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k. Ḥiṣyāt al-nilīyā by Abū Nuʿaim al-Iṣbahānī (d. 430/1043), GAL I, 392.

Fragments of a very old copy, presumably of the 5th/6th (11th/12th) century. As the name of the author is followed, on the "title-pages" of the various gatherings, by the expression rahimahu 'llāh wa-sawwara qabrāhu, the MS must have been copied after the death of the author. This MS follows the original arrangement of the author, in which each gathering (dājūs') is a unit, provided with a title-page, basmala and colophon at the end. It seems therefore not unlikely that what we have here are fragments of a MS closely related to the author's original copy.

124 fols, 205:160 mm, 19 lines per page; elegant and clear naskh; contents: fol. 1 is the first leaf of dājūs' 68; fols. 2-34: dājūs' 67 (complete); fols. 35-50: dājūs' 62; fols. 51-66: dājūs' 63; fols. 67-82: dājūs' 64; fols. 83-98: dājūs' 65; fols. 99-124: 66.

Remark: On fol. 75b one finds the marginal note: balaghat al-qirāʿa (.....) ar-rābī’ ‘asār, indicating that this MS was read during an audition (sama‘). Cf. P. S. van Koningsveld, The Latin-Arabic glossary of the Leiden University Library (.....), Leiden 1976, p. 69 (n. 89).

Binding: old boards with leather spine, worn. Paper browned.
k. Qīsāṣ al-anbāyāt, attributed in the MS to Muhammad ibn 'Abd Allāh al-Kisā'ī (ll. beg. of the 5th c.H), GAL I, 350.

251 fols, 320:210 mm, 19 lines per page. Preceded by a Table of Contents of one leaf. Clear scribe's naskhi. Dated 1230 H; scribe: Shīh Bāk, who probably performed his work in Erzurüm (Turkey) as an owner's entry on the fly-leaf tells that the MS was in that place in the same year.

Binding: red leather with blindstamped and leather-inlaid ornaments, with flap (torn), slightly worn, with floral patterned paste-ins. Bold coloured title on fore-edge. A handsome copy.

k. ash-Shīfāʾ fi taʿrif ḥuqūq al-muṣṭafā, by al-Yaḥṣūbī al-Mālikī (see nr. [51]). A copy from Diyar Bahr, dated 1175 H.


Binding: boards with leather spine. A well-preserved copy.

accurately collated with another copy of the same text. Dated 712, 5 Djamād I. A birthday record dated 12 Rājab 770 and a possessor's entry indicate that the MS was at one time in Aleppo, in al-Masjīd al-Umari.
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h. ash-Shīfā’ fi ta’rif ḥaqiq al-mustafā, by AL-YAHSUĪ al-Mālikī (see nr. [51]). A copy dated 1190 H. 254 numbered folios, 210x150 mm, 19 lines per page. An nice copy elegantly written in naskhī script. Preceded by an index of 3 folios, in a later hand. On the fly-leaf an owner’s entry by Radjaḏ Effendi ibn Kamāl Effendi, Lord of Bātūnī (Soviet Transcaucasia), dated 1302 H. Binding: boards with relief-printed paper covers, leather spine.

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h. ash-Shīfā’ fi ta’rif ḥaqiq al-mustafā, by AL-YAHSUĪ al-Mālikī (see nr. [51]). Three volumes of a set of four, vocalized.

Vol. 2: 184 folios, 235x155 mm, 11 lines per page; started 17th Dhu’l-Qa’dah 1285 H. and finished 16 Rabi’ I 1286.

Vol. 3: 147 folios, 235x155 mm, 11 lines per page; started 16 Rabi’ I 1286 and finished 9 Sha’bān 1286.

Vol. 4: 151 folios, 235x155 mm, 11 lines per page; started 8 Sha’bān 1286 and finished 15 Dhu’l-Hijja 1286.

The three vols. copied by Muḥammad Shukri ibn Ḥāḍjdji Yūsuf (al-Iṣṭaḥānī) in Qaṣṭumūnī (Turkey). At the beginning of each volume a Table of Contents. Binding: lilac leather with flaps. Excellent condition.

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k. ‘Uyūn at-tawārīḥh by IBN SHĀḤIB al-Kutubī (d. 764/1366), GAL II, 48. An old fragment of this unpublished chronicle, describing the events during the years 390-595 H. Some of the folios are missing in various places. 280 folios, 260x187 mm, 12 lines per page; written in a characteristic mamlūkī script. Catchwords like waṣīfah, ṣammah ḏabhalat etc. were written in red, blue or bold black ink.

