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INTRODUCTION

Various circumstances have led to the Ibādiyya being one of the least known of all Islamic sects. However, 'they certainly preserve a considerable number of works said to have been written before c. 800, when the sources of the mainstream tradition begin to flow freely', as Crone and Zimmermann neatly put it.¹

Access to this tradition was for long difficult, as those Western scholars who were interested in it were to find out. However, a dramatic change was to follow the accession of the present ruler of Oman, Sultan Qaboos bin Said in 1970. The Sultanate was prudently modernized, and among many developments, emphasis was placed on the editing and publication of the major works that have long lain hidden in libraries, not only in Oman but also in North Africa and in Cairo. These publications were intended primarily for the Ibādiyya themselves, but copies are now beginning to trickle through to Western libraries, and it is to be hoped that Western scholars will soon have wider knowledge of what is available and easier access to the works they are interested in. However, bringing these works into the public domain remains a huge task, because of the large amount of material still to be edited. This study is a modest attempt to help in this task. It offers an annotated edition of what appears to be the oldest extant work devoted to Ibādī *fiqh*, the *Āthār al-Rabī* b. *Habīb*.

The origins of the Ibādiyya are clear in general terms but not in any detail. Their roots are always confused with the so called Khārijite groups that came into existence in the First Civil War (36/656–41/661). There appear to have been widely differing attitudes among these groups, the majority preferring the policy of confrontation with the *ahl al-qibla* who opposed their views, whilst a minority opted for a quietist, peaceful, isolationist, live-and-let-live stance. In the early stages of the Second Civil War (65/688–73/692) Muslims split into distinctive political groups, and it was one of these, holding the quietist view and based mainly in Basra, that became the Ibādiyya. The name traditionally derives from 'Abd Allāh b. Ibād al-Tamīmī,

¹ The epistle of Sālim ibn Dhakwān, Oxford 2001, p. 1.

about whose dates and views there is much uncertainty and disagreement. Apart from the central point about quietism, it may be futile to try to sift the evidence for his views. These may well have been superseded during the development of Ibādī kalām and fiqh and lost. Equally it may well have been that he was much more important politically, as a member of Tamīm, than as thinker, where he was almost certainly overshadowed by the figure of Jābir b. Zayd. Thus it may be that the view that 'Abd Allāh b. Ibād was the founder and Jābir b. Zayd the first *imām* of the Ibādiyya reflects a basic reality, with their mutual strengths providing the basic impetus for the new movement to cohere. For a time the movement looked set to carve a niche for itself in the central heartland of the Empire, most particularly in Basra. Any hopes of this were seriously diminished when al-Hajjāj turned against the movement and imprisoned or exiled its leaders.

In my opinion Jābir b. Zayd died in 93/711 whilst al-Hajjāj was still governor.² His position as leader of the Ibādiyya was assumed by Abū 'Ubayda at some time after the latter's release from prison on the death of al-Hajjāj. During the brief reign of 'Umar b. 'Abd al-'Azīz (99/717–101/719) things seemed promising for the Ibādiyya, but thereafter their position in Iraq deteriorated. To mitigate this, Abū 'Ubayda, who showed himself to be an excellent organizer and leader, began to send out missionaries (hamalat al*ilm*) to outlying countries to win Muslims over to the Ibadiyya way of thinking. They gained many adherents, and took over in some areas, but eventually there were clashes with the governors appointed by the central authorities and there were rebellions in Tripolitania in 128/745-131/749; in South West Arabia in 127/744-130/748; and in Oman in 132/750-134/752. In all of these, despite initial defeats, the Ibadī communities survived. It is not clear when al-Rabī' took over from Abū 'Ubayda.³ Al-Rabī' remained leader until his death sometime between 175/791-180/796. It is against this brief historical background that the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. $Hab\bar{i}b$ is set.

The doctrinal issues both in regard to the Sunnīs and also to the Azāriqa and the Najdiyya are dealt with in satisfying detail in Crone and Zimmermann's *Epistle* and need not be dealt with extensively in this study.⁴ In short, the Ibādīs differed strongly from the Azāriqa and the Najdiyya in their attitude towards their opponents. The quietist views of the Ibādiyya ensured their survival in a way that was honourable to them. What was honourable to the Azāriqa and the Najdiyya led to savage fighting and their eventual destruction.

² See below pp. 146–148.

³ See below p. 142.

⁴ The epistle of Sālim ibn Dhakwān, Oxford 2001, pp. 186–250.

Introduction

When we turn to Ibādī *fiqh* it has hitherto been impossible to say anything very certain about the early period. However, the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. $Hab\bar{i}b$ begins to open up the subject for us. It is not unfair to say that it provides a first insight into the legal views of early influential Ibādī authorities. It presents the views of Jābir b. Zayd and, not less important, it points to an actual system of Islamic law that was growing up and prevailing in a time that can be described as a pre-formative time of Islamic schools of law.

I have attempted, where ever possible, to take a closer look at the way of thinking of early $Ib\bar{a}d\bar{i}$ authorities, how they expounded their arguments and what devices they used to proclaim certain judgements. On the premise that this work antedates most, or apparently all, known Islamic literature on *fiqh*, I believe that it shows that they did so in a very cohesive thoughtful manner, which contemporary scholars need to take into account when studying the formation of Muslim schools of law and the development of their legal theories.

It can be perceived from the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. $Hab\bar{i}b$ that this thoughtful manner followed by early Ibādīs earned them genuine respect from their contemporaries on matters of religious performance. Jābir was questioned on various occasions by non-Ibādīs about religious matters, his opinions were transmitted by non-Ibādīs, and, on the other hand, his Ibādī students seemed to have no strict reservations on referring to other authorities in the community. This is a mutual relation that is rarely observable in later Muslim times. However, the beginnings of early division between Muslim authorities on *fiqh* principles, and consequently on legal views, are also traceable in this book. These divisions are noticeable but not yet distinctive. This is apparently due to the early date of the work on the one hand, but also to the broader perspective early Ibādī authorities followed to consolidate the position of their movement (in Basra in particular).

For those who have interest in the anthropology of early Islamic societies, the book of $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. $Hab\bar{i}b$ will be useful as well. It illustrates, in many of its traditions, a picture of real early Islamic society affairs. There are traces of the day-to-day activities of the community, signs of the clothing people used to wear, and natural images of the social and economical aspects of the society at that time.

It is, therefore, a fact rather than a suggestion that the *fiqh* dealt with in this work of al-Rabī['] b. Habīb opens further the doors for detailed studies and for revising our understanding of many theories regarding the formation of Islamic schools. Most significantly among these theories are: the labelling of certain sects and authorities, the mutual relationships of early authorities, take the example of Anas b. Mālik, al-Hasan al-Baṣrī, Jābir b. Zayd, their students, etc., and not least of all the characteristic features that led to the

development of different Muslim schools of law. The findings of such studies could be of great value for the world of Islamic scholarship, not just at the intellectual level but also in terms of the general Islamic heritage. This, I believe, is a crucial task that should not be played down on the notion that a minor Muslim school of law is fairly similar to the orthodox Islamic schools, nor should it be affected by the other distractive notion, that a particular school, as in the case of Ibādī *madhhab*, is the closest *fiqh* example to that of the Sunnīs. The reality, as revealed in the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. $Hab\bar{i}b$, is that the development of Ibādī *fiqh* is closer to the time of the Prophet and his Companions than that of the Sunnī schools (which therefore cannot be normative).

In addition, the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. $Hab\bar{i}b$ is to be credited with enabling us to elucidate useful biographical information of some early authorities and transmitters. This will be appreciated by researchers who have been, or are still, doing studies about the Ibādiyya. Looking, hand in hand, at historical and at *fiqh* sources, such as the work under current study, can indeed contribute substantially to the establishment of better prosopographical information.

I do not claim that it is possible at this stage to give a full account of all these grounds. The crucial emphasis has had to be on making the text available and giving it the necessary background notes. To go beyond what I have done would have been to embark on a major undertaking that is beyond the scope of any thesis. Nevertheless, it is hoped that this study was able to outline these accounts and to cast light on new areas.

CHAPTER ONE

ABOUT THE ATHAR AL-RABI 'B. HABIB

The Book, Its Identification and the Authorities Who Mention It

This is a work known by several titles. Perhaps the one we should take most seriously is that found in the three manuscripts. However, as the three manuscripts are in some way related, this can only be treated as one piece of evidence.

When we look at sources that quote or refer to the work, we find other titles mentioned. It would appear that the first surviving references to the work under investigation are to be found in the *Ajwibat Ibn Khalfūn* by the sixth/twelfth century Ibādī scholar Ibn Khalfūn al-Mazātī.¹ He depends prominently on this work and specifies at his first quotation that he is referring to "*Kitāb Abī Şufra 'Abd al-Malik b. Şufra* on the authority of al-Rabī' transmitted from Dumām from Jābir b. Zayd that so and so",² where the *matns* (texts) are always identical to the texts of the work we have.³ Ibn Khalfūn's explicit references to this work total at least twelve extracts;⁴ all are exactly the same in both *sanad* and *matn*.

Later came the well known Ibādī biographer Abū al-Qāsim al-Barrādī⁵ (the beginning of the ninth/fifteenth century). He included in his list of Ibādī works Hifz Abī Sufra.⁶ Although he does not claim to have seen the book or

¹ Ajwibat Ibn Khalfūn, Ennami, A. (ed.), Beirut 1974, p. 13.

² *Ibid.*, p. 65.

³ The Egyptian copy (see below, p. 4), f. 74/i.

⁴ See, for example, the following pages of Ajwibat Ibn Khalfūn: 65, 69 (6 extracts), 80 (5 extracts).

⁵ For a biography of al-Barrādī, see: Mu jam a lām al-Ibādiyya min al-qarn al-awwal al-Hijrī ilā al-'aşr al-hādir – qism al-Maghrib al-'arabī, (1420/1999), vol. 2, p. 341, biography no. 735.

⁶ Al-Jawāhir al-muntaqāt fī mā akhalla bihi şāķibu al-Ţabaqāt, (lith., 1302/1885), p. 218.

part of it, as he usually does when he has really seen a work, he states that the work "is well known among us as *Kitāb Dumām* (*al-ma 'rūf 'indanā bi-kitāb Dumām*)"⁷ which means that he has no doubt about the book he is describing. Yet from those two sources one cannot draw a definitive clue about the exact name of the work. Thus we have, apart from the title extant in the manuscripts of the work, three different titles so far: *Kitāb Abī Şufra*, as Ibn Khalfūn names it, *Hifz Abī Şufra* according to al-Barrādī at his first mention and *Kitāb Dumām* as he calls it later.

Al-Shammākhī (d. in the ninth/fifteenth century) provides no more information apart from the very important fact that he calls the work Athar al-Rabī^c b. Habīb and ascribes its collection to Abū Şufra when he talks about him and describes the work as 'a famous one (mashhūr)'.⁸ This popularity of the book mentioned by al-Shammākhī could mean that it was a widely available source. But this assumption evaporates with the ignorance of the work by al-Darjīnī (d. 670/1271) who would certainly have mentioned the work if he had had access to it. So the most appropriate interpretation of al-Shammākhī's sentence is that the work had a high reputation but was not necessarily widely available. On these grounds one can understand the fact that the work is rarely cited in the Mashriqī Ibādī references. Despite the abundance among them of early works on *figh*, they hardly refer to this particular work. The only reference I found to a work by Abū Şufra is to the Jāmi' Abī Şufra in Bayān al-shar' of Muhammad b. Ibrāhīm al-Kindī (d. most probably in 508/1114). There seem to be some quotations usually commencing with: "and from (wa-min Jāmi' Abī Şufra)"; then al-Kindī gives the chain of transmitters followed by the tradition. But when these quotations⁹ are compared to our book, the dissimilarity between them and the work under consideration becomes obvious. They do not even present the opinions of Jābir b. Zayd. This draws one's attention to one possible assumption: that we have two different works of Abū Şufra: one is named Jāmi' Abī Şufra and the other is Kitāb Abī Sufra. The latter seems to be the one described above by Ibn Khalfun, al-Barradī and al-Shammakhī. This explanation is supported by the treatise al-Lum'a al-murdiyya of the much later Omani scholar 'Abd Allāh b. Humayd al-Sālimī (d. 1332/1914). In it he mentions two works: Kitāb Dumām and Jāmi Abī Sufra. He describes the first work as compiled by Abū Sufra 'Abd al-Malik b. Sufra in which he transmitted the opinions

⁷ *Loc. cit.*

⁸ Al-Shammākhī, Kitāb al-siyar, 1:109.

⁹ There are about seven quotations distributed in the 72-volume *Bayān al-shar*' as follows: 35:18; 42:195, 201; 43:217, 224, and 45:7, 65 (Ministry of National Heritage, Muscat 1984).

and traditions of Jābir b. Zayd,¹⁰ while he says nothing about the latter work except that it is one of the very early works which has been described to him but he "has not obtained any copy of it".¹¹ This clearly indicates that the two different works share the same author (or the same transmitter): one is $J\bar{a}mi$ $Ab\bar{i}$ Sufra, which is the one most likely to have been used by al-Kindī, and the second work is Kitāb Abī Sufra, which is the one under consideration here.

To sum up, there are apparently three titles given or used to refer to this work: Ibn Khalfūn used *Kitāb Abī Şufra*, al-Barrādī said that the book is known as *Kitāb Dumām*, al-Shammākhī called it $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$, and finally al-Sālimī, who probably derived his information from al-Barrādī, as can be noticed in many places of his treatise, called it *Kitāb Dumām*.

Yet it is difficult to ignore the name used in the three copies of the manuscript which is Athar al-Rabi b. Habib, reinforced as it is by al-Shammākhī. It should be added that the differences found in external sources over its name do not discredit the authenticity of the work. On the contrary, it seems natural for a very early work, as we shall see later in Chapter IV, that is cited and described only by a few sources, to have all the attention on its content and on its significant transmitters rather than on its title, if it was given a specific title at its first existence.¹² However, all the titles given to this work are, indeed, not far from reality: (1) the book has been named after Dumām¹³ (Kitāb or Riwāyāt Dumām) because it is the only work that gathers traditions transmitted on his authority, (2) and named after Abū Şufra¹⁴ (Jāmi' or Kitāb Abī Sufra) because he is the key transmitter of the work. On the other hand it has not been referred to as $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r al-Rab\bar{i}$, with (3) the only exception of al-Shammākhī, simply to distinguish it from his other work Musnad al-Rabi^{\cdot}. And because the confusion of intermixing the two works of al-Rabī' was removed after the representation of the Musnad by Abū Ya'qūb al-Warjlānī (d. 570/1174),¹⁵ after which it was renamed al-Jāmi' al-şahīh, I think it is reasonable to stick to the name of Athar al-Rabi 'b. Habib even if

¹⁰ Al-Lum'a al-murdiyya, p. 19 (Ministry of National Heritage, Muscat 1983).

¹¹ Ibid., p. 24.

¹² One may see this in the example of the early, though not the earliest, transmission of Muhammad b. al-Hasan al-Shaybānī of Imām Mālik's *Muwațța*'. As Dr. Dutton rightly describes, "what the *Muwațța*' of al-Shaybānī thus illustrates is the flexible nature of 'books' at that time, and how the primary use of the *Muwațța*' for him was as a vehicle for teaching rather than a fixed text." Review of Calder's Studies in Early Muslim Jurisprudence, in *Journal of Islamic Studies*, 5 (1), 1994, p. 104.

¹³ See below Ch. IV, p. 143.

¹⁴ For his biography, see below Ch. IV, p. 140.

¹⁵ See the introduction of al-Sālimī on al-Jāmi al-şahīh, (Oman 1993), vol. 1, pp. 2-6.

all the previous names are examined and used throughout my investigation of who referred to the book, as all these names were of the same book, apparently, except *Jāmi* Abī Şufra.

The Copies of the Manuscripts

A. The Egyptian Copy

I was first introduced to the work coincidentally when I was searching for another Ibādī work called *Mudawwanat Abī Ghānim al-Khurāsānī* preserved under the number B/21582 in the Dār al-Kutub al-Miṣriyya. I later discovered that it is a mixed-content manuscript, that includes in parts of it the work of $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. Habīb.

This Egyptian copy (referred to hereafter as E) is in very bad condition and hardly legible in very many places. It is in a very small Maghribī hand with 163 folios,¹⁶ each consisting of an average of 41 lines with approximately 40 words in each line. The size of each page is about 20 x 28 cm. The name of the scribe appears a few times at various places in the whole manuscript: he is Abū Zayd b. 'Abd al-Raḥmān b. 'Umar b. Muḥammad b. 'Umar b. Ismā'īl al-Zawwārī, a name which is totally unknown to me. He might be from Zawwāra in Mzāb.¹⁷

Although E is titled – according to Dār al-Kutub al-Miṣriyya – as *Mudawwanat Abī Ghānim al-Khurāsānī* and ascribed to the transmission of Aflaḥ b. 'Abd al-Wahhāb,¹⁸ this information is sadly incomplete and even the information it gives cannot be taken for granted. The manuscript contains not only the traditions narrated by Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, part of it starts: the *"Kitāb al- 'ummāl wa-man yalī 'alayhim"* which runs from f. 2/i to 8/i. This is followed by the *"Kitāb al-mumtani 'īn 'an al-imām"* up to f. 13/ii. At this point it breaks off without any clarification from the copyist about the rest of this chapter. I later found it at f. 93/i with a marginal note from the copyist that it is the completion of the previous incomplete chapter of *al-hudūd* from part one. This completion goes on until f. 97/i. The *Kitāb al-kafālāt*, ff. 13/i–

¹⁶ The numbering of the folios appears to have been done by Dār al-Kutub al-Mişriyya, and I kept it as it is except that I divided each folio into two pages by adding the number i, ii after each folio's number.

¹⁷ It first appears at f. 36 then ff. 43, 103, 126, but the explicit description of him as a copyist occurs at f. 144, 149.

¹⁸ The third Rustamid Imām in Tahert (171-208/787-823). He was a distinguished scholar and the most famous Imām in the Rustamid family. He died in 258/871 (*Mu'jam a'lām al-Ibādiyya*, 1:60, biography no. 116).

16/ii, and Kitāb abwāb al-salam wa-l-buyū', ff. 16/ii-20/i, are also parts of Mudawwanat Abī Ghānim. The manuscript then provides a different section devoted to Kitāb al-nikāh min qawl Jābir b. Zavd, ff. 20/i-24/i, followed by many parts of Kitāb al-shighār li-Ibn 'Abd al-'Azīz (part 1 from f. 24/i to f. 30/ii, part 3, ff. 30/ii-36/i, part 4, ff. 144/ii-149/i). The manuscript also contains parts 1 to 7 of Qawl Qatāda starting at f. 36/i until f. 73/i. It might be that Kitāb al-shuf'a wa taqnīn uşūlihā (ff. 80/ii-91/i), Kitāb al-ahkām (ff. 97/i-103/ii), Kitāb al-farā'id (ff. 103/ii-107/i), Kitāb mā yalzamu min damān al-ab li-banātih up to f. 113/ii with Kitāb al-waşāyā and Risālat alshaykh Abī 'Ubayda fī l-zakāt, ff. 114/ii-116/ii, are all parts of Mudawwanat Abī Ghānim, but this is not certain. After all these parts and sections come different parts that are not consistent with the previous parts in their style; like Kitāb kaffārāt al-aymān, f. 116/i, Kitāb al-wadā'i' wa-l-'āriyāt, Kitāb alqisma, and they end with Kitāb al-hayd, f. 161/i-163/ii. At the end of each part the manuscript says that what has been mentioned in each part is "of the opinion of the Kufans shown to Ibādī scholars - min qawli ahli al-Kūfa ma 'rūdayni şahīhayni 'alā al-Ibādiyya".¹⁹ This might be the reason for which Ennami gives the whole manuscript the name of "al-Dīwān al-ma'rūd 'alā 'ulamā' al-Ibādiyya".²⁰

Our concern, the text in question, starts at f. 73/i of E at the place where the scribe (or less probably the author) says "Part one of $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ " (*Kitāb al-juz' al-awwal min Āthār al-Rabī' b. Habīb*) and it ends at f. 80/i where he says "The book (*kitāb*) of al-Rabī' ends here". The statement on f. 73/i implies that there is a second part to this book. The claim is echoed at f. 140/i of E where all the following folios up to f. 153/i have been given the title of "part two of *Futyā al-Rabī' b. Habīb*". This part commences: "I asked him about (*wa sa'altuhu 'an*)" and goes on in the same pattern of "I asked him - he replied to me" or similar statements of question-answer sentences. This part is divided by sub-titles according to its contents.

A careful comparison between the two parts shows that they are not of the same work; i.e., the part which the copyist called part two of *Futyā al-Rabī*^{\cdot} has no relation to the previous part of *Āthār al-Rabī*^{\cdot} b. *Habīb*. The reasons for this can be summarized as follows. First, the title given for each part is different from the other. Part one is named *Āthār al-Rabī*^{\cdot} b. *Habīb* while part two is *Futyā al-Rabī*^{\cdot}; and it is well known – within the Ibādī school at least – that there are various works ascribed to al-Rabī^{\cdot} b. Habīb, some of which were committed to writing by his students at early stages,

¹⁹ E, ff. 69/ii, 122/ii, 161/ii.

²⁰ Ennami, Studies in Ibādism, (1971), pp. 154, 159-164.

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especially his fatāwā (legal opinions). Secondly and most importantly, the style and pattern of each part clearly indicate that they are not of the same work. The sanad (chain of transmitters) of each part is different from that of the other. Part one or *Athar al-Rabi* b. Habib consists of traditions transmitted on the authority of Dumām from Jābir b. Zayd or a similar chain, whereas part two or *Futyā al-Rabī* b. *Habīb* has no mention of transmitters: it is a 'question-answer' compilation, with only occasional statements about who was asking and who was responsible for the answers. Besides, the contents of the two parts seem inconsistent. *Athar al-Rabi* is devoted to the opinions of Jābir b. Zayd without any headings whereas Futyā al-Rabī' b. Habīb is devoted mostly to the legal opinions of al-Rabī' in reply to questions put to him. The argument becomes more complicated when we look at f. 156 of E where the copyist says at the end of a section that "part two of Futyā al-Rabī ' will follow". But after the formal introduction he starts to transcribe Kitāb al-aisma wa taqnīn usūlihā, setting out traditions and opinions of Abū 'Ubayda b. al-Qāsim²¹ and Ibn 'Abd al-'Azīz²² until the end of the transcription of the book where he finishes by writing that "this is the end of Kitāb al-qisma of the opinions of the Kufans". All this leaves two possibilities: either the copyist mistakenly copied another work (Kitāb al*gisma*) instead of copying *Futyā al-Rabī*[°] or he has made no mistake and he really meant that this part is (or is supposed to be) part two of *Āthār al-Rabī*. b. Habīb. There are no good grounds for accepting this latter possibility.

However, both possibilities lead to the same conclusion, that this part, from f. 154/ii to f. 161/ii, is not part of the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. $Hab\bar{i}b$ and has no connection with it at all.

Yet the question of whether the work of $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. $Hab\bar{i}b$ has another part or not remains unanswered. Although one cannot be certain about that, it seems fair to say that E has nothing that can be considered as part two of $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$. This is a conclusion which seems reasonable in other respects, as no scholar, biographer or historian, to the best of my knowledge, has mentioned that the work of $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. $Hab\bar{i}b$ is divided into various parts.²³

To complicate matters still further, I feel forced to conclude that within the only part of $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ extant in E there are interpolations that do not

²¹ Abū 'Ubayda 'Abd Allāh b. al-Qāsim: an Ibādī scholar who lived in Mecca in the first half of the second/eighth century (al-Darjīnī, *Ṭabaqāt al-mashāykh*, 2:253; al-Shammā-khī, *Kitāb al-siyar* 1:87-88).

^{22 &#}x27;Abd Allāh b. 'Abd al-'Azīz: An Egyptian Ibādī scholar and a contemporary of al-Rabī' b. Habīb (see Ajwibat Ibn Khalfūn – Ennami, A. (ed.), Beirut 1974, p. 107).

²³ See pp. 1-3 of this study.

belong to the work.²⁴ The $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ concludes at f. 78/i where it says "wa-balagh hadd al-zakāt". All sections from bāb ghusl al-janāba till the explicit tamma Kitāb al-Rabī' at f. 80/ii are not from the same book. The style and method change dramatically at that point (f. 78/i); there is no mention of transmitters at all in these subsequent passages and the content is different from that of the earlier part. This new style is a question-answer method whereas the previous method was in a narrative way, with a precise transmission of all the authorities to whom each tradition is ascribed. Also the answers of these last few pages are not of Jābir b. Zayd or of any of his contemporaries. There are some answers ascribed to Abū Bakr al-Mawsilī,²⁵ Wā'il b. Ayyūb,²⁶ 'Abd Allāh b. Abd al-'Azīz²⁷ and surprisingly to al-Rabī' himself, an ascription not found in the work proper. No information about this text (ff. 78/i-80/ii) is available in any external source. Thus one is forced to analyse the text through its content only. This of course makes such analytical views and conclusions derive from the internal evidence; i.e. the style of the work, the method of the author, the content and the kind of problems dealt with, the only source of information we could have.

Finally the date of E is too disputable. E concludes with a colophon that records the date to be Thursday of Ramadan the year 41/661. This appears to indicate that the actual date is one thousand and forty one (1041/1631), on the assumption that the scribe has omitted the thousand because it is quite usual to do so at the first century of every new millennium. This is perhaps more likely than that it was a slip of the pen.

B. The First Tunisian Copy (T1)

This is one of the copies that Ennami was able to use when he edited and studied Ajwibat Ibn Khalfūn. From the numbering of this copy, which is most probably done by him, it is easy to tell that this was the copy that he gave the siglum (1) in his edition of Ajwibat Ibn Khalfūn. This Tunisian copy will be referred to as T1 in this study. I have used a photocopy of it from the archive of Dr. John Wilkinson, now at Exeter University, as my attempts to have access to the original manuscript from Tunis were unsuccessful.

Like E, this copy is part of a mixed content manuscript. Although the photocopy of $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. $Hab\bar{i}b$ is the only part I have of this manuscript, the first and last pages of the photocopy contain information that

²⁴ These interpolations are given numbers [S1] to [S19] in the text and, therefore, will not be commented on as they do not actually belong to the original text.

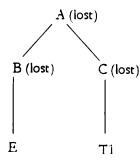
²⁵ F. 80/i of E.

²⁶ Loc. cit.

²⁷ F. 80/ii of E.

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shows that the content of the whole manuscript is similar to that of E as the passages immediately preceding and following our text indicate. Yet from the preceding passage, the scribe of T1 seems to be following a different order from that of E; he stops at the end of part seven of Qawl Qatāda and says that some scribes attach the book of Habīb b. Abī Habīb to it and do not end the work of *Qawl Qatāda* until they have completed transcribing *Kitāb Habīb b*. Abī Habīb,²⁸ which is exactly what the copyist of E did. Does this mean that E was the exemplar of T1? From the recorded date of T1, it is obvious that it is later than E: the scribe, whose name is Şālih b. Sālim b. Sulaymān b. Yadar al-Sadrātī, reported that he finished transcribing the book on Monday the twenty-third of Shawwal of 1191 H/the twenty-fourth of November 1777.²⁹ It is also important to point out that T1 has six additional traditions that are not extant in E, and two other traditions are missing from T1 but are in E. There are four places at least where there is haplography in E,³⁰ but the full version is preserved in T1. This means (a) that E is not the exemplar of T1 or vice versa (though that can be established on the manuscript dates); (b) it is highly unlikely that E and T1 share a common exemplar, so that the descent of the manuscript is likely to be:



However the scribe of T1 was aware of arrangement differences either in E or, perhaps more likely in B. [Another possibility is that the scribe of C was aware of what was in B].

There are lesser differences also, and these are some times crucial and undeniable;³¹ for example, additional traditions, completeness of missing sentences due to a slip of the pen at similar words, change in the order of some traditions and different order of words and phrases that are joined by conjunctive words, are some of these differences. This ultimately tends to suggest variant origins. Thus the argument remains with no certain clue unless further evidence turns up.

²⁸ T1, p. 1.

²⁹ The scribe's name and the date appear at the end of each book included in this Ms.

³⁰ See traditions [165], [170], [223] and [257].

³¹ All differences will be shown in the edited text below.

However, T1 offers better readings than E as far as linguistic and orthographic patterns are concerned. It seems that it has been preserved in, relatively, good condition. $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. $Hab\bar{i}b$ covers 32 pages of medium size in a Maghribī handwriting. Like E this copy has also another part under the title of 'Part Two of *Futyā al-Rabī* b. $Hab\bar{i}b$ ', which starts immediately after $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ ', covering eighteen pages. For the same reasons illustrated above when describing E, this is not actually of the same work³² nor do the interpolated extracts within the work itself (pp. 13–15) belong to $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$.³³

C. The Second Tunisian Copy (T2)

This is the second Tunisian copy that Ennami used in his edition of Ibn Khalfūn. He refers to it by the siglum (ب). It came down to me from the private library of Shaykh Ahmad b. Hamad al-Khalīlī, the current Grand Mufti of Oman. As we have seen in E and T1, this is part of a codex of what was thought to be Mudawwanat Abī Ghānim or al-Dīwān al-ma'rūd 'alā 'ulamā' al-Ibādiyya. Unfortunately, Āthār al-Rabī' b. Habīb is the only part available to me. It does not carry the name of the scribe or the date. The only information recorded by a previous possessor of the codex is that it belongs to al-Hājj Mūsā Bashīr b. Mūsā and he gave it the title "Jāmi' Abī Şufra 'Abd al-Malik b. Şufra". But the scribe has not mentioned his name anywhere in this part I obtained nor has he recorded a date of his transcription, let alone his ancestral copy. A careful reading of T2 leads to the conclusion that it is almost identical to T1 except for some minor orthographical differences. And because of the lack of essential information about T2 it is difficult to determine which one was the exemplar of the other. The most likely possibility is that both derive from the last exemplar I have named C. This, of course, does not mean that T2 is not important or that it has not been referred to when it incorporates a reading of the text that appears to have a better basis. It helped to solve some illegible words and phrases from both E and T1 as well as corroborating the reliability of T1.

T2 is also in a Maghribī handwriting of 33 pages of the actual work of $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r al-Rab\bar{i}$ '. It contains the interpolations found in E and T1. T2 seems to have two different numberings: one is the numbering of the whole codex, in which $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r al-Rab\bar{i}$ ' covers pages from 441 to 492 and the other is for the work of $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r al-Rab\bar{i}$ ' starting at page one. This was probably done by Ennami, as his footnote references in *Ajwibat Ibn Khalfūn* indicate.

³² See p. 5–6 above.

³³ For the same reasons discussed above on p. 6-7.

The Significance of the Book

The *Athar al-Rabi* b. *Habib* presents an early contribution of the Ibadi school in the field of Islamic scholarship, since it dates from as early as the beginning of the second/eighth century.³⁴ As such, the work throws light on the formation, not only of the Ibadī school of thought, but on that of other Islamic schools as well. It might even change some of the 'facts'³⁵ that have long been taken for granted by many scholars about the history of Islamic thought and jurisprudence. Let us take, for the sake of this particular aspect, the question of the chronological location of the origins of Islamic *figh*. This work helps to solve the arguments among Western scholars about the chronology of the development of Islamic *fiqh*. It is difficult to take into account works that are lost or unavailable, except in a general and theoretical way. However, this is what Schacht did as far as the Ibādīs/Khārijīs were concerned, and it was part of the reasoning that made him decide to fix the origins of *figh* in the early years of the second century. Schacht's views were considered to be 'problematic' by Calder, who wished to place the development in the first part of the third century.³⁶ Calder's stance appears to be due to incorrect dating on the one hand,³⁷ but also because of a narrow focus on the Sunnī world.³⁸ With a work like $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. Habīb available, he would surely have changed his stance.

Apposite to this regard is the influence of this work on the study of the formation and the characteristics of Muslim schools of law other than the Sunnī mainstream. The picture of the *fiqh* material and the jurisprudence of most non-Sunnī schools is mostly distorted in Sunnī sources, the ones most readily accessible. Anyone who has any doubt about this may look at what people like al-Shahrastānī and Ibn Hazm³⁹ say about the Ibādī principles of law. The accessibility of the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r$ al-Rabī b. Habīb will help greatly towards the rectification of that distorted image.

The discovery of such works⁴⁰ verifies the view of the $Ib\bar{a}diyya$ that their thinking and indeed the whole construction of their *madhhab* reached a high

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³⁴ See below Ch. IV, The Date of *Āthār al-Rabī* b. Habīb.

³⁵ For details and examples, see below Ch. IV, Evaluation of the Fiqh Material in *Āthār* al-Rabī'.

³⁶ Calder, N., Studies in early Muslim jurisprudence, (Oxford 1993), p. 199.

³⁷ Dutton proves that Calder has 'inexcusable errors in dating' (in his review of Calder's book in *Journal of Islamic Studies*, 5 (1), 1994, p. 103).

³⁸ Calder, op. cit., passim.

³⁹ Al-Shahrastānī, *al-Fişal fī al-milal wa al-niḥal*, vol. 1, article al-Ibāḍiyya; and Ibn Ḥazm, *al-Milal wa al-niḥal*, article Ibāḍiyya.

⁴⁰ A valuable amount of early Ibādī works has been recently discovered like: Kitāb al-

state of maturity at a time when many leaders (*imāms*) of other schools and sects had not yet been born. Ennami rightly describes this perception by stating that:

"They [Ibādīs] did not derive their law from the orthodox Sunnī schools because law was established before the Sunnī schools came into existence. When Jābir b. Zayd, the founder of the Ibādī school, died, Mālik b. Anas, the master of the Mālikī school, was about three years of age, and Abū Hanīfa, the master of the Hanafī schools, was about 12 years of age."⁴¹

That maturity, of course, does not merely mean the adoption of doctrinal and political stances that influence the general peculiarities of the *madhhab* but expands to include the juristic basis as well as the socio-political trends followed by Ibādī leaders towards very sensitive and vital issues at that time. The most crucial of such issues are the preservation of their own tenets, dealing carefully and very cautiously with governors and their subordinates, creating active and secure means of communication between followers and leaders and, not least of all, gaining and selecting more disciples. The book has examples, not many but still significant, of all these issues.

The first thing that one notices in this work is the attention given to the authenticity of every transmission. Although most of the material of the book consists of juristic opinions narrated on the authority of Jābir b. Zayd, it has been transmitted in a very consistent narrative method, a method usually used for recording *hadīth* but not *fiqh*. A good example of how these early authorities applied rules of transmitting *hadīth*s on legal opinions (*fatāwā*) is tradition [4] in the text where Jābir gave his opinion and when told about Ibn Mas'ūd's opinion, Jābir replied: "If we had found this reported through a credible trustworthy transmitter we would have taken it". We should bear in mind that most of the events and questions in our text arose in Iraq, where the system for transmitting and reporting non-Prophetic traditions was not strictly adhered to⁴² in the way found in the Hijāz nor was the reliance on

nikāh, K. al-şalāt and al-Rasā'il (correspondences) of Jābir b. Zayd, the treatise of Abū 'Ubayda on al-zakāt, the Mudawwanat Abī Ghānim al-Khurāsānī and this work of Āthār al-Rabī'.

⁴¹ Ennami, Studies, p. 103.

⁴² This does not mean that a distinct line can be drawn between the two schools (Iraqi and Hijāzī) but as a general feature the Iraqis use ra'y and qiyās in their discussions and arguments rather than being traditionalists like the Hijāzīs. See for a good analysis 'Abd al-Majīd, Mahmūd, al-Madrasa al-fiqhiyya li-l-muhaddithīn, (1972), pp. 19-79, and C. Melchert, The formation of the Sunnī schools of law, Ch. I, II & III.

Prophetic $had\bar{i}ths$ in deriving legal opinions at the same level of that of *ahl* al-Hijāz.⁴³ Thus being in Basra has influenced early Ibādī authorities through the prevalence of the use of the Iraqi method of analogical deduction (*qiyās*) and individual judgment (*ra'y*), yet has not prevented them from making full use of the Hijāzī mechanism of transmitting traditions and focusing on mostly practical, or rarely theoretical, issues.⁴⁴ The Ibādī school uses both these ways of handling material⁴⁵ but in a logical natural mechanism rather than in an adopted technical method, for we are talking about the beginnings of the second/eighth century where division between *ahl al-ra'y* and *ahl al-hadīth* has not yet flourished.

Another interesting feature in this short but valuable work is that it does not confine itself simply to the opinions of Jābir b. Zayd or other Ibādī scholars. It also presents other opinions, especially of 'the Kufans', who later became represented by the Hanafī school, although "there are", as Melchert points out, "severe limits to how precisely we can know when the school of Kufa became completely, by self definition, Hanafī".⁴⁶ On many occasions, a statement of Jābir is followed by another, showing a different opinion, whether it is of another Ibādī scholar, possibly a student of Jābir, or quite often of a non-Ibādī. This may be seen as the forerunner of what later was known as comparative legal studies (*'ilm al-khilāf*) and could indicate how flexible and eager Ibādī scholars were to take into account opinions of people who did not hold Ibādī views.

In addition, this work of $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. $Hab\bar{i}b$ presents a special focus of the Ibādī school, that of following the evidence and not the mere opinions of their authorities.⁴⁷ This principle has always been stressed and emphasised

⁴³ This differentiation between Iraqi and Hijazi schools is apparent in many early works of different schools of Islamic law, for instance: *al-Hujja 'alā ahl al-Madīna* of Muḥammad b. al-Hasan al-Shaybānī, *Ta'wīl mukhtalif al-hadīth* of Ibn Qutayba who was straightforward against *ahl al-ra'y*, as he names them. And when he refutes their opinions he explicitly calls them *ahl al-'Irāq* and states, in his examples, with disapproval of opinions ascribed to Abū Hanīfa. Other relevant sources are the two books of al-Dihlawī, Shāh Walī Allāh, *al-Hujjat al-bāligha* and *al-Inṣāf fī bayān asbāb al-ikhtilāf*, ed. Abū Ghudda, (Beirut 1993), passim.

⁴⁴ Ibn Qutayba, *Ta'wīl mukhtalif al-hadīth*, ed. 'Abd al-Qādir A. 'Aṭā, (Cairo 1982), pp. 70–74, and note that Ibn al-Qayyim also classifies scholars and their methodologies accordingly in his *A'lām al-muwaqqi'īn*, 1:1–50.

⁴⁵ Within the Ibādī school the term "Irāqīs", meaning Hanafīs, has been used as early as Ibn Baraka in his Jāmi⁶, 1:392.

⁴⁶ Melchert, Formation, p. 35, and details on pp. 36-38.

⁴⁷ This could be one of the most important reasons of not naming the lbādī school after Jābir unlike other Sunnī schools which have been named after their first founder or teacher (*imām*).

within the Ibādī school. For instance, Abū Sa'īd al-Kudamī (a distinguished Omani scholar of the first half of the fourth/tenth century) held an opinion on a certain juristic matter that contradicted the opinion of most previous Ibādī scholars. When he was opposed about his disapproval of the opinion of the majority, he said: "The Prophet has ordered to do so, and his [the Prophet's] statement is worthy of following". Abū Ya'qūb al-Warjlānī (d. 570/1175) also articulated this principle when he was standing at the grave of the Prophet, by stating that 'there is no *taqlīd*, except for the person buried here' pointing at the grave.⁴⁸ Ibādī scholars down to the present day have followed this line of giving more weight to the evidence of their authorities than to the authorities themselves. For example, a key twentieth century Libyan figure expresses the view that:

"Many Muslim sects decided that with the passing of a certain age the gates of *ijtihād* should be closed ... Ibādīs from an early time sensed that such a stagnant approach did not go hand in hand with the spirit of Islam, ... Since, Ibādīs believed that what God had made open for the first members of this community cannot be denied to the last of it, and that the gate of *ijtihād* ... can only be closed by a jurisprudent of no understanding, they began to discuss the question of *ijtihād* ... with much tolerance, clarity and open-mindedness, they used to discuss problems with reference to the actions of Companions and Successors, and the way of life of the righteous predecessors. They do not deny access to that which knowledge has opened up, nor do they deem illicit that which religion has made licit, nor do they let the problems of successive generations accumulate at the gates of *ijtihād*, ..."⁴⁹

However, the Sunnī *madhāhib* effectively closed the gates of *ijtihād*, and this can be seen clearly in many standard texts, as, for example, we see in al-Maqrīzī's *Khițaț*.⁵⁰ My statement does not ignore the fact that various Sunnīs, and sometimes Western scholars such as Watt whose view was adopted

⁴⁸ For this and similar quotations, see al-Qannūbī, S., Qurrat al-'aynayn, (Oman, 1997), pp. 12-17.

⁴⁹ Mu'ammar, A. Y., al-Ibādiyya fī mawkib al-tārīkh: Nash'at al-madhhab al-Ibādī, pp. 71-73.

