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Abū Naṣr al-Tyāḍī

Abū Naṣr Aḥmad b. al-ʿAbbās al-ʿTyāḍī was a Ḥanafī scholar active in Transoxania in the second half of the third/ninth century. Little is known of his life. He was apparently for a time qāḍī of Samarqand, and he is said to have carried on discussions with the Shāfiʿīs. The sources emphasise his capture and martyrdom on a campaign waged by the Sāmānid ruler Naṣr b. Aḥmad (r. 261–79/874–92) against the Turks, presumably towards the end of his reign.

Despite the paucity of our sources, it is apparent that al-'Iyādī played a significant role in the development of Ḥanafī theology in Transoxania. He studied under Abū Bakr al-Jūzjānī and had numerous students himself. These included not only his sons Abū Bakr al-'Iyādī and Abū Aḥmad al-'Iyādī but also al-Ḥakīm al-Samarqandī (d. 342/953), the author of Kītāb al-Sawād al-a'zam, and, above all, Abū Manṣūr al-

Māturīdī (d. c. 333/944). The latter possibly owed to his teacher some of his important theological ideas, because al-'Tyādī was the first Hanafi in northeastern Iran to write a kalām work, which has, unfortunately, been lost. It treated the question of the attributes of God and was directed expressly against the Mu'tazila and the followers of al-Najjār (al-Nasafī, 1:357) who were later attacked also by al-Māturīdī. Al-'Iyādī is also said to have written a Kītāb al-sayf al-maslūl 'alā man sabba aṣḥāb al-rasūl ("Book of the sword drawn against anyone who reviles the Companions of the Messenger of God," Ḥājjī Khalīfa, Kashf, 1018; cf. Flügel, Classen 295), perhaps because he traced his own origins back to the Prophet's Companion Sa'd b. 'Ubāda I-Ansārī.

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Abū Safyān

Abū Safyān (or Aba Safyān in the local pronunciation), is one of the protagonists in a folk tale from northern Syria connected with the ancient city of al-Bāra, in the Jabal Zāwiyya, and told by a local inhabitant to Enno Littmann in 1899. A good example of the local dialect, it tells how the son of Abū Bakr al-Ṣiddīq, 'Abd al-Raḥmān, stays with the Jewish king of al-Bāra, Abū Safyān, but becomes a Muslim after receiving a letter from his

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