



ESMĀ'ĪL ḤAQQĪ BORSAVĪ

ESMĀ'ĪL ḤAQQĪ BORSAVĪ (or Oskodārī) b. MOŞṬAFĀ, Shaikh Abu'l-Fedā'; Turkish scholar, theologian, and mystic (b. Aydos near Edirne, 1063/1652; d. Bursa, 11137/1725). His two *nesbas* refer to his long stays in Bursa and Uskodār. At the age of eleven he was sent to Edirne, where he received traditional education under the guidance of the scholar 'Abd-al-Bāqī. In 1084/1673 he went to Istanbul to continue his studies with Shaikh 'Oṭmān Fażlī, the head of the Jelwatīya Sufi order, which he eventually joined. He also learned Persian and became interested in the works of the masters of Persian literature. In 1086/1675 he went to Skopje, where he founded a convent of the Jelwatīya order. He spent the rest of his life teaching and preaching in various parts of the Ottoman empire, including Egypt, but ultimately settled in Bursa where he eventually died.

He wrote over a hundred works in Turkish and Arabic. The most famous of his published works are: *Rūḥ al-bayān*, a Qur'ān commentary (4 vols., Bulāq, 1276); *Rūḥ al-Maṭnawī*, a commentary on the introductory verses of the *Maṭnawī* (2 vols., Istanbul, 1287-89); *Şarḥ-e pand-nāma-ye 'Aṭṭār*, a translation of 'Aṭṭār's *Pand-nāma* (Istanbul, 1250); *Şarḥ-e Būstān*; and a *dīvān* in Turkish (Cairo, 1257). He also wrote a commentary on Najm-al-Dīn Kobrā's (d. 618/1221) *al-Oşūl al-'ašara* (Istanbul, 1874).



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