al-Qurṭubī, part 26, al-Ahqāf, under verse 35, vol. 8, p. 159; Malfūzāt-i-Amīr-i-Ahl-i-Sunnat, vol. 4, p. 57

**A:** Yes, it is impossible for these esteemed personalities to sin and they are protected from disobeying Allah.

Prophets and angels are infallible ( $ma'\bar{s}\bar{u}m$ ). One must hold firmly to the belief that there is nobody besides them who is like this. Yet, Allah protects from sin whomever He wills. He may protect leading imams and saints from sin, but as Islamic law explains, it is **not impossible** for them to sin. In any case, they are **not infallible** like the prophets are.

**Q:** The prophets hold soaringly high ranks, so can they be referred to as humans and servants of Allah?

**A:** All the prophets are humans and servants of Allah.<sup>3</sup> Yet, Allah granted them superiority and power, which is why they are special, accepted, close, and beloved servants of His.<sup>4</sup>

Some refer to the prophets as humans out of disrespect, saying that they were mere humans like us. However, if it was said to such people that "the blind or crippled man begging in the streets is just like you", they would become enraged.

When they do not like being referred to like this, imagine how important is it for us to select our words carefully regarding the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ مَلَيْدِة وَالِهِ وَسَلَّم اللهُ مَلَيْدِة وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bahār-i-Sharī<sup>c</sup>at, vol. 1, p. 39, part 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Malfūzāt-i-Amīr-i-Ahl-i-Sunnat, vol. 4, p. 118

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Bahār-i-Sharī<sup>c</sup>at, vol. 1, p. 28, part 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Ibid, p. 55

Which Sunni can dare to say that the prophets are 'normal' humans just like us? There is a world of a difference between them being human and us being human; we are lowly whilst they are pure.¹

Q: We know Prophet Ibrāhīm عَلَيْهِ السَّلاَم had a dream in which he was commanded to sacrifice his son, Prophet Ismāʿīl عَلَيْهِ السَّلاَم. He set out to act upon this, but Allah sent a ram in his son's place and Ismāʿīl was saved. If a father today sees a dream in which he is told to sacrifice his son, can he act upon this?<sup>2</sup>

**A:** Remember, Ibrāhīm and Ismā'īl are both prophets of Allah. When Ibrāhīm was commanded to make the sacrifice in his dream, this was completely true and valid, as a prophet's dream is revelation.<sup>3</sup> This is why both were entirely ready and willing to go ahead with it; Ibrāhīm to carry out the sacrifice and Prophet Ismā'īl to be sacrificed. They had no doubts in this regard.

As Ibrāhīm was about to cut with his knife, a ram was sent from Paradise in place of his son, and like this, the ram's neck was cut instead. This led to Ismā'īl being given the title *Dhabīḥullāh*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Malfūzāt-i-Amīr-i-Ahl-i-Sunnat, vol. 4, p. 145

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This question was posed by Malfūzāt-i-Amīr-i-Ahl-i-Sunnat Department.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Tafsīr al-Ţabarī: hadith 18789

By no means does this mean if a father sees a dream like this, he can sacrifice his child. This is because the dreams of any person besides the prophets is not considered valid and true like theirs, irrespective of how saintly the dreamer is or how many times he sees the dream. If a person sacrifices his son like this based on a dream, he will be considered a murderer. There have been incidents like this in the past where a father has stabbed his own son after claiming to have seen a dream. Such people do things like this due to their ignorance or mental imbalance.

During qurbānī season, take special care that knives and other sharp objects do not find their way into the hands of children, lest someone is harmed by them. Children do not understand matters properly, and if they see animals being sacrificed, there is always a risk that they may do the same to another child whilst playing. Such objects should be kept out of their reach.<sup>1</sup>

**Q:** It is commonly assumed among the public that Prophet Ayyūb مَنْهِهِ السَّلاَم had insects in his body due to some disease. Is this correct?

**A:** This notion that Ayyūb's blessed body became full of insects is categorically wrong. For any person's body to become infested with insects is something repugnant, and it is a belief of the Ahl al-Sunnah that the prophets are protected from

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Malfūzāt-i-Amīr-i-Ahl-i-Sunnat, vol. 9, p. 199

every such illness that people find repugnant and that would drive them away<sup>1</sup>. Even after the passing of a prophet, the Earth cannot cause any harm to their bodies, as it has been prohibited from doing so.<sup>2</sup> How then could insects possibly bring any harm to the blessed body of Ayyūb?<sup>3</sup>

Q: Was Khiḍr عَلَيْهِ السَّلاَم a prophet or saint?

Q: Does Prophet Khidr eat and drink?

