



BAYĀNI, JĀR-ALLĀH-ZĀDA

BAYĀNI, JĀR-ALLĀH-ZĀDA, Shaikh Moṣṭafā (d. 1005-6/ 1597), a Turkish poet who composed *tak̄mis* (poems consisting of stanzas of five lines [meṣrā'] each) on the *ḡazals* of Hāfez. He was born in the town of Rusçuk, in present-day Bulgaria. After completing his elementary studies, he traveled to Istanbul where he became the pupil of Mehmed Çelebi (Moḡammad Čalabi), son of the former Šayḡ-al-Eslām, Abu'l-Sa'ud. When Mehmed Çelebi was appointed to the judgeship of Aleppo, Bayāni became his deputy. Returning from Aleppo, he taught and functioned as judge for a while before joining the Ḳalwati Sufi Order. In 962/1554-55, he was the assistant to [Moḡyi-e Golšani](#) for six months in Edirne (Golšani, p. 167). He then became šayḡ at the Sofular hospice in Istanbul.

Bayāni knew also Arabic, and took up the challenge of writing odes in Persian using only dotless letters. In addition, he wrote an anthology (*taḍkera*) containing biographies of Turkish poets and a commentary in Arabic on the *Qaṣīda al-borda*.

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