

Research Work**PART II****SERVICES OF ULAMA-E DEOBAND
IN THE REALM OF HADITH SCIENCE**By: Mufti Sajjad Husain Qasmi ⁽¹⁾

As it is concisely mentioned in the previous section of this very research work that Deobandi Ulama have left no aspect of prophetic tradition remain unambiguous to the minds crammed with ambiguity and uncertainty about the prime theme and key objective of the wordings of the Prophet (ﷺ). It is very much interesting to observe that they spared no effort to acquaint the guidance-seekers and aspirants to the knowledge with the pearls and jewels embedded in the depth of Hadith to lead the human race towards satisfactory and pleasing life. They focused on the different facets of Hadith study like linguistic science; grammatical analysis, and rhetorical examination combined with lucid and concise elucidations in such a way that can indirectly turn to be the convincing reply to the contradictions and suspicions which creep into the minds of readers secretly. However, their excellent and remarkable works will remain a beacon of light to the researchers and Hadith experts forever, if Allah willing.

Dictations and Lectures

The Hadith lessons delivered at Darul Uloom Deoband were unique and comprehensive, touching on all dimensions of a Hadith text: its commentary, jurisprudence, differences amongst the scholars, narrator criticism and so on. Fortunately, from its inception till today, these lectures were recorded. Thus, their lecture notes, containing treasures of knowledge, were found among many of the graduates of Darul Uloom. Many of them went on to print whatever they possessed and disseminated it for the benefit of others. This genre of books has become a beneficial library of immense academic value.

These dictations are similar to the encyclopedic Hadith commentaries and are useful for students, researchers, scholars, and teachers alike due to

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- ❖ Taqrīr al-Tirmidhī: the dictations of Mahmūd Hasan Deobandī (rh)
- ❖ Al-'Arf al-Shadhī: the dictations of Anwar Shāh Kashmīrī (rh) compiled by Muhammad Chirāgh (rh).
- ❖ Al-Wird al-Shadhī: the dictations of Mahmūd Hasan Deobandī (rh)
- ❖ Al-Naf' al-Shadhī: the dictations of Rashīd Ahmad Gangohī (rh)
- ❖ The dictations of 'Abd al-Rahmān Kāmilpūrī (rh)
- ❖ The dictations of Husayn Ahmad Madanī. (rh) There are a few, the most outstanding and commonly available among them is entitled Ma'ārif Madaniyyah, which was compiled with additions by Tāhir Hasan Amrohī (rh).

Sunan Abī Dāwūd:

- ❖ Anwār al-Mahmūd the collective dictations of Mahmūd Hasan Deobandī, (rh) Anwar Shāh al-Kashmīrī, Shabbīr Ahmad Uthmānī in Arabic compiled by Muhammad Siddīq al-Najīb Abādī (rh) who also consulted Badhl al-Majhūd of Khalīl Ahmad Sahāranfūrī. (rh)

Sunan al-Nasa'ī:

- ❖ Al-Fayd al-Samā'ī the dictations of Rashīd Ahmad Gangohī
- ❖ Sunan Ibn Mājah.
- ❖ The dictations of Rashīd Ahmad Gangohī (rh) which have yet to be published.
- ❖ Other dictations on Sunan Ibn Mājah, Sharh Ma'ānī al-Āthār, and other works have been published in Urdu.⁽¹⁾

Miscellaneous Hadīth Literature:

They also have commentaries on other Hadīth works. Among them are:

- ❖ Qalā'id al-Azhār an Arabic commentary on Kitāb al-Āthār of Muhammad ibn al-Hasan al-Shaybānī by Mahdī Hasan Shāhjahānpūrī (rh). He completed one-third of the book
- ❖ Fadl Allāh al-Samad fī Sharh al-Adab al-Mufrad by Fadl Allāh al-Jilānī. He also has a book on the commentary of 'Ilal al-Tirmidhī by his teacher 'Abd al-Latīf (rh).
- ❖ Tuhfat al-Ikhwān bi Sharh Hadīth Shu'ab al-Īmān by Idrīs Kāndhlawī (rh).
- ❖ Ta'tīr al-Mashām fī Sharh Bulūgh al-Marām by Muhammad Hayāt Sanbhali (rh).

(1) Maulana Md Mansoor Ahmad "Akabir-e- Deoband Ki Khidmat-e- Hadīth", Al-Qalam, October, 2017.

