

Muhaddith Abdur-Rahman Al-Mu'allimee Al-Yamani died 1386H/1966

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Bismillaah wa Inna AlHamduillaahi Wahadu wa SallAllaahu wa Sallaam'alaah Khaatim al Anbiyya' wa 'alaah Aalihee wa Asahaabihee wa'alaah Maniitaba'a Hudaah 'Ammah Ba'd:

14th Century (1300H-1399H)

#### His Life

He is the Imaam, the Allaamah, Abdur-Rahmaan Ibn Yahyaa Ibn Aleeh Ibn Muhammad Al-Muallimee Al-Utmeeh Al-Yaamaanee. He has been given the ascription of Banee Muallim from the city of Utmah in Yemen. He was born in 1313H (1895CE) in Utmah and was raised there and he frequented the city of Al-Hujuriyyah - which is behind Ta'iz - and he acquired knowledge there. He (then) travelled to Jeezaan in the year 1329H during the imaarah (leadership) of Muhammad Ibn Aleeh Al-Idreeseeh at Aseer.

#### His Positions

He took over the leadership of the Qaadees (Judges) and he was given the title of Shaykh ul-Islaam. After the death of Al-Idreeseeh in the year 1341H, he travelled to India and worked in Daairat ul-Maarif Al-Uthmaaniyyah in Hyderaabaad Ad-Dikn, correcting the books of hadeeth and history and authenticating them. This was at roughly at the beginning of the year 1345H. He remained here for about 25 years, working. He then came to Al-Makkah Al-Mukarramah in 1371H and was designated - after only one year - with the position of trustee of the Library of the Haram at Makkah.

#### His Compilations and Works

He has a variety of many books and (short) treatises which he authored for the verification of some issues related to knowledge - whether regarding hadeeth, sulook or aqeedah - which remain in manuscript form. He also has a compilation of poetry which is also in manuscript form. As for what has been printed from them, then there are many, amongst them;

- Anwaar ul-Kaashifah which is a refutation of the book Adwaa' alas-Sunnah by Mahmood Abu Rayyah and which is not to be lamented over!
- Taleeatut-Tankeel
- At-Tankeel bimaa fee Taneeb Al-Kawtharee min Al-Abaateel and this is a very good book, (is of) benefit and is unique. It has been printed with the checking of our Shaykh Al-Albaanee - rahimahullah.
- Ilm ur-Rijaal wa Ahimmiyyatihi which is this treatise. - Maqaamu Ibraaheem and this is a very precious book.

He has also checked many of the most important books on Ilm ur-Rijaal (the science of the knowledge of the narrators of hadeeth) and history (and) which were printed by Daairah Al-Maarif Al-Uthmaaniyyah during his time; such as the book Al-Ikmaal by Ibn Maakoolaa (4 volumes from it), the book Al-Ansaab of As-Samaanee (4 volumes from it), the book Tadhkiratul-Huffaadh of Adh-Dhahabee and Al-Jarh wat-Tadeel of Ibn Abee Haatim and At-Taareekh Al-Kabeer of Al-Bukhaaree, and others besides them which are numerous.

#### His Death

He continued to look after the Library of the Haram at Makkah, persisting in (his) study, and being actively engaged in research, verification and knowledge-related investigation, until he was seen there wholeheartedly devoted to some books and he had departed from (this) life. This was in the year 1386H (1966CE). May have Allaah shower (His) vast mercy upon him.

#### Sources for His Biography

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