The MS is undated, but from a possessor’s note on fol. 38 we learn that a certain 'Abd al-Mālik ibn 'Abd as-Salām owned the book in 1583/1575. Judging from script and paper (heavy, yellow paper of the Arabic type), the MS may indeed date from the lifetime of the author.

No binding, in sheets.

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Raj’ al-budjāb al-mastūrā fi maḥāsin al-Maqqūrā, comments of AL-QAḌ al-GHARMAṬ (fl. 1350 A.D.), on the historical ode of al-Qaṭṣadjaanī (II. 1250 A.D.), dedicated to the Hāṣid ruler of North-Africa, al-Mustanṣir. Cf. E.I.2, s.v. Bāzim and GAL S I, 474 nr. 6. The work was printed in Cairo in 1344 H.


On Arabic paper with the watermark: al-Maḥdi al-Ḥalwā wa-abbīhi wa-Dāhā ibn Shāhān. Arabic watermarks are very rare. Most of the gatherings, moreover, have been provided with a punch-strike with the legend: al-Maḥdi al-Ḥalwā wa-[T]bn Sāḥib, which would imply that an effort was made to bring the information of the watermark up to date, apparently because the brother of al-Maḥdi al-Ḥalwā no longer shared ownership of the paper mill. In one of the gatherings of the second volume another punch-strike can be discerned with the legend: Kābbāh ḏa[V]y̱d min [. . .] al-tāḏjīr [. . .] Mār[A]s, i.e. Paper of good quality, from . . . of the merchant . . . Marx.

Binding: boards with leather spine and flap. Excellently preserved.
al-ʿAlfiyya fi ʿs-siyar or Nasr ad-durar as-saniyya fi ʿs-siyar az-zahiriyya (a biography of the Prophet in verses) by ʿAbd ar-Rahmān ibn al-Jusayn at-Tarāqī, GAL II, 65.
32 fols, 245:185 mm, 17 lines per page; written in an excellent modern nastaʿlq script. Undated, 19th century.
No binding, in sheets.

Taʾrikh al-khulafāʾ by Djalāl ad-Dīn as-Suyūṭī (d. 911/1505), a well-known History of the Caliphs, GAL II, 157 (nr. 278).

241 fols, 215:153 mm, in clear maghribi script. Undated, but collated in 1266 A.H. as appears from the marginal notes made during these collations on fols, 165 and 211. The MS therefore probably dates from the beginning of the 11th/12th century. Incomplete at the beginning and end. No binding, in sheets.

MS on European paper, 636 numbered pages (pp. 145-150 missing), 202:146 mm; in a neat maghribi handwriting. The work was edited by Ben Cheneb in Algiers in 1908.
Dated 1319/1901. The MS was probably copied in Tlemcen, as can be concluded from the scribe's name: Bū Djinnān ibn Moulay Ahmad ibn Moulay 'Abd ar-Rahmān ibn Mūsā ash-Shārīf al-Ḥasanī al-Tilīmsānī. At the end of the MS (pp. 638-643) there appear a quotation from h. Qādī 'al-Qulāb and two qaṣīdās of Abū Madyan al-Tilīmsānī (cf. GAL I, 438 and S I, 783), viz. 1) Qaṣīdat al-istiqābatā and 2) Qaṣīdat al-istigfāra, cf. Lögren and Traini, op. cit., p. 111 n. 14.

This MS comes probably from the library of René Basset (1855-1924), whose Arabic MSS are described in Bibliotheca Orientalis XXX (1973), pp. 370-85 and ib. XXXI (1974), p. 160 (articles by P.Sj. van Koningsveld).

No binding, in sheets, a few leaves loose. Pp. 145-190 are missing.

Herīt al-'uyūn fi sirāt al-amīn al-ma'mūn by Nūr ad-Dīn al-Ḥalabī (d. 1044/1635), or as-Sīra al-Ḥalabīyya, GAL II, 307.

A fragment of 328 fols, probably of the 17th century; 210:140 mm, 23 lines per page. In a clear, Syrian naskhi script.

On fol. 4th begins: ghawwāzī Burū Qurāṣa; on fol. 323th begins bāb bayān mā waqḍ a min al-ḥawādith min 'in al-taṣlīyāṭihi ilā zamān waṣfātihi.

Binding removed, but a well-preserved copy.

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al-Ḳasīf al-ghuyūbī or h. Ṭabāqāt ash-Sharnābī by Aḥmad ibn 'Utbān ash-Sharnābī (d. 994/1586), written down by the author's student Muḥammad al-Bulqūnī, GAL II, 339.