A: In volume 26 of *Fatāwā Riḍawiyya*, Imam Aḥmad Razā Khān writes: "Prophet Khiḍr and Prophet Ilyās عَنْيَهِ السَّادَهِ perform ḥajj every year. After, they drink Zamzam water, which suffices them for the entire year."<sup>5</sup>

**Q:** There is a place in Sri Lanka ascribed to Khiḍr; what do you say about this?

A: This is a place of seclusion attributed to Khiḍr. The people

<sup>3</sup> Malfūzāt-i-Amīr-i-Ahl-i-Sunnat, vol. 1, p. 177

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mufti Aḥmad Yār Khān تَنْهُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states: "Prophets are protected from such diseases, and do not become afflicted with unpleasant or repugnant ailments. A prophet cannot suffer from impotency, deafness, blindness, vitiligo or leprosy." (Mir`at al-Manajih, vol. 7, p. 574)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Sunan Ibn Mājah: hadith 1637

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Fatāwā Riḍawiyya, vol. 26, p. 401; Malfūzāt-i-Amīr-i-Ahl-i-Sunnat, vol. 5, p. 294

 $<sup>^5</sup>$  Fatāwā Riḍawiyya, vol. 26, p. 401; Malfūzāt-i-Amīr-i-Ahl-i-Sunnat, vol. 8, p. 99

there say that he visited that place. They refer to it as Jaylānī, but the proper pronunciation is Jīlānī. It is also said Shaykh 'Abd al-Qādir al-Jīlānī تَعْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ took up seclusion there. Allah knows best as to what is true.¹

Q: Did Khidr meet the Prophet Muhammad مَتَى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللِّهِ وَسَلَّم اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ وَاللّلَّالِي وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللّلْمُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّاللَّاللَّهُ وَاللَّ

**A:** There are narrations that mention these illustrious personalities did indeed meet.<sup>2</sup>

Q: Was Prophet Ādam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام a messenger (rasūl) too?

**A:** Yes, Ādam is also a Messenger.<sup>3</sup>

Q: When you visited Sri Lanka, did you see Ādam's footprints?

**A:** Yes. When I went to Sri Lanka, I saw footprints attributed to Ādam. They were large, as he was very tall, to the extent reports say his height was sixty cubits.<sup>4</sup> This amounts to around thirty metres.<sup>5</sup>

**Q:** Some Islamic preachers refer to Ādam as forefather. Is this allowed?

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Malfūzāt-i-Amīr-i-Ahl-i-Sunnat, vol. 8, p. 99

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Tafsīr al-Ṣāwī, part 15, al-Kahf, under verse 65, vol. 4, p. 1208; Al- Qawl al-Badī<sup>c</sup>, p. 277; Malfūzāt-i-Amīr-i-Ahl-i-Sunnat, vol. 3, p. 477

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Malfūzāt-i-Amīr-i-Ahl-i-Sunnat, vol. 3, p. 429

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Şaḥīḥ Bukhārī: hadith 6227

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Malfūzāt-i-Amīr-i-Ahl-i-Sunnat, vol. 8, p. 66

**A:** Forefather Ādam or grandmother Ḥawwā are commonly used terms used among Muslims, and something we have heard since childhood. There is nothing bad or harmful in saying this.<sup>1</sup>

Q: Will Prophet 'İsā عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام be born in the world again?

**A:**  ${}^{c}$ Īsā was raised to the heavens alive and has not yet experienced death. He will not be born again, but will descend from the heavens to the Earth.<sup>2</sup>

Q: When 'Īsā returns, will he spread the teachings of the Injīl?<sup>3</sup>

A: Near the Day of Judgement, 'Īsā will certainly return.4

Yet, he will not preach the Injīl, which was the book revealed to him. He will instead propagate the teachings of the Quran<sup>5</sup> and the final Prophet مَسَّدَ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم

**Q:** What beliefs should we hold in regards to the prophets?

**A:** Believing in all the prophets of Allah is a condition of faith. Rejecting the prophethood of even one prophet will cause one

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ibid, vol. 6, p. 295

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Tafsīr Şirāṭ al-Jinān, part 3, Āl ʿImrān, under verse 55, vol. 1, pp. 486-488; Malfūzāt-i-Amīr-i-Ahl-i-Sunnat, vol. 3, p. 480

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This question was posed by Malfūzāt-i-Amīr-i-Ahl-i-Sunnat Department.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim: hadith 7381

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 5}$  Tafsīr al-Jamal, part 3, Āl ʿImrān, under verse 57, p. 427-428

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Malfūzāt-i-Amīr-i-Ahl-i-Sunnat, vol. 4, p. 115

to leave the folds of Islam and become a disbeliever.1

Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiyani, who deceitfully claimed to be a prophet and is followed by Qadiyanis, was an imposter. A true prophet is somebody granted prophethood by Allah. Qadiyanis believing him to be a prophet is an act of disbelief, and anybody else who believes him to be a prophet is a disbeliever.<sup>2</sup>

**Q:** Mention the names of the first and last Prophet. Also, what is the meaning of "*Peygambar*"

A: The first Prophet is our beloved Prophet Muhammad مَنْ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم and he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم is also the final. Yet, in terms of coming into this world, the first was Ādam عَنَيْهِ السَّلاَم and the final is our beloved Prophet Muhammad صَنَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم .

**Q:** As this is an age in which Islamic knowledge is lacking, many do not know the difference between *nabī* (prophet) and *rasūl* (messenger). Please explain this.

