

Muhammad Sulaiman al-Jazuli ash Shadhili

Dala'il al-Khayrat (دلائل الخيرات)



*[Waymarks of Benefits and the Brilliant Burst of Lights
in the Remembrance of Blessings on the Chosen Prophet]*

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265 leaves, 19 x 11,5 cm., original leather binding

Dala'il al-Khayrat (دلائل الخيرات) or ***Dalaail u'l Khayraat Wa Shawaariq u'l Anwaar Fee Zikri's Salaat Alan Nabiyyi'l Mukhtaar***

(Waymarks of Benefits and the Brilliant Burst of Lights in the Remembrance of Blessings on the Chosen Prophet)

is a famous collection of prayers for the Islamic prophet Muhammad, which was written by the Moroccan Shadhili Sufi and Islamic scholar **Muhammad Sulaiman al-Jazuli ash Shadhili** (died 1465).

It is popular in parts of the Islamic world amongst traditional Muslims - specifically North Africa, the Levant, Turkey, the Caucasus and the South Asia and is divided into sections for daily recitation.

Moroccan *hadith* scholar 'Abdullah al-Talidi wrote of the *Dala'il al-Khayrat*: "Millions of Muslims from East to West tried it and found its good, its blessing, and its benefit for centuries and over generations, and witnessed its unbelievable spiritual blessings and light. Muslims avidly recited it, alone and in groups, in homes and mosques, utterly spending themselves in the Blessings on the Most Beloved and praising him".

The *Dala'il al-Khayrat* is the first major book in Islamic history which compiled litanies of peace and blessings upon Muhammad. It is also the most popular and most universally acclaimed collection of litanies asking God to bless him. Among some Sunni religious orders, most notably the Shadhili-Jazuli order, its recitation is a daily practice. In others however, its recitation is a purely voluntary daily practice. The work begins with the ninety nine names of God, and then the a collection of over one hundred names of Muhammad.

The legend behind the origin of the *Dala'il al-Khayrat* claims that al-Jazuli once awoke late for his morning prayers and began to look in vain for pure water to perform ritual ablutions. In the midst of his search al-Jazuli encountered a young girl who was aware of al-Jazuli's famed religiosity and was bewildered on why al-Jazuli could not find pure water. The girl then spat into a well which miraculously overflowed with pure sweet water for al-Jazuli to perform ablutions. Consequent to performing prayer, al-Jazuli inquired to the means by which the girl achieved such a high spiritual station. The girl replied it was simply by "Making constant prayer for God to bless the best of creation by the number of breaths and heartbeats." Al-Jazuli then resolved to write a work collecting litanies of prayers asking God to bless and show mercy and kindness to Muhammad.

Al-Jazuli then moved east to Medina where he would recite the whole of the *Dala'il al-Khayrat* twice daily at Muhammad's grave in Al-Masjid an-Nabawi. The *Dala'il Khayrat* has since been seen as a testament of love and passionate longing for Muhammad.

EN'ÂM-I ŞERÎF [Selected parts of the Koran] 1b-78 b



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Esmâ-i Hüsnâ [Names of Allah] 79a



Âmentü ve Esmâ-i Resul [Names of Mohammed] 96b



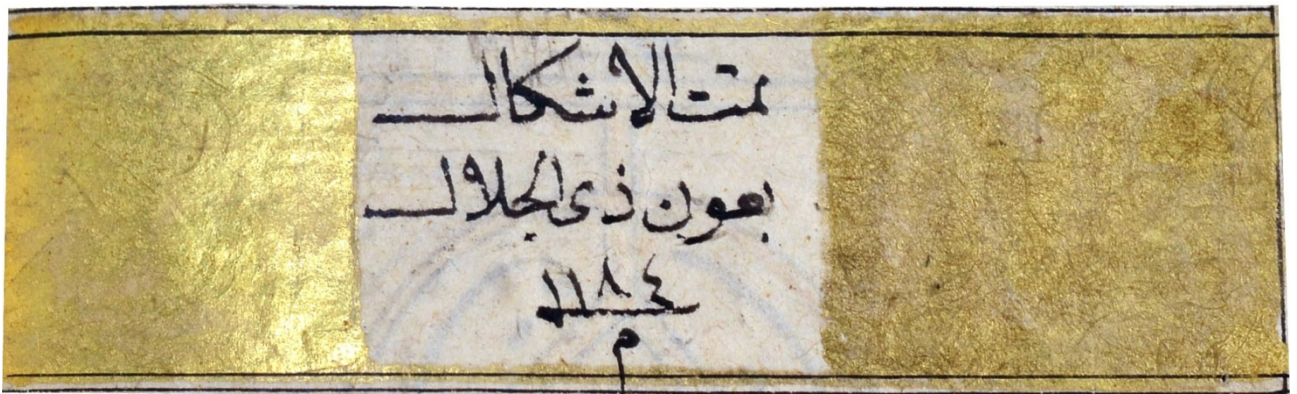
Compositios with Hurufi letters and numbers 101b-111b







Nakş-ı Kadem-i Saâdet [Mohammed's Footsteps] 112b-113a



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(دلائل الخيرات) Dala'il al-Khayrat 125b-244b







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جَدِيدَةٌ
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