47 fols, 220:160 mm, 17 lines per page; written in clear scribe's naskhi.

Dated 1259/1843. This work, containing the biographies of al-Djāli, ar-Rīfā', al-Badawi and ad-Dusqī, has been printed more than once in Cairo.

Binding: boards with leather spine and flap, used.

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Fihrist kitāb Kifāya al-muḥtādī, an anonymous index of persons mentioned in the work Kifāya al-muḥtādī i̇lā 'd-dībādī by Aḥmad ibn Bābā at-Timbuktī as-Ṣinhādī (d. 1302-6/1624-7?), GAL S II, 715-6.

19 fols, 221:140 mm, 21 lines per page; in clear maghribi handwriting.

Undated, 18th c. Ownership entry of G. Delphin.

Binding: European halfcloth with lettering on spine.
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k. Ikhbār al-akhbār bi-akhbār al-dār, a dictionary of North African Berber wells providing explanations of the meaning of the names of the wells, narrating historical events attached to those wells and enumerating the Berber tribes living around them etc. by Muḥammad ibn Aḥmad Ḥārī ibn Muḥammad ibn Ahmad al-ʿAqīl ad-Dāimānī (prob. d. after 1329/1911).
59 numbered pages, 228:170 mm, 12 lines per page; written in modern maghribi script; the names of the wells and some vowels in red ink, while the rest of the text is black.

From a note of presentation on the cover, viz: Muḥammad ibn Ahmad Yār ad-Dāimānī sla ḳumānd K.d.s (7) nāḥib al-ḥākim ʿalā ʿl-ʿarāfī al-baʿdadnīyya 1911-1229, it appears that the MS is of the 20th century. Apart from the text mentioned above, a small text at the beginning of the MS (5 pages) deals with the origin of the Berber tribe of the Bani Ḥassān, which is shown to be originally an Arabic tribe. This text is of the same author.
Binding: in sheets, stitched and in stiff paper wrapper.
The report of the “Minor voyage” of 'Abd al-Ghani an-Nābulusī (d. 1143/1731), entitled Ḥallat adh-dhahab al-ibrīz fī riḥlat Baḥtabakh al-ażīz. Cf. GAL II, 348 and S II, 475. 56 fols, 163:115 mm, 17 lines per page. In Ottoman naskhī script, almost devoid of critical dots; dated 1148 H.

The MS once was in the possession of al-Ḥanbalī al-Qādirī 'Abd as-Salām ash-Shaṭṭī, who is to be identified with the famous Imam of the Ḥanbalītes, 'Abd as-Salām ash-Shaṭṭī (d. 1295/1879) of Jerusalem. His note of ownership on the title-page, is dated 1277 H. (see on him GAL S III, 344 and Kaḥḥāla, Muḍjam, vol. 5, 226).

Binding: blindstamped leather with flap. First leaves dampstained.

Manāṣir al-hadījī, an anonymous guide (partly in Turkish) for the pilgrim who wants to visit the Mosque of the Prophet at al-Madīna, after having completed the ḥadījī.

The booklet consists of 3 fols with text, stitched onto a map mounted on silk of the sanctuary at al-Madīna. The size of the fols is 206:129, 19 lines per page. The MS is undated, but the script is early 19th century Ottoman naskhī. The size of the map is 358:297 mm. It shows the Mosque, including the graves of the Prophet, Abū Bakr, 'Umar and Fāṭima. It is coloured in grey, gold and green ink.

On the first page there figures the owner’s stamp of a certain 'Abd an-Nāšir who made the MS a waqf (when? where?).

Text leaves slightly frayed, corner torn without loss of text. Map slightly worn in the folds.
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k. ad-Dir'awāt by Mahyā ad-Dīn Ahmad al-Būnī (d. 622/1225), GAL S I, 927 nr. 21.
124 fols, 130 x 190 mm, 12 lines per page; elegant naskh. An undated copy of ca. the 16th c. A.D. containing some drawings of magic squares.

Binding: leather, front cover missing. First leaf loose, last leaf repaired with marginal loss of text.

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k. al-Ḥisn al-ḥasīn min kalām sayyīd al-nursātīn by Abū ʾI-Khair Muhammad ibn Muḥammad al-Dżazārī (d. 833/1429), a widespread prayerbook, GAL II, 203 nr. 19.

