Qasidah al-Munfarijah

About the Author Ibn al-Nahwi He is Yusuf bin Muhammad bin Yusuf, Abul Fadl known as Ibn al-Nahwi al-Tawzari. He was born in Tawzar in the southern Yunisa in the year 1042 Hijri. He studied with a number of the scholars of his time not least the jurists (fuqaha) such as Abul Hasan al-Lakhami, his Shaykh al-Ma'zari and likewise al-Shaqratai.

After Abul Fadl completed his travels in the pursuit of knowledge he returned to his hometown of Tawzar, but had to leave it due to the oppression of the ruler of that place. He therefore lived in different cities of Algeria and Morrocco teaching grammar, jurisprudence, principles of law, tenents of faith whilst at the same time traversing the path of self purification and abstinence.

His students included Qadi Musa bin Hammad al-Sanhaji, Abu Muhammad Abdullah bin Suleiman al-Taharti and Ibn al-Ramamah the Mufti of Fes.

He was known for his piety and became well known for his mastery of jurisprudence. Along with this efficacy of his supplications-(dua) was attested to such that it was said by some: I seek refuge in Allah from the supplication of Ibn al-Nahwi!

More about Sidi Abul Fadl ibn Nahwi

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