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BAHĂ' AL-DAWLA [see BUWAYHIDS], BAHĂ' AL-DÎN AL-'ĀMILÎ [see AL-'ĀMILĪ].

BAHĀ' AL-DĪN ZAKARIYYĀ, commonly known as Bahā' al-Ḥaķķ, a saint of the Suhrawardī order, was born at Kot Karor (near Multan) in 578/1182-83 according to Firishta. He was one of the most distinguished khalifas of Shaykh Shihab al-Din Suhrawardī [q.v.] and is the founder of the Suhrawardi order in India. After completing his study of the Kur'an according to its seven methods of recitation at Kot Karor, he visited the great centres of Muslim learning in Khurāsān, at Bukhārā and Medina, and in Palestine-in order to complete his study of the traditional sciences. While in Medina he learnt hadith with an eminent traditionist, Shaykh Kamāl al-Dīn Yamanī, and spent several years in religious devotions at the mausoleum of the Prophet. After visiting the graves of the Israelite prophets in Palestine, he reached Baghdad and became a disciple of Shaykh Shihāb al-Dīn Suhrawardī. At this time he was, as his master said, 'dry wood ready to catch fire', and so after seventeen days' instruction, the latter appointed him his successor and ordered him to set up a Suhrawardī khānakāh in Multān. He lived and worked in Multan for more than half a century and his khānakāh-a magnificent building where separate accommodation was provided for all inmates and visitors-developed into a great centre of mystic discipline in medieval India. He died in Multan on 7 Safar 661/21 December 1262.

Shaykh Bahā' al-Dīn's order flourished most vigoriously in Sind and the Pandiāb, though he had attracted some disciples from Harāt, Hamadān and Bukhārā. As a mystic teacher he was known for his nais-i girā (intuitive intelligence) which helped him in apprehending and controlling the minds of his disciples. He differed from contemporary Čishtī mystics in several matters: (i) He did not allow all sorts of people to throng round him. The Diawāliks and Kalandars seldom obtained access to him. "I have nothing to do with the generality of the public", he is reported to have remarked. (ii) He lived in an aristocratic way and had granaries and treasuries in his khānakāh. (iii) He did not observe continuous fasts but ate and drank in the normal manner.

(iv) While among the Čishtis the custom of zamīn-būs prevailed, he never permitted anybody to bow before him. (v) He believed in keeping close contact with the rulers and the bureaucracy. (vi) He did not believe in mystic songs (samā').

Bahā' al-Dīn exercised great influence on mediaeval politics. He helped Iltutmish (607-633/1210-1235) in establishing his hold over Multān and accepted from him the honorific title of <u>Shaykh</u> al-Islām. In 644/1246 when the Mongols besieged Multān and the ruler of Harāt joined them, the <u>Shaykh</u> offered 100,000 dīnārs to the invaders and persuaded them to raise the siege.

The $\underline{\mathbf{Sh}}$ aykh lies buried in Multān in an imposing tomb, surmounted by a hemispherical dome and decorated with fine enamelled tiles.

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BAHA' AL-DIN ZUHAYR, ABU 'L-FADL B. MUHAMMAD B. ALT AL-MUHALLABI AL-AZDI (generally known by the name of AL-BAHA' ZUHAYR', celebrated Arab poet of the Ayyūbid period, born Dhu'l-Ḥididia 581/27 February 1186 in Mecca. Whilst still very young, he went to Egypt, where at Kūş (Upper Egypt) he studied the Kur'an and letters, finally settling at Cairo towards 625/1227. Al-Bahā' Zuhayr was in the service of al-Şālih Ayyūb, son of the sultan al-Kāmil, and in 629/1232 accompanied him on an expedition to Syria and Upper Mesopotamia. In 637/1239, whilst returning to Egypt after his father's death, al-Şāliḥ was betrayed by his troops at Nābulus and handed over to his cousin al-Nāṣir Dāwūd, who imprisoned him. The poet remained faithful to his master in adversity and spent sometime at Nābulus. When al-Şālih ascended the throne of Egypt, he appointed him wazir and showered honours upon him. In 646/1248, he is to be found at al-Mansura at the side of his sovereign, who was fighting against the seventh Crusade (St. Louis). As the result of a misunderstanding, the poet fell into disgrace, and, in the death of his master, went to Syria, where he addressed his best panegyrics to the sovereign of Damascus, al-Nāṣir Yūsuf, but without success. He returned to Cairo a disappointed man; there he experienced solitude and poverty, and died in 656/ 1258.

His Dīwān, preserved in Paris (MS 3173 of the B.N.) and elsewhere, and edited in Cairo (1314), is known. Palmer produced a fine edition with an English translation. In this Dīwān he is shown as being a poet very often sincere and a true musician in verse. His choice of words, of form, manner and metre, the effects of rhythm and harmony,