63 fols, 175 x 120 mm, 11 lines per page; dated 1307. From Turkey. Copied by Suḥainān ibn Ḥasan al-Bārīkī who wrote it "himself for his own use in his own house while his leg was hurting". A waqf-note by his hand in the same year appears on fol. 63b.

This copy was copied from one copied by Ibn al-Khayyāṭ al-Yamanī, and transmitted by the well-known scholar Ibn Ḥadjar al-Asqalānī. Fols. 1r-3r contain a long quotation from the autograph, praising the merits of the work.

Binding: crudely blindstamped red leather, rubbed.

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56 fols, 187 x 142 mm, 15 lines per page. Undated, ca. 11th/17th century. Written in an elegant maghribī script within a double red frame; rubrics in red, yellow and green ink; the scribe has left the MS unfinished: the last page of the text is still blank.

Richly illuminated in the Andalusian style. On fols. 11b-12a there are miniatures of the grave of the Prophet and his two successors, Abū Bakr and ʿUmar, and of the haram of the mosque in al-Madīna.

Binding: fine gilt-lined leather binding with corner and center pieces, and flap. From the libraries of Auguste Chardin, and Sir Thomas Philipps. Excellently preserved.

167 fols, 210:160 mm, 23 lines per page. Dated 1166 H, 32 years after the commentary had been composed. Scribe: Muṣṭafā ibn Muḥammad.

Binding removed.

Fols. 95b-104b contain anonymous prayers and invocations. These fols. are in the handwriting of the Turkish calligrapher as-Sayyid Ḥāfīz Muṣṭafā al-Ḥilmī ibn as-Sayyid Ḥāfīz Ḥusn, known as Imāmzāde Sirārī. Binding: leather, flap missing; last leaves browned.

A maḥmū‘a of prayers and invocations:

(1) Fols. 1b-103b, 172:105 mm, 11 lines per page; written in superb naskhī script. Fols. 1b and 10b, 10b are modern. Undated, ca. 10th/16th century.


(2) Fols. 105b-112b, 172:105 mm, 15 lines per page; in clear scholar’s naskhī.

al-Hizb al-habir or Hizb al-barr of as-Ṣaḥḥālī (d. 656/1258), GAL S I, 805 nr. 6. A popular prayerbook among Sufis.
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(3) Fols. 113r-114b; in the same handwriting as (2). Hizb al-barr as-saghir of the same author. Identical to GAL S I, 805 nr. 6.

(4) Fols. 115r-119r, in the same handwriting as (2). Hizb al-bu'af of the same author, GAL I, 449 nr. 9.

(5) Fols. 119v-120b, in the same handwriting as (2). Hizb al-ikhlâs of the same author, GAL I, 449 nr. 31.

(6) Fols. 121r-124v, in the same handwriting as (2). Hizb al-bahir of the same author, GAL I, 449 nr. 4.

(7) Fols. 124r-125v, in the same handwriting as (2). Sa'yawâd 'Abd as-Salâm ibn Mas'udî (d. 622/1225), GAL I, 440.

(8) Fols. 126r-129v, in a handwriting different from the preceding texts, but belonging to the same period; 14 lines per page. ad-Da'er al-âdî or Hizb al-wiqâya or Hizb ash-Shaikh al-Akbar of Ibn 'Arabi (d. 638/1240), GAL I, p. 440 nr. 114. Osman Yahya, vol. 1, p. 294 nr. 244.

(9) Fols. 130r-132v, in the same handwriting as (8). Hizb al-imân an-Nawawi of Abû Zakariyya' Yahya ibn Sharaf an-Nawawi (d. 678/1278), GAL I, 397 nr. 22.

(10) Fols. 133r-135r, 10 lines per page; in rather cursive naskhi. Anonymous du'a', beginning: Allâhumma 'a'inni 'a'dhikriha... etc.


(12) Fols. 149r-149v, in the same handwriting as (11). Fâ'ida, beginning: Qâla Muqaddis ibn Sulaimân... man arâda an yahimmu' tâl 'a's-safar... etc.

(13) Fols. 150r-157v, in the same handwriting as (8) and (9). al-Hijm al-Hasîn, anonymous (perhaps of Abû Hâmid al-Ghazzâli, d. 505/1111), GAL S I, 744. 752. 47w?.

(14) Fols. 157v-158v, 20 lines per page; clear 18th century naskhi. An anonymous du'a' beginning: al-Îamdu tilâkhi alladhi sharâja 'udâra 'îdâhdî... etc.

Binding: handsomely blindstamped red leather with flap, possibly executed in Palestine.