A: Nabī and rasūl are Arabic terms with varying meanings. The literal meaning of nabī is: "he who gives news of the unseen." There is nothing surprising about this, as Allah Himself is the greatest of the unseen, and it is the Prophet Muhammad مَنْ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسُلَّم bho informed us about Him.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Al-Musāmara p.330, Tafsīr Rūḥ al-Bayān, part 24, al-Mu'min, under verse 78, vol. 8, p. 215

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Also, matters pertaining to Paradise, Hell, the Day of Judgement, angels, the grave and the Resurrection are all from the unseen, regarding which only a prophet gives news. It is a duty upon a member of the Prophet's nation to accept this.

Rasūl means: "he who is sent." It also connotes a nabī who brings a new code of law.¹ Every rasūl is a nabī, but not every nabī is a rasūl.²

Q: Those who beheld the Prophet صَّلَّ اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللّٰهِ وَسَلَّم whilst being believers became known as the Ṣaḥāba (Companions). Will somebody who saw any of the other prophets also be termed a Ṣaḥābī?

**A:** The terms Ṣaḥāba/Ṣaḥābī are utilised for those who saw any of the other Prophets.

The term used for the companions of other prophets is not known. Yet, those who believed in 'Īsā and remained in his company are referred to as Ḥawāriyyūn in the Quran.<sup>3</sup>

(At this juncture, a mufti sat nearby added:) There is no special term used for those who saw the other Prophets; the former is referred to as those who accompanied the latter.<sup>4</sup>

Q: What is the meaning of obeying the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهِ وَسَلَّم

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Nibrās, p. 54

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  Al-Mu'taqad al- Muntaqad, p. 107; Malfūzāt-i-Amīr-i-Ahl-i-Sunnat, vol. 3, p. 72

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Tafsīr Khazā'in al-'Irfān, part 3, Āl 'Imrān, under verse 52, p. 116

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Malfūzāt-i-Amīr-i-Ahl-i-Sunnat, vol. 7, p. 55

A: The meaning of obeying the Prophet صَّلَى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهِ وَسَلَّم is to do everything that he commanded us to do, and avoid everything he prohibited us from.

For example, the Prophet مَنَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالِهِ وَسَلَّم ordained for us to establish salah, not to lie, and keep fasts in Ramadan. We must now obey him in this. By acting upon his decrees, we are obeying the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم A Muslim must always follow the commands of Allah and His Messenger. مَلَّ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم.

Q: If somebody sees the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالِمِهِ وَسَلَّم in a dream, will they become a Ṣaḥābī?

A: No! For a person to be termed a Ṣaḥābī, it is necessary that, in a state of faith, they saw the Prophet صَنَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالِمِهِ مَسَلَّم accompanied him during his worldly life even if for a moment, and then passed away as a believer. Hypocrites would recite the testimony of faith, but remained disbelievers. This is because they would oppose the Prophet صَنَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالِمِهِ وَسَلَّم internally, so they were not from the Ṣaḥāba.

Q: Abū Jahl hid stones in his hands and asked the Prophet Muhammad مَثَ اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالِهِ وَسَلَّم to tell him what he held. Can we say, that he knew prophets have knowledge of the unseen?

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ibid, p. 185

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Fatḥ al-Bārī, vol. 4, pp. 3-4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Bahār-i-Sharī'at, vol. 1, p. 182, part 1

 $<sup>^4</sup>$  Malfūzāt-i-Amīr-i-Ahl-i-Sunnat, vol. 4, p. 145

A: One can say this, because why would he ask what was in his hands if he did not believe this? There are many proofs from Quran and hadith which affirm the Prophet Muhammad مسلَّ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهِ مَسَلَّم had knowledge of the unseen. Allah granted him a vast amount of knowledge pertaining to the unseen, just as proven in the following famous hadith.

When the Prophet صَّلَى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَصَلَّم scaled Mount Uḥud with his three Companions, namely, Abū Bakr al-Ṣiddīq, 'Umar b. al-Khaṭṭāb, and 'Uthmān b. 'Affān مِنْى الله عَلَيْهِ , the mountain began to shake. He struck it with his sacred foot and said, "O Uḥud, be still! Upon you is a Prophet, a Ṣiddīq and two martyrs." <sup>1</sup>

Regarding the two martyrs he specified; the Prophet مَنَّ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمُ knew 'Umar b. al-Khaṭṭāb and 'Uthmān b. 'Affān would later both be martyred. Sayyiduna 'Umar was martyred because of an attack staged by the Magian Abū Lu'lu'.² The home of Sayyiduna 'Uthmān was surrounded, whilst food and drink were prevented from entering therein. He was then sieged in his home and martyred.³

Through being informed by Allah, the Prophet صَلَّ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالِمِهِ وَسَلَّم already knew they would be martyred.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Şaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī: hadith 3686

 $^2$  Ṭabaqāt li Ibn Saʿd, vol. 3, p. 263; Siyar Aʿlām al-Nubalāʿ, vol. 2, p. 529, number 3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Tārīkh Ibn 'Asākir, vol. 39, p. 386, number 4619; Ihyā' al-'Ulūm, vol. 5, p. 228; Ihyā' al-'Ulūm (translated), vol. 5, p. 564

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