



## ‘ABDALLĀH, ŞĀRĪ

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‘ABDALLĀH, ŞĀRĪ (922-1071/1584-1660), Ottoman scholar, mystic, poet, and commentator of Rūmī’s *Maṭnavī*. He was one of the sons of a shaikh who was originally from the Mağreb. After completing his education with his relative, the grand vizier Kālil Pasha, he became connected with ‘Azīz Maḥmūd Hodā’ī of the shaikhs of the Jelvatīya. ‘Abdallāh subsequently entered government service, set out for war against Iran together with Kālil Pasha, and returned to Istanbul upon the vizier’s dismissal. After a retirement of ten years he took part in the Baghdad campaign as *ra’īs al-rekāb* in the service of Morād IV. On his return he became *ra’īs al-kottāb* and retired from political life in 1065/1655-56. He died on 23 Şafar 1071/28 October 1660.

*Works.* 1. *Javāher-e bavāher-e Maṭnavī* is an unfinished work comprising commentaries on Rūmī’s *Maṭnavī* (5 vols., Istanbul, 1287/1870-71). 2. *Ṭamarāt al-fo’ād fi’l-mabda’ wa’l-ma’ād*, in five chapters and an epilogue, gives interesting information on the Iranian Naqšbandīya, Kālvatīya, Kobravīya, and Qāderīya Sufi orders. 3. *Jawharat al-bedāya wa dorrat al-nehāya* concerns Morād IV and his conquest of Baghdad, as well as contemporary men of religion. All three of these works are in Ottoman Turkish. 4. *Mer’āt al-aşfiā’ fi şefat malāmatīyat al-aşfiā’* in Arabic, discusses the Malāmīs in Ebn al-‘Arabī’s (d. 638/1240) *al-Fotūḥāt al-Makkīya*.



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