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EBN FAHD ḤELLĪ, ABU'L-'ABBĀS JAMĀL-AL-DĪN AḤMAD b. Šams-al-Dīn Moḥammad (756 or 757-841/1355-1437), Imami scholar and jurist. A native of Ḥella, he spent most of his life there, where he taught at the Zaynīya school, and in Karbalā', where he died and was buried. His teachers included 'Alī b. Kāzen Ḥā'erī, Meqdād Soyūrī, Ebn al-Motawwaj Baḥrānī, all former students of Moḥammad b. Makkī Šahīd-e Awwal, and Jamāl-al-Dīn b. A'raj 'Amīdī, from whom he obtained the *ejāza*. He also visited Jezzīn in Jabal 'Āmel, where in Moḥarram 824/January 1421 he received an *ejāza* from Žīā'-al-Dīn Abu'l-Ḥasan 'Alī 'Āmelī, son of Šahīd-e Awwal. His numerous works include a commentary on Moḥaqqueq Ḥellī's *al-Nāfe'*, entitled *al-Mohaddab al-bāre'*, completed in 803/1401 (ed. M. 'Erāqī, 2 vols., Qom, 1407-11/1986-90); the *'Oddat al-dā'ī wa najāḥ al-sā'ī*, on the rules of prayer, written in 801/1399 (Tehran, 1274/1857, reprs. in Qom and Beirut; *al-Darī'a* XV, p. 228); *al-Taḥṣīn fī šefāt al-'ārefīn* (Qom, 1406/1985), on mystical seclusion (*'ozla*); and several other treatises and commentaries, mainly on the ritual prayer and the *'ebādāt* (in *al-Rasā'el al-'ašar*, ed. M. Rajā'ī, Qom, 1409/1988).

Among his students were the celebrated Kobrawī Sufi Sayyed Moḥammad Nūrbakš and the famous Moḥammad b. Falāḥ Mūsawī, the founder of the Moša'ša' doctrine and dynasty, though when the latter began his extremist religious propaganda, Ebn Fahd declared the *takfīr* against him.



Generally praised for his knowledge and piety, his Sufi inclinations brought upon him the criticism of later scholars, such as Yūsof Baḥrānī (1966, p. 156).

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