⁵⁰ Al-Mawā 'iz wa al-i 'tibār bi dhikr al-khitat wa al-āthār, also known as al-Khitat al-maqrīziyya, (2nd edn., a photocopy of the Bulāq edition), 2:343-44. I quoted him with comments and analysis in a previous paper titled 'Ulamā' al-Islām wa 'ilāqatuhum bi al-naşş wa al-ijtihād, in: al-Ijtihād fī al-Islām proceedings from the 6th conference of Mu'assasat Al al-Bayt, held in Muscat, December 1998, pp. 15-17.

strongly by Hallaq,⁵¹ at different periods have claimed that the gates of *ijti-hād* were not shut,⁵² and it is the case that many modern Sunnī writers argue that there was no closure.⁵³ Such claims basically reinforce the view that closure did take place, because they are the claims of a minority trying to change entrenched attitudes. It is also true that selective (*intiqā*'ī) *ijtihād* is possible, but it is of a strictly limited kind compared to creative (*inshā*'ī or *muţlaq*) *ijtihād*.

This is one of the issues on which the Sunnīs and the Ibādīs show greatest contrast. And it is not unfair to say that the use of *ijtihād* observable in the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. $Hab\bar{i}b$ would have been enormously influential in drawing the Ibādiyya towards their stance of keeping the door of *ijtihād* open.

The principle of practising *ijtihād* freely and considering the evidence rather than the opinions of authorities is observable in the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$. It presents throughout its text the approval of Ibādīs for the opinions of other authorities in the community. Actually we find in the book on some occasions more than a mere presentation of the opinions of different authorities; i.e. these 'other' opinions are apparently assumed, by Jābir's students, to be strong enough to override the opinions of Jābir. It clearly offers an early practical example of the implementation of this postulate within the Ibādī school as will be detailed later on in this study.⁵⁴ This obviously intensifies the importance of the work and confirms the early maturity mentioned earlier.

It is also appropriate to point out that, for the $lb\bar{a}d\bar{n}s$ at least, this work is a very valuable compilation of the opinions of their real founder J $\bar{a}bir$ b. Zayd that are transmitted by his great student $Dum\bar{a}m$ b. al- $S\bar{a}$ 'ib, a chain that has been long described and mentioned, but on only the slightest evidence outside this text⁵⁵. It refutes many denials, that were regarded reasonable

⁵¹ A brief but valuable illustration of this argument can be found in Michel Hoebink, 'Two halves of the same truth: Schacht, Hallaq and the gate of *ijtihād*: An inquiry into definitions', in *Middle East Research Associates (MERA)*, 1994, pp. 1–19.

⁵² Best examples are presented by the claims of Ibn Taymiyya and al-Suyūțī, see the latter's *al-Radd 'alā man akhlada ilā al-ard wa jahila ann al-ijtihād fī kulli 'aşrin fard*, ed. Khalīl al-Mays, Beirut 1983.

⁵³ Michel Hoebink, op. cit., p. 2-3.

⁵⁴ See below Ch. IV, pp. 153-159, esp. 155 and 158.

⁵⁵ Al-Shammākhī for example says when talking about Dumām: "and what he (Dumām) recorded and transmitted from Jābir was greater than that of Abū 'Ubayda ..." *al-Siyar*, vol. 1, p. 81. He also describes his answers when he replaced Imām Jābir in one Hajj season that his answers were: "I heard Jābir saying', or 'he was asked' or 'I heard him', ... and he was the transmitter of Jābir (*rāwiyat* Jābir)", ibid., 1:82.

before this text became available, about the existence of such a chain and about the role of Dumām in transmitting the knowledge of Jābir and the basis of his *madhhab*.⁵⁶ Although Dumām's role in this book is no more than a transmitter, this is particularly what needs to be proved. It testifies that Abū 'Ubayda is not the only transmitter of Jābir b. Zayd, as is the situation in the already published *Musnad al-Rabī*', where there are no more than three traditions reported on Dumām's authority. Furthermore, this work, by showing the role of Dumām, fills the gap in the chain of the authorities of the Ibādī religious roots (*silsilat nasab al-dīn*)⁵⁷ which links descendants and disciples, who are authorities on knowledge, to their ancestors until the chain reaches the Prophet.

Moving to a more general examination and analysis of the subject of the book, one can readily perceive that the basic stance of the work is juristic (fiqh), rather than that of *hadīth*.⁵⁸ Most of the points and issues discussed have been dealt with and argued about over the ages by scholars of all Muslim schools; yet when we take the early date of the work into account, as well as the diversity of subjects and opinions in it, and compare it with similar compilations of the same time – if there are any⁵⁹–, the significance of the work becomes clearer. For Ibādīs, it is unquestionable that this work preserves a rich mine of the knowledge of their first leaders and scholars on different issues;⁶⁰ for non-Ibādīs, on the other hand, it includes opinions and views of many Followers and later generation scholars, and it shows at least the kind of questions that were discussed in the community at that early period.⁶¹

Someone wanting to trace back some of the Ibādī *fiqh* features to their origins will have to conclude from the evidence of the book that the Ibādī juristic features were formed as early as the formative time of Ibādism. Some of these features are: the recitation of *sūrat al-Fātiha* only in *al-zuhr* and *al- 'asr* prayers as in tradition [9], the *safar* prayer: when a traveller should start shortening his prayer and for how long (traditions [175], [211], [260], [296], [298], [299], [303], [304] and [306]); disapproval of wiping one's footwear when performing *wudū*'; and the disapproval of reciting *du'ā' al-qunūt*

⁵⁶ Wilkinson, J. C., 'Ibādī hadīth: an essay on normalization', in: Der Islam, 62, 1985), p. 235.

⁵⁷ Ibn Sallām al-Ibādī (d. 273/887): Bad' al-Islām wa sharā'i al-dīn, ed. Schwartz, V. and S. Ya'qūb, (Dār al-Fath, Beirut 1974), p. 114.

⁵⁸ There are only three traditions ascribed explicitly to the Prophet.

⁵⁹ See footnote 39 above.

⁶⁰ The book contains opinions that were not thought to be adopted by the Ibādiyya: e.g. traditions [41], [43], [46], [56], [93].

⁶¹ See below Ch. III, Notes on the Edited Text.

(invocation of God against certain enemies, inserted in the prayer). There are many such juristic points in the book but the ones just mentioned are the ones which characterise the Ibādī school down to the present time as far as *fiqh* is concerned. This, however, does not mean that other opinions and traditions are of no significance. On the contrary, they give us a brilliant picture of many aspects of the society of Basra at the time of the compilation of the material of this work. A large number of the matters discussed were about slaves and their rights, relationships with their masters and different legal ways of liberating them (*'itq, mukātaba, tadbīr*, etc.). There are many items regarding non-Muslims living in Basra – Christians, Jews and Zoroastrians: their food, marriage affairs, social conduct, criminal affairs, embracing Islam, etc.⁶²

The juristic treatment of the topics discussed in the book offers an opportunity to increase our understanding of Ibadi figh, not only because of the insufficiency of earlier studies about this particular aspect - even more than the doctrinal and political ones - but also because the work we have appears to be a good example of an early Ibādī reference text on figh. Certain features stand out. The first of them is that it is based on evidence (the Our'an and the sound Sunna) whenever available. There are many examples of this principle in the book. One of these is tradition [273], where Jābir is asked by a woman called Hind about a man who made a proposal to marry one of her slaves. Jābir told her not to accept. The man made his proposal a second time and was refused. The third time Hind told Jabir that the man said he would commit adultery with the slave if she refused him again. At this point Jābir said: Yes, you should accept now; and he quoted the Qur'an (This is for those of you who are afraid of committing fornication) (al-Nisā': 25). On another occasion he was asked about drinking nabīdh al-jarr (alcoholic drink stored in clay jars usually sealed with pitch). Jabir forbade it, but the questioner asked him again and insisted, so Jābir responded: "The Prophet forbade it and whatever he forbade is *harām*" (tradition [238]).

However, what is said here does not mean that $Ib\bar{a}d\bar{i}s$ accept every single *hadīth* regardless of its authenticity even if it is regarded as sound *hadīth* by non-Ib $\bar{a}d\bar{i}s$.⁶³ It seems that J $\bar{a}bir$ doubts some traditions when they contradict the Qur' $\bar{a}n$, as in the example of wiping one's footwear when doing *wudu*', or if they have not been transmitted in an authentic *sanad*, as in the case when he was asked about a man who gets married to a woman and dies before determining her dowry. J $\bar{a}bir$'s opinion was that she has no right to have a

⁶² See below p. 71, Table of Topics of *Āthār al-Rabī*.

⁶³ Musnad al-Rabī b. Habīb, hadīth no. 40, p. 17, and see examples in al-Qannūbī, al-Rabī b. Habīb: makānatuh wa musnaduh, p. 112.

dowry but only her portion from his inheritance. Then somebody said to him that Ibn Mas'ūd says that she has to have a dowry like similar women of her case. Nonetheless, Jābir denies this tradition and says: "if we find this [transmission] from Ibn Mas'ūd through a credible (*thiqa*) person we would accept it" (tradition [4])⁶⁴.

The second feature is the practice of what was later to become known as *ijtihād* when there is no textual evidence.⁶⁵ There are many examples of this 'controversial' feature in the work of $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{a}$ ', some of which may well involve the use of *qiyās* (analogy). Somebody told Jābir that his father prevented him from performing *hajj*. Jābir asked him: 'How many prayers do you have to perform every day?' The man said: 'Five.' Jābir said: 'So if your father asked you not to perform one of these five will you omit it?' The man said: 'No.' Jābir said to him: 'Then you have to do *hajj*' (Tradition [292]).⁶⁶

Thirdly there is the recognition of necessities and unusual circumstances, such as performing the prayer sitting instead of standing when performing it in a ship, for example, or not to prostrate if the earth is wet due to bad weather conditions.

Finally there is flexibility of opinion when good intentions are recognized. A good example of this is tradition [268] regarding someone who had made a mistake in his *talbiya* of *hajj* and recited the *talbiya* of *'umra* instead; Jābir said that this is all right, since the man was intending *hajj* and not *'umra*, whereas the Kufans say that it is according to his statement not his intention. On other occasions we find this flexibility very apparent with Jābir's *fatāwā* (legal opinions) when there is a necessity as in traditions [298], [310] and [313].

All these features can be found in other Muslim schools but their presence in the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r$ al-Rabī^{\cdot} b. Habīb antedates any evidence in other works of other madhāhib. This means that the legal notions of the Ibādiyya were present at a very early stage. Thus any overview of the Ibādiyya that ignores this and simply concentrates on political and doctrinal principles is at the very least incomplete.

Careful reading of the text allows us to extract important information about the political and doctrinal principles of the early Ibādīs, especially in Basra where many significant confrontations took place and many secret and non-secret opposition movements flourished. One of these topics is regarding the assassination of the third caliph 'Uthmān b. 'Affān (in 35/656). This

⁶⁴ See below Ch. II, Notes on the Edited Text: [4], and for the use of the term *thiqa*, see p. 131-133.

⁶⁵ More light is thrown on this point in Ch. IV, Evaluation, see pp. 155–158 below.

⁶⁶ There are other examples in the book of the same line: traditions [38], [47], [317].

particular tradition [18] is not ascribed to Jabir b. Zavd or any of his Ibadī contemporaries. Instead, it is reported that 'Alī b. Abī Tālib once mentioned 'Uthman in a speech and he said about him: "Truly, Allah killed him while I was with Him". This statement not only summarizes the Ibadī view on that distinctive issue; but by ascribing it to 'Alī it also indicates their attitude towards later vital political events, such as the revolt of Talha and al-Zubavr (36/656) which led to the Battle of *al-Jamal* and the rebellion of Mu'āwiya which led to the encounter at Siffin in 37/657. Both revolts were activated by the ostensible aim of bringing the murderers of 'Uthman to justice.⁶⁷ The above mentioned quotation encapsulates the view that both revolts were illegitimate and more importantly makes clear the Ibadī perception that 'Alī approved of the assassination of 'Uthman. Another parallel example is tradition [248] which presents the opinion of 'Abd Allah b. 'Umar on the situation in Mecca during the confrontation between 'Abd Allah b. al-Zubayr and 'Abd al-Malik b. Marwan⁶⁸ (73/692), and his advice to Mujahid not to enter Mecca as the people there have turned "kuffār smiting each other's necks". This statement of Ibn 'Umar not only summarizes the Ibadī view⁶⁹ on that incident but apparently provides phraseology that legitimises the use of $kuffar^{70}$ when describing what had happened or who had been involved. Of similar substance also is tradition [290] which also reports that 'Abd Allah b. 'Umar asked a group of people – probably some of his students – who were used to visiting leaders and Umayyad caliphs of that time, what they said to them when visiting them. They said: 'We say what pleases the caliph'. Ibn 'Umar then replied to them that 'by God this is *nifaq* (hypocrisy)'. This view of Ibn 'Umar, which has also been quoted in non-Ibadī sources,⁷¹ meant much for Ibādī organisers at that time, in categorizing the supporters of the dominating regime as munafique though not mushrikun. This particular example provides grounds of fair refutation to the accusation thrown at Ibadīs

⁶⁷ For more details of these events and the Ibādī stance see al-Barrādī, al-Jawāhir almuntaqāt fī-mā akhalla bihi şāhibu al-Ţabaqāt, (lith. 1302/1885), pp. 54–145.

⁶⁸ See Ibn Kathīr: al-Bidāya wa al-nihāya, (Egypt, Maţba'at al-Sa'āda), 8:329-333.

⁶⁹ For a general view of the participation of so called Khawārij on this particular confrontation between Ibn al-Zubayr and 'Abd al-Malik b. Marwān see al-Bakkāy, *Harakat al-Khawārij*, (Beirut 2001), p. 100–104.

⁷⁰ This phrase has influenced many writers to include Ibādīs among the Khawārij regardless of the crucial difference in the meaning and therefore the implications of this term between Ibādīs and Khawārij. For Ibādīs it can either be used for unbelieving and for being ungrateful. Cf. Crone, P., and Zimmermann, F., *The epistle of Sālim b. Dhakwān*, (Oxford University Press 2001), pp. 195, 198–203; and Cook, M., *Early Muslim Dogma*, pp. 64–65.

⁷¹ See below Ch. III, Note on the Edited Text, [290].

on their attitude towards their opponents. The peaceful and tolerant approach the Ibādīs followed, not only made them distinct from the violent, activist Khārijite groups but enabled them to live in harmony with other Muslims. Early Ibādī authorities rejected labelling their fellow Muslims as polytheists. Instead, they used the terms *ahl al-qibla*, *muwahhidūn* (monotheists), *munāfiqūn* (hypocrites) and *kuffār ni ma* (infidels-ingrate), all of which is far from considering their opponents as infidels or polytheists. The last two terms are demonstrated in the *Athār al-Rabī* as described above. As an attempt to briefly clarify the Ibādī standpoint regarding this matter, two interesting facts need to be claborated here:

1) Ibādīs among all early Muslim theological schools were the most concerned with condemning and refuting in writings the violent approach and extremist views of the Khawārij. They have a rich literature of epistles, letters, treatises and debates with Azāriqa, Najdiyya, and also other groups such as Qadariyya, Murji'a, ... etc.⁷² The question of the attitude towards opponents always tops the list of their arguments. In short, 'Ibādīs' as Ennami describes, 'never broke this principle; they never killed women or children of their opponents or killed the injured or followed a routed enemy of them, nor did they take their property for spoils'.⁷³

2) Ibādīs do not limit the labelling of munāfiqūn, kuffār ni ma to non-Ibādīs. They also use them for committers of great sins and for unjust rulers of their own⁷⁴ in the same way other schools call them fussāq (pl. of fāsiq, corrupt) and ahl al-kabā ir (committers of great sins). This means that the disagreement between Ibādīs and Sunnīs on this matter is a mere linguistic debate.⁷⁵

All the examples mentioned in this section (assassination of 'Uthmān, revolts of Țalha and al-Zubayr, the Battle of *al-Jamal*, the conflict of Şiffīn and the use of *kuffār* and *munāfiqūn*) present what are considered by non-Ibādīs as Khārijī links. Ibādīs on the contrary rejected this connecting of them to the Khawārij by showing that they were not the only ones to criticize the general political atmosphere and that they did not invent the terms they used since

⁷² See Kāshif, al-Siyar wa al-jawābāt al-'umāniyya, passim; and al-Sālimī, al-Lum'a, pp. 16-30.

⁷³ Ennami, Studies, p. 133.

⁷⁴ A good summary of the evidence of the Ibādiyya with a detailed discussion about this issue is to be found in Mu'ammar, *al-Ibādiyya fī mawkib al-tārīkh*, pp. 89–92.

⁷⁵ A good account on this dilemma is in al-Warjlānī, al-Dalīl wa al-burhān, 2:338-346.

these terms where used by the Prophet and his Companions. And they hold the position that sharing some stances with the Khawārij should not be interpreted as an approval of all their views, and thus should not lead to include Ibādīs in the negative image of the violent Khārijism of the Azāriqa and Najdiyya.

Moreover, this work contains good evidence of how Ibādī leaders were watching events very closely. We see this in the emphasis of Jābir b. Zayd on attending *al-Jum* '*a* (Friday) prayer with al-Ḥajjāj,⁷⁶ his *fatwā* regarding the acceptance of the gifts of governors⁷⁷ and asking his fellows not to abandon or even weaken their relationships with him and with one another.⁷⁸ The book contains a few but valuable traditions that show the success achieved by following this strategy to the extent that distinguished Ibādī personalities referred to Jābir in most of their religious matters, as in traditions [253], [254], [257] and [260]. This enabled them to consider every step they should take to maintain their relation with the mainstream and avoid any disruption to their movement.⁷⁹ It seems that this purpose was the essential Ibādī priority at that time, along with the proper scholarly and religious preparation (*tarbiya*). Thus we find in the book (in tradition [296]) that they preferred not to become involved in the rebellion of 'Abd al-Raḥmān b. Muḥammad b. al-Ash 'ath in 81/700⁸⁰.

 $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. $Hab\bar{i}b$ also provides us with a general picture of the difficulties and hardships that Ib $\bar{a}d\bar{i}s$ had to suffer. One of them was bay at Ibn Ziy $\bar{a}d$ (forcing the public by the sword to give allegiance to 'Ubayd All $\bar{a}h$ b. Ziy $\bar{a}d$). Ib $\bar{a}d\bar{i}s$ found it Islamically unacceptable. Yet expressing this view would ultimately obliterate their movement; and therefore the only solution, though not an easy solution, was to hide for a time until their concern was sorted (tradition [303]). Another example is tradition [286] where it is ascribed to Ka'b b. Siw $\bar{a}r$ that he enjoined Muslims to fear God as there was going to be war and bloodshed and that he asked them to keep themselves isolated (*amarahum bi-l-i'tizal*) from these problems.

In addition, there are some traces in $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ of the caution required in dealing with the regime that led to compromises about which people were uneasy. A good paradigm of this is tradition [293]. It shows

⁷⁶ See traditions: [65], [254], [316].

⁷⁷ See tradition: [275].

⁷⁸ Tradition: [87].

⁷⁹ El², III, p. 649, s.v. al-Ibādiyya.

⁸⁰ Most – though not all – Sunnī historians claim that all scholars and dignities in Basra supported Ibn al-Ash'ath in his revolt, see for example: Ibn Kathīr: al-Bidāya wa alnihāya, (Egypt, Maţba'at al-Sa'āda, n.d.), 9:37.

Jābir b. Zayd very close to one of al-Ḥajjāj's secretaries, Yazīd b. Abī Muslim who was, more or less, sympathetic to the Ibādī movement and its leaders. Yet Jābir having his own reservations about Yazīd, as could be seen in his statement, was compelled not to damage this relationship, in the presence of Yazīd at least.

To conclude this section about the significance of the work of $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r$ al-Rabī b. Habīb, it is plausible to state that this work provides strong grounds for what Zimmermann and Crone describe when they say that "the Ibādīs constitute less then one percent of the total number of Muslims today, but, unlike many other tiny sectarian groups dotted about the landscape of the Middle East, they have a rich literary heritage stretching back to the formative centuries of Islam".⁸¹

This work of al-Rabī^{\circ} b. Habīb is, in sum, a typological reflection of lbādīsm at its earliest existence. It is true that most of the material in the work is *fiqh*, which as shown above provides good grounds for further studies, yet with all its traces of important historical events, its samples of Ibādī founding political organisation, authorities involved, dogmatic perceptions and many other aspects in it, are witnesses of the general significance of this work.

⁸¹ The epistle of Salim ibn Dhakwan, p. 1.

CHAPTER TWO

ĀTHĀR AL-RABĪʿ B. ḤABĪB ARABIC TEXT

Sigla

Text	
[1]	numbers given to each tradition according to the first Tunisian copy
[E1]	numbers given to traditions that are missing in the Tunisian copies but found in the Egyptian copy
/	end of a page or folio in the manuscripts; the copy and the page/folio number are shown on the left margin next to /
< کان >	conjectural addition
{المثنى}	uncertain reading
†قف وم †	illegible text
€)⇒	Quranic quotation
[S1]	numbers used to indicate sections that I consider spurious, on paragraphs with such a number (they come between [233] and [234]), see p. 53–56
Footnotes	
T1	first Tunisian copy
T2	second Tunisian copy
E	the Egyptian copy
Т	reading shared by T1 and T2
MSS	reading shared by T1, T2 and E
– E	not in E
+ قد T1	قد T1 additionally has
Q: 16:75	quotation from the Qur'ān, sūra number 16, verse 75

Edited Text

* E starts with ...لأول... then comes the basmala and şal'ama
1 - T1,E
2 + منابع القريم
3 + لي E
3 + لي E
4 E,T2: محبه 5
5 - E,T2
6 + لم تسليما E
7 E: مند عبيب E
9 - E
10 - E
11 E: مالا
12 - E

13 E: إجماعا
14 E: هذا
15 - E
16 E: أبا
17 - E
18 E: والمتاع E
19 + مبلاة + E
20 E: له
21 E: له
22 E: يُقلب :22 E

23 E: وإذا 24 – E 25 T2: السعى 26 – E 27 MSS: الحماسا 28 T1: بنى 29 T: بنى 30 – E 31 – T 32 T1,E: دهب 33 E: نلائة 34 T: نلائة

[18] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء قال ³⁶: سمعت سويداً³⁷ يقول: سمعت عليا وهو يخطب وعليه برنوس³⁸ من صوف فذكر عثمان فقال: إن الله قتل قتيلا وأنا معه. [19] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء قال 39: لا يصوم 40 المتمتع السبعة أيام حتى يأتي إلى أرضه وقراره. [20] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء قال: الطعام في كفارة اليمين مُدٍّ لكل مسكين، وكان يعجبه الإعطاء به⁴¹. وقال غيره: في كفارة اليمين نصف صاع لكل مسکين من بر. [21] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء قال: صوم كفارة اليمين متتابع. [22] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء في رجل طلق امرأته وهو مريض قبل أن يدخل بما، قال: لها نصف الصداق ولا ميراث لها ولا عدة عليها. [23] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء قال: تزويج المريض جائز. T2: 3 [24] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء في رجل قال لرجل قد زوجتك أول 42 ابنة تلدها امرأتي/ وقال الآخر قد⁴³ قبلت، قال جابر: لا يجوز تزويج الحمل⁴⁴. [25] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء أنه يقول: لا نرى⁴⁵ بأسا بذبيحة المرأة. [26] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء في نصرا بن أو يهودي قذف ⁴⁶ مسلما، قال: T1: 2 لا يبلغ ضربه الثمانين وكذلك العبيد. وقال غيره والكوفيون: يجلد⁴⁷ / الذمي ثمانين و العبد أربعين. [27] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء قال: ليس بين المسلم والأمة والنصرانية لِعان.

35 - T2
36 E: سمعت أبا الشعثاء يقول
37 E, T1: سويد
38 E: برنوسا
39 - T
40 E: مصوم
41 T: مل
42 E: أولى :- T
43 - T
44 T: الحبلى :- T
45 E: مال لم نرَ
45 E: منحد
47 E: منحد

48 - E
49 E: قال
50 - T
51 - E
52 E: قال
53 E: سفر لي
54 - E
55 E: معلمرت
56 E: باسا
57 T: باسا
58 MSS: وروا
59 - T
60 E: فتركها
61 + ينوي ذلك : E as a marginal note.
62 E: ينوي ذلك : E
63 MSS: ينوي ذلك : E
64 MSS: ماية
65 MSS: السايل

66 T2: عشرا 67 T: عشرا 68 E: معشرا 69 + و 70 - T 71 - T2, T1: مقال 72 E: بدل 73 - E 74 E: مقال 75 MSS: بسور 76 E: مالمحرم 29

 77 E: قبل أن

 78 E: بها

 79 E: لم يرا

 79 E: لم يرا

 80 E: للأتن

 81 T2: بني

 82 E: الخيها

 83 T2: الح

 84 T: الأتن

 85 E: اللأخ

 85 E: اللأخ

 86 E: الله

 87 - T1

 88 E: حميه

 89 E: حامل

 89 E: حامل

 90
 MSS: حاملة

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 E: بثرا

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 99
 E: الخيار

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 103
 E: مارسوا

 104
 E: السوراها: 11

 105
 T1: المتا

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 106
 E: الطلاق

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 108
 E: اباسا

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 110
 T: الذا

 111
 MSS: الحر

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 T: علي

 113
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 MSS: الجنايز

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 137
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 138
 E: تلمات

 139
 T: رجل

 140
 E: يستر

[88] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء أنه كره نكاح السر [89] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء أنه كره 141 أن يكون نكاح إلا بإذن الولي أو في جماعة من العشيرة [90] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء قال إذا لم يكن للمرأة وليٌّ 142 وَلَى نكاحها عريف العشيرة وكان ذلك أمرأ علانية T2: 8 [91] الربيع عن ضمام / عن أبي الشعثاء أنه قال: من لم يَحُلُ بينه وبين منزله الليل 143 فعليه الجمعة [92] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء قال: إذا كانت المرأة في بعض القرى 144 ولم يكن لها وَلِيٌّ وليَ نكاحها الوالي ويكون ذلك علانية [93] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء قال: المتوفى عنها زوجها تنتقل، وقال الكوفيون: لا تخرج إلا من عذر 145 [94] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء قال: لا يأكل المحرم قديد اللحم T1:5 [95] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء / قال: دية اليهودي والنصرابي والمجوسي ثلث دية المسلم، وقال الكوفيون: الناس كلهم في الدية سواء [96] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء قال: يكره كراء 147 الأرض للزرع بالدراهم، وقال الكوفيون: لا بأس 148 به [97] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء قال: اللعب في التزويج و الطلاق و العتاق جائز ¹⁴⁹ على أهله [98] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء قال: لا يقتل مسلم بمشرك يهودي أو نصراني [99] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء قال: لا يشتري المحرم قديد الصيد للمحل ¹⁵⁰

یکرہ :E ا41 وليا:E وليا اليل :MSS 143 144 القرا: MSS 145 ضرر :E 146 سوا :T1.E کرا :T1,E 147 148 يأمر :E جایز :MSS 149 150 T: المحل

- رجل :T 154 T: رجل 155 MSS: واجل للزوج :T وشراها :E 157 E
- الولا :MSS الولا
- يودي :E 159 E الاكنها :160 MSS

E has the next question first, i.e 107 comes before 106

- یرا:E ا61
- تدر :T 162
- اسما :E
- يسمي :E يسمي

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165	نبيحة :E
166	مدبر :E
167	– E
168	اعطا :MSS
169	اجزاہ :MSS
170	الجزا :MSS
171	سقا :E
172	السواقي :E
173	يطاها :MSS

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ولد :E
ح را :E
+ حد E
المرواة :T1,E
عتق :T
أمة :E
– E
أعتق :E
قال :E
– T
– T
فلم :E
يسمي :E

187 – E 188 E: اخر 189 E: الحر 189 E: للكن 190 MSS: للكن 191 E: كاتبه 192 E: مالميراث 193 MSS: المال 194 MSS: الولا 195 MSS: يودوا 195 T1,E: شرا 197 E: رجل 198 MSS: رجل

T2: 1

199 *Scripsi*. MSS. الجيب عليه 200 MSS: فليابا 201 E: عاد 202 E: من 203 T1,E: باينة 204 E: بازار 205 MSS: الزار 206 MSS: مسلم 207 E: رجل

 208
 E: وسيل أخاه

 209
 T1: وسيل , E: سوا

 210
 E: سوا

 211
 T1: يجوز

 212
 MSS: يرا

 213
 - T1

 214
 MSS: وطي

 215
 MSS: وطي

 216
 - E

 217
 E: يرا

 218
 MSS: يرا

 219
 - T

 200
 E reads: جایز

 ابو بكر رضي الله عنه عايشة : معايشة : معايشة : ولي

 211
 E: ولي

 212
 E

 213
 - E

 214
 MSS: يرا

 215
 يرا

 216
 - E

 217
 E: يرا

 218
 MSS: يرا

 219
 - T

 220
 E reads: مايشة عنه عايشة : مايشة : مايش ولي

 210
 E reads: يرا

 211
 E: يرا

 212
 E

 213
 E

 214
 E

 215
 E

 216
 E

 217
 E

 218
 E

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222 E: عن 223 E: ثم 224 E: حامل 225 E وحسنه E 226 - E 227 E: عمته أو خالته 228 + قال E 229 E: الولد

230	عن :E
231	ركعتين :E
232	Q: 16:75
233	حرب :Ē
234	أوليا T1,E
235	— É
236	– T
237	– E
238	الأخير :T2

239	– T
240	يتركها :E
241	ِأول :E
242	أخرا :E
243	يسمي :E
244	- T
245	شيء :E
246	و هي :E
247	– T1,E
248	Q: 2:197
249	عشر :E
250	– T2
251	– E
252	وان :T
253	عيا :MSS

254	سال :T1,E سىل :T1,E
255	T: فال
256	المسلمين :E
257	النصاري واليهود :E
258	يوكل :MSS
259	السابل: T1.E
260	يساوي :E
261	يعمل :E
262	ُ ابو :E
263	ابو :E
264	تلانة :T
265	نوى :MSS
266	MSS: ئلائة
267	تلائة :T
268	– T
269	واحد :MSS
270	MSS: باين

[177] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء في رجل طاف بالبيت ولم يطف بالحجر في شوط منها واخترق الحجر اختراقا، قال: شوطه ذلك باطل [178] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء في رجل قذف ابن²⁷¹ الملاعنة، قال له²⁷²: إنك لابن زانية ولست بابن فلان . للذي لاعن أمَّه . قال: عليه الحد، وقال الكوفيون: لا حد عليه لأنه قذفها بمولود مُعَطَّل النسب فرداً 273 عنه 274 الحد بالشبهة [179] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء في صغير أسلم أحد أبويه ثم مات الصغير؟ قال: يليه آله²⁷⁵ المسلمون ويدفن في مقابرهم [180] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء أنه لم يرَ²⁷⁶ بأسا بذبيحة الحائض [181] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء قال يجزيء الرجل (187 طواف واحد لحجه وعمرته²⁷⁸ [182] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء في رجل تزوج ابنة 279 عم له فوصلها عند دخوله بغلام معروف بعينه فوهبه لها، قال: هو جائز 280 لها، دخل بما أو لم يدخل بما [183] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء في رجل قال لرجل: قد 281 زوجتُك ابنتي وهو لاعب، فقال282 الآخر: قد قبلت وهما لاعبان، قال: النكاح جائز 283 إذاكان الشهودُ، وقال الكوفيون: إذا كان الشهود فحائز وإن لم يحضر الشهود فباطل [184] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء في رجل يستأجر الأرض من رجل سنين للزرع يعطيه مائة 284 درهم كل سنة يزرعها بنفقته وغلمانه، فكره ذلك ، وقال الكوفيون: لا بأس بكراء 285 الأرض

من :E 271 272 – E قد دري :T 273 عليه :T 274 275 – E یرا :E,T2 276 طوافا واحدا :E لعمرته: E 278 بنت :E 279 جایز :MSS 280 -E281 وقال :E 282 جايز :T1.E 283 ماية :T2, مية :E

285 T1,E: ابكرا 286 T1,E: الحذا 287 T: بكر T2: بكر 287 E: بكر 288 E: بكر 289 E: مكرهة 289 E: بكر 290 MSS: بيرا 291 E: بعن 291 E: بعن 292 T: مطوافا واحدا 293 E: بكر 293 E: بكر 294 E: لكذب 295 E: ضرب

296	يغشى :E
297	الكتابة :E
298	برا :MSS
299	– E
300	برا :MSS
301	- E
302	أيجعل :E
303	نوا :MSS
304	يمين :E
305	بالإيلا :MSS
306	یرا :E
307	الجنايز :MSS

[201] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء في رجل تزوج امرأة في مرضه ولم يفرض لها ثم طلقها في مرضه 308 قبل أن يدخل بما، قال: لا ميراث لها ولا عدة عليها ولا صداق لها، وقال الكوفيون: لها المتعة وهو قولنا، والكوفيون يقولون: ثلاثة أثواب درع وخمار وملحفة ولا عدة عليها ولا ميراث لها [202] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء في امرأة يكون زوجها غائبا ³⁰⁹ فتحين وتنفق على نفسها وتطلبه على ذلك، قال: لها أن تأخذه بذلك، وقال الكوفيون: ما استدانت فعلى نفسها لا يلزمه من ذلك شيء إلا أن يكون قد حكم عليه القاضي ىذلك [203] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء أنه كان يكره أن يربي الرجل فيما بينه وبين مكاتبه [204] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء أنه يكره أن يتزوج الرحل مكاتبته إلا بإذنها، وقال الكوفيون: النكاح فاسد [205] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء في رجل كاتب عبده على وصيف وألف درهم فعجّل 311 له الوصيف فلا بأس بذلك [206] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء في عبد قتل حرا عمدا، قال³¹²: إن شاءوا 313 العبد إن عفوا وإن شاءوا استرقوا وإن شاءوا قتلوا، وقال الكوفيون: لا يُستَرَق شاءوا قتلوا وإن شاءوا عفوا 314 فإن عفوا فملك العبد لسيده الأول [207] ³¹⁵ الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء قال جناية المعتق عن دبر على سيده [208] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء<قال>: لا تعقل العاقلة على المدبر ولا على العبد ولا على أم الولد [209] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء في عبد بين رجلين كاتب أحدُهما نصيبَه

- 308
 E: مرضها

 309
 T1,E: غایب

 310
 MSS: فتدان

 311
 T2: فجعل

 312
 T

 313
 T: ایسترقوا
- 314 T
- 315 E

316	!ن :T
317	نصفه :T
318	کتابته :E
319	رما :MSS
320	قال :E
321	– E
322	بذلك :E
323	– T1,E
324	– T
325	الشرا :E
326	الربوا :E

[215] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء في رجل كاتب عبدين، فأدى 327 أحدُهما وعجز الآخر، قال: يمضي عتق الآخر والأول، ثم يستسعى ³²⁸ الذي لم يؤدِ ³²⁹ ما عليه، 300 وقال الكوفيون: إذا قبضَت³³¹ الكتابة عتق والآخر على كتابته حتى يؤدي قسطه ثم يُعتق [216] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء في رجل أكذب نفسه بعد الملاعنة، قال: يلزمه الولد ولا³³² يجتمعان أبدا، و³³³قال الكوفيون يلزمه الولد ويجلد الحد و يجتمعان إذا جلد الحد، وقال آخرون 334: لا يجتمعان أبدا [217] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء قال: لا يُقتص لأهل الذمة من المسلمين، و335قال الكوفيون: إذا كانت الجراحات عمدا بالحديد فبينهما القصاص إلا أن تكون امرأة؛ فلنه 336 ليس 8 بين الرجل والمرأة قصاص [218] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء قال: لا يخرج المعتكف لغُسل الميت ولا لاغماضه [219] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء في ³³⁸ رجل اعتمر في ذي الحجة بعد الحج، قال: ليس عليه هدي T2: 19 [220] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء في رجل لاعن امرأته فالتعن / ثم مات قبل أن يلتعن، قال: يلحق به الولد وكذلك إن ماتت بعد أن تشهد³³⁹ أربع شهادات بالله قبل أن تشهد 340 الخامسة [221] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء قال: ليس على ³⁴¹ العبد ³⁴² إيلاء، إنما

فادا :327 E بستسعا :328 E يودي :E يودي 330 – E قبض :B فلا :3 332 E 333 - T2الأخر :³34 E 335 – T1 336 - T337 فلبس :T عن:33 E اشهد: 339 E یشهد :E یشهد

عليه يمين، و³⁴⁵قال الكوفيون: إن كان له زوجة فإيلاؤه³⁴⁴ جائز³⁴⁵ جائز³⁴⁶ [222] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء قال في الجوهر واللؤلؤ ³⁴⁶ والخرز والحجارة والحلي للتحارة: فيه³⁴⁷ الزلاة ³⁴⁸يا الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء في عبد³⁴⁹ بين رجلين، <قال>: [223] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء في عبد³⁴⁹ بين رجلين، <قال>: الفطر [224] الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء في رجل طلق امرأته تطليقة أو تطليقتين أو الفطر يعطيان³⁵⁵ ثم قذفها، قال: يلحق مهالولد ولا أدري أيتلاعنان³⁵⁵ أم³⁵⁴ يجلد أنا أشك في ذلك وكذلك إن قذفها ثم طلقها واحدا أو ثلاثاً في ذلك وكذلك إن قذفها ثم طلقها واحدا أو ثلاثاً واحدا أو اثنتين³⁵⁶ غير بائنة³⁵⁷ ثم إنه قذفها فإنه يلاعن وإن طلقها ثانية أو ثالثة فإنه يجلد ولا يلاعن واحدا أو اثنتين عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء في حر تحته أمة فمات وهي حامل: فلا³⁵⁸ الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء في حر تحته أمة فمات وهي حامل: فلا³⁵⁹ واحدا أو اثنتين أذ يلاعن

341 - Eللعبد :E اللعبد 343 – T فإيلايه : E: فإيلاه : E جایز :MSS جایز اللولو :MSS 346 - T2 347 الزكوة : 348 MSS مملوك :E 349 يوديان :E 350 - E 351 نلانة :MSS نلانة يتلاعنان :E يتلاعنان أو :3 354 نلانة: MSS نلانة ائتين :T 356 باينة :357 TI.E نلانة :E ئلانة ولا:E ولا

360 T1,E: يرا
361 E: لم يرا
362 MSS: يرا
363 T: بأن
364 MSS: يرتد
365 T: يرتد
365 E: المجوسان
366 E: للشركايها
367 T1,E: للشركايها
368 T: فانتفى T1

Here start the interplotations that I consider spurious, their numbers are from [S1] to [S19], for details see pp. 6-7, 9 above. The text proper

restarts at [234] on p. 57 below. 370 – E 371 E: وتجعل 372 T: بقية 373 MSS: بثلاثة 374 E: تكون 375 E: واختلعت

E: عليه378E: عليه378E: عليه379E: وقال380E: وقال380E: كانت381E: كانت382E: خلعة383E: وقال384MSS:385E: في386- T387E: صار387E: حار

 388
 E: اذا بنا instead of ازدا

 389
 MSS: ازدا

 390
 T: ساس :

 391
 E: مبله

 392
 E: معرق جسده :

 393
 E: مامرونهم :

 394
 - E

 395
 MSS: ونقا :

 396
 T1,E: مارونهم :

 397
 + زداه :

 398
 T1: تفخة :

 398
 T1: تفخة :

 399
 MSS: حينيذ :

 399
 MSS: حينيذ :

 مارونه :
 See note marked with * on p. 53 above.

