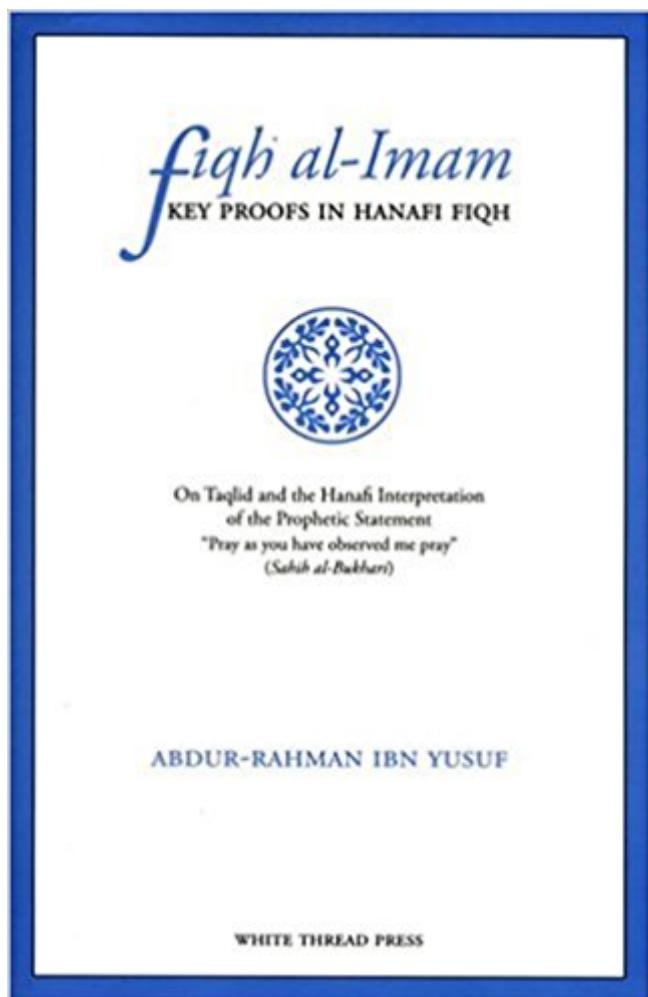


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Fiqh Al-Imam: Key Proofs In Hanafi Fiqh



Synopsis

In recent decades many attacks have been launched against the concept of taqlid [following a school of Islamic law]. Opposition has ranged from being mild with degrees of acceptance to malicious attacks. Certain extreme elements have gone so far as to brand those who follow a madhhab [school] as mushrik [polytheist]. Much of the opposition has been a result of misunderstanding the realities of this concept. The first part of this book seeks to clarify certain aspects of taqlid that have been misunderstood and gravely distorted. It sheds light on the necessity of taqlid, its history, and its role in today's world. The second part includes several chapters devoted to issues regarding salat [ritual prayer] according to the Hanafi school of law. Through illustrative examples and detailed discussions, the chapters on prayer sufficiently demonstrate the sophisticated legal philosophy employed by the Hanafi school (indeed all the madhhabs) in their derivation of legal rulings from the source texts of Islam. All rulings have been supported with evidentiary proofs from the Qur'an and Hadith. The author delivers an even-handed presentation of arguments throughout the book. He intends neither to offend nor to perpetuate polemic disputes, but rather to state the facts in a lucid and rational style, with a view to appeal to the reader's sense of reason.

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Shaykh Abdurrahman ibn Yusuf has done a wonderful job on this short book. It is especially good for any hanafis who have any doubts about the basis for hanafi fiqh positions. It is also a counter-point to salafi aggression against those on the path of sound traditional scholarship. It is clear, honest , and accurate to the best of my knowledge (although i have no right to speak about

the knowledge of someone like shaykh Abdurrahman). Be aware however that it is not a fiqh book and is not meant as one. If that is what you are wanting, have patience. Amal Press is releasing a translation of Al-Marghinani's "Al- Hidayah" insha'allah this Ramadan (2005). There are some resources right now but this should be a huge step up.

This work demonstrates that the Hanafi maddhab's positions are based on valid proofs. Because the Hanafi maddhab is attacked as weak on hadith, the author was persuaded to write a work in English that would show otherwise. Several controversial issues are brought up, and the Hanafi maddhab's position is shown to be sound. The issues that are presented all have to do with the prayer, and very common points of contention are discussed, such as whether to raise the hands when going down in ruku and rising up; whether to say amin loudly; where to place the hands in prayer while standing. This book is only for the beginner. It is by no means comprehensive. Other more comprehensive works detailing the Hanafi maddhab's proofs are required in English. Nevertheless, it is still the only English work that covers these issues in the market now.

A great introduction to the juristic reasoning behind the positions taken in the Hanafi school on outward matters of practice (eg number of rakats in Witr salat, etc). Well written and edited, easily understandable to the layman.

An excellent resource detailing the rulings and extrapolations of Hanafi fiqh. Great for Hanafis who feel that their own madhab is somehow weaker or less valid than other madhabib. That is by no means true, and this gem of a book demonstrates that beautifully. Lots of hadith narrations, evidences from Al-Qur'an, and a few rationalizations as well.

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