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HĀRUN B. ‘ALI B. HĀRUN B. YAḤYĀ B. ABI MANŞUR AL-MONAJJEM, astronomer, astrologer, and Hadith expert, born ca. 915 C.E., died 29 Du‘l-ḥejja 376/1 May 987 in Baghdad. Hārūn’s family traced its ancestry back to Abu Manşur, whose Persian name was Ābān Gošnasp, the son of Warid, the son of Kād, the son of Mahānidād Gošnasp, the son of Farrukdād, the son of Asād, the son of Mehrgošnasp, the son of Yazdkart (see al-Nadim, pp. 160-61; Ebn Kallekān, IV, pp. 84-85; corrected by Justi). Hārūn’s famous great-grandfather, Yaḥyā b. Abi Manşur, the astronomer and companion of al-Ma‘mun, converted to Islam at the caliph’s urging. Nothing written by Hārūn survives, but his biographer (Ebn al-Qeḥṭī, p. 338) states that he was a famous astrologer who worked with astronomical instruments and wrote an astronomical table (*zij*) (Kennedy, p. 136, no. 102). Ever since the publication of Suter’s *Die Mathematiker* he has been confused with his relative, Hārūn b. ‘Ali b. Yaḥyā b. Abi Manşur, a collector of poetry (al-Nadim, p. 160; Ebn al-Kallekān, III, pp. 604-5).

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