 E: ير E: ينفخ T: لينفخ T: لمنها - T - E E: لمديها E: اهديها E: الوفا E: لأ E: أبا E: أبا MSS: لمنها - E MSS: نها + ماليد C E: ماليهن E: ماليهن

- 415 Q: 33:55

 416 MSS: وطي

 417 E: بزوجها أو يهدها :

 418 MSS: بنتوفي

 418 MSS: ولم

 419 T: ولم

 20 MSS: وضوءه :

 421 MSS: رما

 422 MSS: بحديد

 423 E: بحديد

 424 + مدمام

 424 + محمام

 424 + الجنايز

 425 E: الجنايز

 426 - T

 426 - T

 427 T: الجنايز

 428 E: الجنازة

 429 E: محضد

 430 E: حضد

 430 E: محضد

 431 MSS: الجزارة

 432 T1,E: ركي

 433 T: بيعوا

 434 - E

 435 T2: مالاطعام

 436 - E

 437 MSS: يومي

 438 T: تعمت

 438 T: يومي

 439 E: لياليا

 440 E: يرا

 441 E: ليرا

 442 E: يهوديا

 443 E: يهوديا

 443 E: نصر انيا

 444 - E

 445 E: يرا

 446 MSS: يرا

 447 - T

Edited Text

 448
 MSS: كثير

 449
 MSS: كثير

 450
 MSS: الزكوة

 451
 MSS: الحي

 452
 - E

 453
 T: مسلم

 454
 T: حي

 455
 E: حي

 456
 MSS: تؤدي

 457
 E: دي

 458
 T: whenever this name occurs in T it is written: الدي

 459
 E: طالق

 450
 MSS: تأثري

 450
 MSS: تأثري

 451
 MSS: تأثري

 452
 E has the next question before this one

461 – T

 462
 MSS: بغطا

 463
 MSS: بغطا

 464
 E: ازار

 465
 - E

 466
 E: بایاها

 467
 Q: 4:25

 468
 MSS: بدای و

 بدای و
 T1,E: بدایزه

 469
 T1,E: بدایزه

 470
 E: ساوه: عام

 471
 + واحدة

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472MSS: اتا473- E474E: سميت475E: أطلقت476E: أطلقت477E: أن أبا477E: أن أبا478MSS: نها479- T2480- T2481MSS: والعرجا482E: يرجوايرجوا483٤: يرجوا484MSS: زكوةزكوةزكوة

ركعتين ثم تجدد إحراما آخر، ولم يأمره بالإحلال، وقال: قم على إحرامك [285] الربيع عن يحيى أن رجلا خطب امرأة فسألوه: ألك امرأة؟ قال: لا، فأتى أبا الشعثاء فسأله، فقال: كذبة وليس بطلاق [286] الربيع عن ضمام عن {سدي} قال: قال كعب بن سوار: اتقوا الله قبل أن ينشب الحرب، وأمرهم بالاعتزال {وإن شرره يناوله وسقمه} [287] الربيع عن ضمام ⁴⁸⁶ قال: سمعت مسلما يقول: إن أبا الشعثاء قال: {يجزي المكاتبين في الحج وفي الكراء} [288] الربيع عن ضمام أن الحسن يأمر بالمتعة ويحث عليها [289] الربيع عن ضمام عن مولى لأنس بن مالك قال: ما شرب أنس بن مالك نبيذ الجر قط [290] الربيع عن سليم ⁴⁸⁷ بن عبيد قال: حدثنا عبدالرحمن بن عبدالجبار قال: كنا حول ابن عمر ذات يوم في عقب صلاة، فتذاكرنا دخولنا على أمير المؤمنين وحديثنا إياه، فقال: لقد أكثرتم ذكر الأمير، فقال: ماذا تقولون إذا دخلتم عليه؟ فقالوا: نقول ما يوافقه 488 قال: هذا والله النفاق 490 خمساً 489 [291] الربيع عن سليم بن عبيد قال سألت أبا الشعثاء إن لي إبلاً أفأحج الفريضة؟ قال: حُج فقد أوجب الله عليك الحج [292] الربيع عن سليم بن عبيد قال: قلت لأبي الشعثاء: إن أبي منعني أن أحج الفريضة فما تقول؟ قال 491 : فكم الصلوات؟ قال: قلتُ خمس، قال: أحبرني لو نهاك أن تصلى واحدة أكنت تاركها؟ قلت : لا، قال: فحج [293] الربيع عن عمارة أن أبا الشعثاء عطَّره يزيد⁴⁹² بن أبي مسلم فانطلق إلى النهر فجعل يغسل ذلك العطر عنه وهو يقول ﴿أَذَهبتم طيباتكم في حياتكم الدنيا،

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488 E: نوافقه
489 E: الله
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491 T: فقال
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552	دوانيق :MSS
553	الزكوة :T1,E

CHAPTER THREE

NOTES ON THE EDITED TEXT

I. Table of Topics of *Āthār al-Rabī* 'b. Habīb

Торіс	Traditions	Total number
Tafsīr (exegesis)	[169], [239]	2
<i>Țahārāt</i> (acts of purification)	[34], [36], [41], [185], [235], [243], [249], [301], [310], [311], [312], [323]	12
<i>Şalāt</i> (prayer)	[9], [38], [42], [65], [66], [91], [155], [158], [175], [188], [200], [211], [212], [252], [254], [258], [259], [260], [271], [297], [298], [299], [302], [304], [305], [306], [313], [316], [320], [322]	30
Zakāt (alms-tax)	[13], [30], [114], [186], [222], [223], [255], [264], [267], [283], [324]	11
Şawm (fasting)	[10], [29], [32], [112], [191], [257], [263] , [318]	8
<i>I`tikāf</i> (retreat while fasting for devotion)	[134], [135], [137], [141], [145], [146], [196], [218], [227], [274]	10

(Listed in the traditional order found in works of *fiqh* and *hadīth*)

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Торіс	Traditions	Total number
<i>Hajj</i> and <i>'Umra</i> (pilgrimage)	[3], [12], [15], [16], [17], [19], [39], [40], [43], [54], [56], [58], [67], [74] , [75], [76], [82], [83], [85] , [94], [99], [113], [136], [154], [159], [160], [164], [167], [170] , [176], [177], [181], [189], [219], [226], [228], [245], [246], [247], [256], [263] , [268], [269] , [284], [287], [291], [292], [319]	48
<i>al-Daḥāyā</i> (sacrifices- animal slaughtering)	[74] , [115], [253], [282]	4
<i>Shurūț al-dhabḥ</i> (conditions for	[25], [63], [106], [107] , [108], [180], [197]	7
slaughtering) <i>al-Buyū</i> (sales and transactions)	[60], [203], [213], [214], [242], [244], [279]	7
<i>al-Muzāraʿa wa al- musāqāt</i> (agriculture and irrigation)	[96], [184], [294], [307], [308], [309], [315]	7
Zawāj (marriage)	[4], [23], [24], [49], [88], [89], [90], [92], [97] , [148], [182], [183], [187], [204], [240], [273], [288]	17
<i>Firāq</i> (divorce of various kinds)	[2], [5], [7], [8], [22] , [27], [31], [37], [44] , [62], [84], [97] , [111], [138], [139], [147], [149], [150], [156], [161] , [162], [173], [199], [201], [221], [234], [265], [276], [280], [285]	30
<i>al-Nafaqa</i> (maintenance)	[35] , [77], [151], [152], [202], [225]	6
<i>al-'Idda</i> (the time a divorced woman or a widow should stay before getting married again)	[78], [93], [321]	3

Торіс	Traditons	Total number
al-Faqd (missing in	[35], [163], [165], [166]	4
obscure circumstances)		4
<i>al-Jināyāt</i> (criminal law)	[1], [11], [14], [26], [27], [28], [33], [48], [50], [51], [53], [64], [70], [95], [98], [100], [117], [E1], [E2], [153], [178], [192], [193], [195], [206], [207], [208], [216], [220], [224], [231], [232], [233], [250], [272], [277], [281]	37
al-Shuhūd (witnesses)	[61], [101], [122], [236], [251]	5
<i>Huqūq al-mayyit</i> (rights of the dead)	[6], [139], [140], [200], [252] , [269] , [270]	7
<i>al-Waṣāyā</i> (wills and testaments)	[85] , [127], [266]	3
al-Mīrāth (inheritance)	[4] , [22] , [44] , [45], [47], [142], [157], [230]	8
al-Aymān wa al-nudhūr (oaths and vows)	[20], [21], [123], [168], [170] , [237], [317]	7
al-At 'ima wa al-ashriba (food and drink)	[46], [171], [198], [238], [289], [300]	6
<i>al-'Itq</i> (manumission of slaves)	[52], [79], [97], [109], [110], [118], [128], [241]	8
<i>Muʿāmalāt al-raqīq</i> (deals and matters of slaves)	[55], [57], [68], [71], [72], [80], [81], [102], [103], [104], [105], [116], [119], [124], [125], [126], [129], [130], [131], [132], [133], [161], [172], [174], [194], [205], [209], [210], [215]	29
Aḥkām ghayr al- muslimīn (matters of non-Muslims)	[69], [73], [107], [179], [190], [217], [229], [261], [262], [263], [295]	11
<i>al-Akhlāq</i> (good manners)	[86], [87], [143], [144], [278]	4

Торіс	Traditions	Total number
<i>al-Siyar wa al-aḥdāth</i> (political and historical events)	[18], [59], [248], [275], [286], [290], [293], [296], [303], [314]	10

II. Notes on Individual Sections of the Arabic Text

[1] For biographies of the transmitters of $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. $Hab\bar{i}b$ see Chapter IV, pp. 137–151 of this study. The opinion that both husband and wife are entitled to inherit from each other even if the husband accuses his wife of unchastity (*qadhafa*) but the procedure of $li \ an^1$ is disturbed by the death of one of the partners is also the opinion of Ibrāhīm al-Nakha'ī and 'Aṭā' (see Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muṣannaf*, 4:168–169). Another opinion attributed to Jābir b. Zayd is that the wife inherits from her husband unless she refuses to either affirm the accusation or take the oath (*cf. Muṣannaf 'Abd al-Razzāq*, 7:107–109 and Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muṣannaf*, 4:169).

[2] This statement is derived from the Qur'ān (As regards those who make (their wives) unlawful to themselves by $zih\bar{a}r^2$ and wish to free themselves from what they uttered, (the penalty) in that case is the freeing of a slave before they touch each other... And he who finds not (the money for freeing a slave) must fast two successive months before they both touch each other. And he who is unable to do so, should feed sixty destitute persons (masākīn).) Q: 58:3-4. The majority of scholars emphasize that the kaffāra should be made before marital intercourse. For the Ibādīs see Abū Sa'īd al-Kudamī, al-Jāmi' al-mufīd min ahkām Abī Sa'īd, 4:225 in contrast to Abū Hanīfa as in al-Qurtubī, al-Jāmi' li-ahkām al-Qur'ān, 17:283.

[3] This is an agreed view amongst most, if not all, $fuqah\bar{a}$ of Muslim schools. For Ibādīs Ibn Ja'far says: wa yastabdilu bi-himā ... he (the muḥrim) can change them (*iḥrām* clothes). (See Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi'*, 3:307.) For other schools of law Ibn Abī Shayba narrates that the Prophet changed at al-Tan'īm

¹ The husband affirms before court under oath that his wife has committed unchastity or that the child born of her is not his, and she affirms under oath the contrary.

² The use of the formula "you are for me (as untouchable) as the back (*zahr*; *pars pro toto*, for body) of my mother", Schacht, *An Introduction to Islamic law*, (Oxford 1982), p. 165.

while he was *muḥrim* (*al-Muṣannaf*, 3:346 (14785)) and ascribes the same opinion to Ibrāhīm al-Nakha'ī, Thābit b. Jubayr, 'Aṭā' and Ṭāwūs (*op. cit.*, 14786–90).

[4] This has been a debatable issue from the first century of *Hijra* onwards. The key question is regarding the *mahr* or $sad\bar{a}q$ (dowry) of the widow if her husband died before the *dukhūl* (consummation) without determining the amount of the dowry. An identical tradition with a slight difference is to be found in Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi'*, 5:379. It reads:

Ibn Ja'far (or maybe a commentator on his book) does not mention his source for this tradition. Apart from that, he gives the additional information that Dumām was quoting Ibn Mas'ūd's opinion to Jābir. He then concludes by adding that this could be a refutation of a former tradition which seems to be the opinion of Abū Sa'īd [probably al-Kudamī] when he says on the same problem, *op. cit.*, p. 378:

This means that among Ibādī scholars there is no agreement on the issue of whether the widow ought to have a dowry as it has not been named (specified) or not, although they all agree that she has the right to inherit from her ex-husband and has to keep the 'idda (waiting-period of a woman after termination of marriage). (See al-Janāwunī (lived in the first half of the fifth/eleventh century), Kitāb al-nikāh, p. 87.) However, Jābir's view is also ascribed to Imām al-Shāfi'ī (al-Umm, 7:172) and a similar statement to what is reported here to Jābir b. Zayd (law najidu dhālika... la-akhadhnā bih - if we were to find this attributed to ibn Mas'ūd by a credible, trustworthy [transmitter] we would adopt it) is also ascribed to al-Shafi'i (wa bi-hadha naqulu illa an yathbuta hadith Barwa' and this what we say unless hadith Barwa' is authentic). By contrast, the Hanafis and Malikis do rely on the hadith of Barwa' b. Wāshiq, which states that the Prophet has declared that [in such a case] the woman has the right to a dowry a woman like her could properly expect, together with the inheritance; and she has to keep the 'idda. (See al-Shaybānī, al-Hujja, 3:335, and Ibn Abī Shayba, al-Muşannaf, 3:39). Tradition [4] also includes a problematic opinion ascribed to Abū 'Alī (who seems after a careful search in early Ibādī sources to be Mūsā b. 'Alī b. 'Azra al-Izkawī (177/793-230/844), one of the distinguished influential Omani scholars of his time [al-Baṭtashī, *Ithāf al-a 'yān*, 1:238-248].) Abū 'Alī claims that there is a consensus between jurists (*ijmā ' min al-fuqahā '...*) that the widow in this case is entitled to a fair dowry. I would suggest that the term *ijmā '* here is not used by Abū 'Alī in the technical sense of denying any disagreement on the issue but to emphasize that 'the *hadīth* of Ibn Mas'ūd' is authentic; hence there should be no other opinion except on the authority of the Prophet. However, this statement ignores another view ascribed to Abū 'Alī elsewhere. (See Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi'*, 6:214-215).

[5] From [22] and [44] below it is obvious that this tradition is dealing with a wife with an actual marital status, consummation (madkhūl bi-hā). Jābir's opinion which later became the standard Ibādī view is that the right of the wife to inherit her husband cannot be frustrated by repudiation, because the wife who has been definitely repudiated (talāq bā'in) during the illness in which the husband died inherits if she is still in her 'idda (Ibn Ja'far, al-Jāmi' 6:224, 422 where Ibn Ja'far emphasizes that an intention of causing harm (abandoning of inheritance) from the husband to his wife should be observed in him pronouncing talāq during his fatal illness). Parallel to this opinion is that of Abū Hanīfa. (See al-Shaybānī, Muhammad b. al-Hasan, al-Hujja where he ascribes this view to ahl al-'irāq (people of Iraq) 4:78-82; Mālik, al-Muwatta', 2:571 (1183); and 'Abd al-Razzāq, al-Musannaf, 7:61.)

[6] On the question of a spouse carrying out *ghusl al-mayyit* of the other partner, most scholars say that it is permissible. (See al-Kindī, *Bayān al-shar*', 16:46, Ibn Qudāma, *al-Mughnī*, 2:398). Hasan al-Baṣrī, al-Sha'bī and Abū Hanīfa do not allow such an undertaking because, according to them, the marital tie between the spouses is ended by the death of one of them. (See *Muṣannaf 'Abd al-Razzāq*, 3:409, and Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muṣannaf*, 2:456).

[7] This is the first tradition reported by Abū Nūḥ. (See Chapter IV, p. 140 below). It is another argument that has remained controversial since the time of the Companions. The opinion of Jābir b. Zayd stated here, although it presents the view of the majority of Ibādī scholars is thoroughly questioned by Ibn Baraka. (See *al-Jāmi*⁶, 2:195, and al-Kindī, *al-Muṣannaf*, 38:43). Most Sunnī Imāms accept the opinion of Jābir b. Zayd that the husband may take more than the *mahr* (dowry) that he paid if the wife proposes *khul*^{6,3} (*Cf.* Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muṣannaf*, 4:124–125, *Muṣannaf* 'Abd al-Razzāq, 6:501–

³ A form of divorce by which the wife redeems herself from the marriage for a consideration (Schacht, *Introduction*, p. 164).

504). Imām al-Shāfi'ī on the other hand accepts the opposite view. (See *al-Umm*, 5:196–197).

[8] On the basis of Q: 2:236 (... But bestow on them a provision (*mut* 'a), the rich according to his means and the poor according to his means, a provision of reasonable amount is a duty on the doers of good ...) and Q: 2:241 (And for repudiated women, provision (should be provided) on a reasonable (scale). This is a duty on those who fear God (*al-muttaqūn*)). There is no determination of the amount required to be paid or given. This tradition shows that Jābir gave generously at a time when the usual provision is low. The same tradition is quoted in many Ibādī sources. (See Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi'*, 6:215; al-Kindī, *Bayān al-shar'*, 47:103, and al-'Awtabī, *al-Diyā'*, 8:369, 412.) For different opinions on the amount of the *mut'a* payable to the repudiated women, see Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muṣannaf*, 4:140–142.

[9] Reciting only *al-Fātiha* (Q: 1) in the prayers of *al-zuhr* and *al-'aşr* is one of the *fiqh* features of the Ibādiyya. Ibn Baraka makes it a distinctive view between "...*aşhābinā* [our fellows, i.e. Ibādīs]" and those who are "mimman *khālafanā* [of our opponents]" and he claims that there is consensus – *ijmā 'al-umma* – about this view. (See Ibn Baraka, *al-Jāmi '*, 1:477–479). Although Ibn Baraka puts forward a very sensible argument, his claim about consensus is far from reality. (*Cf.* Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muşannaf*, 1:318, and *Muşannaf 'Abd al-Razzāq*, 2:126).

[10] For more opinions on the use of *siwāk* during the days of *Ramadān*, see Ibn Baraka, *al-Jāmi*, 2:14; Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi*, 3:184, 224; Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muşannaf*, 2:294–296, and *Muşannaf 'Abd al-Razzāq*, 4:200–203.

[11] Although the beginning of this tradition is dealing with the penalty of a special degree of wounds, *muwaddiha* (a wound that shows the bone), it concludes with a general rule on all wounds (*jirāhāt*) caused to slaves. A conclusion that was accepted by all Ibādī authorities is that the percentage of the blood-money paid to them is like the percentage paid to free people, though the total value of their *diya* will be less. (See al-Kudamī, *al-Jāmiʿ al-mufīd min ahkām Abī Saʿīd*, 5:280; al-Kindī, *al-Muṣannaf*, 41:161; *Muṣannaf ʿAbd al-Razzāq*, 10:3, and Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muṣannaf*, 5:388).

[12] The same two opinions are found in many sources but without ascription in any of them to Jābir b. Zayd. (*Cf.* Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi'*, 3:315–316, Ibn Baraka, *al-Jāmi'*, 2:57). It is not clear who is quoted in the second opinion mentioned in this tradition "*wa qāla ghayruh*...". It could be that a narrator of the *Āthār al-Rabī'* b. *Habīb* was commenting on the book by showing other Ibādī or even non-Ibādī views. The latter are sometimes more explicit when a statement of Jābir is followed by another opinion ascribed to the Kufans, see for example [28], [31], [40], [201]. Both views are also ascribed to Ibrāhīm al-Nakha'ī, Ḥammād, Mujāhid, 'Aṭā' and Ṭāwūs. (See Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muṣannaf*, 3:404–406).

[13] This is one of three traditions in this book that discuss $zak\bar{a}t al-fitr$. The other two are [186] and [223]. Unlike the other two, the term used here is $zak\bar{a}t al-fitr$ and not sadaqat al-fitr. Muslim and al-Bukhārī in their sahīhs only occasionally use $zak\bar{a}t$ instead of sadaqa (al-Bukhārī tends to use sadaqa largely in his subtitles of the book). Al-Sālimī comments on these names by saying that $zak\bar{a}t al-fitr$ and sadaqat al-fitr and fitrat al-abdan are simply names for the same thing (Sharh al-Jāmi al-sahīh, 2:58). However, this tradition here is about the timing of $zak\bar{a}t al-fitr$ and it is a Prophetic tradition in other sources such as Muslim (sahīh, 2:679 [986]) and al-Bukhārī (sahīh, 2:547 [1432]).

[14] Diya (blood-money), whether mughallaza (heavy), for intentional homicide, or mukhaffafa (light), for unintentional, amounts to one hundred camels. There is a slight disagreement on the determination of the quality of the camels for both diyas. The Ibādīs choose the opinion of Jābir stated here (see Ibn Baraka, al-Jāmi', 2:514). This is also reported in Ibn Abī Shayba, al-Muşannaf, 5:346 (26748), as a Prophetic saying. He also gives other opinions.

[15] The early twentieth century Ibādī scholar Aṭfayyish quotes this opinion of Jābir b. Zayd without mentioning his authority (see *Sharḥ al-nīl*, 4:60), but states that Jābir's opinion is disapproved of. Al-Qurṭubī indeed ascribes the same opinion to Ṭāwūs and says that it is a very strange (أشد شذوذاً) view and that no scholar has uttered it (*al-Jāmi ʿ li-aḥkām al-Qur ʾān*, 2:390). There are other places below in which Jābir gives opinions that corroborate his opinion here that if someone performs *`umra* before the months of the *ḥajj* when he was able to make *ḥajj* during its months of the same year he is considered as doing the *mut ʿa* rite of the *ḥajj*. Cf. [136] and [189].

[16] As in many other traditions, there are some conditions that are understood though not mentioned. The *mutamatti* ⁴ is asked to sacrifice an animal, but if he is not capable of doing so he has to fast ten days: three while he is doing *hajj* and the rest (seven days) when he returns home (Q: 2:196). From this tradition Jābir seems to specify the end of the three days to be the day of 'Arafa (the ninth of Dhū al-hijja) while Mahbūb b. al-Ruhayl (a distinguished Omani scholar who was contemporary with al-Rabī') says that they could be

⁴ A pilgrim who performs '*umra* first and then *hajj* and in-between the two is free of all prohibitions that pilgrims are asked to avoid.

at any time before the day of 'Arafa. (Cf. al-Jīțālī (d.750/1349), Qawā 'id al-Islām, 2:174, and Ibn Abī Shayba, al-Muşannaf, 3:153).

[17] See [16] above. Note that the opinion attributed here, for the first and the only time, to *ahl al-Hijāz* is the opinion of Ibn 'Umar and 'Ā'isha (Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muşannaf*, 3:154) and 'Alī (al-Qurtubī, *Tafsīr*, 2:400). It is also approved by Imām Mālik (*al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 2:389), which clearly justifies the use of this term '*wajaba 'alā'*. (See also Chapter IV below, p. 130).

[18] See Chapter I, p. 17 of this study. For detailed discussion on the assassination of the third Caliph 'Uthmān b. 'Affān from an Ibādī standpoint see al-Qalhātī, *al-Kashf wa al-bayān*, 2:220–228.

[19] Like [16] and [17] above, this tradition is dealing with *sawm al-mutamatti*', but about the other seven days that he has to fast when he returns home. It seems from the statement of Jābir that he does not allow fasting while the pilgrim is on his or her journey back home. This is an opinion which adheres to the apparent meaning of the Quran (... he should observe *sawm* three days during the *hajj* and seven days after his return to (his home) making ten days in all ...). Q: 2:196. Many scholars state that a pilgrim in such a condition may start fasting before arriving home. (See for example, al-Jīțālī (d.750/1349), *Qawā'id al-Islām*, 2:174, and Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muşannaf*, 3:153).

[20] According to Q: 5:89 (... for its expiation (a deliberate oath) feed ten destitute persons (*miskīn*), on a scale of the average of that with which you feed your own families ...) the amount of the food is not precisely determined. Most *fuqahā* 'specify *nisf ṣā* ' for each *miskīn*, *cf*. Ibn Ja 'far, *al-Jāmi* ', 3:424; Ibn Baraka, *al-Jāmi* ', 2:98–99. This opinion is ascribed to 'Ali, 'Āi'sha, 'Umar, Sa 'īd b. al-Musayyab, Ibrāhīm al-Nakha 'ī and Mujāhid while Jābir's view mentioned here is the opinion of Ibn 'Abbās, Zayd b. Thābit, 'Abd Allāh b. 'Umar and 'Aṭā'. (See Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Musannaf*, 3:70–73, and *Muşannaf 'Abd al-Razzāq*, 8:506–510).

[21] Observing sawm of three days is the last alternative in the kaffāra of one's oath. In Q: 5:89 there is no mention of whether these three days must be consecutive or not, though Ubay's non-canonical reading is (fa-siyāmu thalāthati ayyāmin (mutatābi'āt)). This is parallel to what is ascribed to Jābir here and seems to be a point of agreement. Probably that is why it is not followed by showing another opinion as the case with [20] above. (See Ibn Abī Shayba, al-Muşannaf, 3:88).

[22] It is fascinating that on this particular issue there are different views, and Jābir b. Zayd has his own opinion which is not approved by his student Abū 'Ubayda, who in his turn has a view that is not accepted by his student Abū Şufra, whose own opinion is disregarded by his contemporary Muhammad b. Mahbūb (see al-Kindī, *al-Muşannaf*, 29:254–255.) The disagreement on the effect of the repudiation of a woman before *dukhūl* (consummation of marriage) during the death illness of the husband is a debatable issue within all Sunnī schools as well (*cf.* Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muşannaf*, 4:10).

[23] It is clear that this statement is placed after the last one to avoid the suggestion that what is said there about the invalidity of some actions of the sick person could also be true about him getting married. Jābir, al-Ḥasan, Ibrāhīm, and al-Sha'bī allow it whereas 'Aṭā' and al-Zuhrī say the opposite. (*Cf.* Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muṣannaf*, 4:24–25).

[24] Although this question seems more relevant to the kind of subjects discussed within the Hanafī school, I could not trace any parallel to this tradition except in *al-Umm* of al-Shāfi'ī (5:22) where he states that there is "no marriage for the unborn".

[25] This quotation of Jābir's opinion is extant in many Ibādī early references but without indication of the transmitters. (See Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi*', 3:577; al-Bisyawī, *Jāmi*', 3:208–209, and *cf.* 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 4:481–483).

[26] This opinion of Jābir is approved by Ibādīs. (*Cf.* al-Kindī, *al-Muşannaf*, 40:100). However al-Hasan al-Başrī and al-Sha'bī say that Muslims and *Dhimmīs* are alike in the *hadd* of *qadhf* (penalty of false accusation of unchastity). (See Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muşannaf*, 5:486).

[27] 'Abd Allāh b. 'Amr, al-Zuhrī, 'Aṭā', Mujāhid and Ibrāhīm are of the same view that is ascribed to Jābir here. It relies on a Prophetic *hadīth*. (See 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 7:126–128.) On the other hand Muḥammad b. Maḥbūb (Ibāḍī) (see al-Kindī, *al-Muṣannaf*, 40:113), Qatāda, al-Ḥasan and Sa'īd b. al-Musayyab say the opposite ('Abd al-Razzāq, *op. cit.*).

[28] There is no disagreement on the *hadd* of the $q\bar{a}dhif$ being eighty lashes, but the disagreement that occurs is on how powerful should they be. (*Cf.* al-Kindī, *al-Muşannaf*, 40:95; Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muşannaf*, 5:529).

[29] This, as far as I know, is the earliest source that gives the name of Jābir's wife Āmina. Regarding the question set out here, see al-Kindī, *al-Muṣannaf*, 7:115; Mālik, *al-Muwaṭṭa*', 1:296; al-Shaybānī, *al-Ḥujja*, 1:381. On the other hand, the opposite opinion has been also ascribed to Jābir b. Zayd in some

early Ibādī works such as Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 1:287; al-Jīţālī, *al-Qawā id*, 2:102.

[30] Although Ibādīs agree on the view of Jābir quoted here (see al-Kindī, *al-Muşannaf*, 6:132), they do not mention his statement, as far as I can discover. (See, for example, Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi'*, 3:101; al-Bisyawī, *Jāmi'*, 2:177–180). However, Jābir's opinion is reported in non-Ibādī sources alongside authorities that take the same position. (*Cf.* Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muşannaf*, 2:383–384, and *Muşannaf 'Abd al-Razzāq*, 4:81).

[31] For definition of *zihār* see the note on [2] above. $Il\bar{a}$ is an oath of abstinence from intercourse by the husband (Schacht, *Introduction*, 164). The majority of Ibādī scholars follow the same opinion as Jābir that if four months pass and the husband does not make the *kaffāra* of *zihār* his wife is considered repudiated. However, there are a few other Ibādī scholars that say there is no timing for the *zihār*. (See al-Kindī, *al-Muṣannaf*, 38:147, and al-ʿAwtabī, *al-Diyā*', 10:72). Saʿīd b. al-Musayyab, al-Ḥasan al-Baṣrī, Ibrāhīm al-Nakhaʿī, Ṭāwūs, al-Shaʿbī, Ḥammād hold this viewpoint, and it is ascribed to ʿAlī as well. (See Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muṣannaf*, 4:107–108).

[32] A detailed summary with all the famous opinions and evidence is to be found in Ibn Baraka, *al-Jāmi*⁶, 2:6-8, and *Muşannaf*⁶ Abd al-Razzāq, 4:271-275.

[33] See [14] above. Jābir has reported on the authority of Ibn 'Abbās that the Prophet says: "the *diya* is one hundred camels". (See al-Rabī', *Musnad*, 1:259 (661), and cf. Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muşannaf*, 5:344–346.) It seems that behind this determination of the *diya* comes what should be considered as a normative standard of the *diya* (see al-Sālimī, *Sharḥ al-jāmi' al-ṣaḥīḥ*, 3:426–427).

[34] Similar Prophetic *hadīths* are to be found in al-Rabī', *al-Musnad*, 1:221–222 transmitted by Jābir b. Zayd. (*Cf.* Mālik, *al-Muwaţţa'*, 1:61–63; Ibn Baraka, *al-Jāmi'*, 2:200).

[35] Ibādī sources such as Ibn Ja'far (*al-Jāmi*', 6:410) and al-Kindī (*al-Muşannaf*, 28:282–283) agree with the opinion of Jābir stated here about the maintenance of the wife of a *mafqūd* (person missing in apparently disastrous circumstances) but without any reference to Jābir. However, Ibn Abī Shayba (*al-Muşannaf*, 4:143) quotes Jābir b. Zayd narrating that Ibn 'Abbās and Ibn 'Umar differed on this matter. Jābir's opinion is the same as Ibn 'Umar's.

[36] See [34] above. (Cf. al-Kindī, al-Muşannaf, 39:37, and al-Shāfi'ī, al-Umm, 1:61).

[37] This, as are questions [101], [103], [118], [E1] and [E2] below, is based on the opinion that an *umm walad* (a female slave who has borne a child to her owner) is no different from an *ama* (female slave). (See Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 2:193; Ibn Baraka, *al-Jāmi*, 2:246, 252–253). This is a view shared by 'Alī, Ṭāwūs in one narration, and by Ibrāhīm, while al-Ḥasan, al-Zuhrī, al-Sha'bī and Ḥammād claim that an *umm walad* cannot meet the required '*itq* (manumission) of the '*kaffāra* of *zihār*' (see [31] above) and of homicide (Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muşannaf*, 3:77).

[38] There is a similar tradition with more details in Ibn Baraka, al-Jāmi['], 1:489–490. It reads: "Jābir b. Zayd saw somebody performing his prayer on [the top of] the Ka[']ba, and said: "Who is the person praying? He has no qibla". There are other scholars who dislike the performance of the prayer on the top of the Ka[']ba, such as 'Aṭā' and al-Zuhrī (cf. 'Abd al-Razzāq, al-Muṣannaf, 5:85–86). On the other hand, there are other scholars who say that it is alright to do so, as can be understood from al-Shāfi'ī (al-Umm, 1:170).

[39] 'Ațaba in this context means to be affected by an illness that might cause halāk (death). (See Lisān al-'arab, 1:610). Most scholars say the same. (See Ibn Ja' far, al-Jāmi', 3:387; Ibn Abī Shayba, al-Muşannaf, 3:400).

[40] Unlike [39] above, here the *badana* (a camel to be sacrificed in Mecca) is sent with somebody, though it is also not an obligatory matter. Thus Jābir b. Zayd does not allow the person taking the animal [deputy] to eat any of it, while 'Aṭā' and Sa'īd b. Jubayr permit him to eat and to feed destitute people as well. (*Cf.* Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muṣannaf*, 3:401). On the other hand, if the *badana* sent is an obligatory one, as in the case of a *mutamatti*' (see [16] above), he has to replace it with another one. This is why the person taking the animal is allowed to eat from it according to Jābir, in contrast to a Prophetic tradition narrated in Muslim (*al-Ṣahīh*, 2:962). This could explain the last sentence in this tradition "... wa kāna al-kūfiyyūn yakrahūnah – the Kufans were not in favour of it".

[41] Su'r in Lisān al-'arab, 4:339 is the "residue of something" and it is used in this context for the water left after the donkeys have drunk. For the Ibādī view on this issue see Ibn Baraka, $al-J\bar{a}mi$, 1:402, and Ibn Ja'far, $al-J\bar{a}mi$, 1:273–274, 6:74, and for other opinions and arguments see Ibn Abī Shayba, al-Muşannaf, 1:35.

[42] Al-hijr here means hijr al-Ka ba which is the unbuilt part of the Ka ba at its northern side. (See EI^2 , IV, p. 317, s.v. Ka ba). For the argument of performing salāt – especially obligatory ones – inside the hijr, see Ibn Ja far, al-Jāmi', 2:133; Ibn Baraka, al-Jāmi', 1:489. Jābir's opinion is quoted in Atfayyish (Sharh al-nīl, 4:133). 'Ā'isha, 'Alī b. al-Husayn and Sa'īd b.

Jubayr say that there is no harm in doing so. (See Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muşannaf*, 2:238).

[43] Za'farān (saffron), wars and 'uşfur are all colours used for dyeing cloth. (See Lisān al-'arab; Mukhtār al-sihāh). Ibn Ja'far (al-Jāmi', 3:307) states that the smell remaining in the clothes after they have been washed must go in order to allow the muhrim (see [3] above) to wear them. (Cf. Ibn Abī Shayba, al-Muşannaf, 3:168 where it seems that it is a matter of colour rather than smell).

[44] See [5] and [22] above.

[45] Bases of exclusion from inheritance are difference of religion, being a slave and having caused the death of the deceased. But whether or not they may influence other heirs, by totally preventing him or her from his or her succession or partly by reducing it, is another issue. (*Cf.* Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi'*, 5:360 where he makes the same statement but later points out that other opinions are also to be found and they are "all correct", *op. cit.*, p. 383.) The statement of Jābir is also ascribed to 'Umar and 'Alī. (See Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muşannaf*, 6:251). 'Abd Allāh b. 'Umar says that persons excluded from inheritance for any reason do prevent other heirs. (See *Muşannaf 'Abd al-Razzāq*, 10:279).

[46] Atan (and $at\bar{a}n$) is a female wild ass (*Lisān al-* 'arab, 13:6; *Mukhtār al*sihāh, 1:2) as opposed to the domestic donkey. Most scholars, such as al-Hasan, Sa'īd b. Jubayr, Mujāhid, Hammād and Ibrāhīm, have either disliked or forbidden the milk of wild asses, while a few of them say that it is allowed or allowed for necessity, e.g. medication, as ascribed to Jābir here and to 'Aṭā' elsewhere. (*Cf.* Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muṣannaf*, 5:55; 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 9:256–257).

[47] Although Jābir's opinion here is clear and explicit, Ibādīs held varying views on the issue as early as the compilation of our book. For we find that two distinguished scholars and possible transmitters of $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. $Hab\bar{i}b$, Muḥammad b. Maḥbūb and Mūsā b. 'Alī (see Chapter IV) disagreed on this particular question. (See Ibn Ja'far, $al-J\bar{a}mi'$, 5:386). Yet I could not find the view that is ascribed here to the Kufans, 'Alī and Ibn Mas'ūd to be of the latter. I could, however, find references taking it back to 'Alī – as mentioned in the text –, 'Umar and to Zayd b. Thābit. (*Cf.* Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muṣannaf*, 6:245–246). Shurayh seems to have hesitated on the same problem, once expressing one opinion and once another. (See 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 10:288, and *cf.* Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muṣannaf*, 6:246).

[48] This tradition is an explanatory one of a Prophetic *hadīth* that states that the fingers are equal in *diya*, an opinion on which there is agreement among the Ibādīs. (*Cf.* Ibn Baraka, *al-Jāmi*^{\cdot}, 2:501, and Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, *al-Mudawana al-kubrā*, 2:294). It is also the opinion of most scholars and *imāms*, except, as I found, Ibrāhīm. (*Cf.* Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muṣannaf*, 5:367–368, and 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 9:346, 384).

[49] "Foster suckling relationship ($rad\bar{a}$) renders marriage unlawful, just as the corresponding birth (blood) relationship" is a Prophetic *hadīth* narrated on the authority of many reporters including Jābir b. Zayd. (See al-Rabī' b. Habīb, *al-Musnad*, 1:210, and 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Musannaf*, 7:474; *cf*. Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi*', 6:256).

[50] For qadhf see note [1] above. "... wa lā ba'sa 'alaiyhi fī dhālika – there is no harm on him in that" – at the end of the question might sound redundant, but indeed it is not. It is referring to the husband intending not to sue his wife for mulā 'ana (or li'an) whereas the first lā ba'sa 'alaiyhi ... is for having marital intercourse with her.

[51] See [37], [116], [118], [E1] and [E2] with my notes on them.

[52] On the manumission of *umm al-walad* on the death of her owner, Jābir's opinion as given in the manuscripts is that it is to be debited to the whole of the assets. However, although all copies of the manuscript agree on the reading of this tradition, I think that there is a slip of the pen on the word $lah\bar{a}$ – for her – because if she already had a child there would not be any need to state that she is pregnant. What makes the issue worth discussion is the owner having no other heir who might share the ownership of *umm al-walad* with her child. Thus I would suggest the word *lahu* – for him – to replace *lahā*, so the tradition would read:

الربيع عن ضمام عن أبي الشعثاء في رجل توفي وترك أم ولده حاملاً وليس له ولد؟ قال: يعتقها من جميع المال.

For a good Ibādī discussion, see Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 2:194–195; Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi'*, 6:15. (*Cf.* 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 9:146).

[53] Istahalla means the baby cried at the birth. (See Lisān al-'arab, 11:702; Mukhtār al-sihāh, 1:290). See [11] above and Ibn Baraka, al-Jāmi', 2:506. For causing abortion Imām Mālik says that the provision is one tenth of the value of its mother (al-Muwațta', 2:856) unlike the opinion ascribed here to the Kufans that it is a twentieth.

[54] See [3] and [43] above.

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[55] Mukātaba is manumission by contract. All traditions regarding mukātab in this book, e.g. [57], [104], [119], [122], [124], [126], [130], [287] make it clear that Ibādīs consider the mukātab as a free person from the time that the contract is written between him or her and the owner. They base all details regarding his or her status accordingly, e.g. getting married to a free woman, transactions, penalties, etc. (Cf. Aţfayyish, Sharḥ al-nīl, 5:207, and al-'Awtabī, al-Diyā', 8:112).

[56] This tradition here does not explain the way in which this *thawb* – covering of cloth – is worn "over the chest of a *muhrim*" (see [3] above). But the argument on the clothes of a *muhrim* can also be found in Ibn Ja far, *al-Jāmi*, 3:307; al-Kindī, *al-Muşannaf*, 8:138–139. (*Cf.* Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muşannaf*, 3:449).

[57] Ibādīs from the time of Jābir b. Zayd have agreed that if a female slave is married to either a free man or to a slave, she has the choice to stay with him or to get divorced as soon as she is freed. Of this opinion are ' \bar{A} 'isha, al-Sha'bī, Ibn Sīrīn, Sa'īd b. al-Musayyab and Țāwūs. Other scholars of the Companions such as Ibn 'Umar and the Followers like al-Hasan and al-Zuhrī say that if she is freed and her husband is a free man she does not have this right. (See 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 7:253–254, and al-Jaṣṣāṣ al-Rāzī (d. 370/980), *Mukhtaṣar ikhtilāf al-'ulamā'*, 2:363–364, no. 866).

[58] *Taylasān* is like an un-sewn mantle. Interesting descriptions of it and its history with different arguments about this kind of clothing are to be found in al-Suyūţī, *al-Aḥādīth al-ḥisān fī faḍl al-ṭaylasān*, ed. Albert Arazī, Jerusalem 1983. *Wa lā yazrurhu* means not to fasten it over him or her (the *muḥrim*). This permission to wear a *taylasān* without fastening (knotting) is ascribed to Ibn 'Umar, while Ibn 'Abbās allows it without this condition. (See al-Shaybānī, *al-Mabsūț*, 4:139). There are many scholars who agree with Jābir's opinion like Sa'īd b. Jubayr, 'Aṭā', al-Ḥasan, Ibrāhīm, and others. (See Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muṣannaf*, 3:328). And although Ibādīs do not often mention this permission, some distinguished authorities have used it. Wā'il b. Ayyūb⁵ Wore it for his *iḥrām* according to Muḥammad b. al-Ḥawārī. (See *Jāmi' Abī al-Ḥawārī*, 3:51).

[59] This tradition is a brilliant example of the political approach Ibādīs followed under the corrupt Umayyad governors of Iraq, see above Ch. I, pp. 19–21. Although Ibādīs' statements on giving or accepting bribes are

⁵ A student of al-Rabī' at Basra, from Hadramawt, he succeeded al-Rabī' in Iraq after the move of the latter to Oman. He participated in the revolt of 'Abd Allāh b. Yahyā al-Kindī in Yemen, see Ennami (ed.), Ajwibat Ibn Khalfūn, p. 110.

very strict, to the extent that they consider it kufr,⁶ and they interpret suht mentioned in the Qur'ān (Q: 5:42) with it specifically. (See al-Kindī, *al-Muşannaf*, 10:276, 13:102, and Aţfayyish, *Sharḥ al-nīl*, 13:75–76.). They permit it during times of corrupt governors to avoid bigger harm or injustice against them. Jābir b. Zayd is quoted in many early Ibādī and non-Ibādī sources saying "there was nothing more beneficial for us – i.e. Ibādīs – than bribery at the time of 'Ubayd Allāh b. Ziyād". Similar statements are abundant in al-'Awtabī, *al-Diyā*', 4:426; Aţfayyish, *Sharḥ al-nīl*, 16:560, and *Muşannaf 'Abd al-Razzāq*, 8:149. Al-Ḥasan al-Baṣrī also approves this opinion. (*Cf. loc. cit.*).

