



Shaykh Ṣādiq Ḥabannaka al-Maydānī ¹

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Shaykh Ṣādiq b. Marzūq b. ‘Arābī b. Ghunaym Ḥabannaka al-Maydānī was born around the year 1918 (1338 H) in the suburb of Maydān which was one of the famous suburbs of Damascus in Syria. This area was known for many prominent personalities and for the inhabitants who adhered to many noble Arab characteristics.

His mother was Khadījah al-Misrī who was a righteous woman from the south of Damascus. She passed away in 1351 after she returned from *ḥajj*.

He married a relative of his and was not blessed with children. His wife took ill and then she passed away but during this time he remained faithful to her. Thereafter he

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married another woman from al-Khatīb family who bore him children. His life was dedicated towards learning and teaching.

He is Shaykh Ḥasan Ḥabannaka al-Maydānī's brother under whom he studied Arabic and the Islāmic sciences. He was his brother's support and confidant in his Shari'ah institution. His brother assigned the responsibility of the administration of Ma'had al-Tawjīh al-Islāmī to him because of his skill in this regard.

Allah had blessed Shaykh Ṣādiq with an excellent ability in poetry, but he didn't use it to produce a lot because of his preoccupation with running the institute, his involvement in learning and teaching and earning enough to spend on his family. There are some examples of couplets he wrote to his nephew, Shaykh 'Abd al-Raḥmān Ḥabannaka al-Maydānī.

He showed a great deal of importance towards the study of Arabic and he was a reference in the language for his brother. He was very proficient in grammar and in *'irāb*. He possessed the ability to understand the most complex of Arabic texts and commentaries together with his jovial character and his amazing intelligence and wit. His public lectures were thought provoking and analytical in nature. His precision in delivery and the usage of vocabulary were apparent in his public lectures. He was a specialist in *fiqh* of the Shāfi'ī *madhhab*.

He passed away after *fajr* on Tuesday, 6 November 2007 (26 Shawāl 1428 H). The *janāza* prayer was performed after *zuhr* at Jāmi' al-Shaykh Ḥasan and he was buried in the al-Jawrah graveyard in al-Maydān.