



Shaykh Muhammad ‘Alī Murād al-Kurdī

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Muhammad ‘Alī ibn Shaykh Muhammad Salīm al-Murād, a devout Ḥanafī *faqīh*, was born in the city of Ḥamā in Syria in 1918 AD to a family with a legacy of religious learning.

He read the Qur’ān and studied some of the basics under the guidance of his paternal uncles after which he joined the Dar al-‘Ilm wa al-Tarbiyah school and the Shari’ah School of Ḥamā. After completing his studies at these institutions, he joined the famous Al-Khesrevye School in Aleppo. He was forced to abandon this school due to illness.

His Shuyūkh:

¹ Adapted from the Shaykh’s bio found in Arabic on <http://www.ghrib.net/vb/>

He studied under some of the prominent scholars of Ḥamā. Some of them were:

- Shaykh Aḥmad Murād.
- Shaykh Abdul Azīz Murād
- Shaykh Muḥammad Siyādi al-Murād.
- Shaykh Zhafir al-Murād
- Shaykh Muḥammad al-Ḥamīd
- Shaykh Abdullah al-Ḥallāq

In 1944 he enrolled at al-Azhar in Cairo from which he graduated in 1948. In Egypt he acquainted himself with some renowned scholars including:

- Shaykh Abdul Khāliq al-Shabrāwī
- Imām Ḥasan al-Banna
- Shaykh Abdullāh ibn al-Siddīq al-Ghumārī
- Shaykh Muḥammad Zāhid al-Kawtharī

After returning to Syria from Egypt, the shaykh entered the field of teaching. He served as a teacher for about thirty years whilst maintaining other duties like conducting lessons, lectures and *dhikr* gatherings in the mosques.

In 1980 he travelled to Madīnah in Saudi Arabia where he remained until his demise.

He received *Ijāzat*² from:

- Shaykh Aḥmad al-Murād
- Shaykh Muhammad Saīd al-Na'sān, the Muftī of Ḥamā.
- Shaykh Muhammad Tawfīq al-Sabbāgh
- Shaykh Abu al-Yusr 'Abidīn
- Shaykh Muḥammad Zahid al-Kawtharī
- Shaykh Muḥammad al-'Arabī al-Azuzī
- Shaykh Aḥmad ibn al-Siddīq al-Ghumārī
- Shaykh Abdul Ḥay al-Kattanī

Many 'ulamā studied under him. They include:

- Shaykh Abdul Latīf al-Shazrī
- Shaykh Abdul Razzāq Qatrmīz
- Shaykh Mahdī al-Yasīn
- Shaykh Ahmad al-Jamāl
- Shaykh Maḥmūd Uthmān Āgha

² Shaykh Muhammad ibn Abdullāh al-Rashīd mentioned in his book, *Imdād al-Fattāh bī Asānīd wa Marwiyāt al-Shaykh Abdul Fattāh* that he gathered Shaykh Muhammad Ali's sanads and his biography in a separate book. To my knowledge this has not yet been published. I confirmed the above over the phone with Shaykh Muhammad ibn Abdullāh al-Rashīd.

His character and personality:

He was a dedicated scholar who was always seen occupied with his books either studying or teaching. He possessed an amazing library. He was a pleasant person with a beautiful smile. People who sat in his company were drawn to him. And only observed from him words in praise and glorification of Allah ﷻ.

He loved the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ greatly. His family tried on many occasions to lure him back to Ḥamā, but he refused and wished to be in close proximity to his beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ in his life and his death. Allah fulfilled his wish and he passed away in (2000AD/1421H) and is buried in al-Baqī', the graveyard of Madīnah.