[60] The opinion that the selling of the *mushafs* is disliked though there is no harm in buying them is mentioned in many Ibādī sources without any reasoning of this differentiation. (See for instance, Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi'*, 5:138). The disagreement on this issue is a famous one from the early time of Islam to the extent that some scholars of the Followers narrate that Ibn 'Umar says: "I wish hands were to be cut off in cases of the selling of *mushafs*" while scholars like al-Hasan and al-Sha'bī say that it is alright to sell them. (Cf. Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muşannaf*, 4:287–288, and *Muşannaf 'Abd al-Razzāq*, 8:110–113). Imām Mālik is of the same opinion as Jābir according to *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 11:418.

[61] Al-'aql here means diya, see [11], [14] and [33] (Lisān al-'arab, and Mukhtār al-ṣiḥāḥ, s.v. aib). The tradition is talking about a famous principle in criminal law in Islam, that the diya of women is half of that of men. For details of this principle and disagreements on them see Ibn Abī Shayba, al-Muṣannaf, 5:411-412, and Muṣannaf 'Abd al-Razzāq, 9:395, and note what Imām al-Shāfi'ī claims in al-Umm, 6:306, that there is consensus on the principle.

[62] For a husband to say to his wife such a sentence is a case of investigation by $fuqah\bar{a}$ whether it should be considered a statement of divorce or not. Many scholars link this to the Qur'ān (66:1-2). The earliest Ibādī sources I found discussing this matter are *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā* of Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, 2:67-68; *Jāmi' Abī al-Hawārī*, 4:31, and *Jāmi' Ibn Ja'far*, 6:389. More discussions and details are to be found in Sunnī references. (See for example, Mālik, *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 5:395; al-Jaṣṣāṣ al-Rāzī, *Mukhtaṣar ikhtilāf al-'ulamā'*, 2:413-415 where Jābir is quoted saying the same opinion mentioned here, *cf. Muṣannaf 'Abd al-Razzāq*, 8:440-441).

⁶ For the use of this term in Ibādī theology see footnote 44 of Ch. I above.

[63] This opinion of Jābir b. Zayd is identically quoted in Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi*', 3:577, and it seems to be the only approved opinion within the Ibādī school and most, if not all, scholars from other schools. (*Cf. Muşannaf 'Abd al-Razzāq*, 4:481–483, and al-Qaffāl al-Shāshī, *Hilyat al-'ulamā'*, 3:421).

[64] Fa-htawashahu ... the verb ihtawash from hawash means they surrounded him or gathered all around him (Lisān al- 'arab, s.v. حـوش), naghal as explained in the text means illegitimate child (Lisān al-'arab, نف). The first source that mentioned this tradition with its story is *Kitāb al-siyar* of al-Shammākhī, 1:82. Dumām according to al-Shammākhī was asked by a woman about what her husband had said and Dumām then asked Jābir. The other source where I found this tradition is the late Omani scholar al-Sālimī in his al-'Iqd al-thamin (1st edn.), 3:83-84. Al-Sālimi, though he gives more details and with a record of the name of the husband, has not mentioned his source. In a reply to a question about this narration he says that a man called Abū Wāqid from al-Mukallā (Yemen) bought a watermelon and when he brought it home his children surrounded him and thus he said what is asked about in the tradition. However, this incident is more likely to have taken place in an Ibādī surrounding, as the people involved are all Ibādīs and they do not seem to have asked any other scholar rather than Jabir which could explain the ignorance, as far as I could find, of Sunnī references to such a question.

[65] This tradition is an example of the steps that the first founder of the $Ib\bar{a}d\bar{i}$ school followed and advised his followers to follow to maintain their relations with the mainstream and avoid any disruption to their movement. Jābir b. Zayd narrates on the authority of Ibn 'Abbās a Prophetic *hadīth*:

"You are going to come across *imāms* after my death who postpone the prayers to the end of their timing. If you do, make your prayer with them *nāfila*". (*Cf. Musnad al-Rabī* b. *Habīb*, no. 212; *Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim* on the authority of Ibn Masʿūd, no. 830; Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muṣannaf*, 2:154; *Muṣannaf ʿAbd al-Razzāq*, 2:382).

[66] Cf. Ibn Abī Shayba, al-Muşannaf, 2:485-486; al-Umm, 1:149-150.

[67] ... qatīfah is a piece of fabric that a *muḥrim* wears around his or her shoulders "to keep warm". See [34], [56] and [58] above.

[68] There is a dispute between $fuqah\bar{a}$ on the issue of a married *ama* getting her freedom, from the time of the Companions. The key question is regarding

her choice to remain under her husband whether he is a slave or a free man or not remain. For a good view of their arguments see *Muşannaf 'Abd al-Razzāq*, 7:253–255; Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muşannaf*, 3:507–509; *al-Umm*, 5:123, and *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 6:30. See also references cited on note [57] above.

[69] Note that the question is talking about Nasrāniyyayni - two Christians – instead of the most used term in the Qur'ān "People of the scripture". Unlike [73] below, this question could refer to a certain incident that took place at that time rather than being a principle set out. (See *al-Umm*, 6:35–36, and *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 4:308).

[70] For a $li'\bar{a}n$ see the note on [1] above. This opinion that after the *mulā'ana* the partners are separated from each other and they cannot remarry each other is the opinion of most scholars from all Muslim schools. (*Cf.* Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muṣannaf*, 4:19; *al-Umm*, 5:255; *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 6:108).

[71], [72] Both traditions are based on the basis of the slave being himself owned wholly by his or her master. These statements are also ascribed to Ibn 'Abbās, Ibrāhīm, al-Hasan, al-Sha'bī, Ibn Sīrīn and 'Aṭā'. (See Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 2:192; Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muşannaf*, 4:273, and *Muşannaf 'Abd al-Razzāq*, 8:76).

[73] See [69] above. For the differentiation between young children, when one of their parents embraces Islam, and adults, see al-Kindī, *al-Muṣannaf*, 39:129.

[74] This tradition is a Prophetic tradition. (See *al-Muwațța*', 2:486; Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muşannaf*, 3:135; *Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim*, 2:955–956).

[75] It is obvious that the question here is regarding women performing hajj or 'umra although there is no mention of this whereas [76] below is more detailed. (*Cf.* Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi'*, 3:342; Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muṣannaf*, 3:146–147, and *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 2:402).

[76] See [75] above.

[77] Although Ibādīs state that there is an agreement on this issue amongst them, it seems that there are different opinions with regard the maintenance of a pregnant widow. (See al-'Awtabī, *al-Diyā*', 10:161, 175–176, 179.) For details of all views and authorities, see *Muṣannaf 'Abd al-Razzāq*, 7:36–39; Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muṣannaf*, 4:165–168.

[78] ... ab 'ad al-ajalayn means the longest period the women must wait before getting married if she is pregnant, i.e. her 'idda lasts either to the four

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months and ten days prescribed in the Qur'ān (65:4) or to her delivery if her pregnancy continues beyond the four months and ten days. Most Ibādī scholars follow this view of Jābir b. Zayd to the extent that al-Hawwārī, (*Tafsīr*, 4:374) says, "this is the opinion of Jābir b. Zayd and Ibn 'Abbās and the vast majority of our *fuqahā*". (*Cf.* al-Kindī, *al-Muṣannaf*, 38:207). Yet most scholars of all other schools of thought are of the opinion ascribed here to the Kufans. (See Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muṣannaf*, 3:555–557; *al-Muwațța*', 2:589–592; *al-Umm*, 5:224).

[79] Both names, Khālid and his son 'Ubayd, mentioned here are unfamiliar. However, this tradition seems to be derived from a Prophetic *hadīth*. (See *al-Muwaţta*', 2:774; Muslim, *Şahīh*, 1668).

[80] "... wa al-mawtu $h\bar{a}jiz$ " means that death terminates the contract of *mukātaba*, see [55] and [57] above. More details on this issue can be found in *Muṣannaf 'Abd al-Razzāq*, 8:412–414, and *al-Umm*, 8:85.

[81] It is clear from the context that this tradition is a refutation of the opinion that selling an *ama* is considered in itself to be a divorce from her husband which is ascribed to Ibn 'Umar, 'Alī, 'Ikrima and Mujāhid. (See Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muşannaf*, 4:102–103.) For the evidence and the authorities that approve the first opinion, see al-Kindī, *al-Muşannaf*, 30:235; *al-Muwaţta*', 2:617, and *cf*. Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muşannaf*, 4:103–105.

[82] The basis of this opinion of Jābir stated here is the Qur'ān (5:96) and a *hadīth* narrated in *al-Muwațța*', 1:350. There are different sources quoting Jābir saying similar statements. (See for example, al-Jīțālī; *Qawā'id al-Islām*, 2:147; Ibn Kathīr; *Tafsīr*, 2:657, and al-Qurțubī; *Tafsīr*, 6:322).

[83] Ibn Baraka after quoting this opinion claims that it is "an agreement between our followers -aṣhābinā" (al-Jāmi⁶, 2:62–63). ... yuhkam (passive of yahkum – adjudge) is a Qur⁷ānic term (Q: 5:95): (...yahkumu bihi dhawā ⁶adlin minkum – adjudged by two just men among you). For details of this argument see Muṣannaf ⁶Abd al-Razzāq, 4:389–394.

[84] Similar traditions are ascribed to Ibrāhīm al-Nakha'ī, al-Ḥasan, Sa'īd b. al-Musayyab, al-Zuhrī and Qatāda. (*Cf.* Ibn Abī Shayba; *al-Muṣannaf*, 4:164).

[85] Amongst the forty-six traditions in the book regarding *hajj* and *'umra*, this is the only one that deals with deputizing for somebody at performing rites of *hajj*. This is done in a remarkably generalised way, with no comment on the consequential problems that exercised other scholars, e.g. is it only allowed when *hajj* is the obligatory, first one? Can any one do it on behalf of

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the dead or should it be a relative? Is this *waşiyya* (legacy) to be debited to the whole of the assets?, ... etc.

[86] This standpoint of Jābir is a good example of the juristic rule "necessities permit prohibitions". (See *Muşannaf 'Abd al-Razzāq*, 9:256).

[87] See Ch. I, pp. 19–21. Although Jābir b. Zayd instructed his followers to keep their ties and to communicate with one another, he was very careful on this to the extent that he on some occasions asked some of his friends not to contact him and he ordered them not to mention his name. (See *Rasā'il Jābir b. Zayd*, ms, letters 1, p. 2, and 5, p. 15).

[88] Nikāh al-sirr is a marriage contract without witnesses, as understood from the word sirr, secret, and as indicated in [90] below. This tradition is identically quoted by the early Ibādī author Ibn Khalfūn, Ajwiba, 65. For the differences of views on the same issue, see al-Muwatta', 2:535; Ibn Abī Shayba, al-Muşannaf, 3:495, and al-Umm, 5:22.

[89] See [88] above. (Cf. Ajwibat Ibn Khalfūn, p. 69).

[90] 'Arīf is the head of a tribe or a group of people. (See Lisān al-'arab, 9:238). For the argument, see [88] above. Ibid.

[91] There are many traditions in the book, let alone elsewhere, where Jābir b. Zayd emphasizes the importance of attending Friday prayer, see [S16], [254] and [316] below. (*Cf.* Ch. I, p. 21). In the epistle of Maḥbūb b. al-Ruḥayl to the people of Oman he says, "it is revealed to us that people of 'Umān wrote to Jābir b. Zayd asking him: Should those who do not hear the call (*adhān*) for Friday prayer attend it? Jābir replied to them: if only those who hear its call attend, its attendants will be very little ...". (See Kāshif, *al-Siyar wa al-jawābāt*, 1:288).

[92] See [88], [89] and [90] above.

[93] Although Jābir's great teachers are Ibn 'Abbās and 'Ā'isha, he has a different opinion on the issue of the place at which a widow should stay until the end of her '*idda* (see [78] above). For most of the opinions and traditions regarding this, see *Muşannaf* '*Abd al-Razzāq*, 7:28–35, and Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muşannaf*, 4:155–157.

[94] See [82] above. "... qadīd ..." means salty dried slices of meat (Lisān al-'arab, 3:344, s.v. \tilde{a}).

[95] For definition of *diya* see [14] above. Most Ibādī scholars and the majority of Shāfi'īs are of the same opinion of Jābir b. Zayd. (See al-Kindī, *al-Muşannaf*, 41:153, and *al-Umm*, 6:105, 7:321). But the late Omani scholar

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Khalfān b. Jumayyil strongly argued against it (al-Siyābī, Jalā' al-'amā, p. 206–207). The Hanafīs say that Muslims, Jews, Christians and Zoroastrians are all equal in *diya*. (*Cf.* Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muṣannaf*, 5:406, and al-Jaṣṣāṣ al-Rāzī, *Mukhtaṣar ikhtilāf al-'ulamā'*, 5:155).

[96] This tradition is not consistent with other traditions ascribed to Jābir on the same issue. In his letter addressed to Yazīd b. Yasār, Jābir states that the only permissible way of *muzāra* 'a (a contract of lease of agricultural land) is with specific amount of money. (See *Rasā* 'il Jābir b. Zayd, ms, letter no. 8, p. 22). Ibn al-Mundhir claims there is consensus of the Companions on the permissibility of renting the land by means of gold or silver (money). (See al-Sālimī, *Sharḥ al-jāmi* ' *al-ṣaḥīḥ*, 3:179, and *cf*. Ibn Baraka, *al-Jāmi* ', 2:398).

[97] "... $j\bar{a}$ 'iz 'alā ahlih ...". $J\bar{a}$ 'iz here is not in its common legal use; it means they are accounted for it as we find in al-Qāmus al-muhīt (p. 651, j):

وأجاز رأيه: أنفذه كجوزه ، وأجاز له البيع: أمضاه.

And there is a Prophetic *hadīth* proving the same judgment taken from the tradition mentioned here. (See al-Tirmidhī, *Sunan*, 3:490, and Abū Dāwūd, *Sunan*, 2:259).

[98] Ibn Baraka presents this view of Jābir b. Zayd in a detailed discussion with evidence (see *al-Jāmi*⁶, 2:505-506). There is no agreement on this issue among Muslim scholars of all schools of thought. The Hanafīs for example argue that qisas, retaliation, is entailed between Muslims and the People of the Scripture. (*Cf.* al-Jaṣṣās al-Rāzī, *Mukhtaṣar ikhtilāf al-ʿulamā'*, 5:157). Another point worth looking at in this tradition is the use of the word *mushrik* for Jews and Christians. A quick survey on early Ibādī use of this term indicates that whenever it is used detached from any limitations, i.e. adjectives or adverbs ... etc., it means non-Muslims; otherwise it is according to the context in which it is used. (See Abū Hafs 'Amr b. Jumay', *Muqadimat al-tawhīd wa shurūhuhā* (ed. Ibrāhīm Aṭfayyish), Muscat 1989, p. 107-115).

[99] See [94] above.

[100] See al-Kindī, *al-Muşannaf*, 41:152.

[101] See [37] above, [116] and [E1] below.

[102] Compared to note [52] above, this tradition ascertains the same conclusion, though in another way. First it verifies that an *umm walad* is an *ama* by stating that her master can let her get marry to another. Second it shows that since she is an *ama*, she does not own even the dowry but her master possesses it and as he deserves it during his life it remains as his right even

after his death when an *umm walad* becomes free (see notes [37] above and [E1] below).

[103] Cf. Ibn Baraka, al-Jāmi⁶, 2:246; Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, al-Mudawwana al-kubrā, 2:193–194, and Ibn⁶ Abd al-Barr, al-Tamhīd, 3:136–138.

[104] See notes [55], [57], [80] above, [119], [122] and [124] below.

[105] See [104] above. (Cf. Ibn Baraka, al-Jāmi⁶, 2:257–258).

[106] See [63] above. This is a famous statement of Jābir b. Zayd quoted in many Ibādī and non-Ibādī sources. (See for example, Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi'*, 3:577-578, and *Muşannaf 'Abd al-Razzāq*, 4:481-483).

[107] See the note on [106] above.

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[108] The opinion of Jābir is quoted in Ibn Ja'far, al-Jāmi', 3:578 but without pointing to any other opinion. My searches for passages containing the illegible text at the opinion of the Kufans mentioned here have not yielded any passage that might fit.

[109] "... mudabbar..." is a slave who has been manumitted by $tadb\bar{r}^7$. This standpoint of Jābir about not selling a mudabbar is mentioned in most early Ibādī sources. (See for example, Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, al-Mudawwana al-kubrā, 2:193, and Ibn Ja'far, al-Jāmi', 6:19). However, it is not the only opinion within the Ibādī fiqh. Ibn Baraka for instance mentions two other opinions ascribed to early Ibādīs (see al-Jāmi', 2:245). However, there are many distinguished non-Ibādī scholars who hold the same opinion as Jābir b. Zayd such as Imām Mālik (al-Muwațta', 2:814–815), Shurayh, Sa'īd b. al-Musayyab and Sālim b. 'Abd Allāh. (See Ibn Abī Shayba, al-Muşannaf, 4:325–327).

[110] See [109] above.

[111] For the opinion of Jābir, see Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi*', 3:397; Ibn Baraka *al-Jāmi*', 2:72. For the Kufans, *cf. Muşannaf 'Abd al-Razzāq*, 8:506–507 (16075-77), and Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muşannaf*, 3:71, although he also ascribed the same opinion as Jābir, i.e. a *mudd*, to Ibrāhīm al-Nakha'ī. (See Ibn Abī Shayba, *al-Muşannaf*, 3:72).

[112] Unlike [111] above, here the term used is *fidya* as used in the Quran (2:184) and not *kaffāra*. However, the majority of Ibādī scholars do not follow the opinion of Jābir b. Zayd in this matter. They state that the *fidya* of permissible break of fasting is *nisf* $s\bar{a}$ and not a *mudd*. (See Ibn Baraka, *al*-

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⁷ A manumission which takes effect at the death of the owner, Schacht, J. Introduction.

Jāmi⁶, 1:32; Ibn Ja⁶far, *al-Jāmi⁶*, 3:424; Abū al-Hasan al-Bisyawī, *al-Jāmi⁶*, 2:223).

[113] For the use of the term *fidya* see the comments on [111] and [112] above. In this tradition it is not specified to which action or deed *al-jazā* refers. However, a similar use of the term in Ibn Ja'far suggests that it is regarding the permission in *hajj* for shaving one's head if he is sick or has an ailment of the head (Q: 2:196). (*Cf. Jāmi' Ibn Ja'far*, 3:397).

[114] This tradition is a Prophetic one. (See *Musnad al-Rabī* b. *Habīb*, (*hadīth* no. 331); al-Bukhārī, *al-Ṣaḥīḥ*, 14:112; Muslim, *al-Ṣaḥīḥ*, 981, and Mālik, *al-Muwațța*, 608). All these sources record it with similar but not identical phrases. *Al-sawānī* is the plural of *sāniya*: the camel used for raising water (see *Lisān al-'arab*, 14:404). *Al-dawālī* is the plural of *dāliya*: a tool used for watering made of wood or fronds (see *Lisān al-'arab*, 14:266).

[115] Kariha ..., this verb indicates that Jābir does not forbid the sacrifice of an animal with a cut ear or broken horn. In the book there are other traditions that are of the same line of argument, see the text [282] and [253]. (Cf. Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, al-Mudawwana al-sughrā, 1:130, and id., al-Mudawwana al-kubrā, 1:350; Jāmi' Ibn Ja'far, 3:401-403). There are other Ibādī scholars who state that it is forbidden to sacrifice such an animal. (See Abū al-Hasan al-Bisyawī, al-Jāmi', 2:291, 3:220).

[116] I could not find a parallel statement on the *umm al-walad* (for definition see [37] above) with regard to allowing her to get married to another man, unlike the *ama* (female slave). However, Jābir b. Zayd according to this narration, equates them. For the case with the *ama*, *cf*. 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muşannaf*, 7:241–242. *Idhā naza 'ahā* ... seems to refer to the husband, though the *istibrā*' (waiting period of a female slave after a change of owner) refers to the owner and not to the husband in this case. (*Cf. Rasā 'il Jābir b. Zayd*, ms, letter no.7, p. 21; al-Bisyawī, *al-Jāmi*', 3:32, and 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muşannaf*, 7:229). See note [102] above and [133] below.

[117] Unlike [192] below, there are two different opinions on *qadhf al-ama* (false accusation of unlawful intercourse by a female slave) mentioned in this tradition. The first opinion, not to punish the accuser, has been ascribed to al-Hasan al-Başrī, Ibn Sīrīn, 'Atā' and al-Zuhrī. (See Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, nos. 28245–47, 28249; 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muşannaf*, no. 13805 and Mālik, *al-Muwatta'*, 2:568). The second opinion which differentiates between a known female slave of righteousness and others, although fair and reasonable, seems a very rare view that I could not trace in most *fiqh* and *tafsīr* references. There is a statement attributed to Ibn 'Umar from which it can be perceived that he has a similar opinion. (See 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-*

Muşannaf, 7:439). Yet there is a third opinion ascribed to Ibn 'Umar and 'Umar b. 'Abd al-'Azīz that the accuser should be punished by *hadd* exactly as if he has accused a free woman. (Cf. Ibn Abī Shayba, Muşannaf, nos. 282251, 282254).

[118] From the reply of Jābir b. Zayd, it is not clear what the questioner was asking about, although Jābir's reply is apparently plausible to him. From other narrations in the book, one might infer that the key point here is to reveal the similarity of *al-ama* and *umm al-walad*. See notes [101], [103] above. Since the question of '*itq* (manumission) is raised here among all the narrations related to the matters of *umm al-walad*, the only conjecture is that this is about the '*idda* (waiting-period of a female slave, in this context, after her manumission). (*Cf.* 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 7:233, no. 12935–40, and 9:146).

[119] For the arguments regarding the *iḥṣān* (the consummation of a valid marriage with a free partner), see Mālik, *al-Muwaṭṭa*', 2:787–788; Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muṣannaf*, 4:314–316, and 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 8:397–408.

[E1] Like most scholars, Jābir considers the *umm al-walad* like the *ama* (see [37] and [116] above) and therefore their liability as slaves to *hadd* punishment is less than free males and females. They are punished with half the *hadd* of a free person (Q: 4:25), but because stoning to death cannot be halved, they are not subject to the penalty of being stoned to death (*rajm*). (*Cf.* al-Ṭabarī, *Tafsīr*, 5:24; al-Shāfi'ī, *Aḥkām al-Qur'ān*, 1:307, and al-Qurtubī, *Jāmi' al-bayān*, 5:145). 'Aṭā', on the other hand, says in one narration that even slaves are punished with the *rajm* applicable to free people. (See: 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 7:102).

[E2] Not implementing $li \dot{a}n$ (for definition see the note on [1] above) between a female slave and a free man is ascribed to many second generation authorities like Ibrāhīm al-Nakha'ī, al-Sha'bī, al-Zuhrī, 'Aṭā' and Mujāhid. (See 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 7:127; Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muṣannaf*, 5:509).

[122] As in [119] above, the testimony of the *mukātab* as a witness is dependent on whether one considers him a slave or a freed person. In contrast to Jābir's opinion mentioned here, Ibrāhīm al-Nakha'ī, al-Zuhrī, Hammād and Qatāda do not consider the *mukātab* liable to be a witness in court. (See 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 8:345, 397).

[123] This opinion of Jābir is also quoted in al-Kindī, *Bayān al-shar*, 25:91. Non-Ibādī sources like Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muṣannaf*, 3:69, and 'Abd al-Razzāq,

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al-Muşannaf, 8:446, have ascribed to Jābir a different opinion but identical to question no. [168] below. *Yusammī* in this context simply means to specify his or her *nadhr* (vow).

[124] This is another example of treating the *mukātab* as a free man, see [119] and [122] above. He is entitled to undertake all kinds of transactions and subsequently he will be accounted for and be responsible for his own actions. For the *mukātab* to be punished if he commits what could make him subject to a *hadd* see Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muṣannaf*, 5:492, no. 28290 where according to Ibn 'Abbās he is not liable to *hadd* but to a slave's punishment.

[125] "... waşī ..." is an executor and/or a guardian appointed by testament (Schacht, *Introduction*, 120, 173). Again this is another detail on the *mukātab* based on the juristic principle that the Ibādiyya follow that a *mukātab* is a free person from the time the contract is signed (see [55] above).

[126] See [125] above. (*Cf.* Ibn Baraka, *al-Jāmi*⁶, 2:257–258, Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 4:316–318, and ⁶Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muşannaf*, 8:405– 410).

[127] There is no explanation for rejecting the validity of the wasiyya (see [85] above) of a person for his or her own slave ('abd – male slave – or ama – female slave) except what al-Kindī mentions in his Musannaf, 28:81–82. Note that Jābir's opinion is not the only opinion on this matter, although it seems to be the one approved by the majority. (Cf. 'Abd al-Razzāq, al-Musannaf, 9:90, and Ibn Abī Shayba, Musannaf, 6:222).

[128] See [126] above.

[129] See [126] and [128] above.

[130] Again both opinions mentioned here are based on the same ground of traditions [55], [57], [104], [119], [122], [126] above and [131] and [287] below.

[131] See [130] above.

[132] "... nujūmuh ...", pl. of najm which means in this context instalments (Lisān al-'arab, s.v. $i \leftarrow \neq -i$). (See al-Muwațța', 2:800–802, and Ibn Abī Shayba, Muşannaf, 4:387).

[133] See [37], [52], [102], [116], [118] and [E1] above.

[134] "... mu 'takif ..." is the one who is in a state of i 'tikāf (retreat, especially in a mosque while fasting for devotion). "... $sh\bar{a}khis$...", v. shakhasa means travels from place to another (*Mukhtār al-sihāh*, s.v. ..."). Most scholars from all schools are of the same view ascribed to Jābir here. (*Cf. al-*

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Muwațța', 1:312-317; 'Abd al-Razzāq, al-Muşannaf, 4:356-358, and Ibn Abī Shayba, Muşannaf, 2:335).

[135] See [134] above. "... $uj\bar{v}ba$ 'alayhi ...", I could not find this expression in many authorities of Arabic. There could be a slip of the pen on the verb $uj\bar{v}ba$, for the context and the language of the tradition tend to suggest the form $\bar{u}jiba$ (..., $\bar{u}jiba$ (..., $\bar{u}jiba$ (..., $\bar{u}jiba$ (..., $\bar{u}jiba$ (..., $\bar{u}jiba$ (...), which makes reasonable sense in the context.

[136] The opinion ascribed here to the Kufans is also the opinion of the majority of scholars, Ibādīs and non-Ibādīs, see [15] above. The view of Jābir mentioned here is not considered within the Ibādī school to the extent that it is not quoted or even mentioned. Al-Jīṭālī (d. 570/1174-75) for instance claimed agreement amongst the Ibādīs on this issue and ascribed the opinion of Jābir to al-Ḥasan (see Qawā'id al-Islām, (Muscat, 1992), 2:137, and cf. al-Muwaṭta', 1:345).

[137] See [134] and [135] above. Other scholars of the same opinion are al-Zuhrī, Mujāhid and 'Amr b. Dīnār, whereas 'Alī b. Abī Ṭālib permitted the *mu* 'takif to go out of the mosque and practice selling and buying. (See 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 4:361–362).

[138] For definition of $\bar{\imath}l\bar{a}$ see [31] above. According to Ibādīs if a period of four months passes and the husband keeps his oath, it has the effect of a repudiation without any need to pronounce divorce. This is the opinion of Ibn 'Abbās, 'Uthmān b. 'Affān, Zayd b. Thābit and Ibn Mas'ūd while 'Alī b. Abī Ţālib, Ibn 'Umar, 'Ā'isha, Sa'īd b. al-Musayyab, Ibrāhīm and al-Sha'bī say that it takes its effect only when the husband pronounces divorce. (See Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 4:128, and 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muşannaf*, 4:509; *cf.* Q: 2:226–227).

[139] See [62] above.

[140] Although the readings of this tradition agree, it seems that either some words are not in their correct order or something is missing. This could be inferred by referring to tradition [270] below. However, what could be perceived from both traditions is that the $qam\bar{l}s$ (long sleeved shirt) of the shroud must be under the $iz\bar{a}r$ (loincloth). (Cf. Ibn Ja'far, al-Jāmi', 2:438–439; Ibn Abī Shayba, Muşannaf, 3:17).

[141] See [134], [135] and [137] above.

[142] "Al-hamīl...", from many sources, I summarise the meaning of this term in the following. First he is any one, mostly a prisoner of war, who is taken young from his home land to an Islamic land; or secondly he is any manbūdh

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(thrown away, renounced) who is claimed a relative by another. Finally this term is also used for a baby whose mother was pregnant with him when she was taken as a prisoner and then he was born in an Islamic territory. (See *Lisan al-'arab*, 11:181; Ibn Sallām, *al-Gharīb*, 1:71–72, and *al-Nihāya fī* gharīb al-hadīth, 1:442). Surprisingly this term hamīl although used here in this tradition ascribed to Jābir b. Zayd has not been used in the later Ibādī fiqh works to the best of my knowledge. Yet there seem to be profound arguments on this issue of the inheritance of the hamīl in non-Ibādī references. (*Cf. 'Abd al-Razz*āq, *al-Muşannaf*, 10:299–300, and Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 6:277–279). However Ibādīs do discuss the case of what they agree to call mawlā al-ni 'ma and occasionally *al-laqīt* which are similar to the case of the hamīl mentioned here. (See for example, *Rasā il Jābir b. Zayd*, ms, letter no. 17, p. 43, and al-Kindī, *al-Muşannaf*, 29:284–285, and al-Sālimī *al-'Iqd al-thamīn*, (1st ed.), 3:284). Another similar discussion can also be found where Ibn Baraka talks about the manbūdh, in his *al-Jāmi'*, 2:446–448.

[143] Most Ibādī authorities state that any *hiba* (gift) does not become complete ($t\bar{a}mm$ or $j\bar{a}$ 'iz as in this tradition) except through taking possession as fully as possible. (See Ibn Baraka, *al-Jāmi*', 2:415–418; Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi*', 4:343; al-Kindī, *Bayān al-shar*', 55–56:359, and al-'Awtabī, *al-Diyā*', 14:108). This obviously contradicts the statement ascribed to Jābir in this tradition though the rest of the statement regarding the Kufans is extant in other sources like 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 9:107–109; *al-Umm*, 1:261, 4:110.

[144] "... namāriq ...", pl. of numruqa, a cushion. (See Lisan al-'arab, 10:361). It is clear that the controversy is on using cushions with pictures on them, taṣāwīr. (Cf. Ibn Abī Shayba, Muṣannaf, 5:207–208, and al-Ṭaḥāwī, Sharḥ ma 'ānī al-āthār, (1st ed.), 4:285). Jābir narrates a Prophetic sunna on this issue. (See Musnad al-Rabī 'b. Habīb, 1:114 (no. 274), and cf. the story of 'Ā 'isha with the Prophet in al-Bukhārī, Ṣaḥīḥ, no. 1963).

[145] See [141] above.

[146] See [145] above.

[147] The basis of this question is the Qur'ān (2:228). There are two famous arguments comprehended from this tradition. First the menstrual period in which the woman is divorced is not counted in her '*idda*. This is not only the opinion of Jābir b. Zayd but of the majority of scholars too. (See 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muşannaf*, 6:307–309; Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 4:58; Mālik b. Anas, *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 5:422–423). Second, the statement of Jābir quoted here indicates the Ibādī interpretation of the Qur'ānic term $qur\bar{u}$ ' (Q: 2:228) or $aqr\bar{a}$ ' as in our tradition (both are pl. of qur'). Scholars of different

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Muslim schools hold varying views on this word, some (Ibādīs and Ḥanafīs) say it means menstruation while others (Mālikīs and Shāfī'īs) explain it as the period of purity after menstruation. (See Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, *al-Mudawwana al-sughrā*, 1:229–230; 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muşannaf*, 6:310, and al-Jaṣṣās al-Rāzī, *Mukhtaṣar ikhtilāf al-'ulamā'*, 2:385–386).

[148] This is one of Jābir's famous opinions. He strictly holds the view that the marriage of minors is illegal, and he assumes the marriage of the Prophet to ' \bar{A} 'isha as a special case that cannot be imitated. (See Ibn Baraka, *al-Jāmi*', 2:123–124; Abū al-Hawārī, *al-Jāmi*', 2:62, and al-Kindī, *Bayān al-shar*', 47–48:402). The other opinion, that the father has the right to let his minor daughter get married is the opinion of the majority of scholars. (*Cf.* 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 6:162–164; Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muṣannaf*, 4:17; al-Shaybānī (Muḥammad b. al-Ḥasan), *al-Hujja*, 3:143, and *al-Umm*, 7:155).

[149] See [2], [31] and [37] above. Although this tradition does not specify the *kaffāra* in the case of the *ama*, it is more likely that Jābir b. Zayd uses the phrase "... *kaffārat al-zihār* ..." to indicate that there is no difference in the *kaffāra* even if the wife is an *ama*. (See Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi'*, 6:398). For more details on this argument see 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muşannaf*, 6:441 where 'Atā' says that the *kaffāra* is half of that for a free woman; and al-Sha'bī has not considered the *zihār* from an *ama*. See note [156] below where this opinion is ascribed to the Kufans.

[150] See [148] above. Unlike most Muslim schools of jurisprudence, Ibādīs distinctively state that if the husband touches (i.e. has intercourse with) his wife before he frees himself from his oath, his wife becomes forbidden for him forever. (See Abū Sa'īd al-Kudamī, *al-Jāmi' al-mufīd min aḥkām Abī Sa'īd*, 4:223, and see [31] above.)

[151] This opinion verifies what has been mentioned earlier; see [77] above, with regard to the maintenance of a pregnant widow.

[152] Note that this *nafaqa* (maintenance) mentioned here is different from the maintenance of widows. Here a repudiated woman is entitled to maintenance during her *'idda*. However Jābir seems to put this entitlement, generally speaking, under the condition of the repudiation not being definite "... *hattā yantahiya ilayhā talāquh ...*" (*cf.* Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi'*, 6:272; Abū Sa'īd al-Kudamī, *al-Jāmi' al-mufīd min ahkām Abī Sa'īd*, 4:277–279). Abū Hanīfa gives the repudiated woman the right to claim maintenance (which comprises food, clothing and lodging) regardless of the sort of the repudiation. (See al-Jaṣṣāṣ al-Rāzī, *Mukhtaṣar ikhtilāf al-'ulamā'*, 2:399, and Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muṣannaf*, 4:136–137).

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[153] The readings of the manuscript all agree that the woman concerned is the man's daughter-in-law while all external sources say that it is his motherin-law. However, the judgment in both cases is the same from the Ibādī point of view, based on the statement of Jābir quoted in this tradition. The story of 'Abd al-Malik b. Marwān with the man is repeatedly quoted in Ibādī references. (See for instance, al-Janāwunī, *Kitāb al-nikāḥ*, 31–32; Aṭfayyish, *Sharḥ al-nīl*, 6:37; al-Sālimī *al-'Iqd al-thamīn*, (1st ed.), 4:402). Yet I could not find any trace of this story in non-Ibādī references. For the judgement and different opinions on this matter see Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muṣannaf*, 5:549–551; 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 6:271–273.

[154] Al-ramal is jogging around the Ka'ba. From this opinion of Jābir, it is clear that he does not say that the ramal is an obligation "... lam yara ba'san ... (he did not see any harm ...)". Ibn 'Abbās, Ibn 'Umar and 'Aṭā' are of this opinion. (Cf. Musnad al-Rabī' b. Ḥabīb, 1:168; al-Muwaṭṭa', 1:364; Ibn Abī Shayba, Muṣannaf, 3:277).

[155] See [38] above.

[156] According to the Qur'ān (58:3–4), *zihār* (see note on [2] above) is mainly if the husband declares that his wife is like his mother's back. But jurists from all schools of jurisprudence differ on the case of declaring the wife as untouchable as any of his *muharramāt* (or *mahārim* pl. of *mahram*, relatives within the forbidden degrees) like daughter, sister, aunt ... etc. Jābir's opinion here presents the Ibādī legal view on this issue. (See al-Kindī, *al-Muşannaf*, 38:149–150). It is also the opinion of al-Thawrī, al-Awzā'ī and approved by Hanafīs and Mālikīs. (*Cf.* al-Jaṣṣāṣ al-Rāzī, *Mukhtaṣar ikhtilāf al-'ulamā'*, 2:484, no.1018, and *al-Muwatta'*, 2:560).

[157] See [52] above.

[158] The term *iqrān* is not used about fingers in such contexts as I have found. Instead, sources of *fiqh* and *hadīth* both talk about *tashbīk* (entwining) of fingers during *salāts*. (See 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 2:271, and Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muṣannaf*, 1:420). For details of the minor doings during the performance of prayers and the standpoint of Jābir b. Zayd on such doings, see Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 1:159–163.

[159] It is agreed that a pilgrim has to circumambulate the Ka'ba seven times. Each full circumambulation of seven circuits is called $usb\bar{u}$ '. Jābir b. Zayd preferred for any one wanting to do more than one $usb\bar{u}$ ' to do an odd number of circumambulations. This is the opinion of Ibn 'Umar, 'Atā', Mujāhid and Ibn Sīrīn whereas 'Ā'isha, 'Amr b. Dīnār and Sa'īd b. Jubayr say that generally the more the better and there is no preference for an odd number. (Cf. 'Abd al-Razzāq, al-Muşannaf, 5:499, and Ibn Abī Shayba, Muşannaf, 3:407-408).

[160] "... tawāf ..." is circumambulation consisting of seven circuits. Jābir chooses that after each $usb\bar{u}$ (see [159] above) there should be a prayer of two rak as. (See Ibn Ja far, *al-Jāmi*, 3:293). Opposite to this is the opinion of 'Ā'isha which permits to make all the $usb\bar{u}$'s first and then perform their prayers. (See Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muṣannaf*, 3:347–348).

[161] There is an agreement within the Ibādī school of jurisprudence on this matter based on the view of Jābir b. Zayd which is also ascribed to his great teacher Ibn 'Abbās. (See Ibn Baraka, *al-Jāmi*', 2:277, and al-Kindī, *Bayān alshar*', 55–56:64). Yet there are other opinions on this issue of slaves applying *talāq*, to the extent that Sa'īd b. Jubayr says when somebody told him about Jābir's opinion, "*kadhaba Jābir* ... Jābir lied". (See 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Mu-sannaf*, 7:238–240). A good discussion on this argument is to be found in *al-Umm*, 5:257, and *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 4:183.

[162] For definition of *khul* or *mukhāla* a see the note on [7]. above. Regarding *nafaqa* (maintenance) of woman repudiated by *khul*. (See Ibn Baraka, *al-Jāmi*, 2:191). Ibn Ja far summarises the legal opinion of the Ibādiyya on this issue with a similar statement but he adds an exception of a pregnant woman (*al-Jāmi*, 6:345, and *cf.* Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 6:507-508, and *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 5:474).

[163] For definition of $mafq\bar{u}d$ see [35] above. For details, opinions and evidence of the period the wife of a $mafq\bar{u}d$ should wait, see Ibn Ja'far *al-Jāmi*', 6:408; *al-Muwatta*', 2:575; Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 3:521, and 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muşannaf*, 7:85–89.

[164] See [154] above. Similar statements are attributed to ' \bar{A} 'isha, Ibn 'Umar, Ibn 'Abbās, al-Ḥasan, 'Aṭā' and Ibrāhīm. (See Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muṣannaf*, 3:150–152, and *al-Umm*, 2:211).

[165] See [163] above. *Ibid*.

[166] Again this is a repetition of [165] with more detail about the opinion of the Kufans on the same issue. (*Cf.* al-Jașșāș al-Rāzī (d. 370/980), *Mukhtașar ikhtilāf al-'ulamā'*, of al-Țaḥāwī, 2:329–331).

[167] Although there are detailed discussions on the issue of *ramy al-Jimār* (throwing pebbles at the pillars of Satan) in many sources, the phrase "... *awwalan wa ākhiran* ..." is ambiguous. It could mean the timing of this rite or the way by which it is carried out, or it could even refer to the order of throwing at the three *jamarāt* (pillars of Satan). However, the legal opinion

ascribed here to Jābir b. Zayd is something that *fuqahā* do discuss concerning certain wrong acts and doings with regard to this particular rite. (See for example, Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi*', 3:360–366; *al-Muwațța*', 1:406–408; al-Shaybānī, *al-Mabsūț*, 2:429; Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 3:397, and *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 2:419–422).

[168] Note [123] above.