- ❖ Al-Fawā'id al-Saniyyah fi Sharh al-Arbā'īn al-Nawawīyyah by 'Ashiq Ilāhī
- ❖ Tuhfat al-Quddūs fī Sharh Bahjat al-Nufūs by Zafar Ahmad 'Uthmānī (rh)
- ❖ Sharh Shu'ab al-Īmān by 'Abdullāh Qutb Shāh Murdānī (rh)

Marginalia:

It is quite diffident for the beginners to consult the detailed commentaries of hadith. Given this scholars have authored brief annotations on the curricular books, known as "marginalia" (Hawāshī). These generally comprise of a collection of short passages from earlier works, capturing the gist of what is found in the lengthier commentaries. Most of the curricular books printed in the Indian subcontinent are annotated with such marginalia. The scholars of Deoband have written marginalia on countless Hadīth books.

Among those written on common Hadīth works are the following:

- ❖ Sahīh al-Bukhārī: by Ahmad 'Alī Sahāranpūrī, (rh) 'Abd al-'Azīz Punjābī (entitled Miqbās al-Wārī), Muhammad Tāhir Murdānī, and 'Abd al-Jabbār A'zamī (rh).
- ❖ Jāmi' al-Tirmidhī: by Ahmad 'Alī Sahāranpūrī, (rh) Mājid 'Alī Mānawī, Ashraf 'Alī al-Thawwāb (rh) (entitled al-Thawwāb al-Hulī).
- ❖ Sunan Abī Dāwūd: Fakhr al-Hasan Gangohī, (rh) Muhammad Hayāt Sanbhalī, Mājid 'Alī Mānawī (rh).
- ❖ Sunan al-Nasa'i: by Ashfāq al-Rahmān Kāndhlawī (rh).
- ❖ Sunan Ibn Mājah: by Ashfāq al-Rahmān Kāndhlawī and Fakhr al-Hasan Gangohī, and Anwar Shāh Kashmīrī (rh).
- ❖ Muwatta' Mālik: by Ashfāq al-Rahmān Kāndhlawī (rh).
- ❖ Sharh Mā'ānī al-Āthār: by Muhammad Ayyūb al-Sahāranpūrī and 'Abd al-'Azīz Punjābī.
- ❖ Mishkāt al-Masābīh: by Muhammad Ayyūb Sahāranpūrī and Nasīr al-Dīn al-Kāmilpūrī.
- ❖ The prints of Sahīh al-Bukhārī, Jāmi' al-Tirmidhī, and Mishkāt al-Masābīh commonly available in the Indian subcontinent are adorned with the marginalia of Ahmad 'Alī Sahāranpūrī (rh).
- ❖ Among those written on other Hadīth works are:
- ❖ The marginalia of Anwar Shāh Kashmīrī on Āthār al-Sunan of al-Shawq Nīmawī (rh).
- ❖ The marginalia of Zakariyyā Kāndhlawī (rh) on Lāmi' al-Darārī, al-Kawkab al-Durrī, and Badhl al-Majhūd

- ❖ The marginalia of Āshiq Ilāhī on al-Rasā'il al-Thalāth of Shāh Walī Allāh Dehlawī (rh).
- ❖ The marginalia of 'Abd al-'Azīz Punjābī (rh) and Muhammad Yūsuf Kamilpūrī (rh) on Nasb al-Rāyah entitled Bughyat al-Alma'ī
- ❖ The marginalia of Zakariyyā Kāndhlawī (rh) on al-Ishā'ah fī Ashrāt al-Sā'ah of Muhammad ibn Abd al-Rasūl al-Barzanjī.⁽¹⁾

Hadīth Terminology:

Among the many salient features of Islām is the manner in which Muslim scholars have preserved the teachings of the Messenger of Allāh (peace and blessings be upon him). They have laid down principles to ascertain the authenticity of hadīths and their narrators. The scholars of Deoband have also written on this subject. Some of their works are:

