



## EBN BAZZĀZ

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**EBN BAZZĀZ, DARVĪŠ TAWAKKOLĪ b. Esmāʿil b. Ḥāji Ardabīlī**, author of the *Şafwat al-şafāʾ*, a biography of Shaikh Şafī-al-Dīn Eşhāq Ardabīlī (d. 935/1334), founder of the Safavid order of Sufis and the eponym of the Safavid dynasty. Ebn Bazzāz was a disciple of Shaikh Şadr-al-Dīn Ardabīlī (d. 794/1391-92), the son and successor of Shaikh Şafī-al-Dīn. The work, also entitled *al-Mawāheb al-sanīya fī manāqeb al-Şafawīya*, deals mainly with Shaikh Şafī-al-Dīn's miracles and sayings and contains little of a biographical nature (see Browne, *Lit. Hist. Persia* IV, pp. 38-39, for a list of its contents). Ebn Bazzāz completed this voluminous work (over 800 folios) around 759/1358, only twenty-four years after the death of Shaikh Şafī-al-Dīn. It is written in a straightforward style, without much rhetorical embellishment. Ideologically-motivated alterations were already present in a manuscript dated 914/1508, during the reign of Shah Esmāʿil I (Aya Sofya 2123; Togan). Shah Ṭahmāsb (930-84/1524-76) ordered Mīr Abuʾl-Faṭḥ Ḥosaynī to produce a revised edition of the *Şafwat al-şafāʾ*. This official version contains textual changes designed to obscure the Kurdish origins of the Safavid family and to vindicate their claim to descent from the Imams.



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