An anonymous selection of Sûra's of the Qur'ân, followed by prayers, invocations etc., in Arabic and Turkish.

64 fols. 160:108 mm, 11 lines per page. Two clumsily coloured unwans, panels and dots in gold ink, text in black. The MS, though damaged by wear and tear, has remained fairly legible. Undated, but judging from the clear, Ottoman naskhi, the MS is of the 17th century.

At the end a different hand wrote prayers on the last 5 fols. of the MS. These are ascribed to Muhammad Hasan ibn Djawwâd Timâzî, who is said to have composed them in 967 H.

Binding: leather with inlays, worn, flap missing.
A madjma' of three magical texts, copied by one scribe.

289 numbered pages preceded by 5 blank fols, 125:100 mm, 11 lines per page. Undated, ca. 19th century. Clear naskhi. The MS is illustrated with various magical drawings and squares.

(1) Pp. 3-175: Siṣr Ādam, viz. the Book of Adam, sent to him from God through Zarkabāl the Angel. This book consists of two sections: the first one on the Seven Heavens, the second one on the Twelve Months.

(2) Pp. 175-250: Kitâb al-asma‘ al-lāhî ‘alamah la ‘l-haḍad il-Ādam, viz. the Book of Names taught by God to Adam. This theme is explained in two ways: the middle way of Plato the Philosopher, and the grand way of Samḥ al-Hindi.

(3) Pp. 250-end: A treatise on the applications of the letters of the alphabet in relation to the four elements. Like the two preceding texts, this treatise contains exact prescriptions on how to act in order to reach certain goals. The text breaks off.

Lit.: Cf. M. Ullmann, Die Natur- und Geheimwissenschaften im Islam, Leiden 1972, p. 187, where only one, fragmentary copy is mentioned, viz. the one in the Chester Beatty Library.

Binding: European (North African?) half-morocco with gilt lettering “Le Livre d’Adam” on spine. A fine copy. A note on the fly-leaf reads: Le livre d’Adam. ms arabe de provenance inconnue (un de ceux que Mr Fenard, dont je donnai et qu’il avait eus de la vente Waddington, vers 1895).
A mamlik manuscript of part of al-Bukhari's (d. 256/870) collection of traditions entitled *al-Djam' as-saibah,* dated at Hanout (Syria) 858 H. 167 fols, the first 11 fols. in a later hand; 270:180 mm, 17 lines per page. The title-page of the MS is found on fol. 12a: "al-djam' as-saibah min al-Djam' as-saibah...". The MS contains the *kh. an-Naba* up till and including the *kh. al-Libas.* The script is of the late mamlik type. The paper is thick and yellowish.

The MS, after having been completed in al-Hanout, has traveled to Ankara, as appears from the owner's entry of Fath Allah, Judge in Ankara.

 Binding: remains of the presumably original binding, the centerpieces still intact. Inside a well-preserved copy. The binding is of the same type as one found in the Leyden University Library and described by M. Weisweller, *Der islamische Bucheinband des Mittelalters,* nr. 372. That Leyden MS (Or. 459) is dated 883/1478, the same period as this MS.

Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim, the famous collection of traditions of Muslim ibn al-Ḥadīdjaḍ al-Qushairi (d. 261/874). One volume, roughly corresponding to vol. 1 (of 4) of the Cairo edition of Muhammad Fu'ad 'Abdalbāqī of 1374 H.

262 fols, 265:170 mm, 15 lines per page; written in superb naskhi. Partly vocalized and collated with many *hadith* sources. Ca. 18th century.
The MS contains at the beginning an extensive isnād from Abū 'Abd Allāh Muḥammad ibn Maṣūr ibn Muḥammad ibn al-Faḍl al-Ḥadrāmī, 587 H., on the authority of Abū Muḥammad `Abd Allāh ibn al-Walīd ibn Sa'd ibn Bakr al-Anṣārī, 444 H., on the authority of Abū `Abd Allāh Ahmad ibn al-Ḥasan ibn Bundār ar-Rāzī, 414 H., on the authority of Abū 1-Ḥasan `Alī ibn al-Musharrif al-Annātī, 410 H. (MS: 510 H.), on the authority of Abū `Abd Allāh Muḥammad ibn `Abd Allāh ibn al-Farajj ibn `Abd al-Walī al-Anṣārī [... (here the isnād stops, because there is a lacuna after fol. 1).

Between fols. 2 and 3 there is another lacuna, amounting to pp. 14-179 of the printed edition; at the end of the MS some folia are missing, corresponding to pp. 571-6 of that edition.