[169] From the five Qur'ānic quotations in this book, this is the only tradition with a mere $tafs\bar{i}r$, i.e. it is not used to prove another legal case but just showing Jābir's interpretation of the verse. This interpretation of Jābir is quoted in many Ibādī references such as al-Kindī, *Bayān al-shar*', 21:216. For more details see al-Qurtubī, *Tafsīr*, 2:405, and al-Ṭabarī, *Tafsīr*, 2:257, where it is clear that this is the opinion of the majority of Muslim scholars. See also [15] and [136] above.

[170] This tradition is a perfect example of depending on ra'y (opinion) when there is no textual evidence. Ibn Baraka, *al-Jāmi'*, 2:43 ascribes the opinion of Jābir to "*aṣhābinā* ... (our fellows in *madhhab*)" although Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi'*, 3:446 mentions this opinion along with others without stating that it is the opinion of the *madhhab*. The other standpoint however is adopted by the Hanafīs – note that it is ascribed to the Kufans in the book. (See al-Shaybānī, *al-Mabsūț*, 3:181–183, and *cf*. 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 8:450–452, and Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muṣannaf*, 3:93).

[171] Abundant discussion on the legality of consuming cheese is to be found in 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muşannaf*, 4:538–541; Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 5:129–132, and al-Qurțubī; *Tafsīr*, 2:221.

[172] This tradition brings together most of the details that are discussed about *mukātab* in [55], [57], [80], [104], [105], [119], [122], [124], [125], [126], [128], [129] and [130–132]. (See Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 2:193).

[173] See [7] and [162] above. The opinion of Jābir b. Zayd that *khul* ' is cancellation and not repudiation is the opinion ascribed to him, though not approved in Ibādī sources like Ibn Baraka, *al-Jāmi* ', 2:196; Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi* ', 6:345–347. But other non-Ibādī sources ascribed to Jābir the opposite. (See Yaḥyā Muḥammad Bakkūsh, *Fiqh al-imām Jābir b. Zayd* (1986), p. 446).

[174] See [109] and [110] above. Cf. Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, al-Mudawwana al-kubrā, 2:191, and Ibn Baraka, al-Jāmi⁶, 2:243; ⁶Abd al-Razzāq, al-Muṣannaf, 9:138, and al-Mudawwana al-kubrā, 8:306. [175] Although this opinion of Jābir b. Zayd is the opinion of most scholars from all schools of jurisprudence, there is a narration that Jābir himself has limited the allowance of doing *jam* ' prayer to Muzdalifa and 'Arafa (places at Mecca where special rites take place when doing *hajj*). (See al-'Aynī, 'Umdat al-qārī, 7:150).

[176] For definition of *tamattu* ' see [16] above. The question of what are the preferable *nusuk* (*hajj* rituals) is a famous argument amongst *fuqahā* ' from the early time of Islamic legislation. Jābir's opinion is also quoted and ascribed to him in non-Ibādī sources like Ibn Qudāma, *al-Mughnī* (1972), 3:494. (*Cf.* al-Jaṣṣāṣ al-Rāzī, *Mukhtaṣar ikhtilāf al-'ulamā'*, 2:103).

[177] The pilgrim when doing the circumambulation around the Ka ba has to include the *hijr* (for definition of *al-hijr* see [42] above) in his *tawāf* or otherwise his *tawāf* is considered *bāțil* (invalid). (See Ibn Ja far; *al-Jāmi*, 3:292; al-Jīțālī, *Qawā id al-Islām*, 2:155; Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muşannaf*, 5:56; Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 3:252, and *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 2:397).

[178] This opinion of Jābir b. Zayd is the same as many authorities like Ibn 'Abbās, Ibn 'Umar, al-Hasan, Ibrāhīm, al-Sha'bī, Mujāhid and Tāwūs. (See 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 7:121; Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muṣannaf*, 5:508–509, and *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 6:115). On the other hand there is another opinion that directing *qadhf* against children of spouses involved in *li 'ān* (see [1] above) is a *shubha* (doubtful matter). That, according to this view, avoids the applicability of *hadd* (see [26] and [28] above). (*Cf.* al-Kindī; *al-Muṣan-naf*, 40:99).

[179] See references cited on [69] and [73] above.

[180] See [25], [63] and [106] above.

[181] This issue is a point of disagreement from the time of the Companions. Jābir is following Ibn 'Umar's opinion, as did many of his contemporaries such as al-Hasan, Sa'īd b. Jubayr, 'Aṭā' and Ṭāwūs. The other opinion which says that the pilgrim has to do *tawāf* and *sa'y* for each ritual (*hajj* and '*umra*) is ascribed to 'Alī, Ibn Mas'ūd, al-Sha'bī and Hammād. (See Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 3:291–293).

[182] It is noticeable that the terms used in this tradition are precise and decisive: "... fa-waşalahā 'inda dukhūlihi bi-ghulāmin ma'rūfin bi-'aynihi fa wahabahu lahā ..." to indicate that this is a hiba (see [143] above) and not part of the dowry and that it is determined and not mushā' (joint ownership) as there are disagreements between fuqahā' on all these conditions. See references cited on [182] above. (Cf. al-Kindī, al-Muşannaf, 34:48–51.)

[183] See [97] above. Note that there does not seem to be any difference between the opinion ascribed to the Kufans and that of Jābir b. Zayd. They both make the marriage complete if there are witnesses, cf. [89] and [90] above.

[184] This tradition is identical to tradition [96] commented on earlier.

[185] Making footwear of donkey's skin is rarely mentioned in most authorities. However, there is a tradition in *al-Muwațța*', 2:916 that Prophet Moses was wearing shoes made of donkey's skin when he was called by God (O Mūsā (Moses). Verily, I am your Lord! So take off your shoes; you are in the sacred valley, Tuwā) (Q: 20:11-12). (See Ibn 'Abd al-Barr, *al-Tamhīd*, 4:167-169).

[186] See [13] above. The opinion of Jābir is that of Ibn 'Umar, 'Umar b. 'Abd al-'Azīz, 'Aṭā' and Ibrāhīm al-Nakha'ī. (See Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muṣan-naf*, 2:399). Imām Mālik says the opposite according to *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 2:355, and that is why al-Shaybānī ascribes this latter view to *ahl al-Madīna* (*al-Hujja*, 1:524).

[187] "... yasta miru-hā ..." means ask her permission. And note the term mudrika which is emphasized as a reminder of Jābir's standpoint of the illegality of the marriage of minors, see [148] above. (See Schacht, Introduction, 161–162, and Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, al-Mudawwana al-kubrā, 2:15).

[188] See sources cited on [144] above.

[189] This opinion of Jābir is based on what has been explained earlier on traditions [12] and [15].

[190] I could not find a specific statement of Jābir on animals killed by women of *ahl al-kitāb* (Jews and Christians) except what Ibn Ja'far ascribes to him on animals killed by the people of scripture (*al-Jāmi'*, 3:578), which is commonly discussed in most *tafsīr* and *fiqh* references of all Muslim schools of jurisprudence based on the Qur'ān (Q: 5:5). (*Cf. al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 3:67).

[191] Detailed argument on this issue is to be found in Jīṭālī (d.750/1349), Qawa`id al-Islām, 2:104; al-Qaffāl al-Shāshī, *Hilyat al-'ulamā'*, 3:176. Jābir's opinion is also quoted in Ibn Qudāma, *al-Mughnī*, 3:72, and it is perfectly consistent with his opinion mentioned here in tradition [29] above.

[192] See similar argument in [27] and [E2] above. (Cf. 'Abd al-Razzāq, al-Muşannaf, 7:129).

[193] "... kadhdhaba nafsahu ..." by withdrawing his false accusation of unchastity after the li 'ān (see [1] above). The majority of Ibādī scholars approved the same opinion of Jābir b. Zayd mentioned in this tradition. (See Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, al-Mudawwana al-sughrā, 2:276). However, there seems to be another, Ibādī, point of view similar to that ascribed to the Kufans here. (See al-Kindī, al-Muşannaf, 40:107, 110, 121.) This latter opinion is also ascribed to the Hanafīs. (See al-Jaṣṣāṣ al-Rāzī, Mukhtaṣar ikhtilāf al-'ulamā', 2:506 (1051), and al-Shaybānī, al-Mabsūt, 7:54). Mālikīs and Shāfī īs are of the first opinion, al-Shaybānī, op. cit., and Ibn 'Abd al-Barr, al-Tamhīd, 15:38–40. (Cf. Ibn Abī Shayba, Muşannaf, 4:19–21).

[194] See [55], [57] and [68] above.

[195] This tradition is of the same line of arguments commented on earlier on [55], [80], [104], [105], [119], [122], [124], [125], [126], [129] and [130].

[196] The previous traditions on a *mu* 'takif, except [146], talk about his legal status and actions he should avoid, but this tradition discusses the place (a mosque) at which the *mu* 'takif devotes himself. There seems to be something missing from this tradition because all *fuqahā*' agree that *i* 'tikāf may take place in a roofed mosque, and their disagreement is on whether it can take place in an unroofed mosque. So it is difficult to think that Jābir would say that "there is no harm" on an issue of agreement. This is supported by what Ibn Hazm discusses in his *Muhallā*, 5:193. Also most scholars when talking about the places to which the *mu* 'takif is allowed or not allowed to enter do talk about the prohibition of entering roofed homes (not mosques). (See Ibn Ja' far, *al-Jāmi*', 3:553–554 where he quotes one of Jābir's students named Hayyān. See also Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 2:336).

[197] See Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi*', 3:403 for an exact quotation of Jābir's statement. The issue of animals killed by non-Arab Muslims (who cannot say the *dhikr* – mention the name of God – in Arabic) is discussed in many sources. (See for example what is ascribed to Tawus in 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muşannaf*, 4:484).

[198] Eating horses, workhorses and mules is an area of great dispute amongst Muslim scholars. The statement of Jābir described here is relied on in Ibādī *fiqh*. (See for instance Muḥammad b. Ibrāhīm al-Kindī, *Bayān alshar*, 27:139, and Atfayyish, *Sharḥ al-nīl*, 4:431). For detailed discussion on this issue, see 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 4:526–527, and Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muṣannaf*, 5:120–122. To summarise their argument: Abū Ḥanīfa, Mālik and al-Awzā'ī say that horses are forbidden, whereas al-Shāfi'ī and the *ṣāḥibān* of Abū Ḥanīfa (Abū Yūsuf and Muḥammad) say the opposite. (See al-Jaṣṣāṣ al-Rāzī, *Mukhtaṣar ikhtilāf al-'ulamā'*, 3:216). [199] Similar arguments are commented on earlier, see [62] and [139] above.

[200] For the times at which *şalāt al-mayyit* (funeral prayer, see [252] below for details of this prayer) can be performed, see Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 2:485-487; 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muşannaf*, 3:519-524.

[201] See [5], [22] and [44] above. This tradition is the first to contain a phrase that could refer to the transmitter of the book. He says after quoting the opinion of the Kufans "wa huwa qawlunā (it is our saying)". See Chapter IV, pp. 129–131 of this study.

[202] "Ghāba ..." here is used for any missing person (and not in apparently disastrous circumstances) (cf. mafqūd [35] above). Jābir's opinion is referred to in many early Ibādī sources such as Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi*', 4:182 (note the verb نفتتدين is mistakenly written فيدان). The issue of the maintenance of the wife when her husband is missing is thoroughly discussed in many references. (See, for example, Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muṣannaf*, 4:170–172, and *al-Umm*, 5:89, and *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 4:262).

[203] See note [55] above and compare with [72].

[204] Again this presents another branch of the main general principle that the *mukātab* is a free person from the time contract is signed; see references cited earlier for similar arguments ([57], [104], [119], [122], [124], [126], [130], [203] and [287]).

[205] See [204] above. (*Cf.* Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, *al-Mudawwana al*sughrā, 1:379; *al-kubrā*, 2:210).

[206] The term 'amd (deliberate intent) plays a significant role in this tradition; it excludes shibh al-'amd (quasi-deliberate intent) and al-khata' (mistake). The slave is subject to retaliation for homicide or instead the awliyā' (pl. of walī the next of kin who has the right to demand retaliation) may choose blood money. There is no disagreement on the permissibility of these two options, Q: 2:178. The disagreement, however, is on the awliyā' taking over the ownership of the culprit from his or her own master. Jābir, al-Hasan, Qatāda, 'Atā' and al-Sha'bī allow it while Ibrāhīm says that they are not entitled to possess him or her but must either retaliate or choose 'afw (pardon) and take the diya (see [204] above). (See 'Abd al-Razzāq, al-Muṣannaf, 9:483; Ibn Abī Shayba, Muṣannaf, 5:384-385, and Atfayyish, Sharḥ al-nīl, 15:243).

[207] For definition of "*al-mu*'taq 'an dubur" see [109] above. For the argument mentioned in this tradition, see references cited on [174] above.

(Cf. al-Jașșāș al-Rāzī, Mukhtașar ikhtilāf al-'ulamā', 5:207 (2305), and Abū Sa'īd al-Kudamī, al-Jāmi' al-mufīd min ahkām Abī Sa'īd, 5:279).

[208] "Al-'āqila" consists of one's male relatives. They are responsible for the payment of the diya if the homicide is committed by khata' or, according to some, shibh al-'amd. Yet the 'āqila are not responsible if the culprit is a slave (mudabbar, 'abd, umm walad) according to many scholars such as Jābir b. Zayd, Ibrāhīm al-Nakha'ī, 'Aṭā', al-Zuhrī and others. (See Ibn Abī Shayba, Muṣannaf, 5:405; al-Kindī, al-Muṣannaf, 40:182). However, Imām Mālik and Ibn Abī Laylā interpret the tradition that if the culprit is a free person and kills a slave (by khata'). (See al-Muwaṭta', 2:866). "... ta 'qil ... 'alā" the verb 'aqala in this context means to pay the blood money on behalf of the culprit (subject to conditions, some of which are mentioned above) but it has never been used with 'alā. Here is what most references say:

عَقَل القتيل أعطى ديته وعَقَل له دم فلان إذا ترك القَوَد للدية وعَقَلَ عن فلان غَرِم عنه جنايته وذلك إذا لزمته دية فأداها عنه فهذا هو الفرق بين عَقَلَه وعَقَل له وعَقَل عنه وباب الكل ضرب.

(See *Mukhtār al-sihāh*, 1:187; *Lisān al- arab*, 11:460). Yet all readings of the manuscript agree on *alā*. This, if not a slip of the pen on all the copies of the book, is worth more attention and deserves analysis from a linguistic point of view in addition to its legal implications. External sources indicate what has been described at the beginning of this tradition.

[209] Based on the rule mentioned earlier (note [55] above), the Ibādīs, Ibn Abī Laylā and Aḥmad b. Ḥanbal consider a shared slave (joint property) free if one owner manumits his share by means of *mukātaba*. (See Ibn Jaʿfar, *al-Jāmiʿ*, 6:29, and al-Marwazī, Muḥammad b. Naṣr, *Ikhtilāf al-ʿulamāʿ*, 1:229). But most scholars of other Muslim schools consider such an act from one owner without permission from the other illegal. (See al-Shaybānī, *al-Mabsūt*, 3:493, and *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 7:179). The last sentences of this tradition "wa in qabadahā fī ḥayāt ..." does not seem plausible; the verb *qabad*, though all readings of the manuscript agree, makes no sense. The direction of this opinion tends to make the *mukātaba* subject to permission from the other owner. Thus if he or she disapproves it, it is illegal; and if he or she approves the act of his company it becomes complete. This leads me to suggest that the relevant verb required to give this meaning is *qabil* and not *qabad* so the sentence will read: "wa in qabilahā fī ḥayāt ..." becomes complete. This leads me to

[210] See references cited on [209] above.

[211] *Ṣalāt al-safar* (travel prayer) is one of the key issues that differentiate the Ibādīyya as a *madhhab* from other Muslim schools. More details are

given in Ch. IV, pp. 154-156 below. It is true that they all agree that a musāfir (traveller) should shorten the salāt but there is a great controversy on the distance at which he or she starts qasr (shortening) the prayer and for how long a traveller can remain performing qasr prayer. This tradition presents Jābir's, and therefore the Ibādī view on the latter question. It makes no consideration about the period of time involved as long as he or she has not returned to his or her home town. (See Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, al-Mudawwana al-şughrā, 1:77–80; al-Mudawwana al-kubrā, 1:172; al-Muwatla', 1:145; Ibn Abī Shayba, Muşannaf, 2:203-205, and al-Umm, 7:187, and al-Mudawwana al-kubrā, 1:122). A good summary of different views on this issue can be found in al-Jassās al-Rāzī, Mukhtasar ikhtilāf al- 'ulamā', 1:359-360 where it can be easily seen that the Ibādī standpoint is unique amongst living Muslim schools although it has been ascribed to the sunna and some of the Companions. (See Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya, Zād al-ma'ād, (1991), 3:561-565). Also Ibn Taymiyya who is a distinguished Hanbalī scholar, has approved it in his fatwās. (See Majmū' fatāwā shaykh al-Islām Ibn Taymiyya, 24:18, 136-137).

[212] This is the first tradition transmitted through Tamīm b. Huways, for biography of whom see Ennami (ed.), *Ajwibat Ibn Khalfūn*, p. 113–114, and al-Dhahabī, *Tārīkh al-Islām*, 5:50. For the argument see [211] above.

[213], [214] "... yabī'u min ...", this verb used in both traditions means 'to buy' rather than 'to sell' as the verb bā' is of the addād (verbs equally giving two contradictory meanings). (See Lisān al-'arab, 8:23). The two traditions are discussing similar transactions except that the price is paid immediately in the first and is delayed in the latter. These transactions are discussed in detail under the so called al-'īna or bay' al-'īna. (See Schacht, Introduction, 79, 153; al-Muwațta', 2:640–642, 675; 'Abd al-Razzāq, al-Muşannaf, 8:186– 188; Ibn Abī Shayba, Muşannaf, 4:282–284, and al-Mudawwana al-kubrā, 9:89, 131).

[215] See references and sources cited on [55] and [209] above.

[216] With addition to sources cited on [193] above, see Ibn Ja'far, al-Jāmi', 6:58, where there is an opinion ascribed to Dumām (who is of course the transmitter of our book) contradicting Jābir's and actually the majority of Ibādīs' opinion on this issue. (*Cf.* Ibn Baraka, *al*-Jāmi', 2:531).

[217] This issue has been commented on earlier, see [98] above.

[218] See [134], [137], [141] and [196] above.

[219] See references cited on [136] and [189] above.

[220] The basis of this tradition is the same as that of tradition [1] above. See references cited there and on [70], [193] and [216] above. (*Cf.* al-Jașșāș al-Rāzī, *Mukhtașar ikhtilāf al-'ulamā'*, of al-Țaḥāwī, 2:512).

[221] For definition of $\bar{\imath}l\bar{a}$ 'see [31] and [138] above. Regarding the details of the issue of slaves repudiating their wives with $\bar{\imath}l\bar{a}$ ', see al-Kindī, *al-Muṣan-naf*, 38:164; 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 7:283, and Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muṣannaf*, 4:135. *Cf.* the argument discussed earlier on [161] above.

[222] Most Muslim scholars are of the same opinion as that of Jābir mentioned here. The only tradition, regardless of its authenticity, indicating a different opinion is ascribed to Abū al-Mulayh. (*Cf.* Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 2:375, and *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 2:292). However, the Ibādīs' statements are identical to that ascribed here to Jābir b. Zayd. (See, for example, Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, *al-Mudawwana al-sughrā*, 1:151–152).

[223] For definition of *sadaqat al-fitr* see [13] above, and for the argument see references cited on [186] earlier. The opinion of the Kufans mentioned here is ascribed to Abū Hurayra in Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 2:423, and it is explicitly ascribed to Imām Abū Ḥanīfa in Ḥanafī sources like al-Jaṣṣāṣ al-Rāzī, *Mukhtaṣar ikhtilāf al-'ulamā'*, 1:474 (no. 465). Jābir's opinion here does not state how much each owner should pay for their slave: either it is according to their shares, as ascribed to Imāms Mālik and al-Shāfi'ī (*ibid.*) or this does not matter and what matters most is the payment of *şadaqat al-fitr* by any means.

[224] See references and sources cited on [220] above. It is not clear to whom the sentence (wa lā adrī aya talā 'anāni am yujlad, anā ashukku fī dhālika – and I do not know should they take oaths of li 'ān or should he be punished, I have doubt about that) refers. It could be Jābir's being indecisive on this issue, or that a transmitter of the tradition was not certain about the exact statement of Jābir. External sources add no information. Early Ibādī scholars differed on this issue. (See al-Kindī, al-Muşannaf, 40:108–109, and al-Jaṣṣāş al-Rāzī, Mukhtaṣar ikhtilāf al-'ulamā', 2:514).

[225] See references cited on [77] and [151] above.

[226] "... yaţrahu ... 'an" means to take off his garment and "yatawashshahu bihi" means to put it around his shoulder and his waist. There is disagreement on doing so for a muhrim. For opinions of scholars and evidence, see Ibn Abī Shayba, Muşannaf, 3:441; al-Umm, 2:150, and al-Mudawwana al-kubrā, 2:461.

[227] Scholars have discussed the conditions of a mosque in which $i'tik\bar{a}f$ can take place (see [134] above). Some scholars specify the three sacred mosques

al-masjid al-harām of Mecca, al-masjid al-nabawī of Madīna and al-masjid al-aqşā of Jerusalem; others extend it to all mosques where Friday prayer is performed; while the majority, like Jābir b. Zayd, allow it to be performed in all mosques. (See for details al-Muwațta', 1:313; Ibn Abī Shayba, Muşannaf, 2:337; al-Shaybānī, al-Mabsūț, 2:269–270, and al-Umm, 2:205).

[228] This tradition is a very strange one, because it contradicts a Prophetic hadith transmitted by Jabir b. Zayd on the prohibition of wearing a qamis (shirt) for the muhrim (Musnad al-Rabī ' b. Habīb, 104, no. 406) and by Nāfi ' on the authority of Ibn 'Umar (al-Muwatta', 1:324; Şahīh al-Bukhārī, 2:559; Sahīh Muslim, 2:835). The early twentieth century Ibādī scholar al-Sālimī quotes 'Iyād (probably al-Qādī) claiming consensus on this prohibition. (See Sharh al-jāmi' al-şahīh, 2:182). The situation with qabā' is less strange, because there is a disagreement on the *muhrim* putting on the $qab\bar{a}$ '. Yet for us to understand what different opinions there are and why it is an issue of controversy, we need to understand what the $qab\bar{a}$ really is. Arabic dictionaries do not provide much information about it; they talk about something seems to be well known at that time to the extent that we find in Mukhtār al-sihāh, p. 218: "al-qabā', alladhī yulbas – is what is worn"), the same 'explanation' is in Lisān al-'arab, 5:72. Of course this does not help us much to determine exactly what are they talking about although theoretically it could be useful to refer to sources that discuss this issue like Ibn Abī Shayba, Muşannaf, 3:449; al-Kindī, al-Muşannaf, 8:136-137; al-Shaybānī, al-Mabsūt, 2:480, and al-Umm, 2:150.

[229] For the opinions of Ibādī scholars and their implementations of Jābir's view, see Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi'*, 6:251–252, and al-Kindī, *al-Muşannaf*, 33:90–93. For more details of the standpoints of other Muslim schools, see al-Jaṣṣāṣ al-Rāzī, *Mukhtaṣar ikhtilāf al-'ulamā'*, 2:335–338 (no. 831), and *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 4:235–236.

[230] Along with references cited on [52] above, see al-Kindī, Bayān alshar', 45-46:266; Ibn Ja'far, al-Jāmi', 6:12-13, al-Qurtubī, Tafsīr, 5:6. "Shiqşan ...". A shiqş is a share of something (Lisān al-'arab, 7:48). From these sources it seems that there is an agreement that a mother becomes free if owned (or partly owned) by her child. (Cf. 'Abd al-Razzāq, al-Muşannaf, 9:183, and Ibn Abī Shayba, Muşannaf, 4:276-277). The disagreement however is on other mahrams (see [156] above).

[231] See [1] and [224] above.

[232] $Li \, \bar{a}n$ (see note on [1] above) can also be a process of contesting the paternity of a child, but only if the father has never admitted it even for a moment. If he does, so the child is his, and he cannot use $li \, \bar{a}n$ for this

purpose according to many scholars like 'Umar, 'Alī, Jābir b. Zayd, al-Ḥasan, al-Sha'bī, Ibrāhīm and Ḥammād, and unlike Mujāhid who says the opposite. (See Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muṣannaf*, 4:39–40; *al-Umm*, 5:296, and al-Jaṣṣāṣ al-Rāzī, *Mukhtaṣar ikhtilāf al-'ulamā'*, 2:511–512).

[233] This is so because the $li \, \bar{a}n$ was not to negate his paternity of the child (see comment and references cited on [232] above). (*Cf.* al-Kindī, *al-Muşannaf*, 40:116–118).

[234] See references cited on [221] above. Most scholars, however, do not state explicitly that an 'abd cannot take all the options of the kaffāra of zihār (see [2] above). Their statements are all about fasting. (See for instance al-Muwatta', 2:561, and al-Mudawwana al-kubrā, 6:59, where a statement ascribed to Ibn Sīrīn is identical to that of Jābir mentioned here).

[235] "Nathra ..." is the steamy discharge from the nose. This issue is rarely discussed amongst $fuqah\bar{a}$ and I could not find any trace of a similar or parallel tradition or opinion. They do, however discuss the saliva of animals, their perspiration and the su'r ([41] above) of animals. (Cf. Ibn Abī Shayba, Muşannaf, 1:131).

[236] The right of women to act as witnesses has always been an issue of dispute between Muslim schools of law. The Ibādīs, based on Jābir's standpoint, accept the evidence of women as valid concerning matters of which women have a special knowledge (such as birth, *radā*', see [49] above, virginity, etc.) and concerning matters of penal law (punishments and retaliation) except adultery. (See Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, *al-Mudawwana alkubrā*, 2:230, and Ibn Ja'far; *al-Jāmi*', 4:21). The other opinion ascribed here to the Kufans is actually that of the Hanafīs. (See al-Jaṣṣāṣ al-Rāzī, *Mukhtaṣar ikhtilāf al-'ulamā*', 3:345). It is also ascribed to al-Hasan, Ibrāhīm, Hammād and others. (See Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muṣannaf*, 5:533). There are other significant views on this matter. (*Cf. al-Umm*, 7:84–88; *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 6:44–46, and 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 8:330–333).

[237] This tradition is the first to be transmitted on the authority of $Ab\bar{u}$ 'Ubayda Muslim b. Abī Karīma, and it is one of two traditions in the book on which the older student and essential transmitter of Jābir b. Zayd in this book, Dumām, is reporting a younger, though not less significant figure, Muslim b. Abī Karīma. For the question itself, see sources cited on [39] and [40] above.

[238] "*Nabīdh al-jarr*" is an alcoholic drink prepared in clay jars sealed with pitch. The question of this kind of drink seems to have been very problematic, either because it is not clear what is really meant by this and similar drink, or there are other traditions that allow it. One can even infer this from

the insistence of the questioner and his repetition of the question about this drink and equally from the reply of Jābir to the man where it is the first and the only place in our book he uses the term $har\bar{a}m$ (forbidden). There is an interesting story quoted in al-Kindī, *Bayān al-shar*', 27:188:

روى لنا محمد بن محبوب عن أبي صفرة عن والده محبوب __رحمه الله _ أن جابر بن زيد دخل على رجل من المسلمين يقال له أبو فقاس⁸، فقدّم إليه النبيذ، فقال أبو الشعثاء: باعد عنا هذا النبيذ. فقال له: ما أنكرت منه يا أبا الشعثاء فقد كنت تشربه عندي؟ فقال: أر أه شديد السواد، ولا أرى الذباب يعيف عليه. فقال: أما شدة السواد فإني كنت أعصره ولا أطبخه ثم إني طبخته فصار في السقاء أسود، فقال: وأما الذباب فذلك حين أرخيت الستر فوقع الذباب على النبيذ. فقال جابر: هات الآن، فأعطاه، فقال: ما زاده الطبيخ إلا خيرا، وشرب منه جابر.

(See al-Fadl b. al-Hawārī, *al-Jāmi*, 3:227; 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muşannaf*, 9:202–205; Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 5:85–88; *al-Umm*, 6:179, and Ibn 'Abd al-Barr, *al-Tamhīd*, 3:226–227).

[239] This tradition affirms the high status of scholarship and Islamic knowledge Jābir achieved in the society at that time. People knew him for that and did raise questions in different subjects to him as the case in this tradition we have. The *masjid al-jāmi* 'grand mosque' is probably at Basra, where both Jābir and Abū Nūh spent most of their lives although neither the text nor external sources provide information about this mosque. The question itself might sound a normal one, but actually it is not. There is a controversy on the meaning of the verse Q: 33:55 Jābir quoted to the questioner. The verse reads (It is no sin on them (Prophet's wives) if they appear before their fathers, or their sons, or their brothers ... etc). It says nothing about how to appear before those mentioned in this verse. Jābir's opinion is that it means to appear unveiled. (See al-Tabarī, *Tafsīr*, 22:41–42).

[240] This is the opinion of the majority of Muslim scholars. Some however, have distinguished between revocable repudiation and definite repudiation. (See 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muşannaf*, 6:211–212; Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 3:525, and Muḥammad b. Naṣr al-Marwazī, *Ikhtilāf al-'ulamā'*, (2nd ed., 1986), 1:135).

⁸ Abū Fiqās al-Aswad b. Qays, a friend of Jābir b. Zayd used to accompany him to *hajj* (*cf.* al-Shammākhī, *al-Siyar*, 1:89).

[241] The same opinion is ascribed to Ibn Mas'ūd, Ibn 'Umar and 'Alī, whereas the permission is recognised by 'Uthmān, Mu'āwiya and by Muhammad b. al-Ḥanafiyya. (See Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 3:482).

[242] Jābir here insists on a principle thoroughly described by many scholars as a fundamental rule in Islamic law of contract. The object of the contract, in particular, must be explicit (ma'lūm, 'known'), especially as regards objects which can be measured or weighed (Schacht, Introduction, 147). (Cf. Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, al-Mudawwana al-kubrā, 2:116, 118; 'Abd al-Razzāq, al-Muşannaf, 8:40, 131; Ibn Abī Shayba, Muşannaf, 4:275, 528; al-Shaybānī, Muḥammad b. al-Ḥasan, al-Ḥujja, 2:696, and for an opposite view see al-Muwaṭṭa', 2:675, and al-Mudawwana al-kubrā, 9:136).

[243] This tradition although dealing with a very normal issue, presents another good example of the authority of Jābir b. Zayd among his followers and their eagerness to consult him in all matters. See Ch. IV, p. 157–159.

[244] Salaf or salam is a contract of delivery with prepayment, see Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, al-Mudawwana al-kubrā, 2:120–122 where he states that this view of Jābir is also that of Ibn 'Abbās, although al-Rabī', Jābir's student, does not approve of this view. (Cf. Ibn Abī Shayba, Muṣannaf, 4:269, and al-Mudawwana al-kubrā, 9:39).

[245] This opinion of Jābir is quoted by al-Sālimī, *Ma'ārij al-āmāl*, 11:131 as a proof that *takbīr* is not obligatory at *ayyām al-tashrīq* (eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth of *Dhū al-hijja*). For more details see *al-Muwațța'*, 1:404; Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 2:7.

[246] "Al-muzāyada" is rarely used in such context. What the fuqahā do discuss is the interpretation of Q: 2:197 (... so whosoever intends to perform hajj (by assuming *ihrām*) should abandon rafath (sexual relations with his wife), fusūq (sin) and jidāl (unjust dispute) during the hajj ...). Also in other sources that describe Jābir's character and manners we find that "he used not to dispute or argue on three occasions: on the fee for transport to Mecca, on buying a slave for manumission and on the animal for sacrifice" (see Abū Nu'aym, Hilyat al-awliyā', 3:85).

[247] See references cited on [82], [83] and [99] above.

[248] See analysis of this tradition in Ch. I, p. 17–18 of this study.

[249] "... ma 'aka ..." is to rub down (*Mukhtār al-sihāh*, 1:262). For different views on the impurity of lice if killed or rubbed down, see Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi*', 1:300, 404, 5:354; 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 1:449; *al-Umm*, 1:5, and Ibn 'Abd al-Barr, *al-Tamhīd*, 1:338.

[250] This issue is one of the real controversial issues in Islamic penal law. The lbādīs, or at least most of them, recognise Jābir's opinion that it is the intention which counts in a crime of homicide, not the tool used, unless there is a claim from the culprit that he has no intention to commit homicide. (See Abū Sa'īd al-Kudamī, *al-Jāmi' al-mufīd min ahkām Abī Sa'īd*, 5:298). Identical statements to that ascribed here to the Kufans are also reported from Ibrāhīm, al-Hasan and al-Sha'bī. (See Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muṣannaf*, 5:432, and al-Jaṣṣāṣ al-Rāzī, *Mukhtaṣar ikhtilāf al-'ulamā'*, 5:85–91).

[251] From the tradition itself, it is obvious that there is a disagreement between scholars within one school, let alone of different schools. Ibādī sources for instance record a different opinion of Jābir on this matter from the one ascribed to him here. It is the view that older relatives can testify for their offspring but not for their favour in matters involving money. (See Ibn Ja'far, al-Jāmi', 4:34–35). Note that the opinion ascribed to Hayyān (Ch. IV, p. 145 for biography) here is actually the view of Imām Mālik (*al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 13:155–156).

[252] Early Ibādī sources quote this description of funeral prayer. (See for example, Abū Sa'īd al-Kudamī, *al-Jāmi' al-mufīd min aḥkām Abī Sa'īd*, 1:286; Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi'*, 2:455. *Cf*. 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 3:486–490, and Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muṣannaf*, 2:488–490).

[253] See for similar argument sources cited on [110] above. This story is extant in Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi'*, 3:403 with minor changes. Hayyān al-'Āmirī is written "al-Ghāfirī" and instead of "al-Ṣibākh" it reads "al-Siyāh". (For Hayyān, see Ibn Hajar, *Tahdhīb al-tahdhīb*, (1st ed., 1984), 3:60, 9:153, and Yāqūt al-Hamawī, *Mu'jam al-buldān*, 2:187). Neither reference provides information regarding his family name. If we turn to Ibādī sources, again not much is available. Al-Shammākhī mentions in a list of unknown transmitters of Jābir that al-Rabī' depends on a man named Hassān al-'Āmirī (*al-Siyar*, 1:111). "Al-Ṣibākh" appears to be for al-Sibākh, which is a name of a place or a market in Basra at that time according to *al-Qamūs al-muhīț*, p. 323 (under <u>under</u>).

[254] There are abundant traditions and records that Jābir b. Zayd was very keen always to attend Friday prayer even with those whom he considered as corrupt and unjust governors. This is obvious in this tradition from the reaction of the questioner, Dumām, when he asked him with embarrassment "a-khalfa al-Ḥajjāj?". Jābir's persistence on attending Friday prayer and his encouragement to his followers and colleagues is observed from its tactical aims by most writers. (See for example, Rasā'il Jābir b. Zayd, ms, letter no.3 (addressed to Ṭarīf b. Khulayd), p. 9; Kāshif, al-Siyar wa al-jawābāt – Sīrat

Mahbūb b. al-Ruhayl ilā ahl Hadramawt, 1:291-292, 309, 2:139; Ibn Ja'far, al-Jāmi', 2:305, 396, 401, 406, and al-Kindī, Bayān al-shar', 15:71).

[255] The question of paying *zakāt* out of properties owned by minors has long been an issue of investigation. Jābir is quoted in many references, Ibādī and Sunnī, saying that *zakāt* must be taken from minors. (See for example Abū 'Ubayda Muslim b. Abī Karīma, *Risāla fī al-zakāt*, p. 24; al-Kindī, *Bayān al-shar*', 17:69, and Ibn Qudāma, *al-Mughnī*, 2:493). This is the opinion of 'Umar, 'Alī, 'Ā'isha, Ibn Sīrīn, 'Aṭā', Mujāhid, Mālik and al-Shāfi'ī; whereas the opinion ascribed here to the Kufans is approved by al-Ḥasan al-Baṣrī, Ibrāhīm, Sa'īd b. al-Musayyab and the Ḥanafīs. (See Bakkūsh, *Fiqh al-imām Jābir b. Zayd*, p. 264).

[256] This tradition is another example of al-Rabī' transmitting from a younger contemporary of his, Abū al-Ruḥayl Maḥbūb b. al-Ruḥayl (see Ch. IV, p. 140). The issue discussed here is a normal one discussed in most fiqh sources of all schools. (Cf. al-Shaybānī, al-Mabsūt, 2:434-435; al-Mudawwana al-kubrā, 2:354, and Atfayyish, Sharḥ al-nīl, 4:214). The story is also recorded in Ibn Ja'far, al-Jāmi', 3:404.

[257] This tradition makes clear that Abū al-Ruḥayl is Maḥbūb b. al-Ruḥayl who is better known as Abū Sufyān rather than Abū al-Ruḥayl. He was the stepson of al-Rabī' b. Ḥabīb, and his father was living at the time of Jābir b. Zayd. (See al-Darjīnī, *Ṭabaqāt al-mashāyikh*, 263–273; al-Shammākhī, *al-Siyar*, 117–119). For the tradition, see its implementation in Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi*', 3:167–168, and note that Ibn Ja'far mentions two narrations of the story, the first transmitted by Abū Sufyān and the second by his son Muḥammad b. Maḥbūb who ascribed the story to his great-grandmother. (*Cf.* al-'Awtabī, *al-Diyā*', 6:337, and al-Kindī, *Bayān al-shar*', 20:168–174).

[258] This is the first tradition transmitted through 'Amāra b. Hayyān (see Ch. IV, p. 142 of this study). Wāsit is the town in Iraq ($al-Q\bar{a}m\bar{u}s \ al-muh\bar{l}t$, s.v.), halfway between Basra and Kufa built by al-Hajjāj between the years 75/694 and 78/697. (See al-Wāsitī, Aslam (d.292/905), $T\bar{a}r\bar{l}kh \ W\bar{a}sit$, (1st ed., 1986), 1:38–39). Regarding the performance of prayer on boats and ships, see Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, $al-Mudawwana \ al-kubr\bar{a}$, 1:185–186; al-Kindī, $Bayān \ al-shar$ ', 14:215–216; 'Abd al-Razzāq, al-Muṣannaf, 2:580–583, and Ibn Abī Shayba, Musannaf, 2:68–70.

[259] This tradition, apart from its *fiqh* opinion, is one of the few that describes Jābir's late life. From the description given by 'Amāra, who was an orphan brought up at Jābir's house, worked with him and accompanied him in his travels (al-Darjīnī, *Țabaqāt al-mashāyikh*, 2:212) we know that Jābir reached an old age during which he was not able to perform some of his

prayers in the normal way. For "... muḥtabiyan ..." see Lisan al-ʿarab, 14:160-161 (under \leftarrow). For performing salāt in the way ascribed here to Jābir, see al-Kindī, Bayān al-sharʿ, 15:232.

[260] This issue is related to the question discussed earlier; see references cited on [211] above.

[261] This tradition, along with the next one, deals with the issue of *kharāj* (land-tax). Some scholars say that *kharāj* remains a charge on the land, even if its owner adopts Islam (as the case in this tradition) or it otherwise becomes the property of a Muslim (see [262] below). Jābir b. Zayd in particular and the Ibādīs in general disapprove of this opinion and state that there is only one tax from a land depending on its owner (a Muslim or non-Muslim). For details of opinions and evidence, see Abū Yūsuf (al-Qādī), *Kitāb al-kharāj*, 59–61; Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 2:418–419, and Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, *al-Mudawwana al-şughrā*, 2:264.

[262] See comment and references cited on [261] above. And note that the expression "... *şallā* ... *muşalliya* ..." is used to indicate that he or she adopts Islam. Here al-Rabī' reports that 'Umar b. 'Abd al-'Azīz ordered his governors not to impose the *kharāj* on a Muslim who has "*ard kharājiyya*" tax paid lands. This is also ascribed to him in *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 2:283 whereas some sources ascribed to him the contrary. (See 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muşannaf*, 6:101, 10:335; Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 2:419, 6:436, and *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 2:346). It could be that 'Umar had had two opinions and each transmitter reported one.

[263] This tradition is the only one in the book that deals with more than one issue. For the first issue, see sources cited on [71] above and the second has also been commented on, in [10] above. For the last part regarding the *muhrim*, the same opinion is adopted by the Hanafīs (al-Shaybānī, *al-Mabsūt*, 2:432) while the Shāfi'īs say that it is alright for a *muhrim* to cut the hair or clip the nails of a non-*muhrim* (*al-Umm*, 2:206.) Imām Mālik on the other hand differentiates between cutting the hair and clipping the nails; the latter, unlike the first, is allowed (*al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 2:428.)

