



## ‘ABD-AL-MON‘EM ‘ĀMELĪ

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‘ABD-AL-MON‘EM ‘ĀMELĪ, 10th/16th century astronomer. He apparently was commissioned to build an observatory at Isfahan by the Safavid Shah Ṭahmāsp I (1524-76). The king would have been pursuing the aborted design of his predecessor, Shah Esmā‘īl I (1502-24), to restore the observatory at Marāḡa. ‘Abd-al-Moṇ‘em in any case planned an observatory. About 1560 he wrote a Persian work whose title is lost in the unique manuscript; it is usually called by modern scholars the *Ketāb ta‘līm ālāt-e zīj* (“Book of instruction on astronomical instruments”). In this work he explains his unrealized project and describes previous observatories at Alexandria, Marāḡa, Samarqand, and elsewhere.

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