Binding: modern buckram. A well-preserved copy.

k. Masharīq al-anwār an-nabawiyyya min ṣabīḥ al-akhdār al-mustafa'iyyya by al-Ḥasan ibn Muḥammad as-Saghānī (d. 650/1252), GAL I, 361.

108 fols., 260 x 190 mm, 32 lines per page. Written in clear mamili kursive script; rubrics and source-abbreviations in red ink. The first 16 fols. are from an older copy. With extensive marginal notes.

Finished on the Day of Tarwiya (8th Dhu `l-Hijja) 719 H. by Yaḥyā ibn as-Saḥīf al-Ḥanāfī, in Damascus.

Binding: old blindstamped leather with flap, cloth-covered.

Two commentaries on an-Nawawī’s (d. 676/1278) famous collection of Forty Traditions.

(t) Fols. 1-107, 23 lines per page, clear naskhi.

al-Fath al-nabīn fi sharḥ al-arba'īn by Ibrāhīm al-Ḥadjar al-Hāthamī (d. 973/1565), GAL I, 396 nr. II.

In the colophon the author tells that he finished the book in 951 H. The present copy was executed in 1056 H. and was copied from a
(2) Fols. 198-228, 23 lines per page, clear naskh.

**AN-NAWAWI's own commentary on (1), entitled** *āl-, *Sharḥ al-arba'īna hadīthān fi mubāhāt al-islām wa-qawā'id al-ahādīm*, GAL I, 396 IX, 1. This copy was completed in Hims (Syria) in 1088 H., by Shams ad-Din Muhammad ibn Ṭahā ash-Shāfī'ī. Binding: boards with leather spine, used, flap missing. Text fine.

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"k. Tnhštīj, ahṣāṣ al-Hidāya", anonymous. Fragment of a work in which the author traced all the traditions occurring in *k. al-Hidāya* of al-Marqāhinā (GAL I, 376).

151 fols., 268:180 mm., 35 lines per page. In clear naskhī script. Undated, but older than 988/1580 as appears from an owner's entry on the flap. Probably it dates from the time of the author in view of the paper and the script.

Remains of old attractively blindstamped leather binding with flap. Inside excellently preserved.

-binding: French halfmorocco with lettering "Législation". Well-preserved copy.

Commentary on Ibn Ḥadījār's Nuhḥat al-fīkār fi muṣṭalah al-āthār (see nr. [89]), by 'Abd ar-Rahmān ibn al-Munawwī (d. 1031/1621), entitled al-Yawāqīt wa 'l-durar fi sharḥ Nuhḥat Ibn Ḥadījār, GAL I, 359.
285 fols, 186:130 mm, 19 lines per page. In a clear and elegant naskh. The MS has been collated throughout with another copy. Dated 1117 and copied by Muṣṭafā ibn Murtaja.

Binding: leather with flap, spine rubbed.

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Fatḥ al-mughīth bi-sharḥ al-fiyāyat al-hadīth by Shams ad-Dīn Abū ʿl-Khāir Muhammad ibn ʿAbd ar-Rahmān as-Sakhāwī (d. 902/1497), GAL II, 35 nr. 17.

239 numbered pages, 23 lines per page, 265:180 mm. Clear and elegant early Ottoman naskh. A very correct copy, collated with two other copies, viz. a copy read to ʿUmar ibn ash-Shuʿūkh Djamāl ad-Dīn ad-Dināyūtī, and a copy “mushaḥha-ḥa ʿalā ʿl-mishāyikh”. Dated, in the hand of the collator, 954 H. The manuscript is a coproduction of several scribes, who apparently worked under the guidance of the collator.

On the first fly-leaf there is an owner’s entry of Muhammad Sāliḥ Bek ibn Saʿd Bek al-Ḥanawi al-ʿHasanī az-Zarqī, who was muftī in Madin Ergani (near Diyar Bakr), dated 1330 H.

Binding: boards with leather spine.

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al-Ḥabīth fi āḥādīth al-molad by Djalāl ad-Dīn as-Suyūṭī (d. 911/1505), GAL II, 147 nr. 51. A collection of traditions on the angels in Islamic faith.


Binding: boards with leather spine. First leaf laid down.

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k. al-Djavār al-munazzam fi ziyārat qabrīhi al-mukarram by Ibrāhīm Hādiṣ al-Haṭthāmī (d. 983/1565), GAL II, 388. Traditions on the pilgrimage to the grave of the Prophet at al-Madīna.