- ❖ Qāwā'id fī 'Ulūm al-Hadīth by Zafar Ahmad Uthmānī. An introduction to his monumental work I'lā al-Sunan, which was edited and annotated then printed separately by Abd al-Fattāh Abū Ghuddah.
- ❖ Mabādī' Ilm al-Hadīth wa Usūluh by Shabbir Ahmad Uthmānī, the introduction to his commentary on Sahīh Muslim, Fath al-Mulhim, which was edited and annotated then printed separately by Abd al-Fattāh Abū Ghuddah (rh).
- ❖ Minhat al-Mughīth: a commentary Zayn al-Dīn al-Irāqī's Alfiyyat al-Hadīth by Idrīs Kāndhlawī (rh).
- ❖ Ilm al-Hadīth by Ashfāq al-Rahmān Kāndhlawī (rh).
- ❖ Jawāhir al-Usūl fī Usūl al-Hadīth by 'Abd al-Rahmān Murdānī.
- ❖ Ahsan al-Khabar fī Mabādī' Ilm al-Athar Muhammad Hasan al-Bashārawī.
- ❖ 'Ulūm al-Hadīth Muhammad Ubayd Allāh al-Asadī.
- ❖ Miftāh al-Hadīth by Abdul Jalīl Qāsīmī.
- ❖ Fawā'id Jāmi'ah: a commentary on of 'Abdul Azīz Dehlawī's al-'Ujālah al-Nāfi'ah by Abdul Halīm Nu'mānī.
- ❖ Basā'ir al-Sunnah Amīnūl Haqq Murdānī.
- ❖ Al-Hadīth al-Hasan by Nimatullāh A'zamī and the students from the faculty of Hadīth specialization at Darul Uloom Deoband.
- ❖ Ta'dīl Rijāl al-Bukhārī by Habīb al-Rahmān al-A'zamī.
- ❖ Fann Asmā' al-Rijāl by Asīr Adrawī.
- ❖ Kitāb al-Mu'jam li Rijāl al-Bukhārī by Muhammad Asīr al-Adrawī.

(1) Muntasir Zaman, The Contribution of the Scholars of Deoband in the Field of Hadīth.

Editing Manuscripts:

One of the greatest academic services in our times is the editing and publication of classical Islamic manuscripts not readily available to students of knowledge, researchers, and scholars. Prior to the publication of any work, scholars carry out in depth cross-examination of its various manuscripts to ensure the original text is authentically presented. Some of the works edited and published by the scholars of Deoband are as follows:

- ❖ Nasb al-Rāyah fī Takhrīj Ahādīth al-Hidāyah of Jamāl al-Dīn al-Zayla'ī. This was edited and annotated by Abdul Azīz Punjābī and Muhammad Yūsuf al-Kamilfūrī and then revised by Yūsuf Banūrī.
- ❖ Jam al-Fawā'id min Jāmi al-Usūl wa Majma al-Zawā'id of Muhammad ibn Muhammad al-Maghribī edited by Āshiq Ilāhī
- ❖ Sahīh Ibn Khuzaymah edited by Mustafa Azami
- ❖ Nukhab al-Afkār fī Tanqīh Mabānī al-Akhhār: the commentary of Badr al-Dīn al-Aynī on Sharh Mā'ānī al-Āthār edited and annotated by Arshad al-Madanī
- ❖ Al-Mughnī fī Dabt Asmā' al-Rijāl of Muhammad Tāhir al-Fattani edited by Zayn al-Ābidīn al-A'zamī
- ❖ A name that features prominently in the list of those who have revived countless classical Hadīth manuscripts in the past century is the great Hadīth scholar Mawlānā Habīb al-Rahmān A'zamī. Some of the works edited and annotated by him are:
 - ❖ Al-Musannaf of Abdurrazzāq San'ānī
 - ❖ Al-Musannaf of Abū Bakr ibn Abī Shaybah. He began working on this massive Hadīth collection towards the end of his life and was unable to complete it
 - ❖ Al-Musnad of Abdullāh ibn al-Zubair Humaydī
 - ❖ Al-Sunan of Sa'id ibn Mansūr
 - ❖ Kitāb al-Zuhd wa al-Riqāq of 'Abd Allāh ibn al-Mubārak
 - ❖ Al-Matālib al-Āliyah bi Zawā'id al-Masānīd al-Thamānīyah of Ibn Hajar
 - ❖ Mukhtasar al-Targhīb wa al-Tarhīb of Ibn Hajar
 - ❖ Kashf al-Astār an Zawā'id al-Bazzār of Nūr al-Dīn al-Haythamī
 - ❖ Majma Bihār al-Anwār of Muhammad Tāhir al-Fattani.⁽¹⁾



(To be continued)

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