



ABŪ 'AWĀNA

ABŪ 'AWĀNA YA'QŪB B. EŞĤĀQ B. EBRĀHĪM NĪŞĀBŪRĪ ESFARĀYĪNĪ, a Shafē'ite legal scholar and traditionist. He is credited with introducing the Shafē'ite school in Esfarāyīn, which remained a leading center of Shafē'ism even after the Hanafite *madhab* made serious inroads in Khorasan. Abū 'Awāna traveled widely throughout the major centers of learning in Iran, Syria, the Yemen, and Egypt, collecting traditions from a number of illustrious scholars. These included the Egyptian scholar, Mozanī (d. 264/877), the foremost disciple of Šāfe'ī, and (according to Sobkī) Moslem b. Ḥajjāj (d. 261/875), author of the *Şahīḥ*. Among Abū 'Awāna's pupils was the traditionist and *faqīh*, Ṭabarānī (d. 360/971). He died at an advanced age in 316/928 and was buried in Esfarāyīn; the location of his tomb, which attracted visitors for many years, is described in detail by Ebn Kallekān.

Abū 'Awāna was the author of *al-Mosnad al-moḵraj 'alā ketāb Moslem b. al-Ḥajjāj*; the large number of copies or parts of book that still exist in manuscript collections attest to its popularity. The book was printed in Hyderabad in 1362/1942.



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