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Shaykh Muḥammad b. Muḥammad b. Qāsim al-Tāwīl

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Sayyidī Muḥammad b. Muḥammad b. Qāsim b. Ḥasāyin al-Tāwīl—may Allah preserve him and bless him—was born in 1934 in the city of Ein Barida in Morocco. In his pursuit of Sacred Knowledge, he took from his father, Sīdī Muḥammad b. Qāsim, who was an Imām in the modes of Qur’ānic recitation. He memorized the Qur’ān at a young age and began studying the sciences under the tutelage of Shaykh Muḥammad al-‘Arabī al-Masārī, who used to teach syntax and grammar (teaching the *Ājurumīya* and the *Alfiyya*), jurisprudence (teaching *al-Murshid al-Mu’īn*, *al-Mukhtaṣar*, and *al-Tuḥfa*), inheritance law, and other disciplines.

As a young man, Shaykh Muḥammad attended al-Qarawiyyīn University, where he studied jurisprudence under the tutelage of Abū Bakr Jasūs, Muḥammad al-‘Imrānī al-Zarhūnī, and ‘Abd al-Karīm al-Dāwūdī—may Allah have mercy upon them all. In the science of Qur’ānic exegesis he studied under al-‘Arabī al-Shāmī. In the Ḥadīth Sciences he studied under ‘Abd al-‘Azīz Balkhayṭ. In grammar he studied under ‘Abd al-Hādī al-Ya’qūbī Bakhubza and in the science of Legal Theory he studied under Ḥabīb al-Mahājī. He learned the science of logic and theology from Ibn ‘Abd al-Qādir al-Baqalī and took the science of rhetoric from Muḥammad al-‘Imrānī. He studied literature under the guidance of ‘Abd al-Karīm al-‘Irāqī and learned history under the tutelage of al-Faqīh al-Ghamrī.

Shaykh Muḥammad al-Tāwīl is gifted with a strong memory and vast understanding. He memorized the *Alfiyya* of Ibn Mālik in ten days—which amounts to over one hundred lines of poetry a day. Other books he memorized include: al-Subkī’s *Jama‘ al-Jawāmi‘* in legal theory and al-Qazwīnī’s *al-Talkhīṣ* in rhetoric. Shaykh Muḥammad’s intelligence and perspicuity is demonstrated by the fact that he was his school’s valedictorian and scored the highest test scores of all his peers.

SHAYKH MUḤAMMAD’S CREDENTIALS

- Graduated from al-Qarawiyyīn University in Fes, 1957
- Doctorate from Sayyidī Muḥammad b. ‘Abdullāh University in Fes
- Professor of Jurisprudence and Legal Theory at al-Qarawyyīn University
- Member of the Scholar’s Council
- Member of the Royal Council of Consultation

HIS WRITTEN WORKS

Shaykh Muḥammad al-Tāwīl has authored a large body of research pertaining to modern issues of jurisprudence; most of which are found in the Moroccan newspaper, *al-Maḥajja*. He is a reliable source for detailed legal verdicts according to the school of the people of Medina, the school of Imām Mālik b. Anas—may Allah have mercy upon him. He has written many published and unpublished works.

Of those that are published:

1. The Position of the Sacred Law Concerning Expert Advice from Doctors and the Use of DNA to Establish Paternity or Maternity
2. Commentary on *Tuhfa al-Ṭullāb* (on Inheritance Law)
3. Finally. . .Bank Interest Declared Lawful
4. The Islamic View on the Prevention and Treatment of Poverty
5. The Islamic View on Money Earned in Marriage
6. The Obligatory Testament in Islamic Jurisprudence
7. The Legal Rulings of Corporations in Islamic Jurisprudence
8. Golden Slivers: Contemporary Issues in Marriage, Divorce, and Lineage¹



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