[264] For biography of 'Abbās b. al-Hārith see Ch. IV, p. 138. This opinion is also ascribed to Jābir b. Zayd in non-Ibādī sources, such as Abū 'Ubayd al-Qāsim b. Sallām, *al-Amwāl*, 431, and Ibn Qudāma, *al-Mughnī*, 2:638–642. (*Cf.* Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 2:389). The opinion ascribed here to the Kufans is also that by Ibn 'Abbās and 'Alī b. Abī Ṭālib. (See Abū 'Ubayd al-Qāsim b. Sallām, *al-Amwāl*, 430, and Ibn Khalfūn, *Ajwibat*, 61–63). [265] For biography of al-Walīd b. Yaḥyā see Ch. IV, p. 150 of this study. Similar forms of ta'līq al-țalāq (conditional repudiation) are discussed in most early references such as Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, al-Mudawwana alkubrā, 1:287–290; Ibn Ja'far, al-Jāmi', 6:314–316; Ibn Abī Shayba, Muşannaf, 4:174; al-Mudawwana al-kubrā, 6:8, 92.

[266] Cf. al-Kindī, Bayān al-shar', 61-62:100; Aţfayyish, Sharḥ al-nīl, 12:380; Ibn Qudāma, al-Mughnī, 6:418, and note that most scholars are in favour of approving such a will. (See Ibn Abī Shayba, Muşannaf, 6:213-215; Ibn 'Abd al-Barr, al-Tamhīd, 13:300-301).

[267] See references cited on [255] above. Note that this tradition uses the term *sadaqa* instead of *zakāt* (used so frequently in this book) although it is the term used in the Qur'ān (9:60, 103).

[268] If a pilgrim mistakenly recites the *talbiya* of the '*umra* instead of that of the *hajj*, his intention matters most and his merit is for what he intends not what he pronounces by mistake, a rule that includes many detailed issues. (See Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi'*, 3:306). Some scholars claim consensus on this rule. (See Ibn Qudāma, *al-Mughnī*, 3:126, and *al-Umm*, 2:155). But I could not find the other opinion ascribed to the Kufans here.

[269] On this particular issue Jābir narrated a Prophetic tradition, *Musnad al-Rabī* ' *b.* $Hab\bar{i}b$, 1:164. (*Cf.* Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 3:303). The other view is ascribed to Ibn 'Umar and adopted by the Hanafīs. (See al-Shaybānī, *al-Hujja*, 1:351).

[270] See references cited on [140] above.

[271] This tradition has been commonly quoted by Ibādī sources. (See for example, al-Kindī, *Bayān al-shar*, 14:15; al-'Awtabī, *al-Diyā*, 5:121, and al-Shammākhī, *al-Idāḥ*, 1:691, and *cf*. 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 3:27, and Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muṣannaf*, 2:90; al-Shaybānī, *al-Ḥujja*, 1:90, and Ibn 'Abd al-Barr, *al-Tamhīd*, 13:249–251).

[272] For definition of *qadhf*, see note on [1] and [26] above. If false accusations are directed to a group of people, the times of applicability of *hadd* is an issue of disagreement. For details see *al-Muwațța*', 2:829; 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muşannaf*, 7:432–434, and Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 5:482–484; Ibn Qudāma, *al-Mughnī*, 9:88.

[273] This is the first source to mention this story, though it has been quoted later in other sources such as al-Darjīnī, *Tabaqāt al-mashāyikh*, 2:208; al-Shammākhī, *al-Siyar*, 1:70, and al-Janāwunī, *Kitāb al-nikāḥ*, 153. Jābir's reply to the women is a good example of using the Qur'ān as a proof for his

opinions about getting married to an *ama* (female slave), which is an area of much detailed argument. (*Cf.* al-Jașșāș, *Aḥkām al-Qur'ān*, 2:158, 5:138; *al-Muwațța'*, 2:536; 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muşannaf*, 7:263, and Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 3:466).

[274] See references cited on [227] above.

[275] Accepting gifts from unjust rulers and corrupt governors is a policy Jābir followed to keep relations with them and to avoid any doubts about the opposition of his community. Ibādī references provide various examples of implementing this policy. (See al-Kindī, *al-Muṣannaf*, 10:291–292, and al-Warjlānī, *al-Dalīl wa-l-burhān*, 3:57). For other scholars following a similar line with corrupt authorities, see also Ibn 'Abd al-Barr, *al-Tamhīd*, 4:117–119.

[276] On the issue of *zihār* (see [2], [37], [111], [149] and [150] above) from more than one wife either in one occasion or separately, Jābir adopted an opinion ascribed to 'Umar b. al-Khaṭṭāb and approved by most scholars except the Ḥanafīs. (See al-Kindī, *al-Muṣannaf*, 38:161; 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 6:438-439; al-Shaybānī, *al-Mabsūț*, 2:221, and *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 6:54).

[277] For al-Dahhāk b. Muzāhim see al-Dhahabī, Siyar a'lām al-nubalā', 4:598–600. For the applicability of *hadd* punishments to slaves (males, females *ama* and *umm walad*) see discussion on [E1] above.

[278] This incident shows part of the structural bases, both social and political, Jābir was establishing within his followers. In his correspondence to some of his colleagues and disciples, he asked them to write to him on all matters regarding their *da'wa* (movement propaganda) and events in the society in general. (See *Rasā'il Jābir b. Zayd*, ms, Ennami (ed.), letters: no. 2 addressed to 'Uthmān b. Yasār, p. 5; no. 3 addressed to Țarīf b. Khulayd, p. 9; no. 4 addressed to Ghițrīf b. 'Abd al-Raḥmān, p. 12.) Thus it is not strange that he named the man carrying a letter to him and keeping it "for days" as unworthy of trust. This source seems to be the only one to mention this story as far as I could find.

[279] In addition to references cited on [244] above, see 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muşannaf*, 8:23–25; Ibn Qudāma; *al-Mughnī*, 4:187, and Ibn 'Abd al-Barr, *al-Tamhīd*, 4:65.

[280] All this dialogue and the resulting legal opinions are also extant in Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, *al-Mudawwana al-sughrā*, 1:283; 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Musannaf*, 6:375; Ibn Abī Shayba, *Musannaf*, 4:69–70. [281] Most Ibādī scholars follow this opinion of Jābir b. Zayd mentioned here. (See al-Kindī, *al-Muşannaf*, 40:89). *Cf.* references cited on [272] above although we cannot generalize from the judgements stated there. For example, there are differences about whether a phrase is *qadhf* or not; e.g. Ibn Qudāma differentiates between " $y\bar{a}$ bna *al-zāniyayn* – O son of adulterers" and " $y\bar{a}$ bna *al-zānī* wa *al-zāniya* – O son of adulterer and adulteress". (See *al-Mughnī*, 9:89, and *al-Umm*, 7:153–154 respectively).

[282] There are long discussions on the conditions of the animal sufficient for *dahiyya* (sacrifice), as there are certain *'uyūb* 'defects' which render the animal inadmissible, based on a Prophetic *hadīth* found in *al-Muwațța*', 2:482. (*Cf.* Ibn Baraka, *al-Jāmi*', 2:59; Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi*', 3:404; 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 7:347–350; Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muṣannaf*, 2:369–371). "... *al-'adba*" is a cleft-eared animal, "*al-musta'ṣala min dhanabihā* ..." an animal with its tail cut off, "... *al-mutaṣarrimat azlāfuhā* ..." animal with a cleft in its hoof, "...'*arjā*'.." lame animal. (See *Lisān al-'arab*, under *'iəu'*).

[283] See references cited on [264] above.

[284] This tradition contradicts what has been ascribed to Jābir b. Zayd earlier in this book (see [12], [181] and [189] above), but it verifies the opinion ascribed to Jābir in many non-Ibādī sources such as al-Qurţubī, *Tafsīr*, 2:386–387; al-Nawawī, *Sharḥ Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim*, 8:163; Ibn Qudāma, *al-Mughnī*, 3:494 that the *qārin* has to perform two *tawāfs* and two *sa'ys*. This is also the opinion of Abū Hanīfa, al-Thawrī, al-Awzā'ī, Ibn Abī Laylā and is ascribed to 'Alī and Ibn Mas'ūd. To harmonize the two contradictory opinions, I would suggest that Jābir recommends performing one *tawāf* only for those who are late and cannot do two *tawāfs* and two *sa'ys* as in the case of the man who asked him in tradition [12] above; otherwise he recommends the pilgrim, whether *mutamatti* ' or *qārin*, to perform two *tawāfs* and two *sa'ys*.

[285] This issue of a man being asked if he is married or not and his false reply that he is not married is not considered repudiation by many scholars like Jābir, such as al-Hasan, al-A'mash and ascribed to 'Umar. (See Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muṣannaf*, 4:110–111; *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 5:401–403, and Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, *al-Mudawwana al-ṣughrā*, 1:282).

[286] Although all readings of the manuscript agree on the name of Ka'b b. Siwār, most references give his name as Ka'b b. Sūr (not Siwār) who was a $q\bar{a}d\bar{i}$ in Basra from the time of 'Umar b. al-Khaṭṭāb until he was killed in the Battle of *al-Jamal*. These sources confirm what is ascribed to him here. They all describe his role at the *fitna* of *al-Jamal* and that he used to walk between the two front lines of both armies and warned them of the consequences of

the war, hanging the *muṣhaf* around his chest. (See Ibn Ḥibbān, *Mashāhīr* 'ulamā' al-amṣār, 1:101; al-Thiqāt, 5:333; Ibn Ḥajar, Tahdhīb al-kamāl, 13:420–422, Ibn 'Abd al-Barr, al-Istī 'āb, 3:1318–1320). Who narrated this tradition back to Ka'b remains unsolved as the name mentioned in the manuscripts is illegible and external sources do not provide anything that helps in solving this problem. See Ch. I, p. 20 of this study. Note that the last sentence of this tradition could read: وإن شرره يناك وسقمه to give a plausible meaning.

[287] Amongst all the traditions related to *mukātaba* in the book ([55], [57], [104], [119], [122], [124], [126], [130]), this tradition does not give a standing meaning. And no other source provides information on such an issue which discusses in one pattern *mukātaba*, *hajj* and *kirā*' (hiring or leasing).

[288] This tradition is the only to discuss the issue of *nikāh al-mut'a* (temporary marriage). Although the Ibādīs stand with the Sunnīs on the prohibition of this kind of marriage, there seem to be some traditions (regardless of their authenticity as it is beyond our purpose in these notes) approving the opinion of its legality and validity, which is adopted by most Shī'īs, though not the Zaydīs. Abū al-Hawārī for example ascribes this opinion to some distinguished Ibādī scholars such as Abū Şufra,⁹ Muḥammad b. Maḥbūb and Abū al-Hasan (probably al-Bisyawī). (See Muḥammad b. al-Hawārī, *Jāmi' Abī al-Hawārī*, 3:135, and al-Kindī, *al-Muṣannaf*, 33:6–7). For details of opinions and evidence see *al-Muwaṭta'*, 2:542; 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 7:496–507; Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muṣannaf*, 3:551–553; al-Ṭaḥāwī (Abū Ja'far), *Sharḥ ma'ānī al-āthār*, 3:24; Ibn Qudāma, *al-Mughnī*, 7:136–139, and *al-Umm*, 5:174–177. Note that our book is the only source to ascribe this opinion to al-Ḥasan (al-Baṣrī). Elsewhere the contrary is normally given.

[289] See references cited in [238] above.

[290] For biographies of Salīm b. 'Ubayd see Ch. IV, p. 150 of this study. For comment on this tradition see Ch. I, p. 18. There are several sources I found mentioning this story such as Sahīh al-Bukhārī (Ibn Hajar, Fath albārī, 13:181), and al-Dhahabī (Siyar a 'lām al-nubalā', 11:435) with similar phraseology. Ibn Hajar says that Ibn Abī Shayba also transmitted this tradition on the authority of Abū al-Sha'thā', Jābir b. Zayd, although I could not find it in his *Muşannaf*, and that he (Ibn Abī Shayba) gives the name of the governor as Yazīd b. Mu'āwiya (*Fath al-bārī* 13:182).

⁹ Who is the key transmitter of this work and this is, may be, the reason for the transmission of such a tradition. Otherwise the text does not explicitly use the word nikāh, which gives scope for integreting the mut a used in the text as muta āt al-hajj.

[291] This tradition indicates that Jābir's interpretation of the *istițā* 'a (capability) required from the *mukallaf* (responsible person) to perform *hajj* is based on the Qur'ān (3:97), cf. Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi*', 3:275; *al-Umm*, 2:113; Ibn 'Abd al-Barr, *al-Tamhīd*, 9:125–128, and Ibn Qudāma, *al-Mughnī*, 3:86–88.

[292] This conversation between Jābir b. Zayd and his questioner, Salīm b. 'Ubayd, reflects two important things; first the use of $qiy\bar{a}s$ (analogy, reasoning) by Jābir b. Zayd and secondly it reflects an image of the method Jābir uses to teach and convince his followers in a manner of question-answer basis. (*Cf.* Ibn Qudāma, *al-Mughnī*, 9:171).

[293] It is worth mentioning that Yazīd b. Abī Muslim mentioned here is one of al-Ḥajjāj's assistants or secretaries by whom Jābir was respected and so much welcomed. (See al-Shammākhī, *al-Siyar*, 1:70–71, 88; Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi'*, 4:267; al-Warjlānī, *al-Dalīl wa al-burhān*, 3:45, and EI^2 , I, p. 649, *s.v.* al-Ibādiyya). More details on this story are given in other Ibādī sources such as al-Shammākhī, *al-Siyar*, 1:70–71. Yet despite these strong ties and apparent good relations with influential authorities in the government, Jābir was very critical of them, though mostly in a secret or careful way, and also was very conscious of himself not to be tempted, in any way, by what he received from them. This is clear in our story where he stopped at the river and cleaned of the perfume given to him from Yazīd while quoting the Qur'ān (46:20): (You received your good things in the life of the world, and you took your pleasure therein ...). On al-Shammākhī's record of this story he adds that Jābir also said "O God, do not make my fortune with You as my stature with these people" (*ibid*.).

[294] For Abū al-Hārith and Hāzim b. 'Umar, see Ch. IV, p. 138, 145 of this study. And note that the rest of traditions – from [294] to [324] – are all transmitted through Hāzim b. 'Umar. For the issue discussed here, refer to sources cited on [96] and [184] above.

[295] See references cited on [261] and [262] above.

[296] The revolt of Ibn al-Ash'ath has been commented on in Ch. I, p. 20. "Banāt Udar" is most possibly a place in Iraq although I could not find it in such authorities as Mu'jam al-buldān of Yāqūt al-Ḥamawī or $T\bar{a}r\bar{i}kh$ Bagh $d\bar{a}d$ of al-Khatīb al-Baghdādī. However "al-Jisr al-aṣghar" is a known place in Basra. (See al-Ṭabarī (Abū Ja'far), $T\bar{a}r\bar{i}kh$, 3:426, 427). For the issue focused on (*şalāt al-safar* – traveller's prayer) here, see references cited earlier on [211], and comment [260] above. [297] This tradition and [298] below provides the evidence for what has been said about the relationship of Tamīm b. Huwayş and Jābir, see [212] above. It can be seen from the tradition that the "Qaşr al-Nu'mān" is a place two farsakhs (leagues) from the city (of al-Hīra, not al-Madīna, as no source talks about a place with this name in Arabia). (See for example, al-Bakrī Abū 'Ubayd, Mu'jam mā sta'jam, (3rd ed.), 2:515). "... radāgh ..." means 'mud' according to Mukhtār al-sihāh (under ζ_2).

[298] It is clear that the main aim of this tradition is to show that Jābir uses *rukhṣa* (allowance, exemption "a lenient view of law based on a legal excuse for hardship"). The tradition is quoted in Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 1:185, and it is certainly linked to tradition [258] commented on above.

[299] The topic of this tradition, although presented in a different style is of the same line of traditions [211], [260] and [296] discussed earlier. "Rustāq" means a kind of land (*Lisān al- 'arab*, under رزدق رستق).

[300] See references cited on [171] above. Note that this tradition is the first and the only one in which Jābir states explicitly that he is relying in his legal opinion on what he found the Companions doing.

[301] All Ibādī sources agree on the rejecting wiping over footwear when doing wudū'. Ibn Khalfūn says "all our followers (i.e. Ibādīs) agree on the disapproval [of wiping over the footwear] such as Jabir b. Zayd, Abū 'Ubayda, Abū Nūh Şālih al-Dahhān, Rabī' al-Ahwal, Hājib, al-Rabī' b. Habīb, ['Abd Allāh] b. 'Abd al-'Azīz, Abū al-Mu'arrij ..., they all do not accept wiping over footwear; and Abū Sa'īd al-'Umānī in his comments on al-Ashrāf [of Ibn al-Mundhir] said: All our people agree on the rejection of wiping over footwear" (Ajwibat Ibn Khalfūn, 81-82). On another occasion Jābir is reported to have said, "How should I wipe over footwear for ablution while God commands us to wash the feet?" (See Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, al-Mudawwana al-kubrā, 1:24; Abū Sa'īd al-Kudamī, al-Mu'tabar, 2:65). On the other hand, most, if not all – generally speaking – Sunnī schools approve wiping over footwear, with differences on some of its details. (See al-Muwațta', 1:35-37; 'Abd al-Razzāq, al-Mușannaf, 1:191-198; Ibn Abī Shayba, Muşannaf, 1:161-173; al-Tahāwī (Abū Jaʿfar), Sharh maʿānī alāthār, 1:79-83; al-Umm, 1:32-36, and al-Jassās al-Rāzī, Mukhtasar ikhtilāf al-'ulamā', 1:137–142).

[302] Not many scholars have allowed the possibility of a person leaving the *jamā* 'a prayer (congregational prayer) after joining it if he finds out during the prayer that the *imām* is reciting long *sūras*. However, this might be an opinion of Jābir subject to certain circumstances, as it is alluded from Jābir's

justification of what they, he and his companion, did when he says, "The prayer of *al-'ishā'* 'evening prayer' is apprehensiveness, and the prayer of *al-fajr* 'dawn' is elapse". Surprisingly, Ibādī sources that have recorded this story quote it without any comment or explanation. (See for example Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi'*, 2:297, and al-Kindī, *Bayān al-shar'*, 13:117). For leaving congregational prayer due to long recital of the Qur'ān in the prayer, there is a Prophetic *hadīth* in which a companion did leave the prayer when the *imām*, who was Mu'ādh, started reciting *sūrat al-Baqara* at *al-'ishā'* prayer. (See Ibn Hajar, *Fath al-bārī*, 2:226–229; Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 1:405).

[303] See comment on this issue in Ch. I, pp. 15, 20 of this study. For the *fiqh* matter of *qaşr al-şalāt* (shortening prayer) for travellers, see [211] above. It is important to mention here that although this tradition does not state that Jābir b. Zayd was among them (those who escaped "*bay*'at Ibn Ziyād"), other sources provide information that he did the same thing and it is very possible that it is the same incident, al-Kindī (*al-Muşannaf*, 5:350) says:

قال [أبو عبد الله] أخبرني أبو صفرة – رحمه الله – أن جابر بن زيد – رحمه الله – كان في سفر، فلما قدم يريد البصرة وصار بالجيش بلغه أن بالبصرة بيعة ، فكره أن يدخل البصرة، وأقام بالجيش أياما وهو يقصر الصلاة، وذلك الموضع يسمع منه الأصوات بالبصرة.

[304] See comments on traditions dealing with similar issue, [211], [260], [297] and [303] above.

[**305**] *Cf. al-Umm*, 1:176; al-Shaybānī; *al-Mabsūț*, 1:179; Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi*', 2:255 where this statement is quoted but without mentioning its ascription to Jābir b. Zayd.

[306] Notice the great emphasis given to details of the distance from which the prayer is shortened (*salāt al-safar*) and to the period the *musāfir* (traveller) stays doing *qasr* prayer. See sources cited on [211], [260], [296], [303] and [304] above.

[307] This issue has been commented on earlier in more than one occasion, see for example [96], [184] and [294] above. Note that most opinions are illustrated in this tradition in more details than the mentioned ones.

[308] See [307] above.

[309] Again this tradition is on the theme of issues concerning $kir\bar{a}^{\,\prime} al-ard$ (renting land for agricultural investments). All of them are dealing with Jābir's disapproval of certain kinds of contracts, but none of them shows us what are the conditions of Jābir b. Zayd on this matter by which such

contracts are allowed. Moreover, we have seen that external sources ascribe to him different opinions, see [96] above.

[310] Aqrah ra'suh means 'having injuries to his head' (Mukhtār al-sihāh, under \bar{c}). This tradition is one that has been in Ibādī fiqh at an early stage. Ibn Khalfūn has a record of it with its sanad (Ajwibat Ibn Khalfūn, p. 80) and Ibn Ja'far also used this tradition ascribing it to Jābir with identical phrases (al-Jāmi', 1:405). However, this is another good example of fatwās based on rukhşa (see [298] above). On the same issue of al-mash 'alā al-jabā'ir (wiping over bandages), most if not all authorities are of the same opinion. (See 'Abd al-Razzāq, al-Muşannaf, 1:159–162; Ibn Abī Shayba, Muşannaf, 1:126–127, and al-Jaṣṣāş al-Rāzī, Mukhtaşar ikhtilāf al-'ulamā', 1:152).

[311] See references cited on [310] above.

[312] Another example of the same issues discussed on [310] and [311] above.

[313] See references cited on [258], [259] and [298] above.

[314] This story shows the strong and special relationship between Jābir b. Zayd and one of his great teachers Anas b. Mālik, the statement of Anas at the death of Jābir and his testimony of Jābir's status of knowledge and righteousness (note that Anas said; "a 'lamu al-nās bi-llāh, the most knowled-geable of God amongst people") is also reported by al-Shammākhī, al-Siyar, 1:70. In addition, this tradition proves that Jābir's death was not long before Anas b. Mālik though it does not give a specific date but it says that Anas too was sick. Ennami used this tradition to conclude Jābir's date of death. (See Ennami, Studies, p. 65–66).

[315] See comments and references cited on [96], [184], [294] and [309] above.

[316] See comments and references cited on [91] and [254] above.

[317] For the *nadhr* (vow) of unlawful deeds, as in the case in this tradition, there is disagreement on how should the person release himself from such *nadhr*. Jābir seems to adopt the opinion which deems *kaffāra* necessary (see [20] and [21] above). Jābir has narrated a Prophetic *hadīth* on the prohibition of *nadhr* to commit sins or unlawful deeds. (See *Musnad al-Rabī* ' *b. Habīb*, 1:258; *Ṣahīh al-Bukhārī*, 6:2464). For details of this issue see 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muşannaf*, 8:433–436; Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 3:66–68. It is also important to point out that the word *lahw* used in the tradition is a term used to mean *ghinā* ' (singing with musical sounds) according to many scholars such as Ibn 'Abbās, about whom Jābir b. Zayd reported with approval

that he (Ibn 'Abbās) interprets (*lahw al-hadīth*, idle talk) in the Qur'ān (Q: 31:6) by music and singing. (See Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, *al-Mudaw-wana al-sughrā*, 2:95–98, and Ibn Kathīr, *Tafsīr*, 31–76, of *sūra* 31).

[318] This tradition is dealing with a famous argument on what is the valid *ru'ya* (observation) of the moon of Ramadān, i.e. which moon should be considered a start (or an end) of the month, is it the moon which is seen during the day before sunset, is it of the night before or the coming night. Jābir here, as ascribed to him elsewhere, is saying that in such case, it is of the night before. This is the opinion of 'Umar b. al-Khattāb, Anas b. Mālik, Ibn 'Umar, 'Uthmān and Sa'īd b. al-Musayyab. (See *al-Muwatta'*, 1:287; al-Jītālī, *Qawā 'id al-Islām*, 2:72; 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muşannaf*, 4:162; Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 2:318–321; *al-Umm*, 2:95). Unlike all other traditions in the book, the *sanad* of this tradition is not of the same pattern. None of the usual transmitters of the book except Abū Nūh Şālih al-Dahhān who was part of the story is extant. It starts with "'Umar said". This is unknown in Ibādī sources. However, Ibn Abī Shayba has a unique record of this story, he says:

حدثنا أبو داود عن عمر بن فروخ عن صالح الدهان قال ...

This makes it clear that he is 'Umar b. Farrūkh. (See al-Dhahabī, $M\bar{i}z\bar{a}n$ ali'tidāl, 5:339; Ibn Hibbān, al-Thiqāt, (1st ed., 1975), 7:95). The name of the mosque is not mentioned in Ibn Abī Shayba's record of the story and I could not find a mosque of this name in the sources I have.

[319] For women wearing their jewellery during *ihrām*, see Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 3:281–283; *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 2:462; Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi'*, 3:311. Abū al-Muhājir Hāshim b. al-Muhājir (a third/ninth century Ibādī scholar from Hadramawt and a student of al-Rabī' (al-Darjīnī, *Țabaqāt*, 1:5)) seems to disapprove of this view of Jābir. (See al-Kindī, *al-Muşannaf*, 8:163).

[320] Ibādīs without exception have agreed on the disapproval of *qunūt* (invocation of God against certain enemies, inserted in the prayer), to the extent that it becomes a distinctive feature of the Ibādī school of law. By analysing Jābir's statement of this issue we notice that he always gives definitive answers that refute any other view on this issue. Here he states that "all the prayer is *qunūt*. As for what those do, I have no idea about it". In an addition narrated by Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī in *al-Mudawwana al-sughrā*, 1:67 he says: "this is an innovation that we do not know nor do we ascribe it to any of the ancestors of this *umma*". (*Cf.* Ibn Ja'far, *al-Jāmi'*, 2:246; *Musnad al-Rabī' b. Habīb*, 1:124 where this disapproval is ascribed to Ibn 'Abbās and Ibn 'Umar). Otherwise most if not all Muslim schools of law, generally speaking, accept *qunūt* with differences on some details, such as

when to do it, which prayer, at which part of the prayer ... etc. (*Cf. al-Muwațța*', 1:159; 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muşannaf*, 3:105–122; Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 2:95–101; *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 1:101–103; *al-Umm*, 7:248, and al-Shaybānī, *al-Mabsūț*, 1:164).

[321] Based on the Qur'ān (2:234), scholars have disagreed on when a widow should start her '*idda*: is it from the time of the death?, as Jābir says here, which is also ascribed to Ibn 'Abbās, Ibn 'Umar, 'Ikrima, 'Aṭā', Mujāhid, Ibn Sīrīn and al-Zuhrī; or from the time she receives the news of his death?, the view of 'Alī, al-Ḥasan and Qatāda. (See 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muṣannaf*, 6:327–329; Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muṣannaf*, 4:160–162, and *al-Umm*, 5:216–218, and *cf.* note on [163] above).

[322] For the transmitter of this tradition Hammām b. Yaḥyā, see Ch. IV, p. 144. Regarding the issue, see references cited on [252] above.

[323] For biography of Jamīl al-Khawārizmī, see Ch. IV, p. 148. The question of the legal status of an uncircumcised man has long been problematic. Some scholars do not deem animals killed by him lawful; his marriage, according to them, is illicit; and he is not entitled to give testimony in court or it is rejected. This opinion is ascribed to Ibn 'Abbās here and elsewhere, as in Ibn Abī Shayba, *Muşannaf*, 5:21, and Abū Ghānim al-Khurāsānī, *al-Mudawwana al-kubrā*, 2:224. On the other hand there is another opinion which is the contrary of the first one and is ascribed to al-Hasan and Hammād. (See 'Abd al-Razzāq, *al-Muşannaf*, 4:483, and Ibn Qudāma, *al-Mughnī*, 9:311).

[324] Most fuqahā' agree that of ghanīma (booty) taken from the enemy in war as well as of the ma'din (mine) and of rikāz (treasure), one fifth is to be paid in terms of zakāt or to the public treasury. Yet they differ on whether it (ghanīma) should be subject to stipulations of zakāt with regard to its amount, i.e. the nişāb (the minimum amount of wealth necessary before zakāt is due). For details of this, see Abū Yūsuf, al-Kharāj, 21–22; al-Umm, 4:143–144. For the influence of Jābir's view on the Ibādī schools of law, see al-Sālimī, Ma'ārij al-āmāl, 14:147. And for a good summary of different opinions and evidence see al-Qaradāwī, Fiqh al-zakāt, 1:434–436, and al-Kindī, al-Muşannaf, 6:159.

CHAPTER FOUR

DATE OF THE *ĀTHĀR AL-RABĪ* [°] *B. ḤABĪB*, AUTHORITIES TRANSMITTING, AND EVALUTION OF IBĀŅĪ *FIQH* MATERIAL IN THE WORK

I) Date of the *Āthār al-Rabī* ' b. *Ḥabīb*

My attempt to date the compilation of this work has three focal points:

- 1. Establishing the dates of the author's life, since it is certain that he set about compiling (or at the very least, bringing together) the materials for this work in some final form, whether written or oral, at some point during his lifetime. After his death, his students set about transmitting this work from him to subsequent generations.
- 2. A close scrutiny of the language employed in the work as a means to gauging the period to which it belongs, especially the ways in which phrases are structured so as to demonstrate legal stipulations. As well as an examination of the legal issues with which the work is concerned, there is an investigation of the history of these issues and an inquiry into them.
- 3. The third issue, somewhat less complicated than the previous two, is reference to contemporary political events and historical incidents mentioned in the work. Though there are very few, they provide some approximate indicators for the period during which the work in question was put together.

1) The Author of *Āthār al-Rabī* ' b. *Ḥabīb*

As has been mentioned, the primary title of the work appears to be $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r$ al-Rabī 'b. $Hab\bar{i}b$.¹ I should also add here that the first tradition in this work begins with "It has been reported to us from Abū Şufra 'Abd al-Mālik b. Şufra— al-Haytham— al-Rabī 'b. Habīb ...". This not only serves to confirm

¹ See pp. 1–4 of this study.

the ascription of the work to al-Rabī' b. Habīb; it also falls into a pattern commonly found in legal and hadith compilations that have come down to us from the second and third centuries A.H. These open in the same way, with an introductory isnād, and then follow the various narratives and hadīths beginning with the author's name. One such example is the Muwatta' of the Imām Mālik b. Anas: while all agree that he is the author of this work, we find nonetheless that the Muwatta' always begins with the names of the transmitters of the work reporting from Malik, e.g., "he said: it was reported to me by al-Laythī from Mālik b. Anas", or "it was reported to me by Yahyā from Mālik"². Similarly, the Mudawwana al-kubrā is ascribed to Imām Mālik, even though at the beginning of the work the transmission mentioned is that of Sahnūn b. Sa'īd— 'Abd al-Rahmān b. al-Qāsim³. Likewise, in the Kitāb al-aşl, known also as al-Mabsūt, which is undoubtedly the work of Muhammad b. al-Hasan al-Shaybānī (d. 189/804), we find at the beginning, "Abū Sulaymān al-Jūzjānī [reported] from Muhammad b. al-Hasan, who said ..."⁴. The same can be said of the Risāla of Imām al-Shāfi'ī where in the introduction we find, "al-Rabī' b. Sulaymān said ..."5. Again, the same pattern can be seen in the Muşannaf of Ibn Abī Shayba and other works. This is exactly what we find in the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. Hab $\bar{i}b$, where every tradition after the first tradition begins with, "al-Rabī' ...". In sum, all this serves to confirm the validity of the work's ascription to al-Rabi⁶ b. Habib.

Despite all the arguments that have been made regarding the biographical information about al-Rabī^{$^{\circ}$} b. Habīb⁶, my preference is for the findings I made in a previous paper⁷, namely that al-Rabī^{$^{\circ}$} b. Habīb died between the years 175–180/791–796, which would mean that the work in question here was composed not later than this period. However, I would not necessarily posit that the work was composed in the last years of his life, since it does not mention any of the events that took place during the final years of al-Rabī^{$^{\circ}$}'s lifetime. On the contrary, one might suggest that he composed this work during the Umayyad period on account of the absence of any reference to Abbasid names or events relating to this last period, and on account of his

² See hadīths 1 & 2 of al-Muwația'.

³ See al-Mudawwana al-kubrā, p. 2.

⁴ See al-Shaybānī, Kitāb al-asl al-ma'rūf bi al-Mabsūț, (ed. Abū al-Wafā' al-Afghānī), p. 27.

⁵ Al-Shāfi'ī, *al-Risāla*, (1st edn., Egypt 1940), p. 7.

⁶ A detailed exposition of these arguments is best given by Crone & Zimmermann, *The epistle of Sālim b. Dhakwān*, (Oxford, 2001), pp. 305–308.

⁷ In a previous essay submitted for the M.St., University of Oxford (1999) under the title of "The Ibādiyya and Hadīth: An Overview", pp. 6–9.

overwhelming reliance on what he heard from Dumām b. al-Sā'ib,⁸ and the fact that there are three narrations in the work (nos. [245], [273] and [280]) which al-Rabī' transmitted directly from Jābir b. Zayd. In any case, at this point these are only surmises, upon which further light may be shed by what follows.

2) The Language Used in the Work and Its Legal Peculiarities

There are virtually no attempts to deal with the question of the evolving nature of the language employed in Islamic legal compilations during different periods. The only basic evidence available is to be found in the comment that some authors make about their method of composition. In the case of $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r al-Rab\bar{i}$, we find that there are several phrases used in the text which could provide pointers for the dating of the compilation of this work. Among these are certain expressions drawn from every-day, non-technical Arabic that are used to demonstrate a particular legal stipulation. For example, lam yara ba'san, lā yarā ba'san fī ..., lā narā ba'san ..., kāna yujīzu ..., laysa 'alayhi shay'un ... are used to indicate in a very natural way that a matter is permitted; and kariha, kāna yakrahu, fa-nahāhu 'an, or nahā 'an, the construction *lā taf al* or *lā yaf al* normally indicate that a certain matter is prohibited.⁹ On the other hand, the phrase $l\bar{a} yaj\bar{u}zu$ appears only once, where the text says, "it is forbidden to marry off the unborn" (tradition [24]). That text does not explicitly, otherwise, use the term tahrim. On one occasion where an individual persistently repeated a question about some kinds of wine, Jābir said, "the Messenger of God forbade it, and any thing that the Messenger of God forbade is illicit (*harām*) (tradition [238]).

Similarly, the term $b\bar{a}til$ appears six times, but only one of which appears to be of the saying of Jābir b. Zayd (tradition [177]). The rest are found in sayings which the work's transmitter (or transmitters) additionally ascribed, along with Jābir's, to the Kufans. Moreover, we do not find the names of any particular legal school or sect, except where the text uses the terms ashābunāor $al-K\bar{u}fiyy\bar{u}n$. The use of these two terms seems to go back to one of the work's transmitters. The term ashābunā appears for the first time in tradition [14], in statements, other than those of Jābir b. Zayd, which the transmitter had chosen to include on the topic in question. It appears a second time in tradition [30] in order to confirm the fact that the saying of Jābir b. Zayd is that of "our companions or fellows" (ashābunā), for they transmitted this saying from Ibn 'Abbās elsewhere. As for the third occurrence, this is found

⁸ Al-Shammākhī, Kitāb al-siyar, 1:81-82.

⁹ On the use of "karāha" for prohibition, see Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya, A lām al-muwaqqi în 'an Rabb al-'ālamīn, (Beirut 1991), 1:32–35.

in tradition [35], and is used in the same way as in tradition [14]. The usage of this term, however, in tradition [302] would seem to be slightly different. The transmitter, Tamīm b. Huwayş narrates the report from one of "our companions, who had accompanied Jābir b. Zayd ...". But this does not have to be understood in the same context as other instances where the term appears. For the intended meaning here might possibly be that, "he accompanied him during some journey or on a short trip". Admittedly, the overall sense suggested by the narration and its arrangement does not support such an interpretation, but the possibility, however weak, remains.

The use of the term (ashābunā) to indicate members of the same religious school, thought or opinion is a well-known usage in compilations of legal topics, *hadīths* and creed, both early and late. Although it is not possible to establish a date for the first occurrence of this term, it does appear in al-Mudawwana al-kubrā of Imām Mālik (93-179 A.H.) (see for example 1:4, 4:269, 5:337). It also appears in *al-Umm* of al-Shāfi'ī (150-204 A.H.) (see 1:131, 137, 190); he also makes abundant use of it in his Risāla (see 1:326, 529, 539). In the oldest Hanafi works, we also find it in al-Mabsūt and al-Hujja 'alā ahl al-Madīna of Muhammad b. al-Hasan al-Shaybānī (d. 189); in the Ikhtilāf al-'ulamā' of Abū 'Abd Allāh Muhammad b. Naşr al-Marwazī (d. 294). As for the term "the Kufans", this appears frequently in the work under study here (approx. 77 times). Having scrutinized the traditions in which these "Kufans" appear, I am forced to accept the view that they are those who later became known as the Hanafis.¹⁰ Through a number of sayings in this work ascribed to Kufans, one is able to ascribe them only to the Hanafi school and not to any other Muslim Sunni schools. Good examples of this are provided by the following traditions: [78], [93], [95], [152], [163], [223], [267], [268], [269].¹¹ The use of the term "the Kufans" or "the people of Kufa", as opposed to "the people of Hijaz", which appears only once (in tradition [17]),¹² is one that was also adopted at an early stage in the composition of legal and *hadīth* works. In fact, some contemporary scholars have shown that these two terms made their first appearance towards the end of the first century A.H., only a short period before the appearance of the terms "rationalists" (ahl al-ra'y) and "traditionists" (ahl al-hadīth).¹³

¹⁰ Maḥmaṣānī, states that it was in Kufa that al-madhhab al-Hanafī flourished, for, Abū Hanīfa (80/699-150/767) was at Kufa, where he studied under his great teacher Hammād b. Abī Sulaymān (d. 120/737) (cf. Maḥmaṣānī, Falsafat al-tashrī' fī al-Islām, p. 41.

¹¹ See above 'Notes and Comments' on these traditions.

¹² It is explained in 'Notes and Comments', on [17], to whom this term is referring.

^{13 &#}x27;Abd al-Majīd Mahmūd, al-Madrasa al-fiqhiyya li-l-muhaddithīn, (Cairo, 1972).

From all of this, we can clearly see that there is a paucity of technical terms from either *fiqh* or *uşūl al-fiqh* in $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. *Habīb*. This leads us to conclude that the compiling of the work preceded the appearance of such specialized (scientific or technical) terms, terms peculiar to jurisprudence and the principles of religion. This finds support in Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya (d. 751 A.H.) who, in his *A 'lām al-muwaqqi 'īn* (edn. Beirut: Dār al-Kutub al-'ilmiyya 1991, vol. I, p. 32), cites Imām Mālik as saying:

"It is not the case, nor was it ever the case with our forefathers, nor have I ever met anyone who has ever adopted the practice of saying, 'this is $hal\bar{a}l$ ' or 'this is $har\bar{a}m$ '; they could never do such a thing. Instead, they use to say, 'this we find detestable; we think this is good, and so one should do this', or 'we disagree'; they never used to say $hal\bar{a}l$ or $har\bar{a}m$ ".

This saying of Imām Mālik is an apt summary of what happens in $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r$ al-Rabī['], and we might properly infer that the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r$ al-Rabī['] belongs to the very period of development about which Imām Mālik is talking.

Nothing against this argument arises from the (single) occurrence of thiqa in tradition [4]. Here Imām Jābir uses the term thiqa to mean 'an authority', as a prerequisite for any transmitter as in the case when transmitting reports from 'Abd Allah b. Mas'ūd. My point here is not concerned with the various implications of such a prerequisite (this will be dealt with in due course), but with the expression *thiga*, which undoubtedly became one of the most well-known technical terms used in the science of hadith (al-jarh wa alta 'dīl, rijāl-criticism, hadīth technical terms). Prior to this, it had been used in legal contexts, such as establishing the integrity of witnesses. It is also frequently used in law books in chapters dealing with women embarking on travel, alms-giving, and the rules governing deposits and trusts. For this reason, it is difficult to establish any particular date for the emergence of this term in the sense in which it is used in this tradition. Nevertheless, it does have some bearing, albeit small, on that with which we are concerned here. namely, the dating of the work through an examination of the language used in it. For, this term is used in this sense in several early legal works. For example, we find it in al-Mudawwana al-kubrā of Imām Mālik; it also reappears in al-Shafi'i's Risāla and al-Umm, and in Muhammad b. al-Hasan al-Shaybānī's (d. 189) al-Aşl al-ma'rūf bi al-Mabsūt, and in al-Hujja 'alā ahl al-Madīna. Both 'Abd al-Razzāq and Ibn Abī Shayba use it in their respective Muşannafs, not to mention its use in later books and compilations. As regards the prerequisite set by Jabir b. Zayd, this would not counter my

argument that the work is early¹⁴. Many of those who have written about the history of Islamic legislation have stated that the fabrication of hadīths, their false attribution to the Messenger of God, and the invention of reports began at a very early stage. In fact, some would attribute these fabrications to the Prophet's lifetime on the basis of the hadith in which he says, "Whoever ascribes false sayings to me knowingly, let him look forward to his place in hell". Certain reports from Ibn 'Abbās corroborate the fact that such fabrications and lies in hadith did appear, forcing Ibn 'Abbas himself only to accept hadīths which he was sure about.¹⁵ In the introduction to his Sahīh, Muslim relates that Ibn Sīrīn said, "They never used to ask about isnāds (chains of transmission), but when the *fitna* (first civil war) took place, they began to inquire about the names of transmitters: in the case of the people of the sunna, their hadīths would be accepted, while those of the people of innovation (ahl al-bida') would not".¹⁶ In addition, this phenomenon was particularly widespread in Iraq, and this made scholars very wary of reports that came to them from there,¹⁷ even when it might have been attributed to Kufan authorities like 'Abd Allāh b. Mas'ūd.¹⁸

Another aspect worth mentioning is the lack of theoretical jurisprudence in this work. Almost nowhere in the *Athār al-Rabī* b. *Habīb* is there any interest in hypothetical cases. Most, if not all, of the legal questions included in the work are concerned with everyday practical cases and problems encountered by people¹⁹. This is all the more remarkable when one bears in mind that this work, judging by the evidence of its transmitters and topics, belongs to the Iraqi milieu, where "the phenomenon of putting forth hypothetical situations and enumerating [legal] questions constitutes one of the most salient features of Iraqi jurisprudence as practiced during the second century of the Hijra, a reputation that spread throughout the lands".²⁰

We also note that the contents of this work do not follow the standard arrangement of legal compendiums and *hadīth* collections that have come

¹⁴ The famous story of Sufyān al-Thawrī (d. 161/777) condemning Abū Hanīfa (d. 150/767) does support my argument; "Sufyān al-Thawrī", as Dr. Melchert describes, "is quoted as saying, 'Neither a trustworthy (*thiqa*) nor a reliable (*ma'mūn*)', which at least", Melchert comments "became, if they were not already in his time, technical terms of *rijāl* criticism" (*Formation*, p. 5).

