



ABU'L-ḤASAN ṬĀLAQĀNĪ

ABU'L-ḤASAN ṬĀLAQĀNĪ, ḤOJJAT-AL-ESLĀM (?-1350/1932), religious scholar and father of the celebrated Āyatallāh Maḥmūd Ṭālaqānī. Born in the village of Gelīrd near Ṭālaqān, he completed the preliminary stages of his religious training in Tehran before joining the circle of the great *mojtahed* Mīrzā Ḥasan Šīrāzī in Sāmarrā'. After the death of Šīrāzī in 1312/1895, he continued his studies with Āyatallāh Moṣṭafā Ṣadr. He left the *'atabāt* in 1317/1899, and after performing the *ḥajj* took up residence in Tehran, where he supported himself as a watch repairer while teaching and preaching at various mosques. Although he never attained the prominence of his son, Āyatallāh Maḥmūd Ṭālaqānī (d. 1979), he engaged, like him, in oppositional activity, protesting in particular against the forced unveiling of women. As a result, he was repeatedly imprisoned and banished to various remote parts of Iran during the reign of Reżā Shah. He died in Ša'bān, 1350/November, 1931, and his body was transported to Najaf for burial in the Wādī al-Salām cemetery. Among his writings are *Kīmīā-ye hastī*, *Maqāla-ye Eṭnā'ašarī*, and *al-Sīāsāt al-Ḥosaynīya*.

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