



ABŪ ḌARR HERAVĪ

ABŪ ḌARR HERAVĪ (full name: ABŪ ḌARR ‘ABDALLĀH B. AḤMAD B. MOḤAMMAD HERAVĪ ANṢĀRĪ MĀLEKĪ), a traditionist known primarily for his role in the transmission of Boḳārī’s *Jāme’ al-ṣaḥīḥ*. Born in Herat about 355/966, he traveled to several centers of learning to study with well-known traditionists. In Baghdad he acquired a reputation in Malikite legal circles for his knowledge of both *feqh* and *oṣūl al-feqh*. At the same time, Abū Ḍarr studied dogmatic theology with Bāqellānī (d. 403/1013), the celebrated Malikite jurist who was a major figure in the systematization and popularization of Ash‘arite theology. About 387/997, he settled in Mecca to become chief shaikh of the Ḥaram mosque and continue his study of traditions. He married and took up residence in Sarawāt, in the neighborhood of Mecca, and performed the pilgrimage annually until his death in 434/1042-43.

Abū Ḍarr is the author of several works. His biographers record a book of excerpts from *Ṣaḥīḥs* of Boḳārī and Moslem, and a collection of obscure traditions that he made for his own use. Two of his works, the *Fawā’ed* and *Aḥādīṭ*, are extant.



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