



ḤASAN B. 'ALI AL-QOMMI

ḤASANB. 'ALI AL-QOMMI, ABU NAŞR, astrologer of the late 4th/10th century. Very little is known about this person. He was allegedly the author of an astrological treatise, titled *Ketāb al-Bārī* or *Ketāb al-madḳal elā 'elm aḥkām al-nojum*, dedicated to Abu 'Amr Moḥammad b. Sa'id b. Marzubān Eşfahāni; according to Ḥājjī Kalifa (col. 1642) he composed it in 357/968. However, both its title and its contents seem to match the *Ketāb al-madḳal elā 'elm al-nojum wa-aḥkāmehā* attributed to 'Abd-al-Raḥmān Şufi (d. 376/986), which is also dedicated to Abu 'Amr (Storey, II, part 1, p. 41; Sezgin, *GAS* VII, pp. 168-69, 372). Sezgin distinguishes between the two works by stating that Qommi quotes from Ptolemy, Vettius Valens, Mā-şā'-Allāh, and al-Kendi (*GAS* VII, pp. 174-75), while Şufi cites Ya'qub b. Ṭāreq, 'Omar b. al-Farrukān, and Abu Ma'şar. The relation between the two texts is in need of further clarification. In any case, "the *Ketāb al-madḳal* of Abu Naşr Qommi" is named as one of his sources by the author (probably Naşir-al-Din Ṭusi) of the *Safinat al-aḥkām* (Sezgin, *GAS* VII, p. 24) and was cited by Faḳr-al-Din Rāzi in his *Ketāb al-serr al-maktum* (Ullmann, p. 333), with the effect that it became known as Ḥasan's work by 1200 C.E. There is a Persian translation with the title *Ketāb-e madḳal dar 'elm-e nojum*, the sole manuscript of which is in Berlin (copied in 806/1403-4; Storey, pp. 40-41, no. 74).



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