



BAĠAVĪ, ABU'L-ḤASAN

BAĠAVĪ, ABU'L-ḤASAN 'ALĪ B. 'ABD-AL-'AZĪZ B. MARZBĀN B. SĀBŪR, traditionist (*moḥaddet*) and philologist in the 3rd/9th century. He came from Baġšūr, a town near Marv-al-Rūd. Since he was more than ninety years old when he died in 286/899 or 287/900, his birth can be placed in the last decade of the second century A.H. Little is known about his life except that he certainly studied in Iraq and then settled at Mecca, where he remained until his death. He was considered reliable by some well-known authorities on Hadith such as Dāraoṭnī and Ebn Abī Ḥātem, but because poverty forced him to take fees for his lectures, he was rejected by the eminent traditionist Abū 'Abd-al-Raḥmān Nasā'ī.

Baġavī is mentioned as the compiler of a *mosnad* (collection arranged under the sources of transmission). Foremost among his teachers was Abū 'Obayd Qāsem b. Sallām Heravī, a theologian, philologist, and jurist who died at Mecca probably in 224/838-39. The latter's books *Ġarīb al-ḥadīṭ*, *al-Ḥayz*, and *al-Ṭahāra* were transcribed and passed on by Baġavī; a section entitled *Joz' fīhi men ḥadīṭ 'Alī b. 'Abd-al-'Azīz 'an Abī 'Obayd al-Qāsem b. Sallām* still survives in manuscript (Sezgin, *GAS* I, p. 161). Among Baġavī's other teachers were Faḏl b. Dokayn Abū No'aym Taymī (d. 219/834) and 'Affān b. Moslem Abū 'Oṭmān Ṣaffār (d. probably 220/835). His most distinguished pupil was his nephew 'Abd-Allāh b. Moḥammad b. 'Abd-al-'Azīz Abu'l-Qāsem Baġavī known as Ebn bent Aḥmad b. Manī' (d. 317/929). Another pupil, Solaymān b. Aḥmad Abu'l-Qāsem Ṭabarānī (d. 360/971) also gained some repute.

