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PLATE I

AUTOGRAPH OF IBN AL-JAWĀLIQI
(d. 539/1144)

AND

AUTOGRAPH OF ABU 'L-YUMN AL-KINDI
(d. 613/1217)
Title-page of Tafsir gharib al-Qur'an by Abü Bakr Muhammad b. 'Umar b. 'Abdāl b. 'Uzair al-'Uzair al-Sijistani (d. 339/948). The page contains a certificate of study dated 514 (1120) and signed by Māhūb b. Ahmad b. Muḥammad b. al-Khaḍir. This scholar, better known as Ibn al-Jawāliqī, in whose name the copy, dated 16 Dhu 'l-Qa'da 499 (20 July 1106), was made, was born at Baghdad in 466/1073, studied under numerous famous teachers including Abū Zakariya' Yaḥyā b. 'Ali b. al-Khaṭṭāb al-Tibiṣī (d. 502/1109), and succeeded the latter as Professor of Philology in the Niẓāmiya Academy. The caliph al-Muṣṭafī (1136-60) patronized him and made him his personal ūmān; among his pupils was the distinguished polymath Jamāl al-Dīn Abu l-Faraj 'Abd al-Rahmān b. 'Ali b. al-Jauzī (d. 597/1200). Ibn al-Jawāliqī was the author of numerous important original works and commentaries, several of which have survived: he died on 15 Muḥarram 539 (19 July 1144). See Brockelmann, l. 280, Suppl. l. 492, with references.

The page also contains a certificate of study dated Rabī' II 606 (October 1209) and signed by Abu l-Yūmmin Zād b. al-Ḥasan b. Zād al-Kinādī. This famous scholar was born in 520/1126, and became the leading authority in Syria upon Ḥanafi jurisprudence, Qur'ān-readings, grammar and traditions: he died on 6 Shawwāl 613 (16 January 1217). He wrote several books (none of which seems to have survived), was a fine calligrapher, and possessed a splendid library, to which the present manuscript presumably once belonged. See al-Suyūṭī, Bughyat al-wu'd, 249-50; Ibn al-Imād, Shuharāt al-aḥbab, v. 54-55.
Fol. 70a of the holograph author’s brouillon of an untitled and unique work on biographies, dated 581/1185 at Damascus, and signed ‘Alt b. Muḥammad b. ‘Alt b. Jamīl al-Mu’tārīf al-Malaga. This scholar, a Mālikī lawyer, was presumably born at Malaga, and studied under Abū Muḥammad ‘Abd al-Ḥaqq b. ‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-Ishbīlī b. al-Kharrītī (d. 581/1185); afterwards migrating to Syria; becoming khaṭṭīb of Jerusalem, he achieved considerable prominence and wealth without loss of devoutness; he died in 605/1208. See Ibn al-ʿImād, v. 17.
PLATE 3

AUTOGRAPH OF IBN AL-SHIHNA
(d. 924/1515)
Title-page of Marjma' al-amthal by Abu 'l-Fadl Ahmad b. Muhammad b. Ahmad al-Maidani (d. 518/1124), a fine copy dated 586 (1190) at Maragha. The page contains a number of ownership entries, including one in the autograph of 'Abd al-Barr b. al-Shihiya al-Hanafi. Ibn al-Shihiya was born at Aleppo in 851/1448, accompanied his father to Cairo, and succeeded him there as Hanafi Qadi; he wrote numerous works which have survived. He died in 921/1515. See Brockelmann, ii. 83, Suppl. ii. 94, with references.
PLATE 4

AUTOGRAPH OF IBN AL-ATHIR
(d. 606/1210)
Fol. 228a of al-Nihāya fi gharīb al-hadīth by Majd al-Dīn Abū l-Sa‘ā‘īdī al-Mubārak b. Muḥammad b. Abī ‘Arūf al-Shāhīnī al-Jazā‘īrī, a copy which is attested as the author’s holograph. Ibn al-Athīr, who was born in 544/1149 and died on 30 Dhu ‘l-Ḥijjah 606 (26 June 1210), was one of the most eminent authorities on traditions, and the present is his most celebrated work, being the standard textbook on rare and curious words occurring in the ḥadīth. See Brockelmann, i. 357, Suppl. i. 607–9, with authorities.
PLATE 6

AUTOGRAPH OF IBN AL-'AṬṬĀR
(d. 724/1324)
Fol. 278a of Ḥilyat al-ʿabrār by Muḥyī al-Dīn Abū Zakariyyā Yahyā b. Shahīf al-Nawawī (d. 676/1278), a fine copy dated 706/1306. The page contains a reading certificate dated at Damascus, 18 Shawwāl 706 (22 April 1307) in the autograph of 'Alī b. ʿIbrahīm b. Dāwūd b. ʿAlī al-ʿAṭār. Ibn al-ʿAṭār, born in 656/1259, who was one of al-Nawawī's most distinguished pupils and read the present work with the author, himself became a leading Shāfiʿī scholar and wrote a number of books including a biography of al-Nawawī: he died in Dhu l-Ḥijja 724 (November–December 1324). See Brockelmann, ii. 85, Suppl. ii. 100, with authorities.
PLATE 7

AUTOGRAPH OF IBN QAIYIM
AL-JAUZIYA
(d. 769/1367)
Fol. 161b of *Kashf al-suhaim* by Badr al-Din Abū 'Abd Allāḥ Muḥammad b. 'Abd Allāḥ al-Dimashqī al-Shībīlī b. Qāyīm al-Shībīlī, being the author's unique holograph dated 25 Rajab 735 (28 February 1338). Ibn Qāyīm al-Shībīlī was born at Damascus in 712/1312, studied there and in Cairo, and was appointed Qādī of Tripoli (Syria) in 755/1354, where he died in 769/1367: he was the author of a number of books, several of which have survived. See Brockelmann, ii. 75–76, Suppl. ii 82, with references; add Ibn Ǧaṣar, *al-Durar al-khāmīsa*, iii. 487–8.