¹⁵ For a good summary of this, see Amīn, Fajr al-Islām, pp. 211-215.

¹⁶ Al-Nawawi, Sharh Sahih Muslim, 1:84.

¹⁷ For explanation and details of this phenomenon, see al-'Azamī, Husayn, al-Wajīz fī uşūl al-fiqh wa tārīkh al-tashrī', p. 187.

¹⁸ Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya, A'lām al-muwaqqi'īn, 1:14, 21.

¹⁹ See above: Table of Topics of *Āthār al-Rabi*', p. 71-74.

²⁰ Mahmūd, al-Madrasa al-fiqhiyya li-l-muhaddithīn, (Cairo 1978), pp. 48-49.

down to us as products of the first centuries.²¹ For example, the *Muwațța*' of Imām Mālik (composed *circa* 163/777 according to Maḥmaṣānī,²² or in the first half of the second century A.H., as proposed by Dr. Yasin Dutton²³) is arranged according to chapters, each dealing with a single legal issue. Similarly, Muḥammad b. al-Ḥasan al-Shaybānī's *Kitāb al-aṣl al-ma*'rūf bi al-*Mabsūț* relates the sayings of Imām Abū Ḥanīfa and Abū Yūsuf in an organized and scholarly manner, enumerating sub-topics and expounding his own views, only occasionally mentioning proofs.²⁴ The same is true of Abū Yūsuf's *Kitāb al-kharāj*, which the author composed at the request of the caliph Hārūn al-Rashīd.²⁵ The book is concerned with a specific subject, is divided into several parts, with each part having further subdivisions; the author of this book employs technical terms of *ḥadīth* and *fìqh* (such as *al-tarjīḥ*, *ahl al-Ḥijāz*, *ahl al-Madīna*, *aṣḥābunā*, *ḥaddathanā*, *ḥaddathanā*, *ḥaddathanā*, *ruwwīnā*, *balaghanā*, *naqalahu ilaynā rijālun ma*'rūfūn ... etc.).

On the basis of this, our work could possibly be earlier than the works just mentioned above, since it is most likely the case that at an initial stage legal compilations were not arranged chapter by chapter. The development that saw such compilations include authoritative arguments and certain opinions being given more weight than others, did not take place until the second half of the second century A.H. at the earliest. This is indicated by the fact that Muhammad b. al-Hasan al-Shaybānī, one of the earliest and most prolific authors of the Hanafī school arranged most of his works himself, as attested by the transmitter of al-Shaybānī's *al-Jāmi al-şaghīr*.²⁶ He also states that he did not arrange this work (*al-Jāmi al-şaghīr*) in the same way he arranged other works, which allows us to deduce, along with other reasons shown below, that the *al-Jāmi al-şaghīr* is one of the first works compiled by Muḥammad b. al-Ḥasan al-Shaybānī. Actually some Ḥanafī biographers state that *al-Jāmi al-şaghīr* of al-Shaybānī was the second book he wrote amongst his tens of works.²⁷ Thus, we can see similarities, to some extent,

²¹ This study is not concerned with arguments about who was the first to write down collections of *hadiths* and *fiqh*. Thus, I only refer to extant early works and books or works made or said to have been put together by scholars: so for example, *Majmū* ' *al-fiqh* of Zayd b. 'Alī (d. 122/739), Ibn Ishāq, Abū Bakr b. Hazm, Ibn Shihāb al-Zuhrī, Ibn Jurayj ... etc. are not cited, nor referred to in any comparisons made with our book.

²² Mahmaşānī, Falsafat al-tashrī fī al-Islām, (Beirut 1961), p. 52.

²³ Dutton, The Origins of Islamic Law, (Curzon 2002), p. 29-30.

²⁴ See the editor's introduction to *Kitāb al-asl al-ma 'rūf bi al-Mabsūt* of Muḥammad b. al-Ḥasan al-Shaybānī, (ed. Abū al-Wafā' al-Afghānī), pp. 11-20.

²⁵ Abū Yūsuf, Kitāb al-kharāj, (Cairo, al-Matba'a al-salafīyya, 1352/1933), p. 3.

²⁶ Al-Shaybānī, *al-Jāmi* ' *al-ṣaghīr*, at the margin of Abū Yūsuf's *Kitāb al-kharāj*, (1st edn., Būlāq 1885).

²⁷ Al-Laknawī (Abū al-Hasanāt), al-Fawā id al-bahiyya fī tarājim al-Hanafiyya, (Cairo

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with the *Athar al-Rabi* b. *Habib*, specifically, the lack of any arrangement (bearing in mind the date of composition). We also find that in both works each matter begins with a chain of transmission. There are also very few proofs for the opinions given in these two works, with the principal emphasis being on the opinions of an individual scholar, Imām Jābir b. Zayd in the *Āthār al-Rabī*, and Imām Abū Hanīfa in the Jāmi al-saghīr. As regards the legal language, it is clearly more sophisticated in the latter work, and there are certain legal questions dealt with in the second work that do not appear in the first, such as the question of opening the daily prayer and of saying the required *dhikr* or name of God when killing animals, in Persian,²⁸ and the use of certain expressions (al-qadā', al-ijzā', al-qiyās, al-istihsān),²⁹ which are in effect technical terms of the principles of jurisprudence. This straightforward comparison serves to confirm that the *Athar al-Rabi* b. *Habib* is an early work, and even if it does not provide a precise date for its composition, it does reaffirm what I have been able to deduce from the legal peculiarities of early works compiled during the 2nd century of the Hijra.

Finally, we should not ignore one particular fact which could indeed provide evidence for establishing the date of this work. Namely, the fact that the work, in its enumeration of legal matters, does not mention or discuss any of the political currents or movements of the age (Khawārij, Shī'a, Murji'a or pro-Umayyad factions). Thus, the work does not mention any of the legal questions concerning the prerequisites for caliphal office, the oath of allegiance (*bay'a*), dismissal from office, rebellion against the ruler, and the rules regarding affiliation and dissociation (*al-walāya wa al-barā'a*) etc. Nor do we find those terms used in dogmatic discussions that appeared during that period, such as *al-i'tizāl*, *al-irjā'* (suspension of judgement), *qadar* ('free will') or *jabr* ('predestination').³⁰

It is also necessary, I think, to make a comparison between this $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r$ al-Rabī⁶ b. Habīb and other works ascribed to him, in order to examine where does this work fall within the overall works of al-Rabī⁶. First, we may look at the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r$ al-'aqīda that al-Rabī⁶ compiled on different disputed dogmatic subjects and attached by Abū Ya'qūb al-Warjlānī to the Musnad al-Rabī⁶ after his arrangement or recasting of it. It is clear that $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r$ al-Rabī⁶ is earlier than $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r$ al-'aqīda. For the material of the latter work is well arranged

^{1324),} p. 163.

²⁸ Ibid., p. 10.

²⁹ Ibid., pp. 11, 14, 17.

³⁰ Al-Dhahabī, *Tadhkirat al-huffāz*, 1:77, mentions people like 'Amr b. 'Ubayd, Wāşil b. 'Aṭā', al-Jahm b. Şafwān and Muqātil b. Sulaymān as belonging to the beginning of the Abbasid regime.

according to subject matter.³¹ It contains many theological issues that only surfaced years later after the time of $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$. Also the chain of transmitters that is not often mentioned in the doctrinal traditions is longer than that of $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ and it involves people of a later century than of the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$, such as Abū Qubayṣa, Muḥammad b. Yaʿlā, Bishr al-Marīsī, Ismāʿīl b. 'Ulayya and others of this generation.

Al-Rabī''s other work Futyā al-Rabī' b. Habīb which is still only extant in its manuscript³² form seems to be compiled by one of his students, possibly Abū Sufyān Mahbūb b. al-Ruhayl. For at the beginning of each topic it starts with "wa sa'altuhu 'an ... fa qāl ..." or "akhbirnī 'an ... fa qāla ..." or "arayta in ...". This work is also divided into chapters according to subject matters. This book does not commit itself to the opinions of Jabir b. Zayd but to later scholars such as Abū al-Mu'arrij, 'Abd Allāh b. 'Abd al-'Azīz, Wā'il b. Ayyūb, Abū al-Muhājir and others who are contemporaries or even of a younger generation than al-Rabī'. The topics discussed in this work also indicate that it is later than *Athar al-Rabi* b. *Habib*. There are questions on "al-zawāj bi al-nahāriyyāt" for instance, on which the husband stipulates that he will only come to his wife during the days (not the nights).³³ Al-Rabī''s reply to this issue indicates that it is something that only occurred later in his life. He said "lam yakun hādhā min şanī' al-nās – this was not of the use of the people". Another example of such issues that have no mention in $\overline{A}th\bar{a}r$ al-Rabī[°] is carving on trees and their fruits.³⁴

Based on all of the above, I am prepared to suggest that this work was composed during the first decades of the second century A.H. (i.e. *circa* 100–130/719–748). This claim may find further support from one other issue on which I will depend for the dating of the work.

3) The Historical Events Mentioned in the Work

The historical topics that have found their way into the work as political events are few and far between, and mostly took place during the Umayyad period, up until the time of the caliph 'Umar b. 'Abd al-'Azīz. I list these events here in their chronological order:

³¹ Some contemporary researchers think that the arrangement of this work was carried out by al-Rabī' himself, see al-Būsa'īdī, *Riwāyat al-hadīth 'inda al-Ibādiyya*, (Oman 2000), p. 125–126.

³² The same collection of works in which *Āthār al-Rabī* ' *b. Ḥabīb* is extant, contains this book of *Futyā al-Rabī* ', however, I referred for my citations here to the second Tunisian Copy (T2).

³³ T2: f. 499. Note that I used the numbering that appears at the top of folios of the Ms for there are mistakes on the numbering that appears at the bottom of the folios.

³⁴ T2: f. 499-500.

- 1) The assassination of the third caliph 'Uthmān b. 'Affān in the year 35 A.H. (tradition [18]).
- 2) The revolt of Talha and al-Zubayr (the Battle of the Camel) in the year 36/656 (traditions [18] and [286]).
- 3) The revolt of Mu'āwiya b. Abī Sufyān and the Battle of Şiffīn in the year 37/656 (tradition [286]).
- 4) The caliphate of Yazīd b. Muʿāwiya (d. 64/683), (tradition [290]), based on what Ibn Hajar mentions in his *Fath al-bārī*.³⁵
- 5) The bay'a of 'Ubayd Allāh b. Ziyād in the year 64/683 (tradition [303]).
- 6) The revolt of 'Abd Allāh b. al-Zubayr and his war against al-Ḥajjāj around the Meccan sanctuary in the year 73/692 (tradition [248]).
- 7) The revolt of 'Abd al-Raḥmān b. Muḥammad b. al-Ash'ath in the year 81/700 (tradition [296]).
- 8) The story about a man who married his son's wife at the time of 'Abd al-Malik b. Marwān (d. 86/705) (tradition [153]).
- 9) The death of Jābir b. Zayd in the year 93/711 (tradition [314]).
- 10) The caliphate of 'Umar b. 'Abd al-Azīz (99-101/717-719) (tradition [262]).
- Finally, there is a report transmitted by al-Dahhāk b. Muzāhim (tradition [277]). There is disagreement over the date of his death, which is variously given as 102/720, or 105/723, or 106/724.³⁶

The above mentioned are all of the political events that I have been able to discern from the text of the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. $Hab\bar{i}b$. As is clear, all of these events go back to the end of the first and the beginning of the second century A.H.³⁷ This does not necessarily mean that al-Rab \bar{i} compiled the work soon after this period. But we know that the Ib $\bar{a}d\bar{i}s$ were able to establish a state (or states)³⁸ towards the end of the Umayyad period, independent from the central Umayyad government. Al-Rab \bar{i} b. Hab $\bar{i}b$ was the leader, in terms of knowledge and spiritually, of the Ib $\bar{a}d\bar{i}s$ at that time, but we do not find any allusion to matters concerning the organization of the state, its problems or its

³⁵ See Notes and Comments, [290].

³⁶ Al-Dhahabī, Siyar a 'lām al-nubalā', 4:598-600.

³⁷ Cf. Schacht, J., and C. E. Bosworth (eds.), The Legacy of Islam, (2nd edn.), p. 406.

³⁸ The first Imamate is that of Tālib al-Haqq 'Abd Allāh b. Yaḥyā al-Kindī in Yemen in the year 129; the second is the one established in Oman by al-Julandā b. Mas'ūd in 132; and the third was led by Abū al-Khaṭṭāb 'Abd al-'Alā' b. al-Samh al-Ma'āfirī in al-Maghrib in 144 later succeeded by Imām 'Abd al-Raḥmān b. Rustam in the year 160 in Tāhart. See. al-Sālimī, *Tuḥfat al-a 'yān*, (Cairo 1931), 1:72–86, and E. C. Ross, *Annals of Oman*, (1984), p. 12; cf. Watt, 'Khārigism under the 'Abbāsids', in: Recherches d' Islamologie, (Louvain 1978), pp. 383–384, 386–387.

leading personalities. We do find, however, a certain amount of caution and wariness involved in the selection of topics and the attribution of opinions to the persons in question.

From all these points deduced at 1), 2) and 3) above, it appears that there are satisfactory reasons to conclude that al-Rabī⁶ b. Habīb compiled the work $(\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}^{6} \ b. \ Hab\bar{i}b)$ before the establishment of an independent Ibādī state, i.e. before 132/749. Naturally, this cannot be a definitive dating, since it is based on my analysis and investigation of the text, and not on any explicit statement about when al-Rabī⁶ compiled the work; I do not think that such evidence exists. However, I feel that scholarly analysis permits me to suggest the above dating with confidence.

II) Authorities Transmitting the *Āthār al-Rabī* ' b. *Ḥabīb*

Both chronological and bibliographical information are required to help us to further understand this early $Ib\bar{a}d\bar{i}$ work. The importance given to transmitting the book requires some information on the transmitters. There are difficult problems about the order in which to give to the biographies of the transmitters. The logical one of putting them in the order they occur in the text is found by many to be difficult. This leaves two alternatives: (a) to put them in alphabetical order; (b) to put them in chronological order. Chronological order would be the better, but for the sad state of our knowledge of when the majority of them actually lived. That limits us to alphabetical order.

However, a very tentative dating is attached, showing, on the basis of present knowledge, an estimate of when most of these transmitters lived. In one case I argue that even this is not possible, and there are just question marks. This information has been separated from the main section of transmitters because the quality of the evidence is quite different. It is possible that further research will eventually clarify some of these dates, but I am not optimistic.

Where recent studies have thrown light on figures extant in the list³⁹ I have not repeated that information but given cross-references to those works.

³⁹ A comprehensive work worth mentioning is Mu jam a lām al-lbādiyya min al-qarn alawwal al-hijrī ilā al- aşr al-hādir – qism al-Maghrib al- arabī, by M. Bābā 'Ammī, I. Bahhāz, M. Bājū, and M. Sharīfī in two volumes published in 2000 by Dār al-gharb alislāmī, Beirut. There is also Appendix 1: The Ibādī leaders in Basra in Zimmermann and Crone, The epistle of Sālim b. Dhakwān, (OUP 2001), as well as the work of al-Baṭṭāshī, Ithāf al-a 'yān fī tārīkh ba 'd 'ulamā' 'Umān, 2 volumes, (Muscat 1998); Şaqr, al-Imām Jābir b. Zayd al-Azdī wa atharuh fī al-hayāt-il fikriyya wa al-siyāsiyya, (a MA thesis submitted to the University of Āl al-bayt of Jordan, 2000).

1. 'Abbās b. al-Hārith

The only source to mention this name is *al-Siyar* of al-Shammākhī.⁴⁰ But unfortunately he only puts him under his list of unknown transmitters from Jābir b. Zayd, from whom al-Rabī' reported. This enables us to place him somewhere between Jābir and al-Rabī'; or in other words he is of the category of Abū 'Ubayda Muslim and Dumām (see below). Note that this person could be the transmitter of tradition [294] where he is named as Abū al-Hārith.

2. Abū al-Ashhab Jaʿfar b. Ḥayyān

Unlike most of the transmitters of $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$, Abū al-Ashhab Ja'far b. Hayyān al-'Uṭāridī is well reported in most Sunnī authorities on the identification of *hadīth* transmitters. He is a famous blind Basran traditionist, born, according to unconfirmed records, as al-Dhahabī set it out, in the year 70 A.H. He died in 163 or 165 A.H.⁴¹ He reports from many of the *tābi 'īn* and was in turn reported by many distinguished transmitters of the following generation. Aḥmad b. Ḥanbal described him as *thiqa* and *şadūq* and Yaḥyā b. Ma'īn also vouched for his credibility.⁴² Further al-Dhahabī described him as *al-imām al-ḥujja*.⁴³ He is also one of the transmitters used by al-Bukhārī and Muslim.⁴⁴ The *Āthār al-Rabī* b. *Habīb* contains only two traditions on his authority, [320] and [321]. These are insufficient to allow us to determine his doctrinal background – although it seems likely that he is Sunnī in view of the high appreciation given to him in most if not all Sunnī references, on the one hand, and the Ibādī neglect of him on the other.

3. Abū Ayyūb Wā'il b. Ayyūb al-Ḥaḍramī

As mentioned above, it is extremely difficult to write about many early Ibādī figures. Usually no specific dates are given, and the biographical details are sometimes confusing. Wā'il b. Ayyūb falls into the category of those about whom no specific dates can be attested. Al-Darjīnī placed him in the same category as al-Rabī' b. Habīb, i.e. the fourth category (150-200/767-815) and described him as being 'his mate and successor – *sinw al-Rabī*' *wa til-*

⁴⁰ Al-Shammākhī, op. cit., 1:111.

⁴¹ Al-Bukhārī, op. cit., 2:189, 363; Ibn Abī Hātim, op. cit., 2:476; Ibn Zubar al-Rab'ī, Mawlid al-'ulamā' wa wafayātuhum, (Riyadh 1990), 1:379.

⁴² Ibn Abī Hātim, ibid.

⁴³ Al-Dhahabī, Siyar a lām al-nubalā', 7:286, and see also Ibn Hajar, Lisān al-mīzān, 7:380.

⁴⁴ Al-Hākim al-Naysābūrī, Tasmiyyat man akhrajahum al-Bukhārī wa Muslim, (Beirut 1987), 1:89.

wuh'.⁴⁵ This means that he was a student of Abū 'Ubayda and a contemporary, though probably younger, of al-Rabī' (d. 175-180/791-796). Zimmermann and Crone seem sceptical about this because of his role in Hadramawt at the time of the revolt of Talib al-hagg ('Abd Allah b. Yahya al-Kindī) 129–130/746–748.⁴⁶ However, I would place Wā'il's lifespan in an earlier time than the one suggested by them (100s-190/720s-810). My suggested dates are 90s-185/710s-800. We find a frequent mention of Wā'il in al-Darjīnī's third category (100–150/718–767). He was involved in the above mentioned revolt of Talib al-haqq, he gave fatwas to Abū al-Hurr b. al-Huşayn and he consulted Abū Mawdūd Hājib⁴⁷ on certain events that took place in Hadramawt.⁴⁸ All these people are considered to belong to the generation of Abū 'Ubayda. This estimate will give him a short period of time as a leader of the Ibadīs in Basra. This is the probable reason why there is no indication of his role as a leader in the early Ibadi sources. His leadership is mentioned by the late al-Sālimī⁴⁹ and Ennami,⁵⁰ both without disclosing their sources of information and the authority for this assertion. Neither organisational decisions nor known students are ascribed to Wā'il b. Ayyūb. This, however, does not mean that I underestimate his role or that I doubt his leadership; it only means that a short period of leadership is the most likely probability in the case of Wā'il.

4. Abū Bakr b. Na'āma

This is possibly Yazīd b. Naʿāma al-Dabbī mentioned by many authorities,⁵¹ though he does not appear in them with the name of Abū Bakr. Instead he is known as Abū Mawdūd. However, he is a Basran transmitter of Anas b. Mālik, to whom the only tradition of Ibn Naʿāma in our book, [314], is linked, and also from whom 'Umar b. Farrūkh,⁵² who appears in tradition [318], he has transmitted. This makes me think that he is the transmitter we are looking for. Most sources consider him a $t\bar{a}bi$ ' \bar{i} although he did transmit one Prophetic *hadīth* directly from the Prophet.⁵³

⁴⁵ *Țabaqāt*, 2:278.

⁴⁶ Epistle, p. 308.

⁴⁷ Al-Battāshī says that Hājib died before Abū 'Ubayda (Ithāf al-a 'yān, 1:212).

⁴⁸ For this information see al-Darjīnī, op. cit., pp. 2:261, 271, 251 respectively.

⁴⁹ Who was the source of Crone and Zimmermann in their list of Ibādī leaders at Basra (*Epistle*, p. 301, note 1).

⁵⁰ Ennami, Studies, Ch. V., p. 138.

⁵¹ Al-Bukhārī, op. cit., 8:351, 363; Ibn Abī Hātim, op. cit., 4:32, 9:292; Ibn Hajar, Tahdhīb al-tahdhīb, 11:319.

⁵² Al-Mizzī, Tahdhīb al-kamāl, 32:255.

⁵³ Ibn 'Abd al-Barr, *al-Istī* 'āb, 4:1580.

5. Abū Nūḥ Ṣāliḥ al-Dahhān

Abū Nūḥ Ṣāliḥ b. Nūḥ al-Dahhān is from Basra.⁵⁴ He is believed to be one of Jābir's great students to the extent that al-Rabī' (see above) listed him as one of his teachers beside Abū 'Ubayda and Dumām.⁵⁵ This is also clear from $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ ' b. Habīb. Non-Ibādī sources have good accounts of him as well.⁵⁶ Yet no precise dates are given about his lifetime, though he is considered among the scholars of the first half of the second century. The following works give abundant information about Abū Nūḥ:

al-Rāshidī, al-Imām Abū 'Ubayda Muslim b. Abī Karīma al-Tamīmī wa fiqhuh, pp. 601–603; Mu'jam a'lām al-Ibādiyya min al-qarn alawwal al-hijrī ilā al-'aṣr al-hādir – qism al-Maghrib al-'arabī, (Beirut 2000), p. 234; Ennami (ed.), Ajwibat Ibn Khalfūn, (Beirut 1974), pp. 109–110.

6. Abū al-Ruḥayl Maḥbūb b. al-Ruḥayl

It should be re-emphasised that our book is the only source to name Maḥbūb b. al-Ruḥayl as Abū al-Ruḥayl. Otherwise he is mostly known as Abū Sufyān. I have pointed out earlier⁵⁷ that both names are for the same person. Excellent biographies of him are to be found in the following sources:

al-Rāshidī, *op. cit.*, pp. 242–244; Crone and Zimmermann, *op. cit.*, pp. 309–315 (where he is wrongly referred to as Maḥbūb b. al-Raḥīl), and al-Baṭṭāshī, *Itḥāf al-a yān*, (2nd edn., Oman 1998), 2:217–219.⁵⁸

7. Abū Şufra 'Abd al-Malik b. Şufra

Although this name is prominently quoted in many early Ibādī sources, not much is known about him. The only detailed study is that of Ibrāhīm Bū Larwāh at the Institute of Islamic Sciences in Muscat as a graduation requirement as recent as 2002. His study '*Min Jāmi' Abī Sufra wa fiqhih*' is unpublished yet but I do have a copy. There is also a brief passage in

⁵⁴ Ibn Sallām, Bad' al-Islām wa sharā'i ' al-dīn, 134.

⁵⁵ Al-Darjīnī, op. cit., 2:254; al-Shammākhī, op. cit., 1:82.

⁵⁶ Ibn Hajar, *Lisān al-mīzān*, (Beirut 1986), 3:178; Ibn Abī Hātim, *al-Jarḥ wa al-ta dīl*, (Beirut 1952), 4:393; Ibn Hibbān, *al-Thiqāt*, (1st edn., 1975), 7:665.

⁵⁷ See Notes and Comments, [257].

⁵⁸ Unlike al-Sālimī, Crone and Zimmermann, al-Battāshī rightly argues that the dispute between Mahbūb and Hārūn b. al-Yamān took place during the reign of Imām Ghassān b. 'Abd Allāh (d. 207/822) and not Muhannā b. Jayfar (226-237/841-852), see Ithāf, 2:219. This of course solves what Zimmermann and Crone tried with difficulty to solve (cf. Epistle, 311).

Francesca, La fabbricazione degli Isnād nella Scuola ibādita: il Musnad ar-Rabī b. Habīb.⁵⁹

It is important, I think, to point out first that Abū Sufra was cited in both early and recent materials to be the key transmitter and the one responsible for recording $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r$ al-Rabī b. $Hab\bar{i}b$.⁶⁰ Al-Sa'dī (thirteenth/eighteenth century) says, without mentioning his source, that he is from Basra⁶¹ or an Omani settled in Basra⁶². His dates are problematic, for many researchers⁶³ consider him a student of al-Rabī', while no direct transmission is recorded between the two men. A good example of that is *Āthār al-Rabī* 'b. Habīb which he transmitted through an intermediary - al-Haytham - from al-Rabī^{\cdot}. Thus Bū Larwāh argues⁶⁴ that he is not a student of al-Rabī⁶ but of his successors (Wā'il b. Ayyūb and Abū Sufyān Mahbūb, see below). He extends this argument and suggests that Abū Şufra was born in the last third of the second century and died in the first third of the next century (170-230). His argument would have been plausible if I had not found the following quotation in Bayān al-shar' where al-Kindī says, "wa min Jāmi' Abī Şufra 'an al-Rabī' qultu ..."⁶⁵, and in another place he says, "wa min Jāmi' Abī Şufra 'an Hammād 'an Ibrāhīm wa 'an al-Rabī' annahum gālū ..."66. Obviously, neither Hammad nor Ibrahim transmit on the authority of al-Rabi but Abū Şufra could and that is why he says "wa 'an". There are actually a handful of places⁶⁷ that one can trace in $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{\iota}$ of this pattern which makes it quite possible that Abū Şufra had met al-Rabī' for a short while before al-Rabi died. Therefore I would suggest an earlier birth date than Bū Larwah that is to say he was born somewhere around 160 and agree with his conclusion about the time of his death.

Finally there are two points I would like to make here. First it is important not to confuse this Abū Şufra with Abū Şufra the father of the Muhallabid family. For the latter, see Ibn Hajar, *al-Işāba*, 6:387, and Ibn

⁵⁹ In "Law, Christianity and Modernism in Islamic Society", Proceedings of the eighteenth Congress of the Union Europeenne des Arabisants et Islamisants held at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, p. 46–47.

⁶⁰ Al-Shammākhī, Siyar, 1:109; al-Sālimī, Sharh al-jāmi ' al-ṣahīh, 1:4, and al-Lum 'a almurdiyya, 19; Ennami (ed.), Ajwibat Ibn Khalfūn, p. 113.

⁶¹ Al-Sa'dī, Qāmūs al-sharī'a, 8:357.

⁶² Al-Rāshidī, al-Imām Abū 'Ubayda Muslim b. Abī Karīma al-Tamīmī wa fiqhuh, p. 27, f. 4.

⁶³ Mu'ammar, al-Ibādiyya bayna al-firaq al-Islāmiyya, p. 29; Ennāmī, loc.cit., and al-Būsa'īdī, Riwāyat al-hadīth 'inda al-Ibādiyya, p. 55.

[.]ح-ز , 64 Op. cit.

⁶⁵ Al-Kindī, Bayān al-shar', 45:7-8.

⁶⁶ *Ibid*. 43:224.

⁶⁷ *Ibid.* 35:18.

Hibbān, *al-Thiqāt*, 4:400. The second is his role in transmitting *Musnad al-Rabī*^{\cdot} b. *Habīb*. For it is so far unclear who took the initiative of transmitting that *Musnad* from al-Rabī^{\cdot} and committed it to writing except for an uncertain snippet of information given by al-Shammākhī that Abū Şufra "could be its narrator".⁶⁸ This, if reliable of course, indicates a great service to the Ibādī *hadīth* in addition to his general contribution to Ibādī scholarship.

8. Abū 'Ubayda Muslim b. Abī Karīma

Abū 'Ubayda is the successor of Jābir b. Zayd in the leadership of the Ibādīs. The date of his death is disputed, but the most convincing one is that he passed away shortly after 150/767. Fortunately he has been well studied, though most of this work is not known to many Western scholars.⁶⁹ I shall not give his biography in detail, but recommend the comprehensive PhD thesis of Mubārak al-Rāshidī, *al-Imām Abū 'Ubayda Muslim b. Abī Karīma al-Tamīmī wa fiqhuh* (published in Oman 1993) which fills almost 700 pages, along with references cited in *Mu'jam a'lām al-Ibādiyya min al-qarn al-awwal al-hijrī ilā al-'aṣr al-hādir – qism al-Maghrib al-'arabī*, pp. 418–420 (Beirut 2000).

9. 'Amāra b. **Habīb**

'Amāra b. Habīb is one of the people that al-Shammākhī listed as *majāhīl* (unknown) transmitters of Jābir b. Zayd. There is, however, some information to be got from his traditions in the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ '. In tradition [315] he states that he heard from Dumām (see below), and in the other one [316] he is transmitting from his father Habīb on accompanying Jābir to a Friday prayer. This indicates that he is of the same generation of Dumām and his father's surprise action of performing Friday prayer with al-Hajjāj could be a clue of his Ibādism as well.

10. 'Amāra b. Hayyān

'Amāra b. Hayyān was an orphan brought up in Jābir's care.⁷⁰ He was in addition a student of Jābir, and accompanied him on his travels.⁷¹ Al-Rabī' described him as "*kāna al-shaykh* ['Amāra] '*āliman ṣādiqan* – he was a truthful scholar". He passed on the knowledge he gained from Jābir to later

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⁶⁸ Al-Shammākhī, op. cit, 1:109.

⁶⁹ Zimmermann and Crone in their *Epistle of Sālim b. Dhakwān*, Appendix 1, have made thorough use of most works, both Arabic and Western, on writing about Abū 'Ubayda, but nevertheless they seem to be unaware of the work of al-Rāshidī mentioned above.

⁷⁰ Al-Shammākhī, al-Siyar, 1:88.

⁷¹ This is said by both al-Darjīnī, *Tabaqāt*, and al-Shammākhī, *Siyar*, and is apparent in our book, see for example, traditions [258], [259] and [293].

generations like Abū 'Ubayda, al-Rabī'... etc. (cf. Mu'jam a 'lām al-Ibādiyya min al-qarn al-awwal al-hijrī ilā al-'aşr al-hādir – qism al-Maghrib al-'arabī, p. 299). We can place him at the late first and early second century A.H., based on him being a source of transmission from Jābir to his great students. There is a mention of him in non-Ibādī authorities such as al-Bukhārī, al-Tārīkh al-kabīr, 6:503. Ibn Hibbān considers him in his al-Thiqāt, 7:262, and Aḥmad b. Hanbal in al-'Ilal wa ma'rifat al-rijāl, 3:12 where he confirms that 'Amāra transmits from Jābir and Abū 'Ubayda transmits from him ['Amāra] (cf. al-Dhahabī, Mīzān al-i'tidāl fī naqd al-rijāl, 5:211).

11. **Dumām b. al-Sā'ib**

Dumām b. al-Sā'ib al-Nadbī is from a family of Omani origin but born in Basra.⁷² He belonged to the second generation of Ibādī scholars, that is to say the early disciples of Jābir b. Zayd. He reached a respected scholarly rank⁷³ at the time of Abū 'Ubayda Muslim b. Abī Karīma, the second Ibādī leader. Dumām is one of the most distinguished of Jābir's students to the extent that it has been said that "he studied more with Jābir than did Abū 'Ubayda Muslim b. Abī Karīma".⁷⁴ Although his role is relatively minor in the famous *Musnad al-Rabī*',⁷⁵ his contribution in the book under study, *Āthār al-Rabī*' b. *Habīb*, points to his close relationship with Jābir. Non-Ibādī sources repeatedly refer to Dumām, always with the view that he is a reliable transmitter.⁷⁶

Dumām was imprisoned by al-Ḥajjāj (governor of Iraq, 76–95/695–714) along with his fellow and great companion Abū 'Ubayda.⁷⁷ More details on Dumām's life can be found in:

al-Qannūbī, al-Rabī b. Habīb, makānatuh wa musnaduh, (Oman 1995), pp. 37–38; al-Rāshidī, al-Imām Abū Ubayda Muslim b. Abī Karīma al-Tamīmī wa fiqhuh, pp. 599–601, and the references cited by Ennami (ed.), Ajwibat Ibn Khalfūn, p. 112 along with references mentioned here in the footnotes.

⁷² Ibn Maddād, Sīra, ms. no. 156 of the catalogue of Ministry of Heritage and Culture, Oman, p. 6, and Ibn Sallām, Bad' al-Islām wa sharā'i ' al-dīn, p. 114.

⁷³ Al-Darjīnī, al-Ţabaqāt, 2:246-247.

⁷⁴ Al-Shammākhī, al-Siyar, vol. 1, p. 81.

⁷⁵ He transmitted no more than three traditions there.

⁷⁶ Ahmad b. Hanbal, al-'Ilal wa ma'rifat al-rijāl, 2:56 and 3:11; al-Bukhārī, al-Tārīkh alkabīr, 5:173.

⁷⁷ Al-Darjīnī, op. cit., 2:247; al-Shammākhī, loc. cit.

12. Hammām b. Yaḥyā

There is no mention of this name except in al-Shammākhī's list of unknown transmitters.⁷⁸ The readings of the Tunisian MSS provide us with the name of Hammām b. Yaḥyā who is well identified in many non-Ibādī references.⁷⁹ He is a trustworthy Basran transmitter who died in 163 or 164 A.H.⁸⁰ Some authorities, although accepting his narrations, did question his memory.⁸¹ He narrates from many *tābi īn* such as al-Ḥasan, Ibn Sīrīn, 'Aṭā', Nāfi', Qatāda and Yaḥyā b. Abī Kathīr.⁸² However, he is not mentioned elsewhere, except possibly in al-Shammākhī's list – but there the name is given as Dumām b. Yaḥyā, almost certainly an error.

13. al-Haytham

This is an unfamiliar name in Ibādī sources. From my reading I think *Āthār* al-Rabī' b. Habīb is the only Ibādī work to cite his name. However, a careful search on 'books of *rijāl*' (sources of biographies of transmitters of *hadīth*) throws up many transmitters with the name of al-Haytham. Fortunately one of them only, al-Haytham b. 'Abd al-Ghaffar, is said to have transmitted from al-Rabī' b. Habīb and Dumām. It is likely that he is the one we are looking for, as none of the other Haythams is mentioned in connection with al-Rabī', Dumām and Jābir b. Zayd. Furthermore, he is from Basra and said to be "the most knowledgeable of Jābir's opinion".⁸³ No date is given about his life except that he is a transmitter of al-Rabī', Dumām, Qatāda, Hammām b. Yahyā and some others.⁸⁴ Yet all authorities of *ilm al-rijāl* have a poor opinion of this man and they reject his *hadīth*s and call him a liar.⁸⁵ This could mean that he is not an Ibadī, for these sources assume that Ibadīs are Khawārij whose *hadīth* is at the highest level of credibility.⁸⁶ Apart from the discussions on his credibility found in these sources, it seems that Abū Sufra had a favourable view of al-Haytham that convinced him to rely in his trans-

84 Ibid.

⁷⁸ Al-Shammākhī, al-Siyar, 1:111.

⁷⁹ Al-Bukhārī, op. cit., 8:237; Ibn Abī Hātim, op. cit., 9:107.

⁸⁰ Ibn Zubar al-Rab'ī, op. cit., 1:378.

⁸¹ Al-Suyūţī, *Tadhkirat al-huffāz*, (Beirut 1983), 1:93, and al-Dhahabī, *Man tukullima fīh*, (1st edn., 1986), 1:188.

⁸² Cf. al-Dhahabī, op. cit., 7:296.

⁸³ Ibn Hajar al- Asqalānī, Lisān al-mīzān, 6:208; al-Khatīb al-Baghdādī, Tārīkh Baghdād, 14:55.

⁸⁵ Al-'Aqīlī, Abū Ja'far, al-Du'afā' al-kabīr, 4:357; Ibn Abī Hātim al-Rāzī, al-Jarh wa al-ta'dīl, 9:85; Ibn al-Jawzī, al-Du'afā' wa al-matrūkīn, 3:179; al-Dhahabī, Mīzān ali'tidāl fī naqd al-rijāl, 7:110–111.

⁸⁶ Al-Suyūțī, *Tadrīb al-rāwī*, 1:326; Ibn Hajar, *Muqaddimat fath al-bārī*, 1:432–433, and al-Khațīb al-Baghdādī, *al-Kifāya fī 'ilm al-riwāya*, 1:130.

missions particularly on the opinions of Jābir b. Zayd. From the names given as al-Haytham's authorities, it is possible that he was a late second early third century A.H. figure.

14. Hayyān al-A'raj al-'Āmirī

Hayyān al-'Āmirī (or al-Ghāfirī according to some sources) is a Basran student of Jābir. Not much is known about his role although he seems to have achieved a respected scholarly position at his time. I mentioned earlier in this study⁸⁷ that there seems to be a slip of the pen in his name as mentioned by al-Shammākhī in a list of unknown transmitters of Jābir.⁸⁸ He is of the *tābi* ' \bar{u} al-tābi ' \bar{n} authentic traditionists according to Ibn Hibbān and Yaḥyā b. Ma ' \bar{n} .⁸⁹ Further information can be found in the following sources:

Mu 'jam a 'lām al-Ibādiyya min al-qarn al-awwal al-hijrī ilā al- 'aṣr alhādir – qism al-Maghrib al- 'arabī, (Beirut 2000), p. 132; Ennami (ed.), Ajwibat Ibn Khalfūn, (Beirut 1974), p. 114; Ennami, Studies, p. 66; al-Mizzī, Tahdhīb al-kamāl, (Beirut 1980), 7:476–477; Ibn Hajar (al- 'Asqalānī), al-Iṣāba, (Beirut 1992), 2:219, and al-Rāshidī, op. cit., p. 593–594.

15. Hāzim (or al-Hāzim) b. 'Umar

External sources do not provide us with any information about this transmitter. However the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ enables us to pick out some details about him. From tradition [294] onwards up to [313] there appears to be a sufficient connection between him and Tamīm b. Huwayş (see below) to conclude that they were contemporaries. I would even argue that he is an Ibādī, for many traditions he transmitted are peculiar to the Ibādī law or the Ibādī political stance. Of the first category we find traditions [297], [298], [299], [304] and [306] that are dealing with *qaşr al-şalāt* from an Ibādī perspective. There is also tradition [301] which shows the strict Ibādī view on wiping over footwear. And on the political side, there is firstly a tradition, [296], where he seems to have been hiding away during the revolt of Ibn al-Ash'ath. Then after it was put down he immediately went to Jābir b. Zayd to ask him about what had happened. Secondly, he is the narrator of a tradition, [303], which presents undoubtedly a very Ibādī view on the *bay'at* Ibn Ziyād. From this, I

⁸⁷ See Notes and Comments, [253].

⁸⁸ Al-Shammākhī, *al-Siyar*, 1:111 says that al-Rabī' depended on many distinguished transmitters about whom we know very little, one of them is a man named Hassān (not Hayyan) al-'Āmirī.

⁸⁹ Ibn Hajar, Tahdhīb al-tahdhīb, 3:60; Ibn Abī Hātim, op. cit., 3:246; al-Hamawī, Mu jam al-buldān, 2:187.

think, it is fair to deduce that he is an Ibādī, presumably Basran, narrator of Jābir b. Zayd of the age of Tamīm b. Huwayş or probably younger, as most of his narrations in this book are from Tamīm.