On the first fly-leaf there is an owner’s entry of Muhammad Ḥāmid al-ʿAlī, the well-known Trāfī scholar, who was muftī in Baḥdād. His owner’s entry is dated 1272 H. Later on, in 1277, it came into the possession of his brother, Ahmad Shākir, who also lived in Baḥdād.

Binding: boards with leather spine. Corners dampstained.

51 fols, 210:150 mm, 19 lines per page. Clear scribe’s naskhī. Dated 1220 H.

Binding removed.

Mysticism

Randāt al-‘ulamā‘ wa-nuṣḥat al-fuṣūlā‘, by Aḥz-Zandawāsī (d. 382/922), GAL S I, 36t.

214 numbered fols, 285:195 mm, 17 lines per page. Fols. 1-24 and 207-214 have been added in a later hand. The date 1233 H. and the name of the scribe Yūṣuf al-Sa‘dī mentioned in the colophon do probably apply to the more recent addition and not to the main part of the MS.

Binding removed. Loose, a few leaves repaired, a few leaves at the end with waterdamage, affecting text.


A second volume only, starting halfway chapter 33 and ending halfway chapter 49.

225 fols, 285:214 mm, 17 lines per page. An old undated copy on thick medieval Arabic paper. Text in superb thuluth script. The sign for the point is still 0. Judging from the characteristics of the codex, it must be attributed to the 6th/12th or 7th/13th century. Ca. 10 fols are missing at the end.

Binding removed.

k. Djasāhir al-Qur‘ān by Abū Ḥāmid al-Ghazzālī (d. 505/1111), GAL I, 42t.

115 fols, 210:155 mm, 25 lines per page; written in various naskhī hands; dated 572/1564, copied by Ḥāḍīḍī Muḥammad ibn Zāhīr ibn ‘Awṣādī ibn Ḥāḍīḍī ‘Abd al-‘Arīz ibn Ḥāḍīḍī Nāṣr.

Two owner’s entries on the title-page show that the MS was in the possession of the well-known Jerusalem family of the Banā‘ Djamā‘a, resp. in the years 1089 and 1234 H. (?)

Binding: boards with leather spine and flap, front cover loose.

Majdīlīs al-adhār wa-maṣādīl al-akhbār by Abūl Qādir al-Rūmī (d. 1041/1631), mystical comments on hundreds traditions from k. al-Maṣādīl of al-Baghwā (d. 516/1122), GAL S II, 661.

163 fols, 200:145 mm, 23 lines per page. After fol. 11 there is a lacuna which according to a later added foliation would have consisted of 114 fols. Next scribe’s nasta‘ilīq. Dated 1093 H., copied by the scribe ‘Abd al-Qānī.

Binding: leather with inlaid centerpieces, used. Smudges and dampstains.
Shawāhīl al-bīrī fī sharḥ hayākīl an-nūr by Muḥammad al-Dawwānī.

A commentary on as-Suha-wardī’s (d. 587/1191) Kitāb Hayākīl an-nūr, GAL I, 438.

98 fols, 210:125 mm., 17 lines per page. Elegant and clear naskhī; copied by Ahmad ibn ‘Ali ash-Shirāzi in Ahmadāgar of Ahmadābād in the district of Gujarāt (India) in 921 H. Numerous superglosses in the margin, in the hand of the scribe.

Binding: leather, covers loose.

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al-Fawāʾid al-mishriyya fī ‘l-fawāʾid al-mahdiyya by ‘Abd ar-Rahmān ibn Muḥammad al-Bistāmī (d. 858/1454), GAL II 231, favorite of the Ottoman sultan Murad II (1421-51).

This MS contains the introduction only, which apparently circulated as an independent text. Once it was in the possession of G. Ferrand, who published a few parts from it in Journal Asiatique, vol. 208 (1925), p. 198, 204 fols, 202:138 mm., 17 lines per page; undated, but probably from the 16th century.

G. Ferrand mentions in his article in Journal Asiatique that he possessed this MS “grâce à l’obligeance du commandant Maljinjoud, directeur de l’École Supérieure d’Arabe de Damas”. A pencilled inscription on the fly-leaf reads: Chamad Assad, Damas - Syrie 1924. A handwritten index compiled by Ferrand loosely inserted.

Binding: silk-covered boards with leather spine. Marginal dampstains but a well-preserved copy.
An undated copy of the Qur'an, presumably of the seventeenth century. 303 leaves, 167x101 mm, 15 lines per page. The text and vowels in dark brown, the signs of taṣakhir in red, dots and frames in gold ink. The titles of the sūras in white ink on a background of gold. Numerous attractively coloured marginal ornaments; one of the two illuminated opening pages viz. the one containing the Sūrat al-fātihah is missing, the other laid down with marginal repairs affecting lower part.

