



BARAQĪ

BARAQĪ, **ḲvĀJA** 'ABD-ALLĀH, first of the successors appointed by **Ḳvāja** Yūsof Hamadānī (d. 555/1160, q.v.) to exercise spiritual authority after his passing. He is said to have originated in **Ḳvārazm** and joined the circle of Hamadānī in Bukhara in his early youth, although, according to another account, it was his great-grandfather who made the move from **Ḳvārazm** to Bukhara, establishing there a respected family of Hanafite *foqahā*'. The name Baraqī has been taken either as a *nesba*, referring to the town of Baraq, slightly to the north of Gorganj, or as being derived from an arabicized form of *bara* (sheep), **Ḳvāja** 'Abd-Allāh's ancestors supposedly having been shepherds. He was buried in the cemetery on the Šārestān hill of Bukhara, close to Abū Bakr Kalābādī, author of the *Ketāb al-ta'arrof*, although by the 9th/15th century the precise location of his tomb had become obscured. Baraqī appears not to have nominated any successors of his own, and it was two other successors of Hamadānī, **Ḳvāja** Aḥmad Yasawī and **Ḳvāja** 'Abd-al-Ḳāleq Gojdovānī, who perpetuated the distinctly central Asian line of Sufi affiliation that Hamadānī had inaugurated.



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