



ABŪ BAKR NAYSĀBŪRĪ

ABŪ BAKR MOḤAMMAD B. EBRĀHĪM B. MONḌER NAYSĀBŪRĪ, a jurist loosely belonging to the Shafe'ite school. The date of his birth is unknown. He studied in Egypt under two immediate disciples of Šāfe'ī (Moḥammad b. 'Abdallāh b. 'Abd-al-Ḥakam and Rabī' b. Solaymān Jizī) and then lived in Mecca, where he died in 318/930 (Dahabī, *Ḥoffāz* [Hyderabad] III, p. 4; Šafadī, *al-Wāfi be'l-wafayāt*, Istanbul, 1931, I, p. 336). Other sources give less probable death dates—309, 310, or 324. Refusing to be limited to the doctrine of a school, he claimed to be an independent *mojtahed*, a title which Sobkī (*Ṭabaqāt*¹ II, p. 126) grants him, even while numbering him in the Shafe'ite school on the grounds that he agreed with Šāfe'ī on more points than not. Sobkī lists some points of disagreement, which are not very important. Opponents as well as friends respected him for his expertise in the differences between various jurists and legal systems, as set forth in *Ketāb al-ešrāf fi ektelāf al-'olamā'*, his larger treatise on the same subject called *al-Mabsūṭ*, and his *Ketāb al-ejmā'*. Nawawī (*Tahdīb al-asmā'*, Göttingen, 1841-47, p. 675) considers him eminently reliable as a transmitter of tradition, for his care and exactitude in weighing his conclusions according to the worth of supporting traditions, and for the lack of fanaticism.



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