16. Jābir b. Zayd (Abū al-Sha'thā') (d. 93/711-712)

Jābir b. Zayd has received tremendous attention from many scholars of different backgrounds. But in the light of the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. $Hab\bar{i}b$, a further contribution can still be made, particularly about his date of death. We already know the dispute on his death, the dates given are: 91/709, 93/711, 96/714, 103/721 and 104/722. Let us examine some related niceties offered by this work of al-Rab \bar{i} b. Hab $\bar{i}b$. The obvious information we first find is in tradition [314], which is explicit in stating that the death of J $\bar{a}bir$ was before that of Anas b. M $\bar{a}lik$ (d. 93/711). Secondly, there is one tradition in $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ ([262]) ascribed to 'Umar II (d. 101/719), during his caliphate. The transmitter of this tradition is al-Rab \bar{i} and not J $\bar{a}bir$. If J $\bar{a}bir$ had been alive at that time he would have been the transmitter, or his opinion on the legal issue discussed in the tradition would have been quoted.

Relevant to this is that there is no record of Jābir being involved, in any way, in the Ibādī delegation to Umar II, nor has a statement been reported from him about the result of this Ibādī mission.⁹⁰ I do not think that they would have taken this step without his consent if he was still alive at that time. In addition to information available in the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$, it should be noted that the date of 93/711 as a death date of Jābir is recorded by his closest and most distinguished student, Abū 'Ubayda, in *Musnad al-Rabī* 'b. Habīb⁹¹ and it is the opinion most adopted by *muhaddithūn* who were, mostly, more accurate in such information than historians.⁹²

However, there are strong sets of counter evidence to this opinion: If al-Hajjāj imprisoned Jābir, as some writers claim, and Jābir had died in prison, this would surely have been noted. The implication is that either he was not imprisoned or died after his release. The time of release, if there was one, is hardly likely to have been before the death of al-Hajjāj (95/713).

It does not seem to me that Jābir was imprisoned by al-Ḥajjāj for the same reasons that $Ab\bar{u}$ 'Ubayda and his colleagues were. He was imprisoned to prevent him from going to *hajj*.⁹³ It is true, however, that Jābir was exiled to Oman, but he could have returned to Basra during the time of al-Ḥajjāj. There is no reason for al-Ḥajjāj to send him into exile except for the strong

⁹⁰ Ibn Maddād, Sīra, ms. no.156 of the catalogue of Ministry of Heritage and Culture, Oman, pp. 7-10, and al-Darjīnī, *Țabaqāt*, 2:232.

⁹¹ Al-Rabī b. Habīb, al-Jāmi al-sahīh - musnad al-Rabī b. Habīb, p. 193.

⁹² See al-Qannūbī, al-Rabī 'b. Habīb: makānatuh wa musnaduh, p. 25.

⁹³ Al-Darjīnī, op. cit., 2:208, and al-Shammākhī, Siyar, 1:68.

relations between the Muhallabids and Jābir.⁹⁴ And we know that soon after al-Ḥajjāj turned against the Muhallabids, probably after the death of 'Abd al-Malik b. Marwān (86/705), they got back-up from Sulaymān b. 'Abd al-Malik. That could have made Jābir's return to Basra possible.

It also means that there was a vacuum in the leadership of Ibādī movement between the death of Jābir and the release of Abū 'Ubayda (after the death of al-Ḥajjāj in 95/713) of no less than two years.

But, we should not forget that there were other Ibādī authorities who studied under Jābir and were not less knowledgeable or intellectual than Abū 'Ubayda, such as Ṣuḥār al-'Abdī, Ja'far b. al-Simāk and Abū Mawdūd Ḥājib b. Mawdūd,⁹⁵ who might have taken responsibility for looking after the movement.

Locating Jābir's death at the end of the first century H. definitely means that Abū 'Ubayda's tenure of leadership lasted unimaginably more than 50 years.

This could be more problematic than the previous points. Yet there are traces of information, though they are far from certain, which indicate that Abū 'Ubayda handed his authority to al-Rabī' in the latest years of his life because of his illness. He assigned him as a *muftī* for the people during the season of *hajj*.⁹⁶ It has been reported in many Ibādī sources that Abū 'Ubayda towards the end of his life got the disease known today as hemiplegia.⁹⁷ Furthermore, Abū 'Ubayda gave a strong recommendation to al-Rabī' from which it can be perceived that al-Rabī' took over during the life of Abū 'Ubayda. Al-Darjīnī narrates that al-Rabī' was once mentioned before Abū 'Ubayda, Abū 'Ubayda then described him as '*faqīhunā wa imāmunā wa taqiyyunā*'.⁹⁸

We could locate Jabir's date of death somewhere between 93/711 and 99/719 (the year 'Umar II got into office) but the points mentioned above hardly support such an assumption. Thus I feel the date of 93/711 is most likely to be the correct one.

⁹⁴ *EI*², III, *s.v.* al-Ibādiyya, p. 649.

⁹⁵ Al-Darjīnī has a record of a story of courses of *dhikr* and *tarbiya* held by significant Ibādī figures at Hājib's house and a record of another story that shows that Hājib was looking after his fellow Ibādīs. One day he heard that there were secret congregations of Ibādīs held at the house of another Ibādī called 'Abd al-Malik al-Ţawīl but they were talking loudly and their neighbours were able to hear them. Having heard about that, Hājib sent to them. They admitted what he had been told and said: 'If you command us not to do, we shall obey' ... (see *al-Ṭabaqāt*, 2:248–251).

⁹⁶ Al-Darjīnī, op. cit., 2:245.

⁹⁷ Ibid., 2:276.

⁹⁸ Loc. cit.

The best sources to be consulted on other aspects of Jābir's life are the following:

Bakkūsh, Fiqh al-imām Jābir b. Zayd, (Beirut 1986); Ennami, Studies in Ibādism, Ch. 2; Crone and Zimmermann, The epistle of Sālim b. Dhakwān, Appendix 1; EI², III, pp. 649–650, s.v. al-Ibādiyya; II, p. 359–360, s.v. Djābir b. Zayd; Sāmī Ṣaqr, al-Imām Jābir b. Zayd al-Azdī wa atharuhu fī al-hayāt al-fikriyya wa al-siyāsiyya, (Oman 2000), and al-Baṭṭāshī, Ithāf al-a'yān fī tārīkh ba'd 'ulamā' 'Umān, 1:74–85.

17. Jamīl al-Khawārizmī

The last two traditions in $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. $Hab\bar{i}b$ contain the only citations of this name. Elsewhere, there is no mention of such a transmitter. However, there is an Ibādī scholar with the name of Abū Yazīd al-Khawārizmī. His first name is never mentioned, which makes the suggestion that the two names belong to the same transmitter fairly reasonable. For they are both from Khawārizm and belong to the same time, that is the first half of the second century. Abū Yazīd was a distinguished theologian who studied with Abū 'Ubayda and played a significant role in spreading Ibādī principles and thought in Khawārizm.⁹⁹ Yet this remains an assumption that requires further investigation, as the two traditions extant in $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ are transmitted on the authority of Jamīl from al-Rabī' and Wā'il (see below) respectively.

18. Al-Rabī b. Habīb

In recent years, many writers have made thorough studies of the life of Abū 'Amr al-Rabī' b. Habīb al-Farāhīdī al-Azdī. The most detailed of these are: 'al-Rabī' b. Habīb; makānatuh wa musnaduh' of the contemporary Omanī traditionalist Shaykh Sa'īd b. Mabrūk al-Qannūbī, and 'al-Rabī' b. Habīb: muhaddithan wa faqīhan' of al-Kabbāwī, 'Umar b. Mas'ūd. Amongst western scholars, I find that what Crone and Zimmermann wrote about al-Rabī' in The epistle of Sālim b. Dhakwān, Appendix 1 is the most comprehensive and accurate. All these sources are highly recommended for an excellent biography and identification of al-Rabī'. I will not repeat what is mentioned there, but I would like to comment on two points deduced from information provided by $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r$ al-Rabī' b. Habīb. First, it would appear that al-Rabī' lived in the time of (adraka hayātahu)¹⁰⁰ Jābir b. Zayd because there

⁹⁹ For more details, see al-Darjīnī, *Ṭabaqāt*, 2:258; al-Shammākhī, *al-Siyar*, 1:88, 143; *al-Rāshidī*, *op. cit.*, p. 247; Ibn Sallām, *Bad' al-Islām*, p. 135.

¹⁰⁰ This phrase clearly means that their lives overlapped. However, it does not necessarily imply that the two men ever met.

are three traditions in which he transmits from Jabir directly. These three are [245], [273] and [280]. In the first one he says: "sallaynā khalfahu [Jābir] fī Minā ... - we prayed behind Jābir [i.e. he led our congregation] at Minā ...", and the other two, though not so explicit, bear witness to the claim that al-Rabī' belonged to the generation of Abū 'Ubayda Muslim b. Abī Karīma¹⁰¹ (see above). Second, I would agree with Crone and Zimmermann that al-Rabī' b. Habīb did not die in Oman but in Basra,¹⁰² because the evidence for the opposite argument¹⁰³ does not stand up together. The claim that Mūsā b. Abī Jābir prayed over him when he died is taken out of its full context. Al-Kindī states "balaghanā anna Mūsā b. Abī Jābir şallā 'alā al-Rabī' bi-Izkī¹⁰⁴ *hīna balaghahu mawtuhu bi al-Basra* – it has been reported to us that Mūsā b. Abī Jābir prayed over al-Rabī' at Izkī when he heard of the death of him in Basra".¹⁰⁵ A similar statement is also ascribed to Abū Sa'īd al-Kudamī.¹⁰⁶ This means that the prayer Mūsā performed over al-Rabī' is the so-called salāt al-ghā'ib (performance of a funeral prayer away from the dead). The Athār al-Rabī' b. Habīb of course does not have any direct mention of this issue, but we can see that all traditions of the book are from either Iraq or Hijaz, and all transmitters of the book, although with Omani origins, are settlers in Basra.

On a completely different point, al-Rabī's father, Habīb, is thought to be a student of Jābir b. Zayd¹⁰⁷ on the basis of a statement of al-Kindī¹⁰⁸ that "Habīb, al-Rabī's father, was with Jābir one Friday. Jābir requested him to accompany him to perform Friday prayer ...". This story is mentioned by al-Kindī without any *sanad* or citation of his source. The book of $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r$ al-Rabī' b. Habīb however, contains a similar tradition [316] narrated by 'Amāra b. Habīb (see p. 142 above) "that I heard my father say: I was with Jābir one Friday ...". This ultimately reveals that the man involved was Habīb who is the father of 'Amāra and not of al-Rabī'. The similarity in names probably caused this confusion.

Along with references mentioned above, the following sources are also useful:

¹⁰¹ On the contrary of the conclusion of Wilkinson, *Early Development of the Ibādī* Movement in Basra, p. 246, n. 30, and Zimmermann and Crone, *Epistle*, p. 306.

¹⁰² Op. cit., p. 308.

¹⁰³ Approved by most Omani historians and traditionalists. See op. cit.

¹⁰⁴ A town in the interior of Oman, not far from Nizwa.

¹⁰⁵ Al-Kindī, Bayān al-shar', 16:188.

¹⁰⁶ Cf. Lubāb al-āthār, 2:165–166.

¹⁰⁷ Al-Siyābī, *Talaqāt al-maʿhad al-riyādī ʿalā atbāʿ al-madhhab al-Ibādī*, p. 30; al-Hārithī, *al-ʿUqūd al-fidiyya*, p. 150, and al-Qannūbī, *al-Rabīʿ b. Habīb*, p. 17.

¹⁰⁸ Bayān al-shar', 15:71.

al-Rāshidī, al-Imām Abū 'Ubayda Muslim b. Abī Karīma al-Tamīmī wa fiqhuh, (Oman 1992), p. 248–251 and the references cited by Ennami (ed.), Ajwibat Ibn Khalfūn, (Beirut 1974), p. 108.

19. Salīm b. 'Ubayd

After a careful search for this name, I could not find it. Neither Ibādī sources nor Sunnī authorities mention such a person. Moreover, the Egyptian copy of the MS gives at the first mention of this transmitter his name as Sulaymān (not Salīm) b. 'Ubayd.¹⁰⁹ Editing the text however, leads me to stick to the name given in later traditions in the Egyptian copy and in all the readings of the name in the two Tunisian copies. If, on the other hand, the name of Sulaymān is the right one, there is mention of a Basran transmitter called Sulaymān b. 'Ubayd al-Salamī¹¹⁰ (al-Nājī according to some)¹¹¹ from whom Yaḥyā al-Qaṭṭān (al-Ḥāfiẓ) transmitted. This obviously places him at the late first/early second century A.H., which is confirmed in our book in traditions [291] and [292] where conversations between him and Jābir b. Zayd are reported.

20. Tamīm b. **Huwayş**

No extant early Ibādī sources of history and biographies deal with this name, although all the traditions he transmitted in this book¹¹² make it apparent that he is an Ibādī. However, Abū al-Mundhir Tamīm b. Huwayş al-Azdī is a $t\bar{a}bi$ 'ī from Basra who transmitted from Ibn 'Abbās and was an authentic reporter whose *hadīths* are accepted according to many Sunnī authorities.¹¹³ It would appear that Ibn Khalfūn is the only source to introduce Tamīm to Ibādī research workers,¹¹⁴ when he cites passages from $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ ' b. *Habīb* in his Ajwiba.

21. Al-Walīd b. Yaḥyā

This is another unknown transmitter from Jābir b. Zayd according to al-Shammākhī.¹¹⁵ Nonetheless, he has been identified in non-Ibādī sources as a Basran transmitter from Jābir, reported by Jarīr b. Hāzim.¹¹⁶

¹⁰⁹ See footnote 487 of the edited text of the book.

¹¹⁰ Al-Bukhārī, al-Tārīkh al-kabīr, 4:25; Ibn Abī Hātim, op. cit., 4:129.

¹¹¹ Ibn Hibbān, op. cit., 6:392.

¹¹² See in particular [212], [260], [261], [295–313].

¹¹³ Al-Bukhārī, al-Tārīkh al-kabīr, 2:154, 6:390; Ibn Hibbān, al-Thiqāt, 4:86; Ibn Abī Hātim, al-Jarh wa al-ta'dīl, 2:441; al-'Ajlī, (Abū al-Hasan), Ma'rifat al-thiqāt, 2:257; Ibn Hajar, Ta'jīl al-manfa'a, 1:60.

¹¹⁴ Ennami (ed), Ajwibat Ibn Khalfūn, p. 113-114; Mu'jam a'lām al-Ibādiyya, 2:106.

¹¹⁵ Ibid.

22. Yaḥyā b. Qurra

No information is available about him except that his name is provided in al-Shammākhī's list of the *mashāyikh* that transmitted from Jābir and from whom al-Rabī' transmitted.¹¹⁷ So at least we can locate him in the same generation as the last two narrators mentioned above.

	Name	Date
1.	Jābir b. Zayd (Abū al-Sha'thā')	d. 93/711–712
2.	Abū Bakr b. Naʿāma	1 st century
3.	Tamīm b. Ḥuwayş	late 1 st century
4.	'Amāra b. Ḥayyān	late 1 st / early 2 nd century
5.	Dumām b. al-Sā'ib	first half of the 2 nd century
6.	'Amāra b. Ḥabīb	first half of the 2 nd century
7.	Abū 'Ubayda Muslim b. Abī Karīma	d. shortly after 150
8.	Abū Nūḥ Ṣāliḥ al-Dahhān	mid 2 nd century
9.	Hāzim (or al-Hāzim) b. 'Umar	mid 2 nd century
10.	Salīm b. 'Ubayd	mid 2 nd century
11.	al-Walīd b. Yaḥyā	mid 2 nd century
12.	Yaḥyā b. Qurra	mid 2 nd century
13.	Hayyān al-Aʿraj al-ʿĀmirī	mid 2 nd century
14.	Hammām b. Yaḥyā	d. 163 or 164
15.	Abū al-Ashhab Jaʿfar b. Hayyān	d. 163 or 165
16.	'Abbās b. al-Hārith	second half of the 2 nd century
17.	al-Rabīʿ b. Ḥabīb	d. between 175 and 180
18.	Abū Ayyūb Wā'il b. Ayyūb	d. About 185
19.	Abū al-Ruḥayl Maḥbūb b. al-Ruḥayl	late 2 nd / early 3 rd century
20.	Jamīl al-Khawārizmī	???
21.	al-Haytham b. 'Abd al-Ghaffār	late 2 nd / early 3 rd century
22.	Abū Şufra 'Abd al-Malik b. Şufra	d. about 230

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¹¹⁶ Al-Bukhārī, al-Tārīkh al-kabīr, 8:157; Ibn Hibbān, al-Thiqāt, 9:226, and Ibn Abī Hātim, al-Jarh wa al-ta dīl, 9:21.

¹¹⁷ Al-Shammākhī, loc. cit.

III) Evaluation of Ibādī Fiqh Material in Āthār al-Rabī b. Habīb

We have here a cohesive unmodified¹¹⁸ work that represents parameters of what, not much later, developed into a 'legal system'.¹¹⁹ Jābir b. Zayd, who is at the heart of this work, is not a mere transmitter passing on traditions and hadīths of his predecessors (Companions and the Prophet) as seen in Musnad al-Rabī' b. Habīb. Nor are his disciples blind receptionists of every single opinion of him. The *Athar al-Rabi*' shows the capability of Jabir as a *mujta*hid instinctively using the techniques that were to become required scholarly instruments to weigh different evidence before formulating his own opinions that he put before his disciples. These disciples seem to have discussed his legal precepts and questioned them every so often, which allowed them to have a rich figh material. Soon after, this raw material was developed into a corpus for the Ibadis in Islamic law and jurisprudence. It should not be misunderstood, however, that it is just a collection of the knowledge of Ibādī authorities or that it is disclosed only for Ibadis. On the contrary, the Athar al-Rabī b. Habīb displays material from a wide range of sources of knowledge and not just the Ibādī community: there are Prophetic traditions, fatāwā of the Companions, opinions of some Successors, and not least of all the great amount of Qur'anic topics discussed in the book. This feature, indeed, should earn special attention. It leads to a closer look at the Ibadī legal system and it definitely assists re-evaluating the preconceptions that many people, including, unfortunately, some scholars and researchers, have about Ibādī *fiqh*.

Ennami, in 1971, attempted to carry out an examination of Ibādī *fiqh*. He was successful in drawing a broader picture of Ibādī jurisprudence and law in terms of its general features, significant authorities, its origins, differences with other Sunnī schools of law and its most important works.¹²⁰ Although the work of $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. $Hab\bar{i}b$ provides strong grounds for many of his findings, amongst the most significant is that the Ibādī school of law is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, surviving school of Islamic jurisprudence.¹²¹ There are also other points to be made here. Among the points I wish to

¹¹⁸ Many scholars and researchers, Muslims and Westerners, have treated Ibādī fiqh as a modified version of the Sunnī legal system, see for example, Ibn Hazm, Marātib alijmā', and Naqd marātib al-ijmā' of Ibn Taymiyya, both in one volume, (ed. al-Kawtharī, Beirut n.d.), p. 14 f., and Schacht, Introduction, p. 16–17.

¹¹⁹ Schacht, op. cit, pp. 3, 16.

¹²⁰ Studies, Ch. IV, Ibādī Jurisprudence.

¹²¹ Loc. cit.

examine here are the mutual attitudes of Jābir b. Zayd and his predecessors and outstanding contemporaries on the one hand, and the Ibādī school of law attributed to him, as many authorities confirm,¹²² on the other.

It is apparent from the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ that Jābir b. Zayd's part in Ibādism received much attention within the community. The attitude of Ibādī tradition towards him is unambiguous. Many recognise him as the real founder of Ibādism and many others as its intellectual founder. In either case, his opinions are at the highest level of approval. This approval, however, was not blind. There is good evidence that the teachings of Jābir were not always followed by Ibādīs. The most clear examples in $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ of this kind are:

- First, his view that the marriage of minors is illegal (tradition [148]). Jābir assumes the marriage of the Prophet to 'Ā'isha to be a special case that is only allowed for the Prophet (*min khuşūşiyyāt al-rasūl*), and there is no more explanation ascribed to Jābir of other practices of *zawāj al-şighār* as in the case of 'Umar b. al-Khaṭṭāb and Umm Kulthūm bt. 'Alī b. Abī Ţālib which is a famous instance.¹²³ However, this opinion of Jābir has not been accepted by Ibādī scholars from the time of Jābir's students, and his claim of *khusūsiyya* is considered baseless.
- Another example of this kind is to be found in Jābir's opinions on some of the conditions of *tamattu* ' rite in *hajj*. His opinions, as explained in Ch. III above [15] and [136], were felt strange and were unquestionably rejected.¹²⁴ Actually Jābir seems to have very detached, though corroborated, views on *tamattu* '. He does not lay down the obligation for someone to do '*umra* and *hajj* in the same journey; he considers a performer of '*umra* during the months of *hajj* as *mutamatti* ' even if he enters the rites of '*umra* before the months of *hajj*. He also holds his own opinions on the days that a *mutamatti* ' who cannot afford an animal for sacrifice should fast (traditions [16], [17] and [19]).
- Last in this category is his opinion on tradition [302] when he states that a person could leave a congregation prayer if the *imām* recites long $s\bar{u}ras$.

¹²² See for example, Bakkūsh, Fiqh al-imām Jābir b. Zayd, pp. 26–29, 34–37; Schacht, Origins of Muhammadan Jurisprudence, pp. 260–261; Watt, The Formative Period of Islamic Thought, (Edinburgh 1973), pp. 27–28 where he tried to harmonise the two contradicting arguments of the relationship of Jābir to Ibādīs by stating that though Jābir's "views were close to those of the Ibādites, he did not fully accept them, but that they later claimed to be following him to give their doctrine greater 'respectability' in the eyes of the main body of Sunnites".

^{123 &#}x27;Abd- al-Razzāq, al-Mussannaf, 6:263-264.

¹²⁴ Atfayyish, Sharh al-nīl, 4:60.

All these matters, extant in the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$, show that although Jābir b. Zayd can be seen as the founder of this independent school of law, the evolution of Ibādī *fiqh* developed in a wider attitude and more open atmosphere than just to adopt Jābir's teachings.

It is not unreasonable to say that the development of Ibādī law can be seen as starting as early as the compilation of this work. For the Athar al-Rabī b. Habīb provides us with significant indications of a formation of consistent legal tenets. There are some standpoints that make Ibadis distinctive in their *figh*, as far as Islamic law is concerned, as early as the time of Jābir b. Zayd and his students, that is to say the beginning of the second century A.H. Of these peculiar *fiqh* features is the disapproval of wiping over footwear in wudu'. Jābir's opinion mentioned in tradition [301] represents a very Ibādī feature of *fiqh*. It is true that the same view is taken by individual Muslim authorities, but none of the Sunnī schools of law accept it. It was, however, accepted by the Shī'īs, thus providing one of the few legal opinions common to Ibādī and Shī'ī schools of law. Despite the common opposition to the Sunnī view, the dispute between Ibādīs and Sunnīs, on this point, has never been as sharp and crucial as was that between Sunnīs and Shī'īs.125 Jābir's view was strongly influenced by Ibn 'Abbās, who was his great teacher. Ibn 'Abbās rejected the practice, and he was followed in that by Jābir and the Ibādīs followed him in that, no doubt strengthened in their view by that of 'A' isha. She has been quoted reporting to the Prophet that he never wiped his feet and she wished to carry a knife and cut off her feet rather than wipe them.¹²⁶ Jābir himself denied that any of the Companions he met had done it or claimed that the Prophet had wiped his feet, he says: "I met plenty $(iam\bar{a}'a)$ of the Companions of the Prophet and asked them if the Prophet had ever wiped his hands over his footwear, and they all said No". Then Jābir commented: "How should we do so while God speaks to us (vukhātibunā) in His book about wudū ' [of every limb] itself''.¹²⁷

Another example extant in $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$, of an Ibādī *fiqh* peculiarity, is the recital of only *al-Fātiha* in *zuhr* and *'aṣr* prayers. This, as is clear in tradition [9], is another sign of an independent formation of *fiqh* which originated at the beginning of the second century and has remained an 'unchangeable' Ibādī principle of law since then, although it is not a central issue in religion. Other points are the disapproval of *qunūt* in the prayer and also the distance

¹²⁵ For a summary of Ibn 'Abbās' opinion and his evidence, see Madelung, "'Abd Allāh b. 'Abbās and Shi'ite Law", in: Law, Christianity and Modernism in Islamic Society, pp. 19-21.

¹²⁶ Al-Rabī' b. Habīb, Musnad, 1:62; Ibn Abī Shayba, al-Musannaf, 1:169; 'Abd al-Razzāq, op. cit., 1:221.

¹²⁷ Al-Rabī' b. Habīb, loc. cit.

from which a traveller should shorten his prayer as well as for how long he can stay doing so¹²⁸. Apart from *salāt*, we have seen earlier (Ch. III) that Ibādīs are consistent in treating the *mukātab* as a free man from the time the contract of *mukātaba* is signed, see for example [55], [57], [104], [119], [122], [124], [126], [130] and [287]. And on the contrary, their treatment of *umm al-walad* as a slave (traditions [37], [52], [102], [E1], [E2], [116] and [118]) contradicts the opinion of Sunnī, but not Shī'ī, schools of law.¹²⁹

Of course, there are similarities in most *fiqh* matters between the Ibādī and Sunnī, and sometimes Shī'ī schools of law, but to have all the above points, let us call them essentially Ibādī legal features, in a relatively brief work of traditions indicates an early establishment of a developed system of jurisprudence and law. This, it seems to me, is what a careful reader will recognise in the work of $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r$ al-Rabī' b. Habīb. There are other differences between Ibādī *fiqh* and the majority of Muslim schools of law;¹³⁰ and on one crucial point the work of $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r$ al-Rabī' allows us to conclude that there is no apparent link whatsoever with the later Zāhirī school. It is therefore wrong to say, as Schacht did, that the "legal thought of the Zāhirīs, ... has certain points of resemblance with the doctrine of the Hanbalīs and of the Traditionists in general, but essentially it goes back to a literalist attitude which can be found among the Khārijīs".¹³¹

The methodology Jabir b. Zayd followed in formulating his opinions can also be traced in the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$, albeit to a limited extent. His reference to the Qur'ān is clear in traditions [161], [169], [239], [273] and [293]. His attitude to the sunna and hadith is articulated in a short, though significant statement in tradition [238]. Many of his opinions are based on Prophetic traditions as in [14], [27], [34], [79], [97], [114], [144], [269], [282] and [315]. His appreciation of the opinions of the Companions and his attitude to what he found them doing or approving of is also apparent in *Āthār al-Rabī*. b. Habīb: Most of his opinions are actually ascribed to one or more of the Companions such as Ibn 'Abbās, 'Abd Allāh b. 'Umar, 'Ā'isha and Ibn Mas'ūd. However, Jābir seems to have his own criteria by which he deduces his final legal judgment, but these are not clear from the *Athār al-Rabī* b. Habīb alone. A further study will be required to elucidate them. In some occasions he follows 'Ā'isha, as we have seen in wiping over the footwear. Yet on other occasions he followed Ibn 'Umar as in tradition [159] where he prefers the performance of an odd number of circumambulations around the

¹²⁸ For these three matters, see Ch. III, Notes and Comments, [320], [211] and [303] respectively.

¹²⁹ Madelung, op. cit., pp. 17–19.

¹³⁰ Cf. Ennami, Studies, pp. 103-112.

¹³¹ Schacht, Introduction, p. 64.

Ka'ba despite 'Ā'isha's preference of 'the more the better', and in tradition [35] Jābir's opinion is also in accordance with that of Ibn 'Umar. Generally, Jābir admits that he uses the 'amal of the Companions as legal evidence: when he was asked if a Muslim should ask about the source of ghee, he stated "No, we found the Companions of the Prophet asking about cheese and not about ghee" (tradition [300]). As far as analogical reasoning is concerned, Jābir has been described by some scholars "as one who adopts opinion and uses analogical deduction when there is no textual evidence".¹³² I will not attempt, within the limit of my focus on this section, to scrutinise the niceties of this conclusion, but shall concentrate on its sphere preserved in the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r$ al-Rabī^{\cdot}. The most attractive example of this is tradition [292] when he was asked to decide between doing *hajj* and obeying one's father's commandment of not doing it. Jabir's reply to the questioner explicitly indicates his methodology of balancing between two religious obligations, performing hajj and obeying parents. Jabir asked his questioner: "What if your father prevented you from performing an obligatory prayer, would you then obey him?" The man said: "No". So Jābir answered his question by saying that he ought not to listen to his father, for *hajj* and *salāt* are alike and should be treated similarly. There is also his opinion on performing prayer on the roof of the Ka ba, a point on which no textual evidence (from the Qur'an or hadith) survives. Jabir states that the person who does so has no *gibla*; and thus it is not permissible to do so, as indicated in tradition [38]. We have also seen that Jābir made slave sisters equal to free sisters as far as marital, or tasarrī and wat' issues are concerned.¹³³ His solution to the woman who made a vow (nadhr) of spending a night dancing and singing when her father returns home, as in tradition [317], is obviously based on reasoning and individual opinions. Many other examples can be quoted from the \overline{Athar} al-Rabī ' b. Habīb¹³⁴ to justify and confirm that Jābir retained the use of *givas* and individual judgment when forming legal opinions on matters that have not been dealt with in the Qur'an and hadith. This inevitably became an essential part of the recognised methods and procedure of Ibādī jurisprudence and law. It could, additionally, explain the richness of Ibadī fiqh material throughout their history in general and from the first formative centuries of Islamic schools of jurisprudence in particular. Ibādīs have evolved a crucial ruling, as far as methodology is concerned, that resulted in this richness and productivity. This characteristic is referred to by Ennami when he says "to Ibadīs the doors to individual judgment (ijtihād) have always been wide open; they

¹³² Al-Kāsānī, Badā'i' al-şanā'i', (ed. 'Uthmān), p. 67.

¹³³ See Ch. III, [241].

¹³⁴ E.g., [64], [101], [191], [199], [241], [268] and [281].

have never been locked at any stage for qualified persons".¹³⁵ I think the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. $Hab\bar{i}b$ bears ample evidence, as indicated earlier, of the freedom given to any knowledgeable person to practice *ijtihād* and issue his own opinion even in contrast with his former respectable teacher. Consequently, outstanding Ibādī *fuqahā* have always been eager to have considerable acquaintance with all Muslim legal literature. I have mentioned in passing earlier in Ch. I, that within the codex containing the work of $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r$ al-Rabī b. Habīb, there are several parts of "aqwāl ahl al-Kūfa ma rūdan 'alā 'ulamā' al-Ibādiyya – the opinions of the Kufans shown to Ibādī scholars". Our work also contains a large number of explicit citations of the opinions of the Kufans, as well as, though not to the same level, opinions of others who have not been named.

In evaluating the *figh* material of the *Āthār al-Rabī* b. *Habīb*, it is worth mentioning another characteristic observable in its traditions. Jābir b. Zayd is a distinguished authority amongst most Sunnī schools of law. His opinions are prominently acknowledged in *tafsīr*, *hadīth* and *fiqh*.¹³⁶ Yet records of his opinions are not always the same in Sunnī and Ibādī references. There are some examples of such variant narrations of his legal opinions in *Āthār al*- $Rab\bar{i}$. In tradition [1] we have seen that Jabir's view is that the death of one spouse before the procedure of *li an* is complete means they are still under their marital ties and therefore can inherit from each other. This is not the same opinion that we find ascribed to him in external sources.¹³⁷ On the same subject of marriage and divorce, there is the question of whether khul' should be considered repudiation or cancellation. The latter is Jabir's opinion according to the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r al-Rab\bar{i}$ while the former is also attributed to him elsewhere.¹³⁸ The most interesting example is tradition [175] which deals with performing *jam* ' prayers, for most scholars have agreed on the permissibility of doing so for a traveller, yet Jābir has been quoted in some sources¹³⁹ as specifying the allowance of doing jam' prayer to Muzdalafa (or Muzdalifa according to fewer sources) and 'Arafa. Tradition [123] provides another confirmation of this as well. However, this phenomenon could be interpreted in many ways: first it could be that Jābir has on some issues more than one opinion; second it is possible that a narrator misunderstands or forgets what he has recorded: third it seems natural as we almost find such differences with all Imāms and leading figures. Above all, this could not, and should not, discredit the authenticity of the *Athar al-Rabi* b. Habib. For most of the

¹³⁵ Studies, p. 99.

¹³⁶ A good account of this is to be found in Bakkūsh, op. cit., pp. 70-74.

¹³⁷ For details see Ch. III, Notes and Comments, [1].

¹³⁸ Ch. III, Notes and Comments, [173].

¹³⁹ Al-'Aynī, 'Umdat al-qārī, 7:150.

opinions ascribed to him are attested by other external sources, be it Ibādīs or Sunnīs.

This survey, I believe, opens the way to a better understanding of the material we have in the text of $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. Habib and subsequently for the understanding of the nature of Ibadism at its earliest phase within the development of Islamic law in general. We have an early work rich in juristic material showing the opinions of an authoritative, or to be more precise the authoritative figure in his school deriving his legal opinions from the origins of Islamic law in a very conceivable manner and passing it on to his students in an unrestricted way. Jābir's narrators, as apparent in the sanads of the work in focus, are not always Ibādīs. In particular, a major role of the transmission of this work is carried out by al-Haytham b. 'Abd al-Ghaffar, who is a non-Ibādī.¹⁴⁰ His opinions, in addition, have not prevented his followers from rejecting some of them and disagreeing between themselves over others. This indicates that the general theory of Hallaq¹⁴¹ concerning Sunnī schools cannot be comprehensively applied to Ibadī figh. For, first and foremost, there is no existence in Ibadī law of "a juristic doctrine clothed in the authority of the founding imam, the so-called absolute *mujtahid*",¹⁴² nor were the juristic discourse and hermeneutics "the product of this foundational authority which was made to create a set of positive principles that came to define the school not so much as a personal entity of professional membership, but mainly as an interpretive doctrine to be studied, mastered, and, above all, defended and applied".¹⁴³ As far as Ibādīs are concerned, this talk of defence and application is nonsense (and that appears to be the case for many Sunnīs too). Second, it is not true for the Ibadī school of law that this founding imam must be followed and whatever *ijtihād* capability a jurist can achieve ought to be limited to inter-madhhab ijtihād, which is indeed no more than a higher rank of taglīd. And as Ennami concludes, "they [Ibādīs] strongly opposed reliance on the teaching of a master (taqlīd)".¹⁴⁴ "It is", he adds, "a duty of those who attain the required standard of knowledge to use their individual judgement".¹⁴⁵ We have seen on different occasions in the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. $Hab\bar{l}b$ that immediately after the statement of Jābir comes a presentation of another Ibadī opinion that contradicts the statement of Jabir. Furthermore, it is clear from what has been discussed above that some of the opinions of

¹⁴⁰ See above, Biographies of Transmitters, p. 144.

¹⁴¹ Hallaq, Authority, Continuity and Change in Islamic Law, (Cambridge 2001), passim.

¹⁴² Op.cit., 236.

¹⁴³ Loc.cit.

¹⁴⁴ Studies, p. 99.

¹⁴⁵ Loc. cit.

Jābir have never been approved of by the Ibādī school of law. This is also true of the next generations of Ibādī scholars. It is correct, nonetheless, that this feature, despite all its privileges, has not reflected what Hallaq describes as the 'more determinate body of positive law'¹⁴⁶ observed in Sunnī schools of law. This could explain the paucity of attention given to Ibādī *fiqh* unlike dogmatic, doctrinal and political entities or its historical backgrounds.

¹⁴⁶ Hallaq, Authority, p. 236.

CONCLUSION

In this study I have tried to put forward analytical views about a new dimension of Ibādism. My analyses were based on a newly discovered Ibādī work, $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. $Hab\bar{i}b$, which appears to be one of the earliest works in Islamic law. It originated with Jābir b. Zayd in Basra at the beginning of the second/eighth century. Jābir's role in this work, unlike many other works ascribed to him or transmissions named after him, is not limited to reporting traditions of the Prophet or the Companions or the Successors, rather his role in this book is essentially as a knowledgeable authority, *mujtahid*, who has his own criteria that enabled him to practice *ijtihād* and pronounce his individual legal opinions in its wider sense. This ultimately makes the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al Rab\bar{i}$ b. $Hab\bar{i}b$ a good record of the early basic parameters of the knowledge and attitudes of the first influential Ibādī founder.

Making accessible a text of a great historical and legal value is a necessary service for the whole field of Islamic scholarship, particularly, in the fields of sectarian studies (and nothing pejorative is implied in the use of the word 'sectarian'). For the picture of the formation of Muslim schools, the characteristics that distinguish these schools and the role of certain authorities in the establishment of those schools cannot be, and should not be, solely and properly understood without an overall view of all the components and factors that were involved. Religious schools of thought and law were formed gradually and often passively over long periods of time, depending on the nature of the development of new ideas and opinions in life, and on the events and incidents that took place, which were then submitted for analysis under the principles of 'established' religious law (namely the Qur'an, the sunna and the consensus) in order for a legal judgement to be produced, whether such a judgement affects dogma or conduct. I am not claiming that this work documents all this, but I think it offers a crucial basis for such documentation. It also helps to open up our minds further to fascinating observations about the nature of the legal milieu and the evolutionary process in the construction of Islamic schools of law. And if other Ibadī early works, and there are still surprising numbers of them have not yet seen the light, are put under detailed scrutiny; the results are going to be significant and of a crucial interest for both Muslim and Western scholars. It is hoped that this current study will attract more attention to the study of the Ibadī texts of all kinds, which will lead to proper treatment of the Ibadiyya, neither as an insignificant minor sect nor as a surviving example of Khārijism.

When I was doing my notes and comments on the text, I was surprised with what I found when I compared the juristic material of the book, which lays the groundwork for an Ibādī based *fiqh*, to that of Sunnī *fiqh*. There is no single legal opinion by Ibādīs that seems irregular (*shādhdh* or *mubtada*^{\circ} in *fiqh* terms) or contradicting the *fiqh* of the mainstream Muslims. There are, it is true, certain opinions approved of by Ibādīs and became peculiar to them, but even these opinions have their roots back to one or more of the Companions or the Successors, other than Jābir b. Zayd. Some narrators of these opinions are quite often non-Ibādīs. Otherwise if we forget, for a moment, that this is an Ibādī *fiqh* work, it is difficult to distinguish from any Sunnī *madhhab*.

The political and doctrinal information that appears in the book shows greater differences between the Ibādī community and the other *madhāhib*, and this mirrors the split in the early Islamic community. Though this information is not a primary item of concern in the book but incidental, the political events and historical incidents mentioned in the book should lead us to review some of the ambiguities connected with some early personalities and their roles and stances on the conflicts that took place during the first and beginning of the second centuries of Islam, such as the assassination of the third Caliph, the revolt of Muʿāwiya and Talḥa, the Battle of *al-Jamal*, the conflict at Ṣiffīn, some events during the Umayyad reign, etc. Such topics in the $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{a}$ b. Habīb provide a subject of further detailed studies for those who are eager for the study of early history of Islam.

Because of the early date of the work, before 132/749, there are not any discussions on dogmatic issues that apparently surfaced at a later stage, though not much later. Thus, polemics on issues that were thought to have influenced the 'final forms' of different Muslim schools of thought, such as the divine attributes and their unity (al-sifat wa l-tawhid), predestination and justice (al-qadar wa l-'adl), the promise and the threat (al-wa'd wa l-wa'id), etc., need to be reconsidered in the light of early works such as the one we have. It seems that, on the legal features at least, these polemics have not influenced the characterising process of the Muslim school to the extent that it is thought to have. Nor they have great impacts on the approaches of early authorities in their dealing with juristic matters. This work is a good example of this.

Biographical information extant in this book also merits close attention. For, I have to admit, there is not such a paucity of chronological and prosopographical information any researcher would encounter than that in the Ibādī school. Recent attempts to fill this gap have eased this problem to some extent, yet we do need to look at works like $\bar{A}th\bar{a}r \ al-Rab\bar{i}$ b. $Hab\bar{i}b$, that is full of names, places and events of day life activities, to get more accurate Conclusion

information on this infrastructural aspect. This was one of my main aims when writing this study, as I thought that it would provide an addition to the contemporary studies of both Muslim and Western researchers. And I am sure that further studies on this book and other still unstudied works of similar nature will be highly appreciated in the world of scholarship.

It is no exaggeration if I posit that careful studies of such early Muslim works will mark a turning point in our understanding of the early centuries of Islam, particularly the origins of Islamic law, the features of Muslim schools of jurisprudence, the inter-relationships between influential Muslim authorities, and many other important horizons.

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105: Silje Susanne Alvestad

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The main motivation behind this book is the fact that *Makbūl-i* '*ārif* has received little attention from a turcological perspective. Despite the fact that *Makbūl-i* '*ārif* is a Turkish, or Ottoman Turkish literary work of art, the vast majority of researchers examine it from a Bosnian cultural and/or linguistic perspective. It is time *Makbūl-i* '*ārif* receives attention from a turcological point of view, too.

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