Binding: gilt leather, rebacked. Marginal repairs to the first half of the MS, for the greater part not affecting text or illumination.

A defective copy of the Qur'an from North-West Africa, wrapped in an interesting decorated leather binding, made from one piece of leather. 143 fols, 220x166 mm, 14 lines per page. North-West African mağribī script; consonants in black, vowels in red, dots for qaṣla in green ink. Undated, but judging from script and paper not much older than the 18th century.

Binding: single loose leaves in leather wrapper. The simple, but elegantly blind-stamped decorations are a good specimen of North-West African book art.


A copy consisting of a very old manuscript, probably contemporary to the author, containing originally the part from Sūrat al-Imrān up till and including Sūrat al-ma'ūdīa. In the beginning, middle and end in all 112 fols. have been supplied by a later hand. This replacement is dated 1083 H.

354 fols, 210x160 mm, 17 lines per page; the old parts on brownish paper in a rather narrow naskhī. In those parts the vowels of the Qur'ān quotations are given in red ink.

Binding: blindstamped leather with flap, worn and loose.

at-Taṣīr fī 'ilm al-qira'āt by Abū 'Amr Uthmān ibn Sa‘īd ad-Dāni, GAL I, 409.

69 fols, 200x130 mm, 21 lines per page; elegantly copied in nasta’līq script. Dated 1008 Hijārī and copied by Ḥādji Qalāb ibn Bālī as-Sūfī, from Bosnia, as he tells in the colophon. On fol. 68 there is a waqf note from 1222 Hijārī, written by Mollā Muḥammad.

Binding: boards with leather spine and flap, spine damaged.

Kitāb Ma’ālim at-tanzīl, a well-known Qur‘ān commentary by Al-Bağwā (d. 510/1122) based on many tafsīr works such as ḥ. Tha’labī’s (d. 427/1035) al-Kaṣḥ wa-l-bayān, the works of Ibn ‘Abbās, Qatāda etc. 2 + 1 + 69a (numbered) + 1 fols, 35 lines per page, 285x180 mm. Clear scribe’s naskhī. Comments in black ink, Qur‘ān verses in red ink. Transcript completed in 1100 Hijārī by Dājjal ibn Yāḥyah Čelebi. Illuminated headpiece. Text within coloured frames.

Binding: blindstamped leather, rebacked and relined, used, frontcover loose; paste-ins with gilt floral design. First two leaves soiled, some leaves frayed, but the inside well-preserved owing to large margins.
Kitāb Ma‘ālim at-tanzil, by al-Baghawi (see nr. [107]), a copy of the 18th century, incomplete at the end.
201 fols, 320 x 220 mm, 31 lines per page. With many marginal glosses i.a. from az-Zamakhshari’s well-known al-Kashshāf.
Binding: boards with leather spine & flap, damaged, frontcover missing. Text well-preserved.

al-Kashshāf ‘an haqiq at-tanzil, the first volume of the famous Qur‘ān commentary of az-Zamakhshari (d. 538/1144), contains the comments on the first three sūras.
193 fols, 271 x 171 mm, 19 lines per page. The first 9 fols in a later handwriting (ca. 18th century). The copying of the text was left unfinished; some Qur‘ān verses, which apparently had to be filled in with red ink, are missing. Undated, ca. 8th/14th century.
Binding: boards with leather spine. Excellently preserved.

275 fols, 21 lines per page, 270 x 180 mm. The MS has no original colophon, due to the fact that the first and last leaves, once damaged or destroyed, have been replaced by a much later hand. An old copy: judging from the type of script and the paper the MS is of the 12th or 13th century A.D. This MS contains the comments on Sūrat Maryam up to and including Sūrat al-makṣūla. As appears from an owner’s entry the MS was at one time in ‘Ain Tāb (Turkey).
Binding removed; loose & dampstained.

h. Zahrat ur-riyād wa-nushat al-qubūb al-mirād by Sulaymān ibn Dā’ūd as-Saqāfī (fl. ca. 550/1155), an edifying work explaining various passages of the Qur‘ān, GAL S 1, 776 and cf. Ahlwardt nr. 8823. Vol. 2 only, containing maddīs 35 up till and including maddīs 67 of the table of contents given by Ahlwardt loc. cit., although in this MS the maddīs are numbered from 1-32.