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Ascertain the truth: Authenticating Evidence in Islamic Jurisprudence

(The effect of spreading news or rumours on our community)

التأكد من صحة الخبر في ضوء البيانات الصحيحة في الفقه الإسلامي

Abstract

This presentation will outline the rules of Islamic law in searching for the truth as laid out in Islamic jurisprudential scholarship, from the medieval period to the present day, with respect to the various schools of jurisprudence. One question that will be explored is the meaning of testimony in the classical Islamic institution of learning in its literature and historical context. Another point of interest will be the scale and the state of being of upright character or upright and just 'adala. To ascertain these, the Muslim scholars, developed a set of criteria that enabled the grading of news *khobar* transmitters initially on the binary of impugment *al-jarh* and validation of the probity and uprightness of character *al-ta'dil*. Finally, this talk will address the issue of personal responsibility where an individual unknowingly spreads false information.

الخلاصة

قبل في القديم: "الكل شيء آفة وما آفة الأخبيل إلا روايتها" لذا فإن هذا الموضوع سيناقش نقل الخبر وروايته، وعاقبة التساهل في نقل الخبر قبل التأكد من صحته، و توضيح الفرق بين الخبر والشهادة، ثم بيان الأضرار الناجمة عن نقل الأخبار الكاذبة، ومدى ضمان ما ترتب عن ذلك من أضرار في الفقه الإسلامي.

Abdullah Al-Shami is a Professor of Comparative Jurisprudence and Islamic Studies at the PI. He came to the PI from Saba University (Yemen) where he was the Chancellor as well as an Islamic Law Professor. His previous appointments include Fulbright Visiting Professor of Islamic Law at the Law School of the UCLA; Full Professor and acting Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs and, Dean of the Faculty of Education and Professor of Islamic Studies at Hodeidah University in Yemen; and Professor of Islamic Law at the University of Brunei Darussalam. Professor Al-Shami obtained his I.L.B. in Islamic Law (*Shari'ah*), I.L.M Degree in Comparative Jurisprudence from Saudi Arabia and PhD in Comparative Jurisprudence from the University of Manchester, UK. He is internationally recognized for his research in the field of comparative jurisprudence and Islamic Studies with additional expertise in Islamic banking and finance. His research interests focus on Comparative Jurisprudence and Islamic Studies, and therefore touch on a wide variety of topics, including: the Judicial Authority System in Islamic Law, Islamic Family Law, Islamic Law of Transactions and Finance, Islamic Ethics and Values. His publications exceed five books and more than 50 articles, including refereed publications and full length conference proceedings papers. Invited seminars and lectures delivered worldwide total more than fifty. He has strong international ties with research centres in Brunei, Malta, U.K., USA, and Spain. He has been active in research for the past twenty years.

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