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Students of Imam Ja'far[as]

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A refutation of Nasibi allegation that 'Abu Hanifa was NOT a student of Imam Ja'far Sadiq (as)

Proving the Teacher - Student relationship

This is the perfect example of Nasibi resentment towards Ahl'ul bayt (as). They are willing to deny an established historical fact so as to lower the status of the Ahl'ul bayt (as) in the eyes of actual Sunnis. Fortunately actual Sunnis have caught on to the efforts of such individuals and we present the lengthy text from modern day Hanafi scholar Mufti Ghulam Rasul who has refuted lies such as this in his excellent biography of Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq "Subeh Sadiq". We are quoting from pages 186 - 191:

"Imam Abu Hanifa is one of the distinguished students of Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq (as), as has been confirmed by Ibn Hajar al Makki in his *Sawaiq al Muhriqa*, Allamah Shibli in his *Nur al Absar*, Abdul Haleem Jindi in his *Mohqaq*, Abu Zohra in his various writings, and other Ulema. Imam Abu Hanifa had previously studied under Imam Baqir (as) and then subsequently Abu Hanifa extended the link of knowledge with Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq (as). In this regard, Abdul Haleem Jindi writes that Abu Hanifa stated that if he 'hadn't spent two years of his life with Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq (as), he would have been dead'. (*Al-Imam Ja'far As-Sadiq*, page 162). Sunni research scholar Abu Zohra states that these words of Imam Abu Hanifa's are widely known namely 'if these two years had not been available to me due to my good fortune, Numan (Abu Hanifa) would have been dead. (Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq, page 83). Imam Abu Hanifa had also remarked 'I have never seen a greater scholar of fiqh than Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq (as)'....."

We also cite the references of "Musnad Imam Azam" rendered in to Urdu by Maulana Sa'd Hasan Sahib. The text is a collection of traditions that have been narrated and compiled by Imam Abu Hanifa. On page 23 of the preface of the Musnad, Maulana Abdur Rashid Numani, whilst giving an overview of the life of Imam Abu Hanifa states:

"Imam Abu Hanifa stayed for a long time in the pure (city of) Madina and continuously attended the circles of Imam Baqir (r). In jurisprudence (fiqh) and traditions (hadith) he learnt many things during his time with Imam Baqir (r) which he didn't know before. Imam Baqir (r) passed away on 7 Dhu'l Hijja 114 AH.

After Imam Baqir's death, Imam Abu Hanifa had the

greatest respect for his son Imam Ja'far Sadiq (r). He would attend Imam Ja'far's classes quite often to acquire knowledge. Imam Abu Hanifa used to hold the opinion about the Ahl al-Bayt that hadith and fiqh, indeed all religious sciences, have surfaced from their Household".

Pakistani Sunni Scholar Mohammad Hameedullah Khan in his book "The Schools of Islamic Jurisprudence - A comparative study, states in his brief biography of Imam Abu Hanifa on page 61:

"He got an opportunity to meet Anas, a famous companion of Prophet Muhammed (PBUH), at the age of 12 or 13 years and attended the lectures of Imam Ja'far as Sadiq. Regarding his place in history of Fiqh, Abu Hanifa said:

I have not seen a jurist of high rank like Imam Ja'far as Sadiq [taken from *Tabayeen* page 69 by Shah Moinuddin Ahmed Nadvi]"

Allamah Sharawi's admission that Imam Abu Hanifa was Imam Ja'far (as)'s student

Imam of Ahl'ul Sunnah Allamah Shaykh Sharawi Azhari in his famous Egyptian *Risala Al Ahraam ul Sunnah* page 103 periodical number 32932 wrote:

"The Imam of the Shi'a Imamiyyah, Hadhrath Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq was the teacher of Imam 'Abu Hanifa. These are the Imamia Ja'fari who as we previously explained adhere to a pure religion. It is with regards to them that our Shaykh Shaloot issued a fatwa deeming it permissible to follow this madhab because this is a legitimate Islamic madhab, that acts as a source of guidance for its adherents. In Egypt we have incorporated certain principles of Shi'a fiqh on divorce and inheritance into our Law".

Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq (as) also taught Imam Malik

Yet again in this case Nasibi fails to cite any sources as evidences for their accusation that Imam Malik was not the student of Imam Ja'far Sadiq(as). Like Imam Abu Hanifa, Imam Malik also benefited from the knowledge of Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq (as):

Abu Nu'aym Isfahani (d. 430 Hijri) wrote in *Hilayat al-Awliya* page 199 Volume 3 that:

"Imam Malik bin Anas was a student of Imam Ja'far (as). He attained knowledge from him and attended his gatherings".