



## ‘ABD-AL-KARĪM GAZĪ

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‘**ABD-AL-KARĪM GAZĪ** (or JAZĪ, 1272-1339/1856-1921), a respected religious leader of Isfahan. Born to one Mollā Mandī in the village of Gaz (or Jaz) to the north of Isfahan, he studied the religious sciences, first in Isfahan under Moḥammad Šādeq Ketābforūš and Mīrzā Moḥammad Ḥasan Najafī, then under a succession of teachers in the *‘atabāt* (the shrines of Iraq), the most important of whom was Mīrzā Ḥabīballāh Raštī. After a prolonged residence in Iraq, he returned to Isfahan and began teaching *feqh* and *oṣūl* (religious law and its principles) at the Madrasa-ye Nīmāvard in Isfahan. He became celebrated not only as a teacher but also as a pious, ascetic, and scrupulously just arbitrator of local disputes. He shunned the pomp frequently affected by the clerics of his day and would often visit the poor in their homes in Isfahan and its environs. He died on 13 Ḍu’l-ḥeġġa 1339/19 August 1921 and was buried in the Taḳt-e Fūlād cemetery. He wrote two brief treatises on *feqh* as well as an account of famous men buried in Isfahan entitled *Taḍkerat al-qobūr*. This work was first printed in Isfahan in 1324/1906 and published, with the inclusion of additional material supplied by Moṣleḥ-al-dīn Mahdavi and Šehāb-al-dīn Maṛ‘ašī, under the title of *Reġāl-e Eṣfahān* in 